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REACTIONS TO RFE FROM HUNGARY DURING THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION  
23 October - 8 November 1956

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Radio undoubtedly played an important role in the Hungarian revolution. Its role was not confined to serving as the principle information and propaganda medium from the West. For the rebels, it was a most important means by which they could direct their military forces, communicate with each other and the outside world, and press their political demands.

This is the first of a series of comprehensive reports about RFE's role in this situation. What will be determined is not only the overall contribution RFE made to the Hungarian revolution, but the areas of activity in which RFE was most effective and where it failed. This entire inquiry will serve as a case study of political warfare in a revolutionary situation. It will also yield important insights into Hungarian attitudes which must be considered in assessing and defining the future role of the "Voice of Free Hungary".

## II. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The following initial discussion of RFE's role during the Hungarian revolution must necessarily be divided into two periods: (1) From 23 October through until 3 November; (2) the beginning on 4 November with the concentrated Soviet onslaught on Hungary, and the end which is not yet in sight.

### First Period

It would appear from the available material that RFE played a considerable role during this period. It is true that such scarce comment as exists on both RFE as such and RFE's information service varies from strong criticism to high praise. However, it seems a fact that RFE continued to be listened to and appreciated as a source of information throughout the uprising. Insufficient criticism is available to analyze its full significance at this stage.

Above all, however, RFE was consistently relied on by the insurgents as their own relay station in the widest sense of the term. It was asked to transmit messages from the Revolutionary National Councils, to establish contact between various revolutionary authorities in the country, to broadcast demands of the revolutionary movement, to be a spokesman of the revolution in the free world. No more telling proof could be supplied that, whatever their criticism, the revolutionaries considered RFE as their own station, as part and parcel of their own freedom movement.

During all this period, however, RFE was by no means either their only link with the outside world or the only factor to be relied upon. Hungary was winning her fight for freedom, her frontier with the free world was thrown open, journalists, relief teams, and Red Cross representatives were freely



coming into the country. All this was to change rapidly on November 4, the day of the Soviet all-out attack.

#### Second Period

From this day Hungary again became hermetically sealed off against the outside world. RFE's importance in this last desperate Hungarian bid for freedom has surpassed any role it may have played before. In fact, RFE remained the primary (sometimes only) existing link between fighting Hungary and the outside world. RFE often seemed the last ally to some of the participants. As from 4 November the attention of the freedom fighters became focused and concentrated on RFE as never before.

From 4 November through 8 November, 59 radio appeals from the free Hungarian stations were heard in the West. Of these, 31 were either directly addressed to, or mentioned, RFE. In view of the fact that practically all the messages came through garbled, it is possible that more of the remaining appeals were also directed to RFE.

The breakdown on a daily basis is as follows:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>RFE</u>
4 Nov.	21	9
5 Nov.	7	5
6 Nov.	13	8
7 Nov.	14	8
8 Nov.	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
	59	31

To this must be added a last telephone call from Budapest, asking RFE to continue its information service, and a personal contact between insurgents and RFE representatives asking RFE to broadcast warnings to AVH men.

The rebel stations during this period were making consistent efforts to establish and maintain contact with RFE. They passed on to RFE information about the situation in Hungary and addressed to it urgent appeals for help. Probably because of the accusations levelled against the insurgents, they time and again presented the true nature of the Hungarian revolution and its demands.

The urgent demands addressed to RFE by the freedom stations may be summarized as follows:

1. To continue its information service.
2. To relay news from Hungary to the world.
3. To help establish contact between various insurgent stations.
4. To warn returning AVH men.
5. To broadcast Hungarian messages in Russian to Soviet soldiers.
6. To broadcast appeals to the Hungarian people.



7. To convey Hungarian appeals for help to the United Nations, to the International Red Cross, to President Eisenhower, to Anna Kethly, and to the world in general.

It must also be assumed that Western radio stations have been heard by the revolutionaries. Thus for instance, they knew about the projected UN police force for Egypt which they invoked as a precedent. They also knew about Eisenhower's re-election. They must probably have heard about Anna Kethly's arrival in New York.

During this same period, unconfirmed reports became available about growing resentment of Hungarian refugees at RFE's having "incited them to battle" and then having let them down.

However, many refugee participants in the Hungarian revolution have been upset by some of the accusations that have been made by some parties in the West since the second crushing Soviet troop intervention. Statements by two refugees are included in the documentation herein. (Items 95 and 96). They are emphatic in their belief that RFE was not a cause of the revolt, but that people who had suffered as brutally as many Hungarians had recourse to no other form of action.

RFE's direct help to the insurgents should be mentioned. Every Hungarian request for broadcasting or forwarding messages has been complied with, then acknowledged to the Hungarian audience. In particular, appeals emanating from the freedom senders have been immediately forwarded to New York for transmission to the UN delegations.

The "iron lung" episode during the first period of the revolution, deserves mention. Item 15 describes how RFE acted on a desperate appeal from Debrecin, Hungary, to locate an iron lung in Switzerland and arranged for its being sent to Hungary.

At this early point, we have not tried to analyze these documents beyond the summary already presented. It is too early to do so. Nevertheless, these documents constitute a significant "White Paper" on reactions to RFE by those who were involved in the Hungarian revolution.



### III. WORKING INDEX

This is a working index to the many following items which deal with one aspect or another of RFE and the Hungarian Revolution between 23 October and 8 November. This will enable the reader to utilize this documentary material in every possible way.

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#### IV. DOCUMENTATION

##### Item 1

###### Kossuth Radio, Budapest, 26 October.

Following RFE's critical comment on a statement made by Archbishop Grösz on 24 October, the Kossuth radio repeated this statement and quoted the Archbishop as saying that "several Western radio stations" had distorted the statement or commented on it in a wrong way.

##### Item 1 a

###### Vienna, 27 October.

A reporter of the Vienna radio, just returning from Hungary (Deutsch-Altenburg) reported great animosity of the Hungarians towards RFE. Apparently an RFE reporter present at the time had to withdraw to avoid difficulties. However, none of RFE representatives at the border mentioned any such feeling or incident. - Further report: A Hungarian rebel soldier said there was no good feeling towards RFE because their news broadcasts were untrue and they had the feeling that RFE consisted only of well paid employees who do not really take a sincere interest. Asked by someone to discuss the matter with the RFE reporter present, the soldier refused to say more. Correspondents question the accuracy and good faith of these reports.

##### Item 2

###### Vienna, undated.

Leslie Bain, who left Budapest on Sunday, October 28, reports that Hungarians apparently were resentful of RFE, stated categorically it was often completely wrong, and that they refused to listen to it any more. Bain could give no specific details as to inaccuracies.

##### Item 3

###### Free Györ Radio, 28 October.

Attila Szigeti criticized foreign radio stations who wanted to discredit Imre Nagy.

##### Item 4

###### Györ, October 29.

In a conversation with American travellers, Hungarian actors from Budapest stressed the importance of Western broadcasts. They said that jamming increased markedly beginning with Wednesday night, 24 October. Some said that Western broadcasts in Hungarian could be heard only in snatches. Generally, they said, the primitive people listened to RFE in Hungarian, but the more intelligent people preferred VOA Hungarian, especially VOA in Europe. Quite a few of them knew the name of Laszlo Boros.





Item 5

Miskolc Radio, 29 October.

Acknowledges RFE's message concerning its efforts to provide an iron lung for the Debrecen hospital, to which the message has been forwarded.

Item 6

Hegyeshalom-Nickelsdorf, 29 October.

Hungarian freedom fighters report that the Russians are shooting with dum-dum bullets which cause gaping wounds. That is why there is the great cry for blood plasma to save those wounded. They report and hope that RFE will send this message to the whole country that a special blood bank has been set up in Győr.

Item 7

Fürstenfeld on the Hungarian border, 30 October.

A three men's delegation came from Budapest with the specific mission to contact the Red Cross, Radio Free Europe and the Austrian Military.

Item 8

Free Radio Győr, 30 October.

Quotes an article from the university youth paper "Egyetemi Ifjúság", saying: "... it was a mistake when RFE broadcast the news that it was Imre Nagy who had called in the Soviet troops".

Item 9

Vienna, 30 October.

According to second-hand information, a Hungarian working class woman expressed disappointment at RFE repeating news reports from radio Budapest which everyone said were lies.

Item 10

Fürstenfeld, 30 October.

A three men delegation from Szentgotthard claimed that they were misinformed by RFE as to what was going on in Radio Budapest, Radio Free Europe is losing to a degree prestige in Hungary because of misinformation being broadcast.

Item 11

Vienna, 30 October.

A group of seven young Hungarians reported in Vienna to the RFE office saying that they wanted to see what conditions were here and then report back over the Western station.



Item 12

Vienna, 30 October.

Radio Free Europe received a special appeal tonight from Budapest to broadcast to the resistance fighters in Hungary the call to unity in presenting demands to the Nagy Government. At 2300 hrs a member of the Szena place resistance group appeared in the Vienna office RFE and asked that a four-point program of demands be broadcast to the people of Hungary, in order to unify the many freedom groups presently out of contact with each other because of communication difficulties.

