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QUESTION CONSIDERED BY THE SECOND EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION  
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Telegram dated 3 December 1956 from the Acting Minister for Foreign  
Affairs of Hungary, addressed to the Secretary-General

Budapest, 3 December 1956

WITH REFERENCE TO THE NEGOTIATIONS CONDUCTED BETWEEN YOUR EXCELLENCY AND MR. IMRE HORVATH, THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DELEGATE TO THE UNITED NATIONS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS AND PEASANTS GOVERNMENT OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU OF THE FOLLOWING ON BEHALF OF THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT.

1. THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS ITS EARLIER POSITION THAT THE EVENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE IN HUNGARY SINCE 23 OCTOBER 1956 CONSTITUTE EXCLUSIVELY THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF HUNGARY AND DO NOT BELONG TO THE COMPETENCE OF ANY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION. CONSEQUENTLY, THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT IS AS BEFORE OF THE OPINION THAT THE PERMISSION FOR UNITED NATIONS OBSERVERS TO ENTER THE TERRITORY OF HUNGARY WOULD VIOLATE THE SOVEREIGNTY OF HUNGARY AND WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.

2. IN THE MIDDLE OF NOVEMBER 1956, YOUR EXCELLENCY DECLARED THAT ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR TRIP TO EGYPT YOU WOULD LIKE TO MEET THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT IN ROME OR BUDAPEST. LED BY THE DESIRE THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY SHOULD GET SATISFACTORY PERSONAL INFORMATION OF THE SITUATION IN

HUNGARY, THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT PERSISTS IN ITS WILLINGNESS EXPRESSED PREVIOUSLY THAT ITS REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD NEGOTIATE WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY IN ROME OR NEW YORK WITHOUT DELAY.

IN ORDER TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR YOUR EXCELLENCY TO CONDUCT DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT, THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS AND PEASANTS GOVERNMENT OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC IS READY TO WELCOME YOUR EXCELLENCY IN BUDAPEST AT A LATER DATE APPROPRIATE FOR BOTH PARTIES.

I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. ISTVAAN SEBES, ACTING MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC.

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