

Raoul Wallenberg Honorary Citizen Committee

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May 26, 1995

Your Excellency,

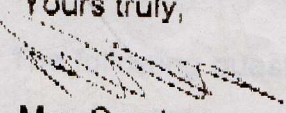
Please find enclosed some information about the search for Mr. Wallenberg.

May I respectfully request, if you are able to find out from your office in Switzerland and the Russian Federation, if they have some new information about the search for Mr. Wallenberg.

I would be pleased to meet with you, to personally inform you about our activities.

Looking forward to hear from you.

Yours truly,


Max Grunberg.

c.c.: Mr. Per Anger, Co-worker of Raoul Wallenberg
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חברת כנסת אסתר סלמוביץ
Member of Knesset
Deputy Speaker
The Knesset

May 25, 1995

חברת כנסת סלמוביץ, שלום,

It was nice meeting you this week and I hope you are feeling better. I would also like to thank you for introducing me to Mr. Amikam Evenchen.

Mr. Evenchen suggested to me the establishing of a special government fund, whereby moneys would be available to cover expenses incurred in the search for Raoul. He also suggested an international letter writing campaign by members of Parliaments of different countries, as well as other VIPs. His last suggestion was to develop a special item for collectors with reference to Raoul's humanitarian deeds (such as a coin, statue, etc.).

Personally, I think that a special government fund is viable, when it is for educational purposes. It is an excellent idea to start a letter writing campaign, but I suggest that such a campaign should be headed by a special committee at Members of the Knesset.

The following questions are now up for consideration:

- 1) Will Israel sponsor a meeting of Ambassadors stationed in Israel regarding his fate?
- 2) Will Israel invite Raoul Wallenberg's co-worker, his half brother and half sister, and members of the Royal Swedish family to this meeting?
- 3) Will Israel appoint a special high level mission to Moscow to discover his fate?

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- 4) Will Prof. Shevach Weiss allow the formation of a special parliamentary committee on Wallenberg, whereby I suggest that you become the Chairperson of such a committee.
- 5) Will the Knesset approve the establishment of a special fund to develop an educational curriculum on Raoul Wallenberg, to encourage students learning about the altruistic personality of Raoul.

As we now are working so closely together, I would like to inform you that over the last year, I have been in contact with the following Israeli dignitaries (Government, Sochnut and Yad Vashem), in alphabetical order:

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| 1. Justice Dr. Moshe Bejski | 11. Shimon Peres |
| 2. Gded Ben Ami | 12. Yitzchak Rabin |
| 3. Gideon Ben Ami | 13. Edna Rubin |
| 4. Mr. Avraham Burg | 14. Avner Shalev |
| 5. Ethan Haber | 15. Mr. Dov Shilansky |
| 6. Shmuel Hollander | 16. Mr. Arie Shomer |
| 7. Ruth Kaplan | 17. Dr. Schmorak |
| 8. Rabbi Israel Lau | 18. Shevach Weiss |
| 9. Eli Ovadia | 19. Ezer Weizman |
| 10. Mordechai Paldiel | |

I just feel it is important that you have this information, although I would like to respectfully ask you to keep this information confidential.

Our committee will decide over the weekend, which questions to ask. And therefore, I will provide you with the final questions on this coming Tuesday.

May I thank you again for your sincere interest in the search for Raoul, but even more it is greatly appreciated that you, in your capacity as Member of the Knesset, are willing to put the search for this humanitarian on the Knesset agenda.

With best wishes,

Max Grunberg.

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May 8, 1995

Subject: URGENT APPEAL FOR RAOUL WALLENBERG

Dear Eli,

Until today, it is believed that Raoul Wallenberg is still alive, unless proven otherwise, which is also the official view of the Swedish government. Being that President Clinton is meeting with President Yeltsin tomorrow in Moscow, we must fulfill our commitment to this great humanitarian and try to use this historic opportunity to discover his fate.

Therefore, as a last minute appeal, we feel that you could be of valuable assistance in requesting to President Clinton and President Yeltsin to mention Raoul's humanitarian rescue action in their messages to the media during this summit.

The latest reports are that the Swedish Prime Minister Carlsson brought the matter up with President Yeltsin. Please find the following quotation in the Prime Minister's recent letter to me, dated April 27th, he wrote

"Just a few days ago, at my meeting with President Yeltsin, I stressed the need to pursue the investigation further, with the hope of finding crucial evidence. We have already, on several occasions received assurances from Russian leaders that they will fully cooperate in these endeavours. I know that leaders of other countries, including the President of the United States and the Federal Chancellor of Germany, have also received such assurances."