The resistance fighter said that a meeting would take place tomorrow morning in Budapest at 1000 at which the following four points will be read to the population:

1. Immediate withdrawal of Russian troops from Budapest and subsequent withdrawal of all Russians from Hungary within 14 days.
2. General free elections with the participation of several political parties, to take place within 60 days.
3. A completely neutral Hungary.
4. Immediate release of Cardinal Mindszenty.

After the Szena place resistance man had asked RFE to help in sending this news, he returned to Budapest.

Item 13

Szentgotthard, Hungary, 31 October.

Representative of Lenti, Komitat of Zala, contacted a representative from RFE with urgent messages this morning. Speaking for 37,000 people of his region he asked Colonel Bell of Radio Free Europe to broadcast immediately the following message: "The National Committee of Lenti appeals to the soldiers and to Lieut.-Col. Racs to come to the side of the people. They should disarm the AVH in Lenti and intern all those members who refuse to indicate loyalty to the Lenti National Committee. The military should also take over the operation of the radio and teletype installations now in possession of the AVH and put it at the disposal of the people". The representative also declared: "Lenti does not have a radio station, and we need Radio Free Europe to tell Zala to be firm and come over to the side of the people."

Item 14

Szentgotthard, Hungary, 31 October.

A tape recording for RFE was made this afternoon with members of the Szentgotthard National Committee. Its spokesman asked RFE to broadcast the decisions of the National Committee of the city and district of Szentgotthard to all other national committees and the entire population of Hungary. The spokesman also declared: "For years we have listened to RFE in this room, and we never believed that we would see the day when RFE representatives would actually be here, and we would be making a broadcast for RFE."



Munich, October 31 (RFE).

A desperate radio appeal from the Hungarian insurgents for an iron lung was answered by Radio Free Europe today when a giant USAF C-110 "Flying Boxcar" left Zurich for Vienna loaded with several tons of medical supplies - and a priceless iron lung. The Air Force transport was due to arrive at 1500 today in Vienna, where the iron lung will be delivered to the Hungarian Red Cross.

"The mercy flight was made possible only by international cooperation, hard work and determination on the part of many people representing several organizations," Richard J. Condon, RFE's European Director, said.

The rush of events which climaxed when the C-119 took off from Zurich this morning started at 1200 hours on Monday, 29 October, when RFE monitored a dramatic call for help from Radio Miskolc, an insurgent station.

"Attention ! Attention ! Attention !" the Hungarian distress call began. "This is Radio Miskolc with an appeal from Debrecen hospital. We ask you in the interest of saving the lives of those glorious Hungarians, private citizens and soldiers who were wounded in the fight for freedom, to immediately send to our hospital a complete iron lung because the one here has been damaged. We await your help in the interest of saving the lives of our brave citizens !"

The urgent appeal was repeated three times.

At 1400 hours Radio Free Europe, after launching an extensive search for available iron lungs, sent a reply back across the Iron Curtain:

"Attention ! Attention ! We heard the message concerning the iron lung. We are doing everything possible to rush the iron lung to Debrecen. One reason for delay is that there are no iron lungs available in Munich. Listen to our broadcast and we will inform you immediately if we can ship the iron lung from here."

At 1440 hours Radio Miskolc said to its listeners:

"We are informing you of news from RFE in Munich. They have heard our broadcasts, in which we requested an iron lung. They have reported that they are doing everything possible to get our iron lung from West Germany."

But at the end of an intense, all-day search throughout West Germany, RFE had run into a stone wall. There were no iron lungs available in the country.

The stone wall cracked when an RFE telephone call to Zurich resulted in an emergency broadcast of the iron lung appeal over Radio Basel. Within ten minutes after the Swiss station's broadcast, RFE was called by Dr. Urs Schwarz, Foreign Affairs Editor of the Neue Zürcher Zeitung. Dr. Schwarz had heard Radio Basel's plea, had already arranged for the loan to RFE of an iron lung from Zurich's Kinderspital. He also had arranged personally for the lung to be transported to Vienna by a Swissair DC-6.

Then Roadblock Number Two developed: the iron lung was too big to be loaded on the DC-6 or any other commercial aircraft available. And time was wearing on.

RFE turned for help to the U.S. Army Air Force. At Neubiberg Air Base, near Munich, the Air Force had a C-119 "Flying Boxcar", big enough to carry the iron lung and many other medical supplies as well. Could it be used for the iron lung air lift ?





At 1000 hours on Tuesday, Condon wired that question to USAF headquarters at Wiesbaden. The answer was quick and terse: "Go ahead!" Within hours the "Box Car" was winging toward Zurich and this morning's pick-up of the iron lung.

When it touches down at Vienna this afternoon, "Operation Iron Lung Transport" - a footnote in the annals of man's humanity to man -- will be on the record.

Item 16

Szentgotthard, 1 November.

A spokesman of the Szentgotthard National Committee asked RFE to denounce a particularly dangerous and vicious woman Communist who had denounced countless Hungarians to the AVH.

Item 17

Györ, 1 November.

Reported conversation with a Hungarian doctor; giving the following advice to RFE at this time: "RFE should support to the full Hungary's point of view of full and unfettered neutrality. RFE should do nothing to stir up the people in any directions. There has been and is confusion enough without making things still more chaotic by suggesting other plans for problems or turns of action. RFE should under no circumstances plug for a continuing fight against the Russian army. Let the Hungarians handle the Russians. They think they can make them leave without further bloodshed. They won't work or put down their arms until the Soviets have left the country. RFE can be useful in broadcasting Western reaction and opinion of the Hungarian situation. In short, bring news of the world situation as effected by the Hungarian uprising, but do not try to interfere or dictate". Another source, also a doctor said, RFE should make it clear in coming broadcasts just what its political point of view is. He was not sure that RFE did not represent the old Horthy regime or some other Fascist element. On the positive side he said RFE had been the very best of all Western radio stations since the uprising begun. Most people we talked to felt that none of the Western stations needed to continue business after free elections.

Item 18

Radio Free Petöfi Györ, 1 November.

As I switch on my radio, I hear voices from all over the world and then suddenly a well-known sound "This is Radio Free Europe, the Voice of Free Hungary." I listen to a meeting of the Munich University students. Professor Count Stauffenberg is speaking. It is the same Stauffenberg whose brother was a victim of the unsuccessful attempt on Hitler's life. I listen to him gladly since what he says is what I myself would say. It is the voice of a young and ardent heart which is now the heart of German youth. Now he is speaking about us, about our heroic youth. Hungary would have made history even if her fight had not been successful. And that it was successful could only happen because this history was written by the entire nation.

It is a pity that we are divided many hundred miles. I cannot shake the hand of Stauffenberg and thank the thousand German university students who showed their sympathy for us by throwing their caps in the air.

And how pleasant all this would have been if there had not been a dissonant tone. It was the enthusiasm of a compatriot living in the West who would like to have all the credit for our revolution go to the Hungarians living abroad. Well, let them have their joy, they too are Hungarians! But they should not consider this sacred cause of ours as a fat morsel. There are many among them who have betrayed our country in no better way than did Rakosi. But Stauffenberg and all those for whom the liberty of a people is no cheap market ware, these we greet heartily.

Item 19

Sopron, 2 November.

A young student said that since the outbreak of the revolution RFE has been a great help, as it has offered good advice. RFE's response to a government appeal that janitors not allow armed men to enter their buildings was especially to the point, - that the Russians will go, the Communists will go but the Hungarians will remain.

Item 20

Sopron, 2 November.

A Sopron student, asked how students managed to know so much and to have such a wealth of idea in spite of the ban on foreign periodicals, replied that they listened to foreign broadcasts, and especially mentioned RFE and without prompting. He said RFE, which is located in Munich, has a Hungarian broadcasting station and this station has been a great help and very popular. It has something for everybody. BBC was favored by the intellectuals up to the time of the revolution. RFE was favored by more simple people. The young man himself did not like RFE very much before the revolution. He thought that its broadcasts tended to make the situation worse by being too frank, - too brutal, as he put it. But since the revolution RFE has been a great help.

Item 21

Veszprem, 2 November.

The revolutionaries in Veszprem claimed that the message of solidarity issued by the US dockworkers in a recent Western transmission impressed them greatly.

Item 22

Vienna, 2 November.

The RFE reporter has been warmly received by Hungarian wounded in a Vienna hospital. One of them said: "RFE helped a lot while refuting the lies of Radio Budapest, especially when radio Budapest transmitted the mendacious information that the revolutionary fighters put down arms." Others were surprised about the well informedness of RFE. "How is it possible that RFE announced in the evening the happenings of the afternoon?"

Item 22a

Munich, 2 November

A traveller returning from Budapest visited Col. Bell to inform him that he has been frequently mentioned in Budapest.

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Item 23

Veszprem, 2 November.

A young member of the Revolutionary Committee in Veszprem asked RFE to present the Veszprem demands to the Government in Budapest. "RFE Voice is strong - he said - Our prime appeal is to have RFE help us to get rid of the Russians."

Item 24

Free Radio of the National Council of Dunapentele, 2 November, 1400 hrs.

The National Council of Dunapentele addressed the following appeal to all Free Hungarian Radio Stations: "The propaganda material for the Soviet radios and Soviet soldiers tell of fascist atrocities in Hungary. We suggest that every free Hungarian radio station in its regular broadcasts in Russian and Hungarian counteract these rumors and repudiate the news that in Hungary every former Communist party member and functionary is being executed...."

