

# ***Raoul Wallenberg Honorary Citizen Committee***

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Your Excellencies,

The Reference Group for Support to Independent Research on Raoul Wallenberg, established by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Sweden in April 2002 in order to advise the Ministry on research grants, has established the following guidelines for evaluating applications in terms of relevance of subjects proposed for research:

*“The main purpose of research studies should be to produce conclusive evidence regarding Raoul Wallenberg's ultimate fate and, if he is still alive, enable him to return to Sweden.”*

In light of the recent developments re: prisoner NR 7 (see enclosed letter Raoul Wallenberg, prisoner nr.7), it is of critical importance that we act immediately to conclusively resolve Raoul Wallenberg's fate. Our work must commence without delay, as somewhere in the world there may still be individuals (witnesses) with factual information on the whereabouts of Raoul and/or to whom information detailed in the Russian archives might point. 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. Although such a person is most likely too old today in order to follow the media, nevertheless we know from experience that elderly people, before they die, very often like to reveal a secret – most likely they will tell this secret to a child, grandchild, or a (younger) friend. It is likely that this child, grandchild or a (younger) friend follows the media.

In order to find such witnesses, your Ministry of Foreign Affairs, together with the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, previously approved the text of the attached Missing in Action Appeal, which was circulated in the past by some Swedish and Israeli embassies.

Upon reevaluating the current situation in light of the recent developments regarding prisoner NR 7, indeed it could be agreed that there is still a small chance that Raoul is still alive. Could I, therefore, respectfully ask you to request that Interpol issue a Yellow Notice for Raoul in order to enhance the search?

I would also like to kindly ask you when I can please expect an answer to my letter directed at Prime Minister Reinfeld, dated 28 October 2009, which was sent to you via the Swedish Embassy in Tel Aviv.

Please find enclosed a grant proposal. Please note these costs can be reduced if the Swedish Government uses partly its own resources to produce this campaign.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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## **RE: Proposal for Grant Request for Search of Raoul Wallenberg**

### **Background:**

Interpol circulates its Yellow Notices only via its own network. In practical terms, this would mean that a Yellow Notice is put up in police stations and Interpol could consider issuing a Press Release. The purpose of this Grant Request is to start a media campaign that would also include Raoul's Interpol Yellow Notice and the Missing in Action Appeal, in order to find witnesses. This might truly be our last chance to find Raoul alive and to find these witnesses. Potential leads as result of this media campaign will be forwarded to Raoul's family and the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

### **Goals:**

- Creating a short video/movie appeal that will include a personal appeal by a family member of Raoul Wallenberg
- The appeal will be directed at individuals who may possess factual information about the whereabouts of Raoul Wallenberg and/or to whom information detailed in the Russian archives might point.
- We hope to circulate this video/movie appeal worldwide, together with a link to the Swedish Government website and Interpol website, and create a way (e.g., website) for people to respond to the appeal online and by phone.

### **Support:**

It is my belief that the Swedish section of Interpol would consider issuing a Yellow Notice, if the Swedish government was to request this of Interpol. (see enclosed letter).

The previous Prime Minister, H.E. Persson supports our activities. (see enclosed letter).

### **Timeframe:**

3 months – This would be the time needed to created the video/movie and circulate it worldwide. After this, it would be necessary to periodically maintain momentum.

**Budget:** Please note these costs can be reduced if the Swedish Government uses partly its own resources to produce this campaign.

- 5,000 - creation of video/movie
- 4,000 -travel expenses for family member of Raoul Wallenberg to come to Israel to be main character in video
- 3,000 - building website, including electronic response form
- 5,000 - costs of translation of video/website content into different languages such as Swedish, Russian, German, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Hebrew
- 5,000 - 24 hour telephone answering service to handle incoming inquiries
- 30,000 - advertising, public relations and marketing costs for circulation via Internet, TV, radio and other media outlets
- 12,000 - manpower services for three months
- 5,000 - manpower services for maintaining support after five months have passed

**The total grant request is EURO 69.000.**