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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER I SENT THIS MORNING TO GROMYKO.

AS INSTRUCTED AM SENDING COPIES WITH PARAPHRASE SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REFER TO BRITISH AND AUSTRIAN MISSIONS HERE.

BEGIN TEXT

"DEAR MR. GROMYKO: IN VIEW OF THE URGENCY OF THE MATTER I AM ADDRESSING THIS REQUEST TO YOU DIRECTLY RATHER THAN SENDING IT BY FORMAL NOTE TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRIAN CARITAS AND RED CROSS CONVOY, WHICH ARRIVED FROM BUDAPEST IN VIENNA ON NOVEMBER 6, 1956, WHO IN TURN RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION FROM SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES IN HUNGARY, THAT AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, FREDERICK LORENZ HIER, WHO IS BEARER OF AMERICAN PASSPORT NO. 671 DATED MAY 8, 1953 ISSUED AT SALZBURG, AUSTRIA, WAS DETAINED AND HELD IN CONFEINEMENT AT GYOR, HUNGARY BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES OF THE SOVIET UNION. JOURNALISTS AND OTHERS WHO HAVE LEFT HUNGARY HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED THIS INFORMATION.

"I AM REQUESTED BY MY GOVERNMENT TO URGH THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF MR. HIER'S ARREST BE INVESTIGATED BY THE SOVIET

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GOVERNMENT AND THAT THE NECESSARY STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER TO ENSURE HIS RELEASE FROM DETENTION AND TO PERMIT HIS DEPARTURE FROM HUNGARY.

"I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR LETTING ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THAT MEASURES BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN THIS MATTER."

SINCERELY YOURS, SIGNED CHARLES E. BOHLEN."

END TEXT.

BOHLEN

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