

*File  
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New York, New York  
November 8, 1956

Every people striving for freedom  
has over our whole national life appealed to the  
American heart. But seldom in these hundred  
and sixty years has any people shown such  
magnificent courage and sacrifice as we have  
seen in these past few weeks in Hungary. *on the part of the Hungarians*

Whatever we can do to alleviate their  
suffering and to protest this wickedness must  
lie on the American conscience.

s/ Herbert Hoover

Mr. John Richardson, jr.  
International Rescue Committee  
62 West 45th Street  
New York, New York

# Notes of HH ideas Nov 24/56

- (1) Competition in fund raising between Int Rescue Com & First Aid for Hungary (of which HH is Hon Gen). This includes Frederic Dolbear, Mrs John Hughes & Dr Eckhardt (see annexes sheet) TSV should see Dolbear
- (2) Many refugees want to stay in Austria as families are split up
- (3) Cheaper to care for them in Austria
- (4) Paul Winkler is also <sup>active</sup> in one of these groups
- (5) Suggests as in ARA a coord com to conduct the business & let individual organizations get ~~and~~ credit for raising the funds
- (6) Suggest use of surplus food
- (7) Congress will appropriate as needed
- (8) 10-15 million required to keep these people for a year
- (9) Believes Pres should keep threads of it in his own hands & set up business & administrative

- (10) Suggests Hallam Truck Done
- (11) Pres should formalize channels among organizations by organizing a single distribution system in Austria
- (12) Can Red Cross principally use-  
ful in finding homes & jobs for  
refugees coming here.

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HON Herbert Hoover  
The Towers  
The Waldorf Astoria  
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*Sal. 3:30*

Dear Chief:

The President's instructions to me are that I shall act as his representative in connection with Hungarian refugee relief and resettlement activities to assure full coordination of the work of the various voluntary and Government agencies with each other and with other volunteer efforts in this field, and to see that effective machinery is promptly set up to accomplish these purposes.

To do successfully what the President expects of me, I need to lean heavily upon your wisdom. I should greatly appreciate the opportunity of seeing you this

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weekend to present the situation and the facts as I have found them down here so far and to seek your counsel.

This problem undoubtedly seems to you relatively simple compared to the much greater crises which you have repeatedly met successfully, but to me it would appear insurmountable without your help.

With devotion as always,

Tracy

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W. Hallam Truck

Dec 4, 1956

(Please have typed  
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(with))

Dear Tracy,

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(This is my thought, not his.)

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Geo. Grenier ~~the~~ <sup>comes</sup> Staff from the Army -  
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~~John G. Gibbon~~  
H. Gibbon

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Dec. 4, 1956

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The Army has the supply machinery, procurement pipeline and transportation. Voluntary agencies and ICEM and others would continue work at the distribution end, under over-all guidance.

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If we agree that Russia will not suffer the shame of allowing over-all food relief on the 50% basis of the old Belgian CRB to go into Hungary, then the operation may be limited to partial care and maintenance on Austrian soil for an uncertain period of 75,000 to 80,000 refugees (diminishing in numbers) and a resettlement of a maximum of 30,000 in the United States.

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Yours Sincerely,

/s/ Hallam (Tuck)

HERBERT HOOVER

The Waldorf Astoria Towers  
New York, New York  
December 4, 1956

Mr. Tracy Voorhees  
The Metropolitan Club  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Voorhees:

Mr. Hoover's original letter  
went to you airmail special delivery.  
I am sending this enclosed copy of it  
to you by regular mail.

Yours sincerely,

*Bernice M. —*  
Bernice Miller  
Secretary to Mr. Hoover

Enclosure.

The Waldorf Astoria Towers  
New York, New York  
December 4, 1956

Mr. Tracy Voorhees  
Co-Ordinator of Relief of Hungarian Refugees  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Tracy:

At the conference on the third with yourself, Mr. Rabb and Mr. Gerety, you requested that I send you a memorandum of ideas as to organization of the relief of Hungarian refugees. As I stated at that time, my ideas were only for consideration as I am not fully familiar with all the organizations now at work nor the policies proposed for them.

