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TO : [redacted]  
Rm. 1058, L Bldg.  
FROM : Chief, Contact Division, O/O

DATE: 31 May 1951

SUBJECT: <sup>o</sup> Desire of General ZAKO to Come to the United States

REFERENCE: (a) Conversation - Breitmayer-Ciesielski - 25 May 1951  
(b) Our memorandum dated 13 April 1951, Subject: Andrew SZINAY

1. On 8 April 1951, a contact of this office, accompanied by Major General Walter E. Todd, USAF, called upon Andrew SZINAY (see reference (b)). Subsequent to this meeting, SZINAY wrote to General ZAKO and the resulting letter from ZAKO to General Todd is attached (Enclosure (B)). Also attached is the accompanying letter written to General Todd by SZINAY (Enclosure (A)).

2. Copies of the attached are also being forwarded to the Office for Policy Coordination with the request that any interest in this matter be coordinated with [redacted] your office.

3. This office is in a position to approach SZINAY indirectly to obtain additional information, if you so request.

for [redacted]

Enclosure (A) Copy of letter of 27 April 1951  
(B) Copy of letter of 20 April 1951

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COMRADESHIP  
of  
HUNGARIAN VETERANS

ABRAM bei SOLBAD HALL

Tirel.-Austria.

20 April 1951.

Dear Sir,

I was glad to receive the confidential report of Capt (OO) A. Sainey about the personal contact with you on the meeting of the 9th April.

First of all I want to express my thanks to you for the chance you gave him, who is one of my faithfulest officers bearing also my full confidence.

I also should like to take this opportunity to write you a few words on a soldier-to-soldier base to a man who is at the same time fully familiar with the methods and intellectual tendency of the Bolshewism and a great expert of the intelligence.

The only aim of the thousands of our Veterans - and also of mine as their leader - is the liberation of our people from the slavery. From the very beginning I obviously saw that this could only be achieved through the way of an inside-work in our countryhome. Therefore is our Underground based on Hungary and not on the Hungarians emigrated abroad. I never leave this principle out of my eyes.

Further I have always known we cannot win in our work the moral and material help of the mightiest power, the United States. Owing to this I did every time my best to contact the higher US authorities concerned. Unfortunately all my efforts were unsuccessful.

I have searched for the reasons and I believe to found it in the followings:

a.) I have been isolated from these authorities by big geographical distances, by lack of personal acquaintance and last but not least by political intrigues of my fellow-countrymen in the States.

b.) Here in Europe in the various Occupation Zones many of the lower grade US detachments are surrounded by such elements who are confronted with us owing to moral reasons and in many cases lacking of special training and experience. These elements of course could have misinfluenced their American bosses, as it actually happened in a recent case in Salzburg.

Please do not consider this letter just as word of a Hungarian officer worried only about the fate of his

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but also as thoughts of a specially trained soldier who has spent the largest part of his general staff career in secret service and who used to live and organize resistance movement illegally in Hungary in 1946-47. These experiences make me completely familiar with the Bolshevik methods and on the other hand give me a clear picture about our own possibilities.

With reference to these allow me please to express here my sincere cariousness about the handling of Hungarian problems here in Europe. Many of the US organs here are working in our relations with persons who are either morally unfit or are untrained. This fact of course has a considerably stemming effect. And as time is almost over we are facing a future which will present the same difficulties concerning underground in the Satellite states as they are in Soviet Russia.

It seems to me that these organs do not want to understand our viewpoint. They do not want to accept the cooperation of an organization which is based on the Veteran ideology of an over-a-million ex-army which possesses a huge net inside of Hungary consisting of veterans and sympathizers, military and civilian experts. They do not want to recognize the fact that a military organization full with specially trained personnel, general staff officers and honest soldiers is professional and much more predestinated to such work than any other organization private person or politician.

Dear Sir, the best way to clear dark and foggy situations is the personal contact and conversation. Therefore I ask you in the interest of our common aims for a chance to see you over there in the States. I am able to go to any place within the US Occupation Zone in Germany and if I could get a courier-plane which would take me over for a few days I could give you any special information you want. Could my request not be fulfilled owing to special reasons I ask you to contact me here with one of your experts who would be able to form an objective opinion about the case.

At the same time I have informed Capt Szalay about every detail concerning my letter and instructed him to be at your disposal in his off time, if wanted.

With repeated thanks

I am Sir

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Gen. Andrew Zako  
General Andrew Zako

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