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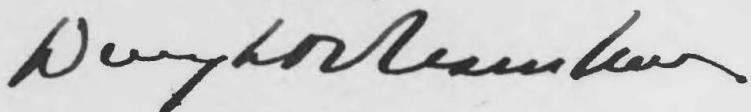
Augusta, Georgia.
November 30, 1956.

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,



Mr. Tracy Voorhees
The White House

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My friends from Hungary,

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In behalf of my fellow Americans, I welcome you to the United States.

The circumstances that have separated you from your homeland and your loved ones fill American hearts with deep emotion and with compassion for what you are enduring. We feel a solemn and responsible pride that in your time of need you have come to our shores.

Through the centuries the Hungarian people have bravely resisted oppression. Their courageous spirit continues today to inspire free people everywhere.

It has been our American heritage to assert our individual freedom and to offer to other peoples, struggling for their own liberty as we once did, such assistance and asylum as we can.

Many of our private citizens and fine volunteer organizations in the United States have joined with our Government agencies to help you in the establishment of your new life in America.

At first our land and our laws may seem strange to you. Some necessary processes through which you join our way of living may cause you minor inconvenience but I ask you to think always of what, beneath these forms, dwells in our American hearts - an earnest desire to clasp your hands, to reach mutual understanding and to become firm friends and neighbors.

Thus, we welcome you to American soil. We realize that you ardently hope for a time when all Hungarians can enjoy the blessings of individual freedom in their Hungarian mother-country. We join in

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Dwight D. Eisenhower

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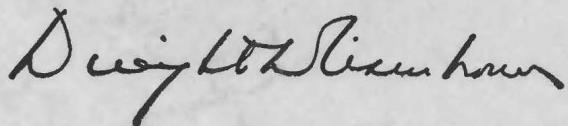
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DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

EISENHOWER ELNÖK LEVELE MAGYAR FORDITÁSBAN

Magyarországról érkezett barátaim:

Amerikai honfitársaim nevében üdvözlőm Önököt az Egyesült Államokban.

A körülmények, amelyek között elhagyták hazájukat és szeretteiket és mindenkit, amit elviselnek, mély megindultsággal és együttérzéssel tölti el az amerikai sziveket. Mélységes és felelősségteljes büszkeség tölt el bennünket, hogy a szükség idején hozzánk jöttek.

A magyar nép századokon át bátran ellenállt az elnyomásnak. Bátor szelleme ma továbbra is mindenütt megihleti a szabad népeket.

Amerikai őrőkségünk, hogy egyéni szabadságunkat érvényesítünk és más népeknek, amelyek szabadságukért küzdenek, mintahogy mi küzdöttünk egykor, olyan támogatást és menedéket nyújtunk, amilyet csak tudunk.

Magánpolgáraink közül sokan és az Egyesült Államokban működő őnkéntes szervezetek csatlakoztak kormány-hivatalinkhoz, hogy Önök segítségére lehessünk, hogy Amerikában új életet teremthessenek.

Hazánk és törvényeink eleinte talán idegenszerűek lesznek az Önök számára. Lehetséges, hogy néhány szükséges eljárás, amelynek utján életünkbe belekapcsolnak, kisebb kényelmetlenségekkel jár. De arra kérem Önököt, mindig gondoljanak arra, hogy a formálitások mögött mi lakozik amerikai sziveinkben—őszinte óhaj, hogy megszoritsuk a kezüket, hogy kölcsönösen megértsük egymást és hogy igaz barátok és szomszédok legyünk.

Igy üdvözöljük Önöket Amerika földjén. Tudjuk, hogy bensőségesen reménykednek annak az időnek az előjövetelében, amikor minden magyar magyarországi szülőhazájában élvezheti az egyéni szabadság áldásait. Mi is együtt reménykedünk Önökkel. És biztosítjuk most Önöket arról, hogy ha ez a nap ismét felvirrad és vissza akarnak térni szülőhazájukba, Amerika minden el fog követni, hogy segítse Önöket visszatérésükben.

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May 14, 1957.

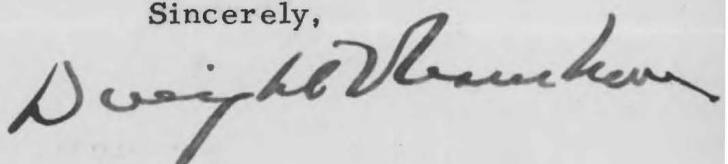
Dear Tracy:

Although I know the deep satisfaction you feel in the accomplishments of the President's Committee for Hungarian Refugee Relief far outweighs any words of gratitude that I can summon, I nonetheless want once more to thank you personally for undertaking -- and carrying through to conclusion so successfully -- an extremely delicate and complicated assignment. The American people, as well as the refugees who have been resettled here, are greatly indebted to you.

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,



The Honorable Tracy Voorhees
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