Putting together the information you three gave to me, plus the newspaper reports, the problem seems to be:

1. Twenty-five thousand refugees are to be brought to the United States. This service will cost many millions of dollars, either to the Defense Department or to some other agency.

2. That these people must be settled into employment by some organization and at considerable cost.

3. That there are now possibly eighty thousand refugees in Austria for whom there must be found food, medical care, and shelter. Whether this number will increase or decrease after the airlift, no one can tell. But in any event the United States must take some part in the burden of their support. Other governments and their voluntary leaders will no doubt carry a considerable part of this load.

4. I should think it probable that our country must be prepared to furnish \$50,000,000 to cover our participation in this problem. Despite their magnificent activities, the dozen or so voluntary organizations in the United States are not likely to provide anything like this amount.

5. I am not aware as to how far the Department of Defense, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of State may have legal authority to expend funds, supplies, services, and transport from their present appropriations. Obviously the Department of Defense is doing part of the job already.

6. There appears to be somewhere between ten and fifteen governmental or voluntary agencies engaged in this problem.

#### A Tentative Plan

7. Putting together some experience in organization of relief of one kind or another where the Government and voluntary agencies are involved together, I suggest the following for consideration -- and I do so with the reservation again that I do not know the whole situation, the governmental authorities which exist, or the funds available.

#### Governmental Agencies

8. It is my present opinion that there is urgent need for a strong central organization to assure effective relief and that the President should create an administrative agency, its membership comprising, say, the Secretaries or Under Secretaries of the Departments of State, of Agriculture, and of Defense, and similar officials from other government agencies seriously involved, together with possibly some persons from civilian life.

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December 4, 1956

9. This administrative agency, which might be referred to as the "American Refugees Administration," should be headed by a strong, full-time administrator, and he should establish an organization in Washington and in Vienna, each under experienced men of his own choice.

10. The "American Refugees Administration" should handle or coordinate the activities of all government agencies and must have some cash funds, either from the President's Emergency Fund or by appropriations from the Congress.

11. The "American Refugees Administration" should at once establish warehouses in Vienna with stocks of supplies for use in the care of the refugees there.

12. If the Departments do not have the authority or funds to provide for the needs of this work beyond the capacity of the voluntary agencies, then these authorities and funds should be sought from the Congress.

#### The Voluntary Agencies

13. The voluntary agencies have a vital spiritual part and an important administrative function in the solution of the whole of this problem.

14. The heads of the useful voluntary agencies should be appointed by the President into a Refugees Relief Council, which will cooperate with the "American Refugees Administration" in securing coordination of all activities, and this Council should be constituted as an advisory body to the "American Refugees Administration." In my view the Chairman of the American Red Cross should head this Council.

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December 4, 1958

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16. [ The voluntary relief agencies engaged in this work should be, if necessary, financially supported by the "American Refugees Administration." ]

17. As to the coordination of the activities of the voluntary agencies in their work for the refugees on the spot in Austria, a first step could be made by offering to sell commodities to the voluntary agencies from the stocks of the "American Refugees Administration," the voluntary agencies to pay for these commodities to the "American Refugees Administration." The voluntary agencies would thus be relieved of the burden of purchase and transport of these supplies to Austria, and their agents could more intelligently decide on the spot as to their needs.

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18. The voluntary agencies should be allowed to appoint their own agents in Austria to distribute their supplies and services. There should be a periodic review by the "American Refugees Administration" as to the character of such agents and an understanding that they will coordinate their activities in Austria through the Refugees Administration officials in Austria.

yes

yes

19. A public statement should be issued as to those agencies which have such importance as to be represented on the Refugee Council in order to eliminate possible fraudulent or inefficient agencies.

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And again I repeat -- I am giving ideas only for consideration and reserve the right of all mankind to change its mind.

Yours faithfully,

s/ HERBERT HOOVER

IMPORTANT EXCERPTS FROM LETTER OF DECEMBER 4, 1956

FROM THE HONORABLE HERBERT HOOVER TO TRACY S. VOORHEES

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*File under Hoover*

Notes of Meeting with Mr. Hoover on 8 December 1956

1. Mr. Hoover suggested that a Council of the relief agencies be set up which would report to the Charles Taft Committee, and that the relief agencies would not be recognized as members of the Council unless they were responsible, etc.

