

I also made it clear in Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver or wherever anyone asked me about it that any responsible individual or organization in Canada was at liberty to sponsor immigrants, either people they might know about or simply to make facilities available for people whom they did not know. This would include people who were not able to look after themselves and even people who were in need of medical treatment. I also said that if some of these people required medical treatment and therefore could not by law be admitted to this country as immigrants, I would use the powers that parliament gave to the minister under the Immigration Act and admit these people for treatment wherever, whenever and as often as arrangements could be made for that treatment. I also said that every application to any immigration office anywhere in Canada by Hungarians or Hungarian-Canadians for specific people was to be received and every possible effort was to be made to locate these people if there was a reasonable prospect of their being among the refugees or if there was any prospect of their getting here in any other way.

I have been in very close touch with the situation in Vienna. We get reports every day, We have been in a telephonic communication three or four times, and the one thing I have been most insistent about is that the flow must not be stopped, that as many cases as come along are to be dealt with regardless of whether that involves not filling out forms, whether it involves cutting out X-rays, whether it involves doing away with almost any other kind of red tape, if you like to call it that, or normal procedure. Every one of these procedures is useful in settling people here and if they are not carried out the problems when they get here are going to be greater, but we will have to cope with them when they do get here. That is the view I have taken that the main thing to do is to keep the stream flowing. So far there has been no difficulty about doing that.

It also became quite apparent to me when I got back from the Pacific coast at the beginning of last week that the numbers were reaching proportions that were going to be well beyond the capacity of normal transportation to deal with. I took steps at once to get in touch with Canadian Pacific Airlines, Trans-Canada Air Lines and the shipping companies to see what special arrangements could be made, and I announced on Friday that an airlift was being organized. I may say that we got every aircraft that C.P.A. or T.C.A. could