Item 25

Sopron, 3 November.

Radio broadcasts from the West are still the favorite source of news of the Sopron students. One of the young men said he and his friends sat up last night to hear a direct transmission of the UN Security Council which dealt with the Hungarian question. They were very appreciative of the Cuban delgate proposal that the UN demand a withdrawal of Russian troops from Hungary. They placed great hopes in the reported intention of the UN to send an inspection team by plane to Budapest to inspect the Hungarian situation at first hand.

Item 26

Györ, 3 November.

Attila Szigeti, president of the Györ National Council asked Western journalists and RFE particularly to broadcast to the world that the Hungarians are doing everything in their power to assure the safety of the Russian citizens in Hungary.

Item 27

Sopron, 3 November.

RFE reporters in Sopron were asked to deliver a letter from the Sopron University students to the Austrian Students' Union. A request was also made that a Hungarian translation of the text or at least of part of it, should be embodied in RFE program as soon as possible. and also that a confirmation be given in RFE program that the letter has been safely delivered to the Austrian students.

Item 28

New York Times, November 3.

John Maccormack, under a Budapest November 3 dateline, reported

in the New York Times of November 3 an interview with Gen. Bela Kiraly, a hero of the Budapest uprising.

The report said:

Gen. Kiraly declared that there would be no white terror in Hungary such as Hungarian Communists have said they fear. In this connection he deprecated recent broadcasts by Radio Free Europe and the Voice of America. He said they had been inciting Hungarians to further revolt and to strike, whereas what the revolution now needed was to have the workers return to their jobs."

Item 29

Dunapentele, 4 November, 0030 hours.

This is the Free Radio of Dunapentele National Committee on 36 short wave meter band.

The treacherous occupational forces attacked Budapest and several other cities in the country ! The battle is on in PECS, Szekesfehervar, Dunpoldvar, and Veszprem. Hungarian Honveds, as one man are fighting against the intruders and will keep on fighting for the sacred cause of Hungarian Revolution up to their last drop of blood ! The situation of our nation is tragic but not hopeless. Our anti-aircraft artillery has been put into action in every line. The fight is going on everywhere against the intruders ! Hungarians, do not permit that the Russian troops should carry out massacre in our precious country ! Take your arms and unitedly stand up for the sacred cause of the defence of the country ! The fight is still on but we must win for this is demanded by every single, honest Hungarian patriot ! The garrison troops of Dunapentele will hold out up to the last man ! Death to the Soviet occupiers ! (A patriotic poem followed)

The Revolutionary Military Council of Dunapentele appeals to all workers in Dunapentele that those who are ready to take over observation posts should immediately report to the former Council House in Dunapentele.

Others who understand the handling of ammunition should come to Bela Bartok Culture House without delay !

Doctors, nurses, and first-aid personnel, furthermore all other hospital workers should immediately report to their work places in the hospital !

Soldiers and civilians who understand the handling of guns should immediately come to Bela Bartok Cultural House !

It is the order of the Rev.Mil. Council that unnecessary grouping of people must immediately be dispersed. Those under 18 and above 61 should return immediately to their homes.

ATTENTION ! ATTENTION !

This is a call to mechanics. Mechanics who know how to handle 120-250 cubic centimeter machines should immediately come to the 51 work shop of the Mixed Industrial Enterprise, for they must carry out repair work for the National Committee and for the Rev. Mil. Council. Spare parts are available.



Item 30

Radio Rakoczi, 4 November, 0906 hrs.

Radio Rakoczi announces temporary interruption of its broadcasts for technical reasons. It will be on the air again soon with further information.

Item 31

An Unknown Ham Operator, November 4.

A German ham operator succeeded in detecting this broadcast on Sunday, November 4.

The Free Hungarian Radio calls on all member-States of the UNO to call a special general meeting together and to order the Soviet troops to discontinue their aggressive activities in Hungary... Every minute means hours. We request urgent help.

Attention I repeat:

Those foreign radio stations, in particular Radio Free Europe, which hear the broadcast of the Free Hungarian Radio should forward it to UNO...

On behalf of the Hungarian nation and of the Hungarians who fight for freedom the Free Hungarian Radio... that the General Assembly of UNO should immediately be called together and that the Soviet troops should be ordered to cease fire.

Every minute means hours, we request immediate action !  
(A repeat of the above plea).

Item 32

Minich, 4 November.

At 12.15 CET RFE was called by an Austrian Post official at the repeater station in Vienna who said he had just talked to a Budapest Post official on the last line left between Vienna and Budapest. The Hungarian asked that RFE continue broadcasting "Aktualitäten" and vital news about UNO because RFE was the only thing they could listen to (for truth, apparently).

Item 33

Győr's "small radio" (?). November 4.

Győr's "small radio" (?) announces at 11.20 a.m. that, according to information received through the military radios, the Honveds have pushed back Soviet troops in the outer districts of Budapest. The Parliament is aflame. Soviet troops are setting up barricades in the central districts of Budapest, trying in this way to defend themselves against the ever increasing fury of the population.

According to latest reports, the freedom fighting Honveds have pushed back several Soviet units from the Csepel area.

The Kelenfold RR station has been taken over by the freedom fighters, assisted by the air force, these very moments. Strong





fights are reported from the Godollo area. Hungarians in this part have pushed back Soviet units, the latter now retreating in direction of Aszod.

Győr's "small station" - in the hands of the freedom fighters - reports at noon that the miners of Tatabánya, aided by Honved units, are advancing between Tatabánya and Budapest. The Tatabánya-Budapest RR line, which is meant to assure Soviet reinforcement, has been broken through at two points near Szar. The Tatabánya workers and the local population most emphatically reject the order, issued by the Budapest Communist regime, to lay down the arms. Informed on the increasing resistance, the attacking Soviet chief command is sending additional reinforcement into the Tatabánya area.

In areas in the hands of the Communists, several members of the former Trans-Danubian National Council - who tried to get in touch with the Communists- have been executed.

Most recent reports inform that Soviet troops are advancing from the direction of Budapest toward Visegrad and Pilisvorosvar. Their advance however, is being counteracted most emphatically by the local population.

Radio Győr reports at noon that Budaepst is in flames. In the course of street battles, Soviet troops have been pushed back at Ujpest, Kobanys, Kelenfold, Csepel and Obuda. Their retreat is being covered up by low-altitude attacks upon the population by Soviet air forces.

The Southern railroad bridge is, at this moment, in the hands of the Communists.

Item 3d

Unidentified Station, A Ham Operator, 4 November.

(Probably non-professional station - transmitter)

ATTENTION ! ATTENTION ! ATTENTION !

For everybody ! Help the Hungarian Revolution ! Hundreds of Soviet tanks attack the Hungarian capital ! We request the help of the whole world !

Item 35

Unknown Radio Station, 4 November, 1303 hrs.

28 meter band,

.... we appeal again and again to the conscience of the world !  
The civilized world cannot look on ,.... a terrible destruction  
and massacre... A tiny nation living in peace... a world power,  
the Soviet Union... against the masses of its soldiers... to  
destruction and slavery. Brothers, the mask has been lifted. After  
twelve years this was the last bitter lesson. We must try with all  
our forces to defend... Again and again we appeal to the conscience  
of the world and protest.

... to the free nations of the world ! Do all in your power to save our freedom fight. (to help ?)

We will fight to our last drop of blood. The God of Hungarians is with us.



ATTENTION ! ATTENTION !  
ATTENTION ! ATTENTION !

Radio Free Europe ! If you can receive our transmissions, tell us.  
(repeated)

ATTENTION ! ATTENTION ! Radio Free Europe, Munich. If you can  
hear our broadcast give us immediate acknowledgment.

Item 36

Probably Dunapentele, 4 November, 1312 hrs.

ATTENTION ! ATTENTION !

Appeal to the UNO.

This morning at 2.30 the Russian forces launched a general attack  
on the Hungarian people. We ask the UNO to send immediate help  
to Hungary ! We ask for parachutist troops to be dropped over the  
Dunapentele area (West Hungary). We are addressing the honest  
millions of people in the world. HELP, HELP !  
The independent Hungarian radio station.  
We break off broadcasting. We will shortly be on the air again.

Item 37

Unknown Amateur, 4 November, 1315.

ATTENTION ! ATTENTION !

Radio Free Europe, Attention !

The sender in the district of VAC has changed to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  megacycles  
on the 14 meter band. Continue to listen to our broadcasts and  
do acknowledge them !  
(Repeated several times).

Item 38

1334 CET Mr. Graveson picked up on Morse on 8300 KC the following  
msg.

SOS, this is Hungary calling... One of the last remaining stations  
call to the UN. Early this a.m. the Soviet troops launched a general  
attack on Hungary. We are requesting you to send us immediate mili-  
tary aid in the form of parachute troops over the Trans-Danubian  
provinces.

SOS Save our souls..

Coming in now in VOICE on another frequency.  
Asking for confirmation that we received this message.

Item 39

Radio Dunapentele, on the wave length of Dunapentele, 4 November

ATTENTION ! ATTENTION !

The last Hungarian Radio Station !