We have got to assign somebody to explore what controls could be enforced under existing law, and how the Taft organization could be beefed up to curb these fly-by-night agencies.

Mr. Hoover mentioned that some of these agencies were spending 60% of their gifts for overhead, and that it would be terrible if a scandal from this blew up. He thought this should be acted on immediately.

NOTE FOR MR. Voorhees: On a longer range matter we should include in the legislation asked for reenactment of the law requiring the registration of volunteer agencies engaged in overseas relief.

2. We asked Mr. Hoover what he thought about the present procedure under which the voluntary agencies were making the refugees sign agreement to repay the funds advanced by the agencies. General Collins and I said we thought that, if the Government were going to provide any financial assistance to the voluntary agencies on resettlement, it ought to be on condition that there was no such agreement to repay. Mr. Hoover said that he thought such an agreement to repay was intolerable.

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HERBERT HOOVER

The Waldorf Astoria Towers  
New York, New York  
December 9, 1956

Mr. Tracy Voorhees  
Co-Ordinator of Relief of Hungarian Refugees  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Voorhees:

Mr. Hoover has asked me to  
send you a copy of a letter he has written  
to President Eisenhower.

Yours sincerely,

*Bernice Miller*  
Bernice Miller  
Secretary to Mr. Hoover

Enclosure

COPY

The Waldorf Astoria Towers  
New York, New York  
December 8, 1956

The Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower  
The President of the United States  
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Mr. President:

Three times in the last ten days I have been visited by representatives of Government agencies asking for advice on Hungarian Refugee Relief problems -- and even oftener by representatives of voluntary agencies interested in this problem.

There are a host of good people and much efficient work being done by all of these agencies. Mr. Tracy Voorhees is doing a good job struggling to get coordination. However it seems to me there must be a much stronger line-up of organizations.

I send you herewith a memorandum which I gave the representatives of the Government agencies at their request on December 4. The information which flows into me daily supports the conclusions of this memorandum.

In brief it seems to me urgent that two administrative agencies be established by yourself:

1. An administrative agency made up of representatives of the Government agencies involved, which now embrace the Department of Defense, including the Army, Navy and Air Force, the Departments of State, Agriculture, Labor and Justice. Mr. Voorhees could quite well be made the chairman of such an agency.

2. A Council created of eligible voluntary agencies under the chairmanship of the Chairman of the American Red Cross -- the purpose being to coordinate their activities and protect the public from any minority of wasteful agencies. (Charles Taft's division in the Department of State can at once determine the question of eligibility.)

Mr. Voorhees himself, or his representative, should be a member of this Council. But the non-official, independence, and character of this Council should be maintained.

I can assure you that there is great need of an effective organization on these lines. I have had to do this sort of thing many times in the past. But younger men must do it now.

Yours faithfully,

/s/ Herbert Hoover

Enclosure

P.S. From a public point of view "co-ordination" conveys less confidence than .??.??. "Administrators."

H.H.

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note - hard  
to read.*

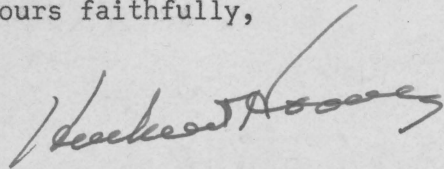
HERBERT HOOVER

The Waldorf Astoria Towers  
New York, New York  
December 27, 1956

My dear Tracy:

Herewith copies of two letters to  
Perrin from Hallam.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Herbert Hoover", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr. Tracy Voorhees  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Enclosures 2

Hotel Bristol

19-11-56

Dear Perrin:

I have had a long talk with Gen. Lengyel (Béla von). He is a fine type of old guard officer, running a small show efficiently and with immense and dedicated enthusiasm. He knows the frontier area thoroughly and I assume most of the "Safe" lines Eastward. Too difficult to assess from here so I am going down to Gray & Tennessdorf on Sat. He has laid on the trip and I will report further on my return. Will you let Tracy know something about this for Mrs. John Hugues who wired him (he passed the wire to me at the Waldorf meeting).

