

Later I got this answer, dated November 24. This, of course, is a translation which, I am told, is an official translation.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have received your letter of November 13. The contents of your letter and also of your recent statements and of speeches of Canadian officials about situation in Hungary show that the Canadian Government seem to have one-sided, tendentious and unobjective information about developments in Hungary and about position of Soviet Union on this question.

I would like to note that revolutionary workers peasants Government of Hungary have shown in their statements that reactionary forces inside Hungary with active support of certain circles outside tried to overturn peoples' democratic regime in the country and establish a Horthy-fascist regime. The inner patriotic forces of Hungary came out in defence of peoples' democratic regime asking for help of Soviet troops stationed in Hungary under the Warsaw Treaty.

As concerning position of the Soviet Government on question of relations of Soviet Union with Hungary this has been fully set forth in "Declaration of Soviet Government on foundation for development and further strengthening of friendship and co-operation between Soviet Union and other Socialist States", published on October 31, 1956.

In your letter Mr. Prime Minister you raise the question of Soviet Government giving assistance to international organizations to make it possible for them to render assistance and help to Hungarian people in food and medicine. This question is fully within competence of Hungarian Government. As far as we know Government of the Hungarian Peoples' Republic has already positively solved this question and Hungarian Government has formally informed Secretary-General of United Nations about this.

Yours sincerely,

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This last statement has been, I think, verified by representatives of the United Nations, who have recently informed us that representatives of the Red Cross would now be admitted within Hungary to distribute food and medical supplies to those in need of such food and medical supplies.

That answers this other matter raised by the hon. gentleman now leading the official opposition. He says that \$200,000 was a paltry sum and that we have raised it from