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The Swedish People

Friends of Raoul Wallenberg

Your Excellencies, and friends of Raoul Wallenberg,

Through the assistance of H.E. Robert Rydberg, I was able to have a meeting with H.E. Stefan Amer, political advisor to Minister Freivalds, during his visit to Israel.

I am grateful to H.E. Amer for his sincere interest in the case, and I presented Mr. Amer with a response to Ambassador Hamrin's letter, 13-10-2005. So far, except for the response of Ambassador Hamrin's letter, I have not received a reply to my July 18th letter to you.

In its report "A Failure of Diplomacy" (4 March 2003), an independent commission concludes:

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"The responsibility for establishing the *entire* truth about Wallenberg rested until 1991 with the Soviet leadership and rests today with the leadership of Russia".

On January 18th 2005, Minister Laila Freivalds says in a statement:

"Sweden continues its efforts, therefore to bring clarity to the Raoul Wallenberg case. This is being done through contacts with the Russian authorities at the highest political level when necessary and through Russian archives. The Government also supports independent research into the case of Raoul Wallenberg in Sweden and abroad. Thus it is important to emphasize that the case of Raoul Wallenberg is not closed. It remains on the Swedish-Russian agenda and continues to be part of the daily work at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs".

The Russian government has an opposite policy to the before mentioned points, as indicated in a letter to me by Victor Smirnov, Minister Counsellor of the Russian Embassy in Tel Aviv, February 6, 2003:

"At this stage the issue of clarifying the fate of Raul Wallenberg has been removed from the agenda of the Russian-Swedish relations. Work on this issue has been completed at the official level and has become a matter of historical research. The Russian side continues to assist Sweden in replying to specific requests for additional information about the fate of Raul Wallenberg proceeding from the fact that further work on this issue is to be conducted by historians".

Although Ambassador Hamrin has protested against this, the Russian government has not altered its policy.

The time has come for the Swedish government's policy to change. Sweden has to take the primary obligation for actions on Raoul Wallenberg's behalf and report its actions directly to Wallenberg's family, according to the policy accepted at the International Conference of "The Missing" in which Sweden participated, that the family of a missing person has the right to know his or her fate.

Prime Minister Persson - on January 12, 2001, you said in your statement to the world at large:

"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 will be continued". May I therefore ask you for a response to the following questions:

1. Since 2001, after your promises, what new facts have surfaced, what actions have been taken and what are the results of the research on anything that concerns Raoul Wallenberg's fate after his abduction in 1945?

2. Since 2001, what specific efforts has Sweden undertaken to gain access to special Russian archive collections, especially those which are known to hold information about Raoul Wallenberg or individuals connected to the case and which so far have remained inaccessible to researchers?

3. Since 2001, what specific questions has the Swedish government posed to the Russian government and which answers have you received? In particular, what answers, if any, has the Swedish side received to the seventeen outstanding questions in the Raoul Wallenberg case which are listed at the end of the official Swedish Working Group Report?

4. In 2001, the independent consultants to the Swedish-Russian Working Group - Susan Ellen Mesinai, Dr. Marvin Makinen, Ari Kaplan and Susanne Berger - issued separate reports on their respective research findings. These reports raised very specific questions which until today have remained unanswered. What have you done to obtain meaningful answers from the Russian side to the questions posed by the independent consultants?

5. I have received confirmation that my letter of July 18th has been received by the Prime Minister's office. When may I expect a response?

Although some work has been done by the Swedish government after 2001, in order to fulfill its promise of doing everything it can to determine what really happened to Raoul Wallenberg, ALL AVENUES have to be explored, including international diplomatic efforts on an Head of State level.

Prime Minister Persson - May I respectfully solicit your personal involvement in trying to arrange a meeting between yourself, the nearest family members of Raoul Wallenberg and President Putin. Such a meeting is intended to promote detailed discussion of how to seek more effective Russian cooperation and compliance to Swedish demands, since both have fallen far short of even the most reasonable expectations and obligations. I am aware of your personal intervention with President Putin in the year 2001 in order to advance research in Russian archives. This gesture was an important step in ensuring that an active investigation can continue in Russia and your action was greatly appreciated by the members of Raoul Wallenberg's family.

Respectfully submitted,

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