As far as I can make out the General's little band consists of about 10 people very specially chosen, plus of course those they have collected around them, one of them John HADIN (Harvard '56) and a nephew of the Szecheny's (N.Y. and Washington). He works in a soup kitchen at Tennesdorf near the frontier and in Southern Burgenland. I will write separately about other matters.

Sincerely

HALLAM

Hardigg is at Bremen for the first sailing -I go for the 25th but must stay to meet the V.P. who is befogged.

Bristol  
Vienna  
19-11-56

Dear Perrin:

On my arrival here the Ambassador (who has done everything to help us) asked me whether I could help in "gathering together" (riding herd?) over the voluntary agencies (U.S.) I had them in the I.R.O. We would have had a hard time doing the job without them, however they are a very autonomous minded group - different in policy, different in religion and varying greatly in the where withall they can apply in the field. To find out all about them and coordinate their efforts is somewhat like playing Canasta with a dozen well-meaning eels. However - if as a V. Chairman of the Committee you are a member of I am supposed to add the Vol Agency coordination to my other duties (and this is what Tracy blithely told the Amb. over the phone yesterday that I would do!) then I must know more about your Pres. Committee meetings - about the Agencies attitudes and willingness to align etc, etc, etc. If the Vol. Agency boys here hear nothing from their H.Q. in the U.S. they will pay little attention to the Embassy effort via me. As you know they will not run Camps - the League of Red Cross will do that via its many national members - at first 25,000 - then 35,000 and we have insisted that they spread out in 2 or 3 months to all Camps - to do away with the danger of 2 levels of existence, Red Cross and Austria Govt. Camps. In principle this has been accepted provided the U.S. furnish the food, clothing etc. on much more than a national scale. This the U.S. will do as about the most important immediate way of helping the Austrian economy. Now the Vol. Agencies help in many important ways: registration, processing in general, spiritual guidance Amenities, etc, etc. They have told the UNECF that they will cover all camps to the best of their ability, that is, Red Cross & Austrian, that of course I ought to know and the information is not to hand, is: Strength in personnel, exact functions, supplies on hand. Camps or areas they wish to work in - or are now working in (No one can get them to tell what Funds they possess - or can get a rough idea?) Will you get some news to me and ask Tracy's office to do so as soon as possible for it is v. urgent

Yours

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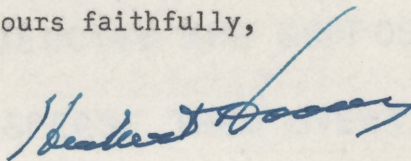
HERBERT HOOVER

The Waldorf Astoria Towers  
New York, New York  
December 27, 1956

My dear Tracy:

Herewith some more advice.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. Tracy Voorhees  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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# WESTERN UNION

## TELEGRAM

W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

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HERBERT HOOVER, FORMER PRES OF THE UNITED STATES=

HOTEL WALDORF ASTORIA=

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PLEASE FOLLOW UP THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM WHICH WAS SENT TO VICE-PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON, HOTEL WALDORF ASTORIA NEW YORK CITY: HAVING SPENT EIGHT DAYS AT CAMP KILMER I RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS. TO FACILITATE A MORE SPEEDY AND EFFICIENT DISPERSAL OF HUNGARIAN REFUGEES NOW IN AREA SIX WE SUGGEST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SEVERAL AUXILIARY DISPERSAL CAMPS IN LARGER AMERICAN CITIES STOP REFUGEES AFTER IMMIGRATION PROCESSING ARE NOW PLACED IN AREA SIX STOP SPONSORING AGENCIES ARE SUPPOSED TO REMOVE THEM FROM THIS AREA AND DISPERSE THEM OVER THE U.S.A. BY FINDING THEIR ULTIMATE SPONSOR AND TRANSPORTING THEM TO THEIR FINAL DESTINATION STOP BY OBSERVING THIS PHASE OF THE REFUGEE PROGRAM ON THE SPOT IT CAN BE CLEARLY SEEN THAT IT IS NOT FUNCTIONING WELL AND IT MIGHT GROW INTO A MAJOR PROBLEM WITHIN A FEW DAYS STOP SPONSORING AGENCIES ARE NOT EQUIPPED ORGANIZATION OR OTHERWISE TO COPE WITHIN TIME WITH A PROBLEM OF THIS MAGNITUDE THE RESULT OF WHICH IS THE EVER GROWING NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN AREA SIX WAITING FOR DISPERSAL STOP THUS A MAJOR BOTTLE NECK IN THE WHOLE REFUGEE PROGRAM IS CLEARLY IN FORMATION SINCE AREA SIX CANNOT RECEIVE FASTER FROM IMMIGRATION THAN IT IS ABLE TO DISCHARGE THROUGH SPONSORING AGENCIES STOP AUXILIARY DISPERSAL CAMPS SIMILAR IN NATURE TO AREA SIX AND LOCATED AT LARGE CENTERS OF POPULATION LIKE