In Italian: "This morning at 3.30 Soviet soldiers attacked the  
Hungarian nation. We ask the United Nations to send immediate armed  
help. We ask them to help the Hungarian nation immediately with armed





troops. It is possible that shortly our broadcasts will cease and you can hear them no more. We will only be silent when they have killed us. We are the last free radio station. This morning at 3.30 the Soviet troops launched a general attack against Hungarian troops. We do not know when we shall be massacred."

The same appeal was broadcast by the radio in French. It was repeated in German and in Hungarian. It is constantly being repeated in all three languages.

ATTENTION ! ATTENTION !

According to unconfirmed news Czechoslovak tanks are also involved in the fighting.

ATTENTION ! We only give important news !

1400 hours.

ATTENTION RADIO FREE EUROPE, ATTENTION:

Continue to relay our news. We only give important news.  
(Repeated several times.)

Item 40

On the Wavelength of Dunapentele, 4 November, 1355 hrs.

Hungarian girls, Hungarian mothers, Hungarian women, Attention ! All those who have had training in first-aid should report immediately in the hospitals.  
ATTENTION, ATTENTION: (repeated).

(A transmission in Italian:)

The following appeal was repeated first in French, then in English, then in German and then in Hungarian:

"This is Hungary calling, this is Hungary calling.  
The last remaining station.  
For the United Nations.

Early this morning the Soviet troops... a general attack on Hungary. We are requesting you to send us immediate aid in the form of parachute troops over the Transdanubian provinces. It is possible, that our broadcast will soon come to the same fate as the other Hungarian broadcasting stations. In this case... to continue our fight for the grace of God, and freedom, Help Hungary !

Item 41

Unknown Radio, 1400 hrs. 4 November.

We ask Radio Free Europe to indicate the wave lengths and the frequencies of the other radio stations without naming the place.

ATTENTION ! ATTENTION !  
(repeated)

... We ask for immediate help ! Our troops are fighting Soviet units !

... We ask the West to help Hungary ... ! So that its neutrality which the Imre Nagy Government... and is supported by the whole



working people. We can defend it and build up a free Hungary.

We shall continue our broadcast with longer intervals, we shall only broadcast the most important news !

ATTENTION ! ATTENTION !

We request connection with the other Hungarian Radios !  
We ask for frequencies and wave lengths without the names of the places !

The Hungarian people... is urgently asking for help so that it can defend its freedom and independence !

ATTENTION ! ATTENTION !

According to unconfirmed news we have received near Komaron Czechoslovak tanks have participated in the fights.

ATTENTION ! ATTENTION ! Radio Free Europe !

We shall only broadcast important news. Please indicate the wave lengths, the frequencies of Hungarian radios without naming their place !

Item 42-

VAC CSOKANAI 4 November.

Repeated at 14.32, 14.37, 14.38.

ATTENTION ! ATTENTION ! RADIO FREE EUROPE, ATTENTION !

We are asking for immediate information. Is help coming from the West? This is the Free Hungarian Radio. ATTENTION, ATTENTION !  
This is the free Radio Csokonai ! We are asking Radio Free Europe to inform us - has help from the West started !

ATTENTION, ATTENTION, FREE EUROPE, ATTENTION !

We have received the broadcast of Free Europe and we continue to receive it. ATTENTION, ATTENTION, FREE EUROPE, ATTENTION !  
Please inform us, is help coming to the Hungarians from the West ? Inform us in what way and by what means can you help Hungarian freedom fighters. Please inform us what kind of help can you give us ? We are receiving your transmission and listening to them.

Item 43

DUNAPENTELE, 4 November, 1521 hrs.

ATTENTION ! ATTENTION !

(An appeal for HELP is read in English, Italian and French)  
Then in Hungarian:

ATTENTION ! ATTENTION !

RADIO FREE EUROPE !

We ask for immediate armed help ! We shall report again if possible ! We now interrupt our broadcast. We shall report again if possible.

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Item 44

On the Wavelength of Dunapentele, 4 November, 1535 hrs.

We are calling you from here, calling from here, RADIO FREE EUROPE, FREE EUROPE !

Acknowledging your broadcast ! Received and thanks !

This is the Hungarian Armed Radio, called Radio Rakoczi !

If you receive our broadcasts, acknowledge to Radio Rakoczi. We are breaking off our broadcast for we are in immediate danger !

We ask urgently for immediate help !

FREE EUROPE ! FREE EUROPE !

Acknowledge broadcasts of Radio Rakoczi !

Item 45

Radio Csokonai, 4 November, 16.20 hrs.

This is the Free Hungarian Radio speaking !

The Radio of Csokonai !

We request RADIO FREE EUROPE to relay the following message immediately to the UN, to the Secretary General of the UN, and to his delegates respectively.

ATTENTION ! ATTENTION !

We request... (REPEAT)

There follows the announcement. ATTENTION !

(REPEAT)

We now publish these announcements which should be immediately forwarded to the UN.

1) Soviet military authorities have announced that they shall soon bomb Budapest. (Repeat)

2) Our appeal to the Secretary General of the UN. ATTENTION ! ATTENTION ! (Repeat)

We request RADIO FREE EUROPE to relay immediately, that is, to forward to the Secretary General of the UN the following message:

ATTENTION ! ATTENTION !

Appeal to the Secretary General of the UN !

We speak to you in the name of the entire Hungarian people ! Within two weeks Soviet troops are attacking our country for the second time. They have turned our country into battle ground without regard for people and our national values. On the first occasion they interfered with our domestic affairs upon request of a Government alien to the people; this attempt the Hungarian people have energetically and unmistakably rejected with arms in their hands. By fighting we made it possible for Imre Nagy to become Prime Minister. He proclaimed the supreme wish of the Hungarian people for neutrality and independence.



Item 46

Radio Csokanai, 4 November, 1715 hrs.

ATTENTION, ATTENTION ! RADIO FREE EUROPE, ATTENTION !

This is Radio Csokanai speaking.

We now interrupt our broadcast for an indefinite period.  
We heard your acknowledgement of receipt of our message to the Secretary General of the UN.

ATTENTION, ATTENTION !

We interrupt our broadcast for an indefinite period !

RADIO CSOKONAI, RADIO CSOKONAI !

For the time being there is peace and order.

RADIO CSOKONAI !

We interrupt our broadcast for an indefinite period !

So long !

LONG LIVE FREEDOM, LONG LIVE THE FREE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE !

(Repeat)

Item 47

Szentgotthard, 4 November.

The great flag of Free Szentgotthard was given to RFE representative late this afternoon "to carry to freedom in the West where it should remain as an eternal symbol of the fight of the Hungarian people for their own freedom".

Item 48

Radio RAKOCZI, 4 November, 19.15 hrs.

Repeat of the appeal for help in German and Italian. Lincoln's Gettysburg speech in English.

Item 49

Radio RAKOCZI, 4 November, 20.10 hrs.

Repeat of the broadcast of 19.15 hrs.

Item 50

Radio RAKOCZI, 5 November, 14.48 hrs.

Here is Radio Rakoczi Budapest, this is Radio Rakoczi Hungary !  
(text in German)

... Demands of the Hungarian people ... to leave ... Imre Nagy's government.





... Hungary... would have left the government of Imre Nagy... the so-called Hungary... fascists, reactionaries and... would have been ... that the Hungarian people in the past 12 years... On the contrary, we were glad to get rid of them, of those who say that in Hungary the leadership was in the hands of the Fascists that in Hungary the decent Communists and workers and peasants are being murdered. That is a base lie. It is true that the people, in its just wrath... finished a few sadist AVH people, but there was no murder anywhere, and it is certain that the guilty would have been sentenced by an independent Hungarian court. We do not deny that... but Kadar was not thrown out of the government by the Fascists but by the population. The Hungarian people want neither fascist nor a Communist dictatorship. Today the Hungarian people demands to have at last in its thousand years' history an independent, democratic, neutral and free Hungary. In this demand...

The new government... at the Rumanian frontier the Russian...  
This is radio Rakoczi Hungary

We have read the call for help of the young who are fighting in Budapest. This is Hungary calling, this is Hungary calling.

At 13 hours we received the following radio cable. The revolutionary youth ... in several hospitals ... bombardment. Nor were the children spared ... Budapest is continually bombed... this overwhelming power. Whoever hears this and has a radio transmitter, please forward.

ATTENTION, RADIO FREE EUROPE, HALLO, HALLO, ATTENTION !

This is Roka (fox) speaking. the radio revolutionary youth... Are continually bombing... help, help, help, Radio Rakoczi Hungary, repeat...

Dear listeners we have read a radio message from the revolutionary youth under the cover name ROKA. This is radio Rakoczi Hungary, repeat.

Item 51

Radio Rakoczi, 5 November, 15.10 hrs.

Listen to our news:

At the moment fighting is going on in the capital. Czepe1 and the railway bridge are entirely in the hands of the freedom fighters.

Some Russian units marching toward the capital have been encircled by us.

The Russian tanks only dare to move in formations. In many places they have built barricades along the roads. Desperate fighting is going on.

From... to Ercsi ... great units ... the Hungarian Honveds have stood their ground with honor against the Russian units pouring in..

On the other hand in Dunafoldvár the Russians hold the barracks and they have dug themselves in.

News from Kecskemet say that the Russians have occupied... is at the moment in the hands of the Russians.





In Veszprem there is street fighting, sporadically ...

