

Raoul Wallenberg Honorary Citizen Committee

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Your Excellencies,

I am aware that the Swedish government has a long history of investigating Raoul Wallenberg's fate, as is evident from the information available on the Swedish Governmental website

In addition to this information, I would like to please respectfully request that the Swedish Government take a formal position that considers the fate of Raoul Wallenberg open until full evidence has been presented of what happened to him after July 1947. The fate of Raoul Wallenberg should be considered to be unresolved until at least August 4, 2012, when he would be 100 years old. Also, I like to reiterate that Raoul Wallenberg has not been formally declared dead and therefore the possibility must be taken into account that he could still be alive. Thus, all means available should be used to clarify his fate, including a financial reward for information.

Could I also please request that you intercede personally with the appropriate Swedish government and intelligence agencies, international intelligence agencies, and Interpol to request

the immediate release of all available information regarding the Wallenberg case? From the enclosed Interpol reply, it is understood that Interpol would issue a "Yellow Notice", if so requested by the Swedish Government. (Please see enclosed letter from Interpol.)

What is of immediate importance is the fact that somewhere around the globe there may still be individuals (witnesses) with factual information on the whereabouts of Raoul. 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.

The Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs previously approved the text of the enclosed "Missing in Action" appeal, and it was sent to some Swedish embassies around the world.

Therefore, I would like to further respectfully ask that your government please send out this "Missing in Action" appeal through its entire network of embassies, with a request that each Ambassador hold a briefing with representatives of the local media, human rights groups, Holocaust groups, and governments to stress the importance of the fact that Raoul Wallenberg's fate is still unknown and that perhaps through the help of these individuals (witnesses) the case may be resolved.

The fact that Sweden does not as of today has an active policy that Raoul Wallenberg could still be alive and that all means available should be used to clarify his fate violates the object and purpose of the Convention on Disappearances.

The following legal information is provided by Mr. David Matas, a Wallenberg expert and International Human Rights lawyer:

The United Nations Declaration on the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance adopted by General Assembly resolution 47/133 of 18 December 1992 provides in article 13 (6): "An investigation, in accordance with the procedures described above, should be able to be conducted for as long as the fate of the victim of enforced disappearance remains unclarified."

The International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance 23 September 2005 provides in article 24 (6): "Without prejudice to the obligation to continue the investigation until the fate of the disappeared person has been clarified, each State Party shall take the appropriate steps with regard to the legal situation of the disappeared persons whose fate has not been clarified and that of their relatives, in fields such as social welfare, financial matters, family law and property rights."

The fate of Raoul Wallenberg remains unresolved since his disappearance 61 years ago on 17 January 1947. That means that there is still a duty on Sweden to continue an investigation of his fate by engaging all diplomatic means, modern search methods, and technological means available. In particular, I therefore request from the Swedish government to ask Interpol to follow through on a formal posting of a "Yellow Notice".

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

Respectfully submitted,

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