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HUNGARY I

DEC 20

A U.N. APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE HUNGARIANS REPORTEDLY BEING TRIED FOR HAVING TAKEN PART IN LAST YEAR'S UPRISING IS ON ITS WAY TO BUDAPEST.

THE SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON HUNGARY ANNOUNCED THIS EVENING THAT IT WAS SENDING A MESSAGE TO THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT EXPRESSING ITS CONCERN ABOUT THE CONTINUING REPORTS OF SUCH TRIALS.

THE LETTER ASKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE MATTER, AS WELL AS FOR "ASSURANCES THAT THE HIGHEST HUMANITARIAN STANDARDS WOULD BE APPLIED."

THE FIVE-NATION GROUP ADDED THAT IT WILL "CONTINUE TO WATCH THE SITUATION IN HUNGARY UNDER ITS MANDATE FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY." THIS MANDATE SET NO TIME LIMIT FOR THE COMMITTEE'S EXISTENCE.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ALSING ANDERSEN OF DENMARK TOLD REPORTERS AFTER TODAY'S MEETING THAT THE DECISION TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE BUDAPEST GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN UNANIMOUS.

MR ANDERSEN ADDED THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD TAKEN NOTE OF THE HUNGARIAN DENIAL OF EARLIER REPORTS OF TRIALS BEING UNDER WAY. HE NOTED THAT THESE REPORTS ARE NONETHELESS STILL COMING IN.

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AMONG THE PERSONS MENTIONED AS BEING ON TRIAL OR ABOUT TO BE TRIED IN RECENT PRESS REPORTS HAVE BEEN GENERAL PAL MALETER, MINISTER OF DEFENSE IN THE IMRE NAGY GOVERNMENT; GENERAL ISTVAN KOVACS, ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF AT THAT TIME; SANDOR KOPACSI, BUDAPEST POLICE CHIEF DURING THE REVOLT; AND MONSIGNOR EGON TURCSAYI, WHO WAS SECRETARY TO JOSEPH CARDINAL MINDSZENTY. THE CARDINAL WAS AT LAST REPORT STILL IN THE U.S. LEGATION WHERE HE HAD SOUGHT ASYLUM.

PRESS REPORTS HAVE ALSO SAID THAT PREPARATIONS ARE UNDER WAY TO BRING MR NAGY HIMSELF TO TRIAL.

THE TRIAL REPORTS BECAME AN ISSUE IN THE CLOSING HOURS OF THE RECENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION. IT WAS ANNOUNCED AT THAT TIME THAT THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP HAD SENT THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT A CLEMENCY APPEAL.

THE HUNGARIAN DELEGATION SUBSEQUENTLY ANSWERED THAT REPORTS OF THE TRIAL OF THE TWO GENERALS AND THE POLICE CHIEF WERE NOT "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FACTS." ACCORDING TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP, DR PACIFICO MONTERO DE VARGAS OF PARAGUAY, HUNGARIAN DELEGATE PETER MOD COULD GIVE HIM NO ASSURANCE THAT THEIR TRIALS WERE NOT BEING PLANNED.

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DR MONTERO DE VARGAS ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE LATIN AMERICAN APPEAL REMAINED ALIVE -- AND THAT IT WAS INTENDED TO APPLY WHETHER THE TRIALS WERE A THING OF THE PAST, THE PRESENT, OR THE FUTURE.

THIS EVENING MR ALSING WAS ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A SPECIAL ASSEMBLY SESSION ON HUNGARY. HE ANSWERED THAT THIS WAS NOT UP TO THE COMMITTEE -- AND ALSO THAT IT MIGHT DEPEND ON THE REPLY RECEIVED FROM THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT TO THE COMMITTEE'S APPEAL.

MR ANDERSEN ALSO SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE COULD MEET AGAIN ON VERY SHORT NOTICE. HE SAID THAT IF HE HIMSELF COULD NOT RETURN FROM DENMARK IN TIME AUSTRALIA COULD TAKE THE CHAIR. THE DANISH DELEGATE IS LEAVING <sup>FOR</sup> ~~THE~~ HOME TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

THE GROUP ~~INFORMED~~ IS INFORMING PRINCE WAN WAITHAYAKON OF THAILAND OF THEIR APPEAL TO BUDAPEST. PRINCE WAN IS SPECIAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE HUNGARIAN ISSUE. HE RECENTLY INFORMED THE ASSEMBLY THAT HIS ATTEMPTS TO DISCUSS ISSUES SUCH AS HUMANITARIAN TREATMENT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, OR THE RETURN OF HUNGARIAN DEPORTEES FROM THE SOVIET UNION, HAD BEEN REBUFFED BY THE SOVIET AND HUNGARIAN DELEGATIONS -- BUT THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS. (MORE) LO

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THE POSITION OF THESE TWO DELEGATIONS IS THAT THE HUNGARIAN ISSUE IS A PURELY INTERNAL MATTER AND THAT THE U.N. HAS NO RIGHT TO INTERVENE.

THE U.S.S.R. HAS ALSO DENOUNCED SUGGESTIONS -- FIRST PUT FORWARD BY THE UNITED STATES -- OF A POSSIBLE SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING ON THE CURRENT HUNGARIAN SITUATION. THE SOVIET UNION SAYS THAT THIS IS SIMPLY A "COLD WAR" MOVE.

PRINCE WAN, WHO IS THAI FOREIGN MINISTER, LEFT FOR HOME TODAY AT 4 P.M. ~~HE~~ HE HAD POINTED OUT LAST WEEK THAT HE COULD CONTINUE HIS MISSION AWAY FROM U.N. HEADQUARTERS. HE NOTED SPECIFICALLY THAT CONTACTS WITH THE SOVIET EMBASSY WERE ALWAYS POSSIBLE IN BANGKOK -- AND THAT THERE HAD ALSO BEEN TALK OF THAILAND ESTABLISHING COMMERCIAL IF NOT FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT.

---LO 6:05 P.M.

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EVENING SUMMARY

THIS IS THE UNITED NATIONS,  
HERE IS A REPORT FROM HEADQUARTERS:

EDS: LEAD STORY IS HUNGARY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY HAMMARSKJOLD, AND  
MOUNT SCOPUS REPRESENTATIVE.

SEE ALSO GENERAL ASSEMBLY ~~CYPRUS~~ SUMMARY ISSUED TODAY.

---LO 6:50 P.M.