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Sir,

I have the honour to write to you in connexion with the tasks entrusted to me by the General Assembly under resolution 1454 (XIV) of 9 December 1959, which requested the United Nations Representative on Hungary to continue his efforts and called upon Hungary to co-operate with the United Nations Representative.

Accordingly, I wrote on 19 January 1960 to the Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations, drawing his attention to this resolution of the Assembly. I also recalled to him that the Chairman of the Hungarian Delegation to the Assembly had observed, in connexion with the resolution before the Assembly, that "nobody consulted any competent representative of the Hungarian Government to find out what sort of solution could be admissible".

In my letter to the Permanent Representative I also <sup>recalled</sup> ~~stated~~ my continued concern to visit Hungary for the purposes stated in my letter of 14 May 1959, and expressed the hope that your Government would see fit to afford the necessary facilities for a visit on my part to Hungary, in response to the terms of the General Assembly resolution.

My letter was returned to the Secretary-General on 21 January 1960 by the Permanent Representative, accompanied by a letter in which he ~~it~~ "protested most energetically on behalf of my Government against any interference in the domestic affairs of my country, whatever form it may take".

Frequent reference has been made in the debate of the General Assembly by the Chairman of the Hungarian Delegation to the fact that the main concern of Hungary was to extricate itself from being an instrument in the cold war. The letter of the Permanent Representative is not worded to further that purpose. I should also like to recall here that in the speech referred to above Mr. Peter <sup>stated</sup> ~~implied~~ that the General Assembly of the United Nations went about trying to find a solution in a way which could lead one to "conclude that the basic intent was precisely to create such a situation as would rule out any possibility of solution".

My letter of 19 January contained a ~~surfact~~ deep and well-meant intention on my part to associate the Hungarian authorities with the efforts of the United Nations to bring a solution to the problem.



In view of the tone of the answer received from the Permanent Representative, I have no choice but to turn to you, Sir, and reiterate my request to visit Hungary in response to the terms of the General Assembly resolution. I am sure, Sir, that you will share my concern and that of the ~~mx~~ overwhelming majority of Member countries about the attitude of the Hungarian authorities towards the United Nations, and that it will be realized that a gesture of co-operation at this time would help to dissipate what a representative, in his speech, referred to as "the cloud of angry suspicion" that hovers over the relations of Hungary with Members of the United Nations.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.