The Matravidek, thus Inota is in the hands of the Hungarian freedom fighters. Here there was calm on Monday morning,

This is Radio Rakoczi  
(Repeat)

According to unconfirmed news in Soviet troops the soldiers... freedom fighters...  
... the committee sent by the ... meeting... we ask to visit Dunapentele....

Item 52

Radio Rakoczi, 5 November, 1708 hrs.

Please forward our request to the VIENNA Red Cross: They should immediately intervene !

Please forward to the GENEVA Red Cross. It should immediately intervene. Several hospitals are in flames !

... Russians... The KOSSUTH Radio is in the hands of traitors !

... There are two armored trains in ZAHONY !

RADIO FREE EUROPE ! Forward it, please forward it !

RADIO FREE EUROPE ! Forward our request... forward our news...

HELP ! HELP !

The situation is indefensible ! Inform UNO of this... Immediately... Freedom, help ! ....

On 42 ? meter band we transmitted .... youth delegation...  
... Should report on 300 ? meter band. We request immediate help !

... transmitted on 42,3 meter band. Imploring for urgent help !

Food and ammunition is becoming scarce ! Russians are launching extremely strong attacks ! They still can hold their positions ! They request that their broadcasts... They still can hold their positions ! They request immediate answer when will THE UNO DELEGATES ARRIVE ? !

.....

This is Radio Rakoczi - Budapest.

... November 5th commentary.

... November 4, ... whom the Hungarian people demand !... from the Imre NAGY Government ... Janos KADAR, Istvan KOSSA...

In this fight not... Don't believe the mendacious... policy !

Radio Rakoczi - Hungary.

Item 53

Radio Rakoczi, 5 November, 1730 hrs.

According to couriers the Russian troops stationed at Dunafoldvar, who dug themselves in, prepare an attack on Dunapentele....



According to latest news armored formations approach Dunapentele from the direction of Szekesfehervar, Budapest and Dunafoldvar.

(Repeat)

Here is Radio Rakoczi speaking:

We request urgent help for the imperiled Dunapentele !

We request urgent help for the imperiled Dunapentele !

Soviet troops prepare an attack on Dunapentele from three directions !

We request urgent help for the imperiled Dunapentele !

Item 54

Roka (Fox) Station, 5 November, 15.30 hrs.

Roka (Fox) Station requested all Western stations able to receive their messages to transmit appeal for help. In Budapest, the population has no food and people are dying for want of medicine and military help. In Nagykoros (?) Russians fired on Red Cross ambulance. Severe fighting is going on in the 8th district in the capital, the population is digging itself in. Russian transport planes are arriving at airfields. The Hungarian youth will continue the fight against the Russian to their last breath. The situation is deteriorating.

Item 55

Vienna, 5 November.

Comments by Hungarian refugees streaming into Austria: "Where is NATO ? Where are the Americans ? The British ? The French ? We listened to your radios. We believed in freedom. There is no time now for conferences and discussion. Give us arms. Send the bombers. Crush the Soviet terror which is about to end our hard-won liberty."

Item 56

30 Meters inside Hungary, 5 November.

A patrol of four Hungarian guards accompanied by an officer (obviously in the service of the new Kadar regime - Ed.) arrived at the Austro-Hungarian frontier. They spoke to their Austrian counterparts and vocally evidenced their contempt and hatred of the Western Powers and particularly RFE who "incited us to act against our present legitimate regime and then left us in the lurch."

Item 57

Unknown Ham Operator, Budapest, 5 November, 20.15 hrs.

There is heavy artillery fire in the city. Resistance continues. In the morning and at noon there was heavy artillery fire in the 9th district of Budapest, Ferencvaros. We want no more words, but arms and ammunition. Please convey this appeal to Radio Free Europe !

Item 58a - Vienna, 5 November

Members of an American convoy which reached the Austrian territory report that RFE was heard in Budapest much more clearly during the revolution than ever before. People listened eagerly to RFE.

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Item 58

Radio Csokonai, 5 November, 21.15 hrs.

"... Soviet soldiers guard... stores. We feel that the Soviet troops aim at .. Soviet Command... Soviet troops have delivered all Hungarian radio stations into Moscovite hands. They have installed a Moscovite government. The Hungarian nation has nothing to do with these people... We want free elections. We have had enough of the Moscow eyewash. We want free elctions under international control ... The government of Imre Nagy who stood for freedom, has been arrested. ... We shall continue our struggle. Please, do not allow the government of Nagy Imre to be ... RADIO FREE EUROPE, tell the Hungarian people... they must demonstrate for free elections and for the dismissal of the Kadar Government. ATTENTION, ATTENTION ! This is Radio Czokonai. We shall broadcast again tomorrow at 20.00 hrs. ATTENTION, this is Radio Czokonai, we shall broadcast again tomorrow at 20.00 hrs.

Item 59

Hungarian Amateur, 6 November.

During the night there was information from the various radios. A Munich amateur received morse signalling and took this on a Master Control tape. This Hungarian amateur informs us about the fight in Budapest. He is in Kőbenya.

At 01.00 hrs in the night Hungarian words on the air: ... "The air-field is aflame." then nothing more.

Listening to this wavelength we could hear German, French, Austrian amateurs who were giving information to each other about Hungarian freedom senders. One of them gave a tape recording of a former text he had heard, it was:

Hallo, hallo, RADIO FREE EUROPE ! RADIO FREE EUROPE ! We call to you to inform us on the position in the Dunantul and in the whole of Hungary. We cannot contact anyone. Hallo, hallo ! Whoever hears this pass it on !"

Item 60

Radio Rakoczy, 6 November, 10.35 hrs.

... can easily be brought here. Dunapentele can be approached from the South, the North, the East and the West. The town can be approached by ship, by airplane, by motor and by train.

3) For storing food and medicine, for distributing and transporting there are sufficient stores, vehicles and trained men.

4) In Dunapentele every plant, every factory and every institution is intact and partly in running order. The power plant is able to supply the great part of the Dunantul with electrical current immediately. The furnaces and the coke works and the other works are prefectly in order. According to the other works are perfectly in order. According to the above we suggest that in the complete territory of Dunapentele every armed interference, the use of arms and the passage of troops shall be prohibited.





After this the whole Hungarian people joined Imre NAGY and they are still backing him. Although we have only been in possession of neutrality for two days we expect the whole world to respect it ! Our Government has cancelled the Warsaw agreement, the Soviet leaders have negotiated for the withdrawal of their troops. We accuse the Soviet Union:

- 1) of armed aggression from the outside;
- 2) of having arrested the Minister of War, MALETER, and his staff, who came to negotiate concerning the withdrawal of troops;
- 3) since the only legal Hungarian government, that of Imre Nagy has been imprisoned and is being kept in prison, and since that was the only organ which represented the official attitude of the Hungarian government, in the name of our country we ask that the UNO, by every possible means, shall pass a final resolution for the restitution and the protection of our liberty that we have once already won.

ATTENTION, ATTENTION, FREE EUROPE, ATTENTION !

We ask you to forward the above appeal to the Secretary of the UNO, in the case of any failure in reception we will shortly repeat it.

(repeat)

We will now give our message addressed to the delegates of the UNO member states.

ATTENTION, ATTENTION:

We are asking RADIO FREE EUROPE to forward this message urgently to all UNO member states.

ATTENTION, ATTENTION:

I will now read the message:

To all UNO members and delegates, To all UNO members and delegates. UNO delegates ! Delegates of the peoples !

In the coming hours you will decide about the life or the death of this nation. While our sons are at peace and happy, we sons of the Hungarian nation are falling under the cruel firing of Soviet tanks and bombers. Our country has been attacked by armed forces from the outside. We turn to you for you are our last citadel of hope. Exercise the possibility which your nation has given to you and save our country from destruction and slavery ! We are asking for immediate and effective help which will save us from further bloodshed and will give back our neutrality. Show that the UNO can carry out its will and by its resolution achieve that our country shall again be free ! We appeal to your conscience and call on you to act immediately.

ATTENTION, ATTENTION, RADIO FREE EUROPE, ATTENTION !

We request you to relay immediately the three above messages to the Secretary General of the UN, to the member nations and to the delegates of the member nations.

ATTENTION, ATTENTION, RADIO FREE EUROPE, ATTENTION !  
(Repeat of the first news).



We ask those whom we have been calling to pass on by radio if our proposition has been accepted. We also ask for time when the shipment will arrive.

This is Radio Rakoczi Hungary. And appeal to UNO and to the International RED CROSS ! To every armed unit in Hungary, to every Hungarian and to every Hungarian Minister:

The population of Dunapentele proposes that the entire area of Dunapentele be declared as a distribution place for the International Red Cross ! This city is the most suitable for this purpose on account of the following reasons:

1) In Dunapentele there is complete order. A greater order than anywhere else in the country.

2) Dunapentele can be the point from which a new life can begin... can easily be brought here.. unapentele can be approached from the South, from the North, from the East and from the West. The town can be approached by ship, by airplane, motor and by train.

3) See above.

ATTENTION, ATTENTION, ATTENTION !

This is Hungary, Radio Rakoczi. This is Hungary, Radio Rakoczi.

An appeal to the International Red Cross in Geneva.

