

## GOVERNMENTAL RELEASES

regarding the indication that the search for **RAOUL WALLENBERG** should continue as *there is no conclusive evidence of his death and that there is still a possibility that RAOUL WALLENBERG could be alive today.*

### SWEDEN

#### *Sveriges Riksdag – The Swedish Parliament*

27 January 2006

Answer to question 2005/06:821 on the follow-up of the Raoul Wallenberg report:

Laila Freivalds, Minister of Foreign Affairs

"The Swedish Government naturally intends to continue raising with the Russians the question of what further measures can be taken to move forward in investigations regarding the fate of Raoul Wallenberg."

#### *A Failure of Diplomacy – Summary in English*

##### *SOU 2003:18*

*“Kommissionen om den svenska utrikesledningens agerande i fallet Raoul Wallenberg*

The responsibility for establishing the *entire* truth about Wallenberg rested until 1991 with the Soviet leadership and rests today with the leadership of Russia. This Commission considers it unlikely that all the relevant information regarding Raoul Wallenberg has really been released from the former Soviet archives. The Swedish-Russian Working Group managed to achieve substantial successes in its search for the truth. Nevertheless, much still remains to be done.

#### **Prime Minister's Office**

##### **Press release**

12 January 2001

Prime Minister Göran Persson said

I should like today, on my own behalf and on behalf of the Swedish Government, to extend our deepest regrets to his relatives for these mistakes. At the same time, I promise that our efforts to obtain an answer on what really happened to Raoul Wallenberg will be continued".

## **Raoul Wallenberg**

*Report of the Swedish-Russian*

*Working Group*

STOCKHOLM 2000

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It was established by way of introduction that the Russian announcement of Raoul Wallenberg's death could only be accepted if it were confirmed beyond any reasonable doubt. This has not happened, partly for the want of a credible death certificate, and partly because the testimony about Raoul Wallenberg being alive after 1947 cannot be dismissed. The burden of proof regarding the death of Raoul Wallenberg lies with the Russian Government

### ***A quote from Swedish Ambassador Hagard to Israel 9 January 1998***

“Any new piece of information; any appeal to people in power and/or people with information is welcome because it is needed.

### ***Prime Minister's Office - Press Release August 4, 1992***

Prime Minister Bildt said “As long as the contrary has not been proved, we must assume he may be alive.”

## **RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

### **REPORT**

**on the activities of the Russian-Swedish working group for determining the  
Fate of Raoul Wallenberg  
(1991-2000)**

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Altogether the work of the Russian part of the group has led to the **following conclusions:**

#### **First**

All the circumstantial evidence confirms, that Raoul Wallenberg died, or most likely was killed, on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1947.

Practically all the direct evidence was destroyed at the time. In the course of thorough investigative work, evidence was examined relating to the detention and arrest, or any other aspect of Wallenberg's time in prisons of the former USSR national security system. More reliable information was not found.

## **REPORT**

### **on the activities of the Russian-Swedish working group for determining the Fate of Raoul Wallenberg (1991-2000)**

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“In the second half of the 1950s, in the new political climate, and also as a result of the persistence of the official Stockholm and international organisations on 6th February 1957, the USSR's chief deputy minister for Foreign Affairs, Andrei Gromyko sent Ambassador Sulman a memorandum about the results of the examination of material relating to Wallenberg. This included the text of a report by the head of the prison medical services, Colonel A. L. Smoltsov, addressed to the USSR's minister for National Security V. S. Abakumov. This document, dated 17th July 1947, included the specific statement that .the prisoner Wallenberg, who is well known to you, died suddenly tonight in the cell, probably as the result of a heart attack..

The memorandum of 6th February 1957 has gone down in the history of Soviet-Swedish relations as the .Gromyko memorandum.. The Soviet government had admitted, for the first time, that Wallenberg had been in the Soviet Union, had been imprisoned and had died there.

In an answering note, on 19th February 1957, the Swedish nation expressed bewilderment concerning the uncontrolled activities of the former ministry for National Security, and expressed mistrust in the assertion that .all other documentary material relating to the time spent by Wallenberg in the Soviet cells, apart from the report specified in the Soviet government memorandum, has been destroyed.. The responsibility for what happened to Wallenberg was asserted in a note to the Soviet government.

The further official appeal from Sweden gave rise to the appearance of new evidence, in which it was asserted that Wallenberg did not apparently die in the Lubyanka prison, but was moved to Vladimir prison, and then to various prisons or other places for the detention of criminals.”

## **UNITED STATES**

***Public Law 97-54-OCT.5, 1981***

***Public Law 97-54***

## ***97<sup>th</sup> Congress - Joint Resolution***

Proclaiming Raoul Wallenberg to be an honorary citizen of the United States, and requesting the President to ascertain from the Soviet Union the whereabouts of Raoul Wallenberg and to secure his return to freedom.

Sec. 2. The President is requested to take all possible steps to ascertain from the Soviet Union the whereabouts of Raoul Wallenberg and to secure his return to freedom.

## **CANADA**

### ***House of Commons***

***Wednesday, December 11, 1985***

And whereas the Soviet Union, in violation of Raoul Wallenberg's Swedish diplomatic immunity and of international law, seized him on January 17, 1945, with no explanation ever given for his detention and subsequent imprisonment:

And whereas Raoul Wallenberg has been a prisoner in the Soviet Union since 1945:

And whereas reports from former prisoners in the Soviet Union, as recently as January, 1981, suggest that Raoul Wallenberg is still alive and remains a prisoner.

## **EUROPEAN UNION**

***No C 149/142***

***Official Journal of the European Communities (copy) 18.6.90***

***Thursday, 17 May 1990***

***(f) Doc. B3-936/90***

***Resolution***

***On the fate of Raoul Wallenberg .....***

1. Calls on the Soviet authorities to reopen the case of Mr. Raoul Wallenberg and his ....;
2. Calls on the Soviet authorities to allow an international commission of historians and experts to examine all relevant archive material;
3. Calls on the Soviet authorities to use the press, radio and television and all other legal avenues to launch a search throughout the territory of the Soviet Union;

## **ISRAEL**

***The Knesset***

***Jerusalem 14 March 1995/ 12Adar 2 5755***  
***Raoul Wallenberg – Concluding Proposal***

Based on the information that has been accumulated on the disappearance of Raoul Wallenberg, the Parliamentary Committee to Combat Antisemitism and Xenophobia considers that all efforts must be made in order to trace his fate.