

supplementary estimates, and such a gift would require an addition, immediate action must take place as supplementary estimates are being closed probably today.

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*Le sous-ministre par intérim de la Citoyenneté et de l'Immigration
au sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Acting Deputy Minister of Citizenship and Immigration
to Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

Ottawa, February 12, 1957

Dear Mr. Léger:

In Colonel Fortier's absence I am replying to your letter of January 25, 1957, in which you suggest a re-examination of our policy with respect to Hungarian refugees in Yugoslavia.

The considerations regarding these refugees as outlined in your letter are appreciated. However, Mr. Pickersgill believes that any action should be in co-operation with other Western countries, rather than on our own, in an attempt to provide the same facilities in Yugoslavia as we have done in Austria. He does not feel that in the circumstances he should take the initiative, but rather that it should come from your Department. In his opinion Canada should not act unilaterally in this situation although he would consider some form of joint action with other Western countries, particularly if the United Kingdom and the United States of America took part.

We are endeavouring to find some means of simplifying the processing of sponsored cases which would help to alleviate the situation in Yugoslavia.

Yours sincerely,

C.E.S. SMITH