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The President said: - "I want to be sure that the United States is doing everything possible to lend help to these homeless refugees.

"The courage and suffering of the Hungarians under the intolerable cruelties of the recent Russian re-invasion have evoked the deepest sympathy on the part of the American people. This has inspired our people to translate this feeling into action which is already vigorously under way and is giving tangible help on an increasingly large scale. A number of voluntary organizations have spontaneously joined in this task. These efforts have my whole-hearted encouragement. I recognize the important role of the private charitable organizations to whose prompt action we and the refugees already owe so much.

"Countless offers of jobs and of financial assistance for Hungarian refugees have flowed into Government offices. Such offers need coordination with the work of voluntary and Government agencies.

"I am particularly gratified by the speed with which the Government agencies concerned have acted in giving assistance.

I am fully mindful of the need for relief for the much larger numbers who are still in Hungary in urgent need. For them the United States in cooperation with the United Nations and other countries is assisting in every possible way."

J.C. HAGERTY NOVEMBER 28, 1956 WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m., est

H. The President -- this is for overnights -- the President today designated Tracy S. Voorhees of New York City as his representative in connection with the Hungarian refugee relief and resettlement activities when they are in this country. He has named Mr. Voorhees to assure full coordination of this work with the various voluntary and government agencies, and he has asked Mr. Voorhees to see that effective machinery is promptly set up to accomplish this purpose.

In designating Mr. Voorhees, the President wants to make sure that the U.S. Government and the voluntary agencies are doing everything possible to help these refugees in obtaining employment and housing in this country.

One of the things -- one of the reasons for this appointment, for example, is that very many of the agencies of the government are getting many offers of assistance for these refugees from individuals -- from companies -- and they are coming in -- these offers are coming in of assistance not only to the White House but to the Dept. of State and many of the other government departments in Washington, as well as many of the government offices throughout the country.

In turn, the voluntary agencies are also getting a great deal of offers of assistance and it was thought best that we have one man as the President's representative that can work both with the government people and with the voluntary agencies in coordinating this whole work.

Mr. Voorhees at present is a consultant to the Dept. of Defense. He was a colonel in the Army during World War Two. In 1946 and 1947 he was special assistant to the Secretary of War (Patterson at that time). In 1947 and 1948 he was Food Administrator for the War Dept. -- put it another way -- he was War Dept. Food Administrator for occupied areas ----

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December 6, 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR:

William Hallam Tuck Carl A. Hardigg

You have agreed to serve, without compensation, as my representatives in Austria in connection with Hungarian refugees. You will proceed to Austria and perform such services subject to the general direction of Ambassador Thompson. In this capacity you will be paid actual and necessary travel expenses in accordance with Standardized Government Travel Regulations, and a per diem of \$15.00 in lieu of subsistence, while serving in this capacity away from your official headquarters in Washington, D. C. Please confirm our understanding by signing a copy of this letter and returning such copy to me. This understanding is subject to Governor Adams' approval.

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Gen. J. Lawton Collins

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SUBJECT: Hungarian Refugees

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The Director of the International Cooperation Administration is requested on my behalf to give appropriate notices, pursuant to Section 513 of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended, to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, the Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the respective Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees on Armed Services.

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See also Press l'elease of 12/8/56

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December 17, 1956

Memorandum for the Record

At the request of Tracy S. Voorhees, I talked to Mr. Gerald Morgan, Counsel to the President, concerning the difference between Mr. Hagerty's statement on TSV's appointment and the terms of reference agreed to between TSV and Mr. Morgan.

Mr. Morgan stated that TSV should ignore any changes from the agreed statement and should consider his terms of reference the following statement originally agreed upon:

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

"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."

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON January 29, 1957 Mr. Donald G. Black - Crosse MEMORANDUM FOR: You have agreed to serve, without compensation, as an assistant to the Counsel of the President's Committee for Hungarian Refugee Relief. You will perform such services as are requested by him, by the Chairman of the Committee and by the Vice Chairman and Director. In this capacity you will be paid actual and necessary travel expenses in accordance with Standardized Government Travel Regulations, and a per diem of \$15.00 in lieu of subsistence, while serving in this capacity away from your official headquarters in New York, N.Y. Please confirm our understanding by signing a copy of this letter and returning such copy to me. ham booth Tracy S. Voorhees