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W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

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**The Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower
Augusta, Georgia**

Dear Mr. President:

This is just to pledge what you already know that to the very best of my ability and strength I shall try to discharge this challenging responsibility in accordance with your instructions. You know I am sure that my only interest is to serve you and your Chief of Staff, Governor Adams, in whatever way you and he may feel that I can be useful.

With admiration and devotion as always,

Tracy Voorhes

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CLASSES OF SERVICE

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For overnight plain language messages, at half-rate. Minimum charge for 22 words applies.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Augusta, Georgia.
November 30, 1956.

Dear Tracy:

Many thanks for your message. I know that you will handle your latest assignment, as you have so many previous ones, with your usual skill and devotion. And I assure you that I am deeply appreciative of your willingness to accept this further responsibility.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dwight D. Eisenhower".

Mr. Tracy Voorhees
The White House

File with Eisenhower-Voorhees
BTW
Feb. 25/57

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR MR. HAGERTY: *crossed*

Mr. Voorhees is terminating this week his White House assignment as the President's representative to assure coordination of Hungarian refugee relief efforts. His letter to the President, which is annexed, is self-explanatory. He feels that the emergency situation with which he was appointed to deal is now over.

The President, on Mr. Voorhees' recommendation appointed last December 12th the President's Committee for Hungarian Refugee Relief as the principal machinery for such coordination. (Copy of the press release creating the Committee is attached.) The Committee will continue active for a time to assure continuance of the team-work of the 22 voluntary and Government agencies concerned, and to assist the voluntary agencies, the various Governors' Committees for refugees, the U. S. Employment Service and the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in making certain of the permanent satisfactory resettlement of these refugees, as well as to follow-up on plans for continuing the higher education of some 500 to 800 promising university students among them.

Total Hungarian refugees received to date from Austria under the President's emergency action have been 27,074. Of these 25,480, or 94 %, have already left the Joyce Kilmer Reception Center for resettlement under the sponsorship of various voluntary agencies -- most of them ^{with} religious affiliations and representing the principal religious faiths.

The balance now at Kilmer is only 1594. Slightly under 4,000 have arrived or are arriving during this month. Arrivals during March will be on a flexible basis but will not be greater than in February.

The President may perhaps desire to express his appreciation of the work of the voluntary agencies and of the warmhearted reception given by the American people to these refugees from communist terror.

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 28, 1957

James C. Hagerty, Press Secretary to the President

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY MADE
PUBLIC THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE
OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE
PRESIDENT AND THE HONORABLE
TRACY S. VOORHEES

Dear Tracy:

I have your letter of the twenty-fifth and am deeply gratified by the accomplishments you reported in regard to resettlement of Hungarian refugees in this country.

As you pointed out, the success of this program is truly the product of the warmhearted actions of the American people as a whole and of the religious and other voluntary agencies in particular. Their immediate and generous response to this urgent need has been of inestimable value.

I am delighted to know that almost all of these refugees have now gone on from Camp Kilmer to other parts of our land. Thanks to the highly cooperative spirit that has characterized this effort, the remaining elements of the resettlement program will, I am confident, be accomplished without difficulty. I look forward with great interest to the report that you indicated will be made later by the Committee.

As you conclude your immediate responsibilities here, I want to express my sincere appreciation of your large and effective contribution to the success of this program. I know that the coordinating mission you agreed to undertake last November was not an easy one, and I am grateful to you for devoting your time and ability so completely to its successful outcome.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

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Dear Mr. President:

Last November you asked me to act as your representative in connection with Hungarian refugee relief activities to assure full co-ordination of the work of the various voluntary and Government agencies, and to set up the requisite machinery for this purpose. The understanding was that this assignment was for temporary emergency purposes only. My responsibilities were defined as relating to the movement of refugees to this country and their reception and resettlement, not to the separate problems existing in Austria.

On my recommendation you appointed the President's Committee for Hungarian Refugee Relief as the machinery for the co-ordination of the work of the voluntary agencies generally and of their work with the Government agencies at the Joyce Kilmer Reception Center. To date 27,373 refugees have been received. More than 94% of these have already left Kilmer for resettlement under the sponsorship of responsible religious and other voluntary agencies. The President's Committee has assisted these agencies to the full extent possible, but the major credit for success in this resettlement work belongs to the voluntary agencies themselves and to the warm hearted action of the people of America.

As the above figures indicate, the emergency phase of your refugee program has now been met. The President's Committee has a useful continuing function for a reasonable further interval and will remain active while this need exists. The co-ordination of the work of the various Government departments and agencies in Washington has been effected through an informal group with which I have met at frequent intervals. This work has also now become routine. We are, I believe, now adequately organized to move to the U. S., to receive and to resettle on a routine basis any presently foreseeable number of Hungarian refugees who may be permitted to come.

For the above reasons I shall, subject to your approval, terminate my duties in the White House this week, but shall continue to serve as Chairman of the President's Committee. The Committee will later make its own report to you.

It has been for me a unique privilege to have been able to serve as your representative in this cause in which I so deeply believe and under the inspiration of your leadership.

With my gratitude,

Yours faithfully,

TRACY S. VCORHEES

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1957.

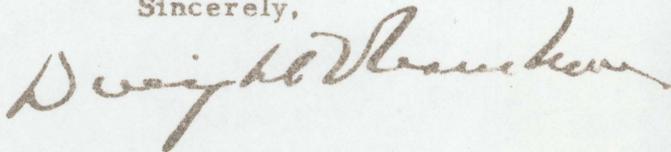
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I have written notes to all the members of the Committee who served with you, as well as the suggested letters to Tom Watson and Henry Ford. I also sent a letter to Secretary Brucker, asking him to pass along my congratulations to the Army and to General Wooten.

Once again, my personal thanks and, as always, my warm regard,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dwight D. Eisenhower". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

The Honorable Tracy Voorhees
Room 2B938
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

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