In spite of the appeal made by the UNO, the attack on unarmed people, on women and children is continued by the Soviet Army. They are dropping bombs on Red Cross Institutions, on Hospitals and on first aid stations. They are preventing that medicines and bandages be distributed... and in this moment Dunapentele, formally Stalinvaros, is the only place in Hungary where there are no Russian troops and this city is in the hands of the Hungarian revolutionary Army. We appeal to you that this city, should be assured as a center for the International Red Cross.

(Further broadcasts are unintelligible because of jamming.)

Item 61

Radio Rakoczi, 6 November.

The appeal made at 10.35 is repeated at 12.55.

Item 62

Radio Rakoczi, 6 November.

The appeal in German was repeated at 13.15 hrs.





Radio Rakoczi, 6 November, 1450 hours

"Morale of ground troops is good and they have recaptured Puszta-Szabolcs. We urgently ask RFE to broadcast immediately whether they are receiving us..." (garbled) The broadcast then appeared to go on to ask the Free World why it was not helping and why Hungary's appeals were going unheard... "We are not fascists and we can prove to the world that we are not fascists except to those who are bombing us now with phosphorus bombs". (The appeal to RFE was then repeated) Then the announcer said that it should also be of interest to Britain and France to follow the events in Hungary because their suggestion of an international police force would also apply there.

Item 64

Hungarian Revolution Station, 6 November, 1450 hours

Here is Rakosit (?) in Hungary. Here is Rakosit in Hungary. Russian soldiers - the Hungarian nation rose against its occupiers, against tyranny. With us fight no fascists but the whole Hungarian nation for freedom. You do not know that you fight against workers, and those...who want...Russian soldiers. Do not shoot....with us there are no fascists. You are our friends, and you will be our friends. This is not propaganda, this is our truth. We will die for our freedom.

This was immediately repeated once again. (end Hungarian revolutionary station in Russian - 1550 hours).

Item 65

Radio Rakoczi, 6 November, 1452 hours

.....it is under such conditions that we appeal to the conscience of the world. A possible loss of the SUEZ Canal cannot be indifferent to Great Britain and France since they had immediately asked police forces from the UNO. For the world...a little country which had throughout a thousand years maintained its liberty with great sacrifice of blood, lose her liberty?.... Why are only the interests of the great powers important, why are not our hospitals, schools and national treasures important, and why can those be sacrificed to bombs and to fire? Why cannot you hear the call for help of our murdered women and children. Peoples of the world! Hear the call for help of a small nation! .....Will happen in a short time unless help comes! We have seen the atrocities committed under the command: "Down with Fascism!" We are not Fascists! We will prove this to an independent international committee, but we will not prove it to those who reply to us with phosphorus bombs.

HELP, for with slogans of helping democracy they are taking away the last possibility for a democracy.

This is Radio Rakoczi - Hungary. We have read an appeal.

RADIO FREE EUROPE - MUNICH! RADIO FREE EUROPE - MUNICH!

ANSWER, HAVE YOU RECEIVED OUR TRANSMISSION?

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1000 00  
Radio Rakoczi, 6 November, 1512 hours

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! FREE EUROPE! ATTENTION! FREE EUROPE! ATTENTION!

Say if you have received our broadcast at 1515?

FREE EUROPE! ATTENTION!

Say whether you have received our broadcast at 1515?

THIS IS RADIO RAKOCZI - HUNGARY!

(Message in English) HUNGARY CALLING! Rakoczi Broadcasting Station.

(We were not able to understand the message in English which is different from former Hungarian text! - Monitoring).

.....to the.....and conscience of the world.....

THIS IS RADIO RAKOCZI - HUNGARY! FREE EUROPE! FREE EUROPE!

Reply if you have received our message at 1515 hours! (REPEAT)

Item 67

Radio Rakoczi, 6 November, 1605 hours

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

We absolutely NEED GUNS, AMMUNITION AND FOOD TO BE DROPPED THROUGH PARACHUTES IN THE AREA OF DUNAPENTELE!

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! MUNICH! MUNICH!

TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION! IN DUNAPENTLE AREA WE URGENTLY NEED MEDICAMENTS, BANDAGES, ARMS, FOOD AND AMMUNITION. DROP THEM FOR US BY PARACHUTE!

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION! (REPEATED)

The Soviet troops called on us to lay down arms! We will not comply with this call! If it is necessary for us we keep on fighting for the freedom of Hungary up to our last drop of blood against the foreign occupiers!

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! TAKE URGENT ACTION! TAKE URGENT ACTION! TAKE URGENT ACTION!

The time of consideration we were granted will soon expire, after which they will attack. We are prepared, we expect the attack.

ARMS, AMMUNITION, MEDICINES, BANDAGES AND FOOD. PLEASE DROP FOR US BY PARACHUTE! TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION! TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION!

This is Rakoczi Radio - Hungary!

TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION! TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION! TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION!

Item 68

Radio Rakoczi, 6 November, 1634 hours

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! THIS IS RADIO RAKOCZI - HUNGARY.

Listen to this all of you! Attention: This is Rakoczi Radio - Hungary.

We shall broadcast important news! This is Radio Rakoczi - Hungary! Now you will hear important news.

It has been reported from Dunapentele area right now: From Dunafoldvar direction four Soviet armored cars have approached Dunapentele with the intention of attacking. The Dunapentele garrison opened artillery fire against them and in the first minute all four armored cars have surrendered.

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ATTENTION! ATTENTION! (Repeat of news bulletin)

RADIO FREE EUROPE GIVE US AN ANSWER. HAVE YOU HEARD OUR 1630 BROADCAST (Repeat)  
Item 69

Hungarian Border, 6 November

RFE was met this afternoon by a member of a National Committee of a village. His name is known but is being withheld for security reasons. He asked RFE urgently to broadcast the following message over the "Warning" program. This message is urgently supported by members of yet another National Committee. "The AVH and Communist functionaries returned with the Russians in the night from 5-6 November. These people have already publicly pointed out the tree from which active participants of the freedom movement shall hang. Some of the AVH people are JAMBRIK, District Party Secretary of Szentgotthard, DANCICS Ferenc, Party Secretary of Magzarlak, VADASZ Imre, Party Secretary of Csacroetnek, and an AVH man from Szentgotthard. These people should be warned not to start any blood bath and should remember that during the revolution, when the National Committee ruled completely, not one hair of their head was harmed, despite the fact that they were traitors and have earned the highest punishment. Any attempt to spill more Hungarian blood will earn them the everlasting hatred of the Hungarian people and their inevitable revenge."

Item 70

Hungarian Border, 6 November

All along the border Austrians said refugees had bitterly criticized RFE, saying it had incited them to rebellion and then left them to fend for themselves. Today not a single refugee could be found who repeated this complaint.

Item 71

Radio Rakoczi, 6 November, 1700 Hours

Radio Rakoczi demanded help and intervention. Hospitals are in flames. There are two armored trains in Zahony. RADIO FREE EUROPE is called upon to forward news and messages. Food and ammunition are scarce, Russians are launching heavy attacks. At 1730 the station called for help for Dunapentele which is being attacked by Soviet troops from three directions.

Item 72

Stockholm, 6 November

The Stockholm Aftonbladet tonight carries the following article: Partisan radio heard in Oerebro "This is Budapest. Fighting goes on and resistance is kept up in Budapest. Soviet artillery has placed the town under gunfire. Soviet tanks are rolling toward the center of the city. Gunfire increased at noon. What we need is weapons and ammunition".

This dramatic announcement was heard at 2215 last night by a radio amateur in Hafner south of Askerund when he established contact with a partisan in Budapest. The Hungarian sender repeatedly asked him to send on the news to Radio Free Europe. The transmission went as follows:





"We must break off now. We only want our message to be forwarded to Radio Free Europe at once. I cannot reach Radio Free Europe. There was interference from jammers, but afterwards came the words "cannot transmit. Russian heavy gunfire increasing. Must close now".

Item 73

Radio Rakoczi, 7 November, 1035 hours

.....for the night.....the commander of Dunafoldvar....talk... At three o'clock in the morning the attack against the town started from three directions. For a moment the noise of battle ceased but....in the negotiations the town was called to surrender....The talks....an artillery attack was the result of the military commander having said it would defend the town to the last man. Reports say that in several parts in the country, thus in Budapest, in Pecs.... to our appeal to answer and no help came. In the name of all honest Hungarians we appeal to all honest men in the world:

We must call once again!

Do you love your liberty?....So do we.

Have you wives and children? ...So have we.

Have you....We too have wounded who have given their blood for ... sacred cause of liberty, but we have no bandages for our wounded and we have no medicine to alleviate their suffering. And what shall we give our children who are asking for bread....The last piece of bread has been consumed...

We ask you in the name of all that is dear to you, we ask you to help us! Do you not think that those who have died for the liberty, our beloved ones who are silent, are accusing all those who would have been able to help and who did not help?

.....That the UN has the possibility to....

.....is this what you want? Your conscience....when we are fighting for the freedom of the whole world? This is our message today, when as far as we know the extraordinary session of the UN will meet.

This is our message to President Eisenhower on the day of his election to which we add that after his re-election: (if) during his presidency he will stand by the oppressed and by those who are fighting for freedom a blessing shall fall on him.

We have received no answer to our yesterday's appeal that Dunapentele should be declared as a center for the Red Cross in Hungary.

Answer us, did you receive our call which we will repeat today.

Radio Rakoczi, Hungary - Radio Rakoczi, Hungary!

