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Dear Mr. Matas,

I am finally responding to your letter of March 5, 2005

Let me first of all apologize for my long silence. In the meantime I have consulted both our legal experts at the Ministry in Stockholm and our Embassy in Moscow. As I mentioned in my letter of January 27, 2005 we are also looking into the question of a broader Swedish-Russian cooperation related to archival documents in Swedish and Russian archives.

On the basis of these considerations we have come to the conclusion that we should not, at least at this stage, enter into a formal cooperation of the kind that you have proposed with regard to the Russian-Canadian Memorandum of Understanding. Of course, we highly appreciate whatever is being done in other countries, including Canada, to throw light on the fate of Raoul Wallenberg and we are willing to stay in contact and, if necessary, to consider more informal ideas of cooperation. There are still several important questions to be answered with regard to Wallenberg's arrest and his whereabouts after that. Let me assure you that we are doing whatever we can to find answers to these questions. For your information, we are also supporting independent research into the situation in Hungary in 1944, in the hope to get a clearer picture of the concrete work done by Wallenberg in Budapest after his arrival there in July.

Sincerely yours,

Harald Hamrin