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Honorable H. Allen Smith
House of Representatives
Congress of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Smith:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 24 February enclosing a letter from one of your constituents containing a report that when the Russians returned to Hungary in November 1956 they were equipped with General Motors Corporation trucks and American military equipment.

An investigation of this matter fails to reveal intelligence to confirm the statements made by Mr. John Berez. Furthermore, out of the thousands of freedom fighters interviewed, we know of none who made similar observations.

The trucks referred to may have been acquired during World War II by the Russians under lend-lease. It is also possible that the equipment referred to may have been produced in the USSR, for the Russians make some trucks that are very similar to GM models.

At the time of the Hungarian revolution, Poland was still subject to the same US trade controls as the USSR. As a result, up-to-date US equipment described by Mr. Berez presumably would not have been obtained by the Russians in Poland.

If you wish us to pursue the matter further, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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