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Dear George,

As you might have expected I have been following with great interest the various communications from [] concerning the possibility of organizing free Hungarian demonstrations. Recently I noticed a copy of a letter which [] wrote to you on January 29 indicating that his friends in [] were unable to secure the necessary funds from the home office to make progress possible. I have made inquiries locally to see if this is true in the thought that perhaps we could do a bit of pushing if necessary. In reply I have been told that "efforts are still being made". I was really very surprised to hear that any difficulties of this nature had arisen since no one has been more energetic here in Washington than the Agency in advocating the greatest possible exploitation of the Hungarian situation through just such means as [] have suggested.

Along similar lines I thought you would be interested to know that there is a move afoot to get Joseph Kevage, the former mayor of Budapest, to go to Rome and some other Italian cities in the period prior to the Italian elections in order to make some public speeches and influence people. I think this would be a very good idea if it can be discreetly arranged though at the moment it is not clear to what extent the Agency will be helpful. In any event I shall try and keep you informed if it appears that he will be able to come. If for any reason you think it is a bad idea let me know.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

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American Embassy,

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