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Honorable Dean Acheson
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

According to press and radio reports, brought to our attention, the American Friends of Anti-Bolshevist Block of Nations, Inc., held a mass rally in New York City on May 4, 1952. Among the speakers at this event a former general of the Imperial Army, Arvas de Kisbarnak, also addressed the mass meeting.

The "New York Times" (N. Y.), dated May 5, 1952, quoted General Arvas in saying:

"The West will only be able to conclude its war victoriously if it will not delay in establishing a powerful Western second front."

The speaker's firm assumption of the inevitable European war and the militant tone of his remark quoted by the "New York Times" would not concern us had he spoken as a private person or a visiting European guest speaker. He represented himself to be the Chief of the Military Commission of the Anti-Bolshevist Block of Nations. This European group professes to represent 250,000,000 persons in twenty-five countries.

In view of the fact that members of the United States Congress lend their personal prestige to the mass meeting by personally participating in the program or endorsing it by their published messages and because of the wide-range publicity given to this New York meeting addressed by General Arvas de Kisbarnak, I feel compelled to invite your attention to the following:

1. Applicable provisions of our 1951 Internal Security Act should preclude the admission to the United States of a controversial political exponent like General Arvas. Information received about his political activities and European associations convince us that he is identified with such political ideologies and actions which are in opposition of the general conception of our United States foreign policies. His presence in the United States

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not only negates the validity of our officially expressed position relative to the European problems, but gravely confuses our sincere friends behind the Iron Curtain. In the eyes of the suffering millions, presently subjected to the police rules of the Kremlin-lackeys, General Acheson and his closest associates represent one type of reaction that never hope to exchange for their present misery. Anti-bolshevist standing will not rectify anyone's anti-democratic ideas and actions.

2. The victims of communist totalitarianism are at a loss to reconcile the straight forward messages of the President of the United States and your own, repeatedly expressed encouragements offered to them, if we permit that European exponents of equally dangerous totalitarianism undermine the credibility of our American foreign policy. The voice of such foreign visitors broadcasted from an American rostrum destroys the good faith of many of our European friends; it damages the activities of the National Committees of the political exiles; it discredits the efforts of our own Federation, which represents the true democratic principles of our free and loyal American citizens of Hungarian origin; and finally, it gives unnecessary weapons into the hands of the bolshevik propaganda-leaders, both inside and outside of the Iron Curtain, when they are able to assimilate the name of our great country with spokesmen of extreme reactionism.

In closing, I wish to quote from a recent letter received today from Salzburg, Austria. The writer is a reputable, outstanding and sincere leader of proven, democratic-minded Hungarian refugees:

"those of us, who still cherish, defend and preserve the truly democratic Kossuth-traditions, are compelled by ever present need to fight and struggle, because the United States only respects and supports today the strong nations."

Respectfully yours,

Stephen S. Balogh
Executive Secretary

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