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W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

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AT CAMP KILMER AND FURTHERMORE WOULD SERVE TO A MUCH GREATER  
EXTENT THE FINAL AIM OF THE HUNGARIAN REFUGEE PROGRAM THAT IS  
THE MOST HAPPY INTEGRATION OF REFUGEES INTO THE AMERICAN  
COMMUNITY FOR EVERYBODY CONCERNED STOP REFUGEES NOW IN AREA  
SIX COULD BE DISCHARGED AFTER THREE DAYS WAITING IN BULK TO  
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WITH WARM HEARTS AND AMPLE FACILITIES TO SHELTER AND FEED TWO  
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MANNER THUS AUXILIARY CAMPS CAN BE ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT  
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SUBMITTED BY=

COLOMAN REVESZ NATIONAL PRESIDENT WILLIAM PENN FRATERNAL  
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HUNGARIAN FEDERATION WASHINGTON DC VICE CHAIRMAN  
CITIZENS COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR HUNGARIAN AID  
PITTSBURGH PA=

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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HERBERT HOOVER

The Waldorf Astoria Towers  
New York, New York  
December 27, 1956

Dear Mr. President:

It is not my business to be determining your policies in Hungarian relief matters, but as officials of the Government do me the honor to seek my advice, I will expand a suggestion which I previously made to you, which was in two segments.

One was that the voluntary agencies should be represented on a committee headed by Mr. Voorhees, by which their work would be better coordinated, their conflicts moderated, and the illegitimate organizations weeded out. That you have done.

The other segment was that representatives of the Government agencies interested should be made into a formal committee to assure coordination and to better deal with the voluntary agencies.

I have a modification, which I now make because the Vice President might be too embarrassed to make it to you. That is that not only should this Governmental agency be created, but the Vice President should be its chairman and Mr. Voorhees the vice chairman, to do most of the work. I know this would be most agreeable to Mr. Voorhees.

Please pardon my intrusions, but I cannot be advising your subordinates without your being acquainted with this advice -- good or bad.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

/s/ Herbert Hoover

P.S. You might be interested in a statement I made today at a press conference forced by the press on the Vice President and myself.

*Draft delivered Secretary / File under Hoover  
To Gov Adams Jan 8, at 9:30 AM / ✓ office copy*

DRAFT of suggested letter from The President to Mr. Hoover, Sr.  
(Jan 8, '57)

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter of December 27th. I am glad to learn that you are in Florida for a little rest from your unremitting labors.

Let me say how warmly I welcome the counsel which you have so generously given to me, to the Vice President and to Tracy Voorhees concerning the Hungarian refugee problem. I deeply appreciate your advice in these matters, based as it is upon your unique experience and achievements in similar work over many years.

I am glad that the first step which we took pursuant to your earlier recommendations -- that of forming The President's Committee for Hungarian Refugee Relief as a means of coordinating the efforts of the voluntary agencies with each other and with the Government agencies -- was taken in a way of which you approve.

At the time of receipt of your present letter, we were still working on the best manner of acting upon your other recommendation, that is, for a stronger setup to assure coordination within the Government. I also welcome your new thoughts on this subject.

As at least an interim measure, following your original recommendation, Mr. Voorhees set up on an informal basis a group of the active representatives of each of the Government departments and agencies concerned with this problem. He is the chairman of this group and

they meet regularly.

