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PRESS RELEASE, REQUESTING HELP FROM PRESIDENT OBAMA
REGARDING THE SEARCH FOR RAOUL WALLENBERG

Your Excellency President Obama,

Could I kindly ask your assistance in clarifying your government's position in the case of Raoul Wallenberg, an Honorary Citizen of the USA? (Please see Congressional resolution at the end of this letter)

What is of immediate importance is the fact that somewhere around the globe there may still be individuals (witnesses) with factual information on the whereabouts of Raoul. The urgency of this request cannot be overstated, since the witnesses we are attempting to find are most likely in their 80s or 90s and their life expectancies are obviously limited. The Swedish and Israeli Ministries of Foreign Affairs previously approved the text of the attached "Missing in Action" Appeal, and it was sent to some Swedish and Israeli embassies around the world.

I would like to please further request that your government also send out the "Missing in Action" Appeal through your network of embassies, with a request that each ambassador hold a briefing with representatives of the local media, human rights groups, Holocaust groups, and governments to stress the importance of the fact that Raoul Wallenberg's fate is still unknown and that perhaps through the help of these individuals (witnesses) the case may be resolved.

For your information, Sweden states that the Raoul Wallenberg case today remains on the official Swedish-Russian agenda, and the question of what happened to Raoul Wallenberg in Soviet captivity remains formally open. There is a general consensus among professional historians and Wallenberg researchers that important documents exist in Russian archives that could shed light on the issue of Raoul Wallenberg's fate. Sweden outlined this fact at the end of its official Swedish Working Group report in

2001 through formulation of 17 questions that the Russian side can and must answer before any binding conclusions about Raoul Wallenberg's fate can be drawn.

This general consensus is supported by Vasily S. Khristoforov, Head of the Office of Registration and Archival Funds of Russia's FSB, Lieutenant General, Doctor of Law, member of the Commission for the Rehabilitation of Victims of Political Repression under President of Russian Federation, who said "The point in the history of Raoul Wallenberg has not yet been set." (Translation provided by Google; please see original Russian text <http://www.vremya.ru/2009/6/13/221158.html>.)

I look forward to your response and will gladly provide any additional information you may require.

Respectfully submitted,

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97th 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.

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