

Sveat Union



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

18 March 1981

Fr. Richards
18/3

Dear Michael,

Thank you for your letter of 12 March enclosing a copy of one to the Prime Minister from Mrs Nina Lagergren, the sister of Raoul Wallenberg.

We agree that it is not necessary to send a substantive reply. Since the Wallenberg case was raised at Madrid there has been an international hearing in Stockholm on 15 and 16 January which claimed to have concluded on the basis of new evidence that the chances were that Mr Wallenberg is alive. But no really new evidence in fact emerged. We shall let you know of any further developments.

Yours ever,

(F N Richards)
Private Secretary

Franis Richards

M Alexander Esq
10 Downing Street

11 12 1
10 9 8
7 6 5 4
3 2 1

18 MAR 1981

vb

Secret

llc

12 March 1981

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter to her of 10 March, the contents of which will be carefully considered here.

MODBA

Mrs Nina Lagergren

12 March 1981

I enclose a copy of a letter which the Prime Minister has received from Mrs Nina Lagergren, the sister of Raoul Wallenberg.

I have acknowledged Mrs Lagergren's letter. Subject to your views, I doubt whether it is necessary to send her a substantive reply. However, it would be useful if you could keep me up to date with any developments which occur in the Wallenberg case.

MODBA

Francis Richards, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

GC.

RAOUL WALLENBERG-FÖRENINGEN

Telephone:
23 37 90

BOX 16076, 103 22 STOCKHOLM · POSTGIRO 90 02 52 - 8
Ordförande Ingrid Gärde Widemar, Tel. 08/62 20 82 kl. 8-9
Sekreterare Birgitta Hernmarck, Tel. 08/755 43 38 kl. 9-10

March 10, 1981

Prime Minister
Mrs. Margaret Thatcher
10, Downing Street
LONDON, SW 1

Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

This is to express my deepest gratitude for the warmhearted support of the United Kingdom delegation - together with the US delegation - to the Helsinki Review Conference in Madrid, for a re-investigation into the circumstances surrounding my brother Raoul Wallenberg's disappearance in the Soviet Union and his imprisonment there ever since.

My brother's humanitarian efforts and deeds have now become a world-wide concern and serve as an inspiration for mankind to stand up against oppression.

In a letter to President Reagan I expressed my hope that he will use his power and make my brother a main issue in his forthcoming deals with the Soviet Union.

In view of your close relationship with President Reagan, I dare to ask you to use your influence in talks with the President.

Trusting you will give this your kindest consideration,

Sincerely yours,

Nina Lagergren

Nina Lagergren

Encl.: Letter to President Reagan

RAOUL WALLENBERG-FÖRENINGEN

BOX 16076, 103 22 STOCKHOLM · POSTGIRO 90 02 52 - 8

Ordförande Ingrid Gärde Widemar, Tel. 08/62 20 82 kl. 8-9

Sekreterare Birgitta Hernmarck Executive secretary Sonja Sonnenfeld

President Ronald Reagan
The White House

March 5, 1981

WASHINGTON D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

On February 24 I cabled you as follows:

"PLEASE HELP FREE MY BROTHER RAOUL WALLENBERG, NOW 68, WHO ON THE REQUEST OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WAS SENT TO BUDAPEST IN 1944 TO SAVE JEWS. HE SAVED HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS AND WAS CAPTURED BY SOVIET TROOPS JANUARY 1945; ALTHOUGH SOVIET CLAIMS RAOUL DIED IN 1947, HE IS STILL LANGUISHING IN THE GULAG. ACCORDING TO RECENT INFORMATION HIS STATE OF HEALTH IS ALARMING, SO PLEASE USE YOUR POWER AND MAKE HIM A MAIN ISSUE IN DEALS WITH SOVIET UNION".

The strong US interest and concern for my brother's fate is motivated by the fact that his was an outstanding humanitarian mission - one of the few, if not the only one - which managed against terrible odds, to offer efficient countermeasures on a large scale against the Nazi extermination machinery. It also matters that his mission was due to an American initiative.

The Soviet attitude to my brother's fate has over the years changed considerably:

In January 1945 they acknowledged that he had been found in Budapest and taken under their protection;

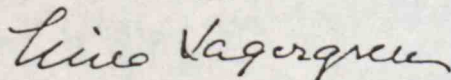
in 1947 they claimed by brother was not in the Soviet Union and unknown to them;

in 1957 the Soviet note said that research into the prison archives had revealed a document which indicated that Raoul Wallenberg had died in July 1947. However, the identification of this prisoner with Raoul Wallenberg was, the Soviets admitted, rather vague.

This last version the Soviets have maintained over the years, in spite of the evidence that my brother is still alive.

With best wishes to you and your family,

Sincerely yours,



Nina Lagergren

CF PPS

Telephone:
23 37 90

RAOUL WALLENBERG-FÖRENINGEN

BOX 16076, 103 22 STOCKHOLM · POSTGIRO 90 02 52 - 8
Ordförande Ingrid Gärde Widemar, Tel. 08/62 20 82 kl. 8-9
Sekreterare Birgitta Hernmarck, Tel. 08/755 43 38 kl. 9-10

March 10, 1981

(2)

Prime Minister
Mrs. Margaret Thatcher
10, Downing Street
LONDON, SW 1

Handwritten notes:
M. Thatcher
P. Minister
I have acc'd + some LL
advise
I think

Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

This is to express my deepest gratitude for the warmhearted support of the United Kingdom delegation - together with the US delegation - to the Helsinki Review Conference in Madrid, for a re-investigation into the circumstances surrounding my brother Raoul Wallenberg's disappearance in the Soviet Union and his imprisonment there ever since.

My brother's humanitarian efforts and deeds have now become a world-wide concern and serve as an inspiration for mankind to stand up against oppression.

In a letter to President Reagan I expressed my hope that he will use his power and make my brother a main issue in his forthcoming deals with the Soviet Union.

In view of your close relationship with President Reagan, I dare to ask you to use your influence in talks with the President.

Trusting you will give this your kindest consideration,

Sincerely yours,

Nina Lagergren

Nina Lagergren

Encl.: Letter to President Reagan

RAOUL WALLENBERG-FÖRENINGEN

BOX 16076, 103 22 STOCKHOLM · POSTGIRO 90 02 52 - 8

Ordförande Ingrid Gärde Widemar, Tel. 08/62 20 82 kl. 8-9

Sekreterare Birgitta Hernmarck Executive secretary Sonja Sonnenfeld

President Ronald Reagan
The White House

March 5, 1981

WASHINGTON D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

On February 24 I cabled you as follows:

"PLEASE HELP FREE MY BROTHER RAOUL WALLENBERG, NOW 68, WHO ON THE REQUEST OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WAS SENT TO BUDAPEST IN 1944 TO SAVE JEWS. HE SAVED HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS AND WAS CAPTURED BY SOVIET TROOPS JANUARY 1945: ALTHOUGH SOVIET CLAIMS RAOUL DIED IN 1947, HE IS STILL LANGUISHING IN THE GULAG. ACCORDING TO RECENT INFORMATION HIS STATE OF HEALTH IS ALARMING, SO PLEASE USE YOUR POWER AND MAKE HIM A MAIN ISSUE IN DEALS WITH SOVIET UNION".

The strong US interest and concern for my brother's fate is motivated by the fact that his was an outstanding humanitarian mission - one of the few, if not the only one - which managed against terrible odds, to offer efficient countermeasures on a large scale against the Nazi extermination machinery. It also matters that his mission was due to an American initiative.

The Soviet attitude to my brother's fate has over