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Mr. Carl Bildt  
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re: Urgent appeal to raise new questions with Russian authorities in the Raoul Wallenberg investigation

Dear Mr. Bildt,

According to newly published administrative records of the former Soviet Ministry of State Security (MGB) in Moscow, four Swedish nationals were held under official MGB investigation in 1948\*. Three of them faced charges of espionage.

It would be of greatest importance to determine whom exactly MGB officials included in this specific statistic at that time. The information has great significance since it offers an opportunity to pursue a number of very specific questions with Russian authorities that have been given in 2001 by the independent consultants to the Working Group on the Fate of Raoul Wallenberg and have not been answered.

Establishing the full identities and case histories of these four Swedish nationals, would allow tracking of their movements in Soviet captivity. This, in turn, would aid tremendously in the evaluation of witness testimonies and in determining, if a respective testimony refers to Raoul Wallenberg or another Swede.

This approach would also provide a means of taking up the long postponed follow-up of the research results presented by the independent experts in their formal reports to the Swedish-Russian Working Group on the Fate of Raoul Wallenberg in 2001. This includes the important question whether any Swedish prisoners were secretly held in Vladimir prison (during the years 1947-1980) and if any of them were sent there as numbered prisoners.

Russian authorities should be urgently requested to provide the following:

1. The identity, personal data, and case history, including all places of detention, of the four Swedish nationals under MGB investigation in 1948.
2. A list of all Swedish nationals in Soviet captivity for the time 1936 -1980; also, to provide a list of all Swiss nationals in Soviet captivity for the same period.

3. Provide access to their personal and investigative files upon request

\*Mozokhin, O. B., *Pravo na repressii. Vnesudebnye polnomochiya organov gosudarstvennoi bezopasnosti (1919-1953)* [The Right of Repressions. Extra-judicial Power of the State Security Organs, 1918-1953] (Moscow: Kuchkovo pole, 2006); courtesy of Dr. Vadim Birstein

We further urge you to intercede personally with the appropriate Swedish government and intelligence agencies to request the immediate release of all available information on Swedish citizens and other Scandinavians who were arrested or went missing in the Soviet Union or its former satellites from 1936 - 1980.

Sincerely Yours,

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