After receipt of your second letter, I conferred with the Vice President about your suggestion that he be Chairman of a more formal inter-departmental committee for this purpose. Mr. Nixon feels that it would be difficult for him to do this in addition to the very heavy burden which he is already carrying, and I do not feel that I ought to press him on the matter.

Accordingly, to achieve the objectives of your recommendation I have made it clear that Mr. Voorhees, as my representative to coordinate Hungarian refugee relief matters, has been given full and adequate authority -- in the words of your letter -- "to assure coordination of the Government departments" and to better deal with the voluntary agencies." I think this will accomplish the objective which you have in mind, but if it does not, I shall take further steps to be sure that it does.

I welcome at any time any counsel about these matters that you may care to give to me as you have in your recent letters.

With warm regard.

Very sincerely yours,

January 8, 1957

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Sincerely,

DEIGHT D. EISENHOWER

The Honorable Herbert Hoover  
Key Largo Angler's Club  
Homestead, Florida

cc: Mr Macy BOB

Excerpt from President Eisenhower's letter to Mr. Hoover of Jan 8/57

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January 13, 1957

Dear Chief:

While you are on vacation I won't trouble you with any long report but merely give you the highlights:-

Hallam Tuck arrives back Tuesday with a list of recommendations. As soon as convenient to you, he and I would like to review these with you and obtain your counsel.

Things are going well in the distribution of the refugees. Up to last Wednesday midnight 19,673 had been received and 13,296 had departed from Kilmer. Our rate of discharge increased from less than 100 per day in the first week of December to an average of 476 in the first week in January, and has since increased further.

In addition to the 21,500, plans are to bring in between 5,000 and 6,000 (probably nearer 5,000) in the month following the completion of the 21,500 transfer.

Our work in coordination with the voluntary agencies is going very well. I will send you separately in a day or two a brochure describing it. It has, I think, been put on a business basis which is improving not only the rate of disposition but the effectiveness of getting people to the right places. We have done it all in the form of assisting the voluntary agencies. We are having to give some assistance with domestic transportation.

As to your recommendation to the President concerning a stronger organization within the Government, I have seen the President's reply to you. While he has not yet carried out the specific recommendation, he has

given assurance that I have adequate authority. With an exception or two which I may mention to you in person later, such coordination has been going well.

I do hope that you are not only getting a good rest, but above all having a good time. If anyone ever deserved a vacation, certainly you do.

Yours faithfully,

SIGNED JAN 16 1957

Tracy S. Voorhees

Honorable Herbert Hoover  
Key Largo Anglers' Club  
Homestead  
Florida

February 28, 1957

Dear Chief:

As I reported in a telephone message to you through Miss Miller, I finally secured high level approval last week for a policy of providing U.S. assistance for Hungarian refugees not coming to this country, first, to supply them adequate and equal care in Austria and every reasonable opportunity for early permanent resettlement; also, as part of this policy, for major steps to relieve the more recent critical situation of Hungarian refugees in Yugoslavia.

Just how urgent these situations are is indicated, I believe, by the enclosed notes as to trend of opinion concerning the inadequacy of existing measures.

I also have obtained State's informal agreement to a more detailed paper as to steps to be taken for the refugees not coming to this country. This is substantially in accord with the recommendations which I made in my report to the President just a month ago with which you are familiar, and which were in turn based upon the recommendations in Mr. Tuck's report which you have.

However, no adequate organization has -- so far as I know -- as yet been set up to carry out this policy. I enclose a copy of a memorandum on this matter which I gave to Mr. Robert Macy of the Bureau of the Budget, who has had this matter in hand for Mr. Brundage during the latter's absence for a rest. I have told Hallam Tuck of this and urged him to undertake the work if asked to do so. However, he seems disinclined to do so.

Day before yesterday I saw Mr. Nixon, who is giving me complete support, and who has directed his office to continue this during his absence on his trip to Africa.

Also, as a matter of possible interest to you, I enclose a copy of my letter to the President reporting briefly on the work and terminating my White House assignment on the ground that the emergency job for which he called me has been done.

Please do not trouble to acknowledge this note. I just report these matters to you because I know of your interest. As always, you know without my saying it that I am deeply grateful for your sustaining help and friendship.

With warm regards,

Yours faithfully,

 SIGNED

Tracy S. Voorhees

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