We have read an appeal to the UN and to every honest man.

Radio Rakoczi, Hungary (Repeat)

FREE EUROPE MUNICH - FREE EUROPE MUNICH!

Repeat whether you have received our message at 1138. I correct my time at 1035.

Answer whether you were able to receive our message at 1035?

This is Radio Rakoczi, Hungary.

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Item 74

Radio Rakoczi, 7 November, 1112 hours

ATTENTION, ATTENTION !

This is Radio RAKOCZI HUNGARY, Radio RAKOCZI, HUNGARY !

An appeal to the UN, an appeal to the UN.

In Egypt it has been possible to carry out the UNO resolution. There is a cease fire and the police forces of the UN .... in the zone. We ask for similar measures to be taken in Hungary! We emphasize that we ask for an immediate similar measure to be taken in the Hungarian affair! Free Europe Munich, RFE Munich, attention.

ATTENTION!

We ask you to repeat the following appeal we are making to the Soviet soldiers in Hungary translated into the Russian language. We repeat.

We ask you to.....

An appeal to the Soviet troops !

Soldiers !

Your state has been created at the cost of bloody fighting in order that you shall have freedom. Today is the 59th anniversary of that revolution. Why do you want to crush our liberty? You can see that it is not the factory proprietors, not the land-owners and not the bourgeoisie that has taken up arms against you but the Hungarian people fighting desperately for the same rights for which you fought in 1917.

Soviet soldiers ! You have shown in Stalingrad how you could defend your country against the foreign intruder. Why are you surprised that ... (we defend) .. our country. Today the whole of Hungary is one great .... Soldiers ! Do not take up arms against the Hungarian nation.

FREE EUROPE ATTENTION, FREE EUROPE, ATTENTION !

I expect you to forward the above message in the Russian language ! We ask you to acknowledge the above message (in the morning, before seven, or as soon as possible!)

RADIO RAKOCZI HUNGARY, RADIO RAKOCZI HUNGARY, in a short while we will come again.

Item 75

Vienna, 7 November, 1230 hours

At 1134 hours this morning, Radio Station "ROKA" - in the hands of the insurgents - began broadcasting, on the 23.4 meter band, following text:

"Here is Radio Roka! here is Radio Roka! we are holding our own in the 8th district. Soviet losses are great. The Soviets have received reinforcement from the direction of Rakospalota and Vecses. Two buildings of the Janos Korhaz are in flames. we are holding our own in the eighth district. We have agreed to a cease-fire until 2:00 p.m. today, so that the wounded may be transported to safety."

It continues by giving Morse-signals, then resumes the text:

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"We call on Bela, Bela" - again followed by Morse-signals.

Interspersed with Morse-signals, the text continues:

"Nagyteteny, please report immediately ! - The Soviets are bombing our centers with incendiary bombs. Bela, please report."

Item 76

Radio Rakoczi, 7 November, 1155 hours

Radio Rakoczi requests a definitive answer from RFE to its appeal of this morning !

1215 hours. Radio RAKOCZI calls München ! München !

Please fulfill our following request:

Please tell us, .... Radio Rakoczi ... on which wave length Hungarian radio stations are broadcasting ! We are isolated. We wish to take up connection with them.

Attention, Attention, MUNICH, MUNICH !

(Repeat of the above)

Please tell us ..... their wave length. We wish to take connections with them.

ATTENTION, ATTENTION !

RADIO RAKOCZI Hungary, calls MUNCHEN ! MUNCHEN !

We request you to remain under all circumstances on this wave length, we shall certainly report on this wave length again, even though there may be longer intervals between our broadcasts, but we shall report by all means, remain on this wave length, we shall continue to broadcast !

Please fulfill our previous request urgently, please tell us the wave lengths of the other radio stations which are still in the hands of freedom fighters !

ATTENTION, ATTENTION. Please comply with our request.

This is RADIO RAKOCZI Hungary!

Item 77

Schleissheim Monitoring by Morse, 7 November, 1200 hours

An amateur operator inside Budapest was heard under very difficult conditions sporadically during the forenoon today. He reported:

"The night was quiet .... but new artillery firing has begun again .....

"Many people have been arrested during the night .... Many people are being loaded in cars and taken away by the road to ..... ?

Item 78

Milan, 7 November

A faint rebel radio broadcast, monitored here said that freedom fighter forces have conquered the Kilian barracks in Budapest.

The same broadcast also said fighting went on in the area of the Kellert Kegg Hills in old Buda and in Ujpet.

One hundred Russian tanks attacked a group of partisans fighting in the beer factory near the Budapest cemetery.



The freedom broadcast launched a second appeal in the Russian language in two days to avoid "indiscriminate firing" upon the civil population after the Russians forbid Budapest people to rescue wounded fighters in the streets.

The broadcast said a number of wounded people bled to death because the Russians were firing against everybody working in the streets.

Item 79

Radio Rakoczi, 7 November, 1305 hours

ATTENTION, ATTENTION, Radio Rakoczi Attention.

First the news ....

.... In the town of ... the freedom fighters have taken up fighting against the penetrating Soviet .....

Hungary ... town ... citizen... Soviet....

In Kecskemét, in Mohács and in other towns fighting has flared up .... Budapest ...

.... now Dunapentele is being attacked from several directions. Until now the town of Dunapentele was the only town in Hungary ..... Soviet occupation... Now Dunapentele is being attacked by tanks from several directions.

I will now break off my broadcast for a short while.

Radio RAKOCZI HUNGARY, ATTENTION, ATTENTION

We are asking for immediate armed help for Hungary, We are asking, (repeat) Please forward this appeal to President Eisenhower, please forward it to Anna Kethly.

We are fighting against an overwhelming majority, we are .... (repeat) Possibly our radio will soon be annihilated. We will continue to fight a partisan war. Maybe you will not hear our news any more.

We will continue to fight a partisan war. We are asking for urgent VERY URGENT help, we are asking for armed help for Hungary!

ATTENTION, ATTENTION. We ask you to forward the above call for help to President Eisenhower and to Anna Kethly. We ask for immediate intervention, we ask for immediate intervention, we ask for immediate intervention.

Continue to listen to our broadcasts. As soon as we have time to come back from the firing line to the radio we will continue to broadcast.

ATTENTION ATTENTION WE ASK FOR URGENT INTERVENTION. End.



Item 80

Radio Rakoczi, 7 November, 1305 Hours

At 1310 hours.

Once again RADIO RAKOCZI spoke.

....it is a question of the life of the city!

We beg you to forward our message in such a way that there is positive proof (?).....

.....we defend our city to the last man!

RADIO RAKOCZI - HUNGARY! RADIO RAKOCZI - HUNGARY!

FREE EUROPE - MUNICH!

Answer our call!

RADIO RAKOCZI - HUNGARY!

Item 81

Radio Rakoczi, 7 November, 1315 hours

.....the life of our city is at stake. Please pass on this message and give us tangible proof.... We shall defend the city to the last man. This is Radio RAKOCZI, Hungary, this is Radio RAKOCZI, Hungary. FREE EUROPE, MUNICH, answer our call! Radio RAKOCZI, Hungary.

Item 82

Radio Rakoczi, 7 November, 1340 hours

ATTENTION, ATTENTION.

FREE EUROPE ATTENTION, ATTENTION, ATTENTION!

This is Radio RAKOCZI, Hungary. Repeat.

We repeat our broadcast of 1305 and 1320. On November the 6th, 1956, parliamentaries of the Soviet command in Kecskemet handed the following notice to the National Committee and the military command of the town:

I call on the garrison forces of Dunapentele to lay down arms. In case they put down their arms all soldiers, non-commissioned officers and officers can retain their lives, their liberty and their political rights. If the garrison does not lay down arms the Soviet command will capture the city by force. After the fighting is over, all those who carried arms, soldiers and civilians will be treated as P.O.W.'s.

Reply: The military command of Dunapentele and the National Committee of the town answer the Soviet command in the following:

1) Dunapentele is the foremost Socialist town in Hungary. The town is inhabited in the majority by workers and the power is in their hands. After the victorious revolution of October 23, 1956, the workers elected the National Committee for which they delegated their own delegations. The military command of the town is in close collaboration with the National Committee.

2) The population of the town is armed.....will not give up its arms....

Factories, houses were all built by the workers themselves. The workers will defend the town from fascist excesses.....but against the Soviet troops too.....

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- 4).....but only in case if they will not intervene in our internal affairs.  
5) For the defense of the town....the armed workers will.....take care of order....The majority of factories and plants are working. There are no counter-revolutionaries, no fascists in the town.  
6).....We suggest further negotiations in a neutral zone.

Signed. Dunapentele November 7th, 1956, President of the  
National Council of Dunapentele and its military commander.

An appeal to all member states of the UN

The battle continues since this morning with unchanging violence in the area of Dunapentele.....urgent intervention. According to the last reports in Kecskemet and in Kalocsa partisan fighting against Soviet troops has again flared up. We beg you to send urgent help to Kecskemet, to Kalocsa and to Dunapentele. The momentary situation at Dunapentele is that there is a readiness to fire and the town is being attacked by tanks from three directions (Last sentence repeated).

