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Note by the Secretary-General

ANNEX 2

Letter dated 8 December 1956 from the Permanent Representative of
Yugoslavia to the United Nations, addressed to the Secretary-General

New York, 8 December 1956

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 5 December 1956 relating to the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/RES/413 on the situation in Hungary, and especially to operative paragraphs 3 and 4 which provide for the immediate dispatch of observers to Hungary and "to other countries as appropriate".

The contents of Your Excellency's letter have been brought to the attention of my Government which has instructed me to inform you of the following:

As a matter of principle, the Government of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia is opposed to observers being sent to one country for the purpose of watching developments in another country, as this would, in its view, establish a most dangerous precedent. In this particular case, the dispatch of observers to the countries neighbouring Hungary would be liable to extend the area of tension and thus aggravate the situation still further. The practical value of any such observers would, to say the least, be extremely doubtful.

For these reasons, my Government regrets it is unable to receive the observers referred to in Your Excellency's letter.

(Signed) Joza BRILEJ

Permanent Representative of the F.P.R. of
Yugoslavia to the United Nations

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