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His Excellency
Williard L. Beaulac
Ambassador the USA
Bogotá

Dear Sir:

I, the undersigned, Ferenc Vajta, ex-hungarian citizen, now stateless, would like to make a statement, concerning my departure from the USA.

After being detained for 25 months on Ellis Island, on February 3, 1950, I was granted with a voluntary departure, to any country of my choice, at my own expenses. Consecutively, on February 5 I left the USA by a plane from the La Guardia Airport and I arrived a Bogotá the same day.

I arrived in the USA on December 16, 1947, coming from Madrid, where after having obtained the previous and full consent of the Department of State to my visits in the USA, I was granted a legal visa, for a year. After my arrival in the USA, however, in consequence of the slanderous campaign, directed by Walter Winchell and Drew Pearson, on the instigation of pro-communist Hungarian elements, against my person, I was arrested on January 3, 1948 by the Immigration Authorities and from this day I was continually detained on Ellis Island.

There were lodged 7 charges against me - but on the end only one was retained as legal, by the District Court Judge Samuel H. Kaufman (New York Southern District) that "during the late world war... acquiesced in activities, contrary to decency..." With this charge, I was declared a "prejudicial alien" and ordered be deported from the USA.

There was only "circumstantial evidence" and even that was assured by Hungarians only, who's political creed is only momentarily pro-american.

On the intervention of different Senators, however, the Immigration Service commuted this decision in a "voluntary departure" (Senators Homer Ferguson and Pat McCarran intervened on my behalf).

Before coming in the USA, I worked in Europe (Italy and Spain) with the Americans, to build up political centers for the eastern-european refugees. (In Italy with [redacted] and Madrid with [redacted] from US-Embassy) By Judge Samuel Kaufman I was disqualified on the base of my activity, as a former member of the Hungarian diplomacy.

As I was legally admitted to the USA and I never did anything what could disqualify my person, and as I was and I am a friend of the USA, I consider unjust the treatment received in the USA. I am and I shall remain always on the "American side", and this proceeding, "my temporary exclusion" from the USA cant' and will never change my sentiments and my deep admiration for the American people, I am only very sorry, that men, who with their procommunitistic sympathy fought for my exclusion, succeeded with pressures, with propaganda, etc in obtaining my ouster from the USA.

I get your Excellency to believe in the sincerity of my sentiments with what I remain

Respectfully yours
Sgd FERENC VAJTA

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