To the best of my information, I haven't heard Raoul's name mentioned in ceremonies, held in London over the weekend, which was attended by many Heads of States, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

Your personal attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to circulate this letter to other individuals or organizations you feel could promote this important cause. I will give you a call later on, to see if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

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Memo

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Your Excellency,

Last Friday, it was brought to my attention that your name was not mentioned in the opening of my memo of May 2, although I had sent you a copy of this memo. I understand now that this caused some misunderstandings, for which I sincerely apologize.

I feel that when I make a mistake, the best thing is say so honestly.

May I respectfully ask you if you can oversee this error and I hope that our relationship will not suffer from this incident.

Yours truly,

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From: Max Grunberg
Date: May 8, 1995
Subject: May 1995 Report

This memo reflects the best of my recollections of the following meetings and telephone conversations.

German Embassy

Meeting participants:

- ◆ Minister Counsellor Blomeyer-Bartenstein
- ◆ Max

I met on May 3, Minister Counsellor Blomeyer-Bartenstein for a brief period of time, as he was leaving that afternoon for Germany. He also took special notice of Ambassador Schmorak's assignment and the ways in which Ambassador Berner can be helpful in Germany.

We also discussed, in detail, the upcoming meeting between President Herzog and Per Anger in Bonn and the new momentum this will bring for Raoul.

Hungary Embassy

Meeting participants:

- ◆ Charge d'Affairs, Mrs Klara Akots
- ◆ Max

I spent an hour and a half with the Charge d'Affairs Klara Akots, who showed a genuine interest in the fate of Raoul and also expressed a recognition about Raoul's deeds among the Hungarian people. I expressed my hope that through her assistance, the German authorities could be made aware about the importance of Vice President Gore and President Yeltsin's meeting.

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I.E. Esther Salmovitz, Knesset Member

From: Max Grunberg

Date: June 2, 1995

Subject: Israeli Honorary Citizenship

From my letter to Knesset Member Esther Salmovitz, I would like to explain and clarify proposed question number 2:

"2) Will Israel invite Raoul Wallenberg's co-worker, his half brother and half sister, and members of the Royal Swedish family to this meeting?" (Meeting of Ambassadors)

In the National Holocaust Remembrance Committee (CJC Memorandum) letter, dated May, 23, 1985, it states:

"Furthermore, Navon signed a proclamation granting the posthumous honor and awarding Honorary Citizenship to non-Jews who helped Jews flee and hide from German Persecution."

Additionally, in the letter from the Yad Vashem, dated August 9, 1985, it states:

"The Israeli Knesset declared all Gentiles Righteous as Honorary Citizens, provided that somebody initiate the request."

From the above quotes, as well as the enclosed correspondence, I understand that the Israeli Government does not distinguish between those good individuals who saved Jews. This sentiment was also expressed in the Yad Vashem's letter of December 1, 1991:

"With all sincere appreciation of the remarkable deeds of Raoul Wallenberg, which incidentally we acknowledged by bestowing upon him the honor of "Righteous among Nations", as well as awarding him Honorary Citizenship of Israel, there is no room to single him out among all the many others who risked their lives to save Jews."

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I requested Honorary Israeli Citizenship for Raoul Wallenberg and Per Anger, as a reaffirmation of our gratitude, as Jews, for their great humanitarian rescue acts during World War II. I believe very strongly that the Jewish people and the State of Israel have a moral responsibility to search and uncover the true fate of Raoul. Regretfully, the Honorary Citizenship for Mr. Anger has yet to become a reality.

In both cases, I initiated this request (letter from the Canadian Jewish Congress, December 2, 1985, for Raoul, and the letter of the Raoul Wallenberg Honorary Citizen Committee, dated June, 23, 1994). The reason why I asked now that Per should receive the same honor, is that I felt this is one of our last opportunity to show gratitude to Per for his involvement with the rescue of Jews.

Therefore, with the help of Knesset Member Salmovitz, one of the proposed questions, as I stated earlier in this letter, will be to invite those closest to Raoul, as well as the Royal Family (the King of Sweden approved Raoul's mission), to Israel and a Knesset meeting, to show our gratitude for this great humanitarian rescue action. I believe that if such a visit became a reality, it would create a world-wide momentum for the search for Raoul. Therefore, it is hoped that this issue will become a priority on the Knesset's agenda in the coming months, and motivate other countries to become more involved.

I trust that this has clarified the reasons behind proposed question number 2.

Yours truly,


Max Grunberg

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