ATTENTION, ATTENTION, FREE EUROPE ATTENTION. Please acknowledge our broadcast.  
Item 83

Radio Rakoczi, 7 November, 1401 hours

At 1350 hours Radio Rakoczi repeated its broadcast from 1320 hours.

On November 6, 1956, the Soviet town commander in Kecskemet called on the citizens of Dunapentele to lay down their arms. If they do this, the uprisers will have pardon and their full political rights, soldiers as well as civilians. In case this request is refused then the Soviet military forces will capture the city by force and will treat the population as prisoners of war.

Today, on November 7 the military command of Dunapentele and the National Committee of the town replied to this call.

The reply was in 6 or 7 points, unfortunately our monitors could only understand a few fragments. We heard the following two points distinctly:

The population of the town is armed and will defend their town together with the soldiers to their last drop of blood.

If the Soviet troops do not enter the ten kilometer zone around the town they will not be attacked, if they come nearer they will be fired on from the city. (this is the only part that was not clearly recorded by our own monitoring Translators note).

Item 84

Radio Rakoczi, 7 November, 1402 hours

ATTENTION, ATTENTION! Radio RAKOCZI, Hungary. ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

First news.... Freedom fighters have taken up the fight against Soviet invaders in the city... against... Hungary... city... citizens... Soviet.... Fighting has flared up again in Kecskemet, Mohacs and other cities. .... Budapest.... Dunapentele is now being attacked from several directions. Until now Dunapentele was the only city in Hungary which.... was not occupied by Soviet troops. Now

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Dunapentele is being attacked with tanks from several directions. I am interrupting the broadcast for a short time.

Radio Rakoczi - 7 November

Radio Rakoczi, Hungary. ATTENTION! ATTENTION! We ask for immediate armed help for Hungary! We ask for immediate armed help for Hungary! Please convey our appeal to President Eisenhower. Please convey our appeal to Anna Kethly. We are fighting against overwhelmingly superior forces. We are fighting against overwhelmingly superior forces. They may destroy our station at any moment. We shall turn to guerilla warfare. It is possible that you may no longer receive our news. We shall turn to guerilla warfare. We ask for quick, urgent help. We ask for armed help for Hungary. ATTENTION! ATTENTION! Please convey the above message to President Eisenhower and Anna Kethly. We ask for immediate intervention. Please, stand by for our further broadcasts. We shall broadcast again as soon as we come back to the station from the frontline. ATTENTION! ATTENTION! We ask for urgent intervention!

Item 85

Radio Rakoczi, 7 November, 1435 hours

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Radio RAKOCZI, Hungary, Radio RAKOCZI, Hungary.

Soviet tanks and Soviet airforce are attacking Dunapentele.

Soviet tanks and Soviet airforce are attacking Dunapentele.

The battle continues with unflagging violence. The battle (repeat).

We will now break off our broadcast for an unspecified time...

We will now break off.....(repeat)

THIS IS RADIO RAKOCZI, HUNGARY, this is RADIO RAKOCZI, HUNGARY.

Item 86

A Radiogram from Hungary, 7 November, 2104 hours

The fights are continuing in the districts of FESTERZSEBET, KOBANYA, UJPEST, KELENFOLD and the VIII District. As long as the civilian population has access to the reserves in the shops the freedom fighters will also have enough food. Unfortunately, this is only sufficient for a week. The far greater trouble is that although their enthusiasm is still unbroken, the freedom fighters show signs of exhaustion!

We ask the West, Mr. President Eisenhower, to whom we present our congratulations, Mr. Eden and the UN secretariat as well as the leaders of all free nations to further freedom in our country not only by words but also by deeds and active interference, before it should be too late.

May God be with us. Help to save our beloved country! We beg you to relay and submit this telegram to the general assembly of the UN.



Hungarian Ham Operator Budapest, 7 November, 2300

This message was received by a German ham operator who forwarded it to another ham operator whose broadcast we received at 2300 hours.

Please forward... to Radio Free Europe in Munich.

ATTENTION, ATTENTION!

This is (ham operator) with S.O.S. from Budapest.

Received on 7 November from ham operator at 2145 hours.

The broadcast reads as follows:

The fight continues in Budapest, food is scarce here. It will last the maximum for 11 (?) weeks. The freedom fighters are becoming tired yet enthusiasm is even greater than it has been before. Please help us to save our country!

Please forward this to RFE in Munich.

End of S.O.S. message.

Item 88

Klingendorf - Nickelsdorf, 8 November

Describing the last days in Hungary, a refugee said that people had listened very eagerly to radio, especially Radio Free Europe, and secondly to Radio Free Gyor, while that was free. In his community RFE was very well heard at 8 PM, but if reception was not good, people were willing to sit by their radios and wait for better reception conditions.

When asked what the Western radios should do now, he answered that they should continue what they have been doing up till now. He said that a great number of balloons flew over his locality and that he himself has found many leaflets which, according to him, are very popular. He himself read the Krushchev speech and brought the Krushchev speech issue to Budapest where it was read by many people. In spite of the efforts of AVH, leaflets are passed round and read eagerly. But a person caught carrying a leaflet may get as much as four or five years in jail.

Item 89

Vienna, 8 November

Radio Rakoczi was heard this morning at 3 AM saying that the Soviets had launched a massive attack on Dunapentele, the big industrial city south of Budapest. The town had been in the hands of the freedom fighters since Tuesday. The Soviet assault was launched after the patriots refused a surrender demand.

Item 90

8 November

A radio message intercepted from a group near Pecs said: "Thursday will be the last day we can resist. Our ammunition and supplies are running out. Only our blood is sufficient".



Item 91

8 November

An unidentified rebel radio picked up in Vienna appealed to Western radio stations to broadcast the truth in Russian to Soviet soldiers now in action against the rebels in Hungary. The station said it was itself too weak to put over such an appeal effectively. In its appeal it mentioned specifically the British Broadcasting Corporation and the anti-communist station Radio Free Europe in Munich, as stations which might be able to help.

Item 92

Unidentified Station, 8 November, 1900 hours

The civilian population was so far living on food supplies found in groceries. Also the freedom fighters have food but this unfortunately will last only for one week. The fact that freedom fighters who still keep on fighting gradually become tired is causing great difficulties. For this there are quite a number of signs.

We request the West, and President Eisenhower whom we congratulate upon his reelection, we request furthermore Eden and Hammerskjold as well as all responsible government chiefs in the free West to act before it is getting too late instead of speaking which they have done so far.

God help us and please help us to save our dear, precious country, Hungary.

We request you to forward this telegram to the General Assembly of the UNO.

The above radio also informed us that in KISPEST, ERZSEBETVAROS, KOBANYA, UJPEST, KELENFOLD and District IX, the fights are still going on.

Item 93

Vienna, 9 November

A refugee who left Budapest November 6 reported today that in the few days before he left the city, Russian troops gathered up radio receivers from all the houses in some streets.

This usually happened in areas where the revolutionaries put their radio sets on window sills and turned the volume up loud so the general population could hear what Radio Free Europe was saying.

The Russians did not seize only these radios but all radios in all the houses in these areas, the refugee source said. It was not believed that this was a measure applied generally by the Russians but happened only in isolated areas.

Item 94

Every Hungarian request for broadcasts or forwarding messages has been immediately complied with by RFE and then acknowledged to the audience.

Item 95

Graz, 10 November

Letter to Hungarian Desk, RFE, Munich from Hungarian refugee. "I was astonished to hear last night's broadcasts of the Austrian Radio informing us that Western





Germany's Free Democratic Party accused you of being an accessory in the genocide committed by the Soviets in Hungary. This party alleged that the Hungarian Fight for Freedom broke out as a result of RFE's instigation or irresponsible promises. I must stress the fact that I was forced to leave my blood-drenched country on November 6th, therefore I was an eyewitness to the tragic happenings in our country.

I am a consistent listener to your programs, so I am in a position to declare on my conscience that not one single word of FDP's allegations is true. The Hungarian people started its fight for freedom, not under some outside influence, but spontaneously; it was set off by twelve years' despair and sufferings. Our freedom fight means defending ourselves against brutal Soviet oppression that threatens not only the very existence of the Hungarian people, but also the whole free world with annihilation.

People attacking RFE seem to be ignorant of Soviet methods, they have no idea about the final despair the long suffering Hungarian people were pushed into by alien oppression."

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Graz, 10 November

Letter to the management of Radio Free Europe from Hungarian Refugees. "I was deeply shocked when this morning in the Austrian papers I read the accusation as if the Hungarian people would continue its freedom fight upon your instigation. For many years I was a regular listener of your programs but have never experienced that Radio Free Europe promised to the Hungarian people Western armed support against the Soviet oppressors in case of a revolt. In my opinion the purpose of Free Europe exclusively was to inform the Hungarian people truly of all events. This we highly appreciated, for at home not having free radio or free press, Radio Free Europe was for us the only source which objectively orientated us.

The one who today demands the discontinuation of your broadcast is either in the service of Moscow or never listened to the programs of Radio Free Europe.

I have to mention here, that together with my family I was compelled to leave Hungary only a few days ago. Thus, until recent days, I had the occasion to listen to your broadcasts. Your orientation which corresponded with the truth meant great help for all of us. On behalf of all my suffering compatriots at home and on behalf of those Hungarians who were compelled to flee as a result of the tragic events I wish to ask you not to pay attention to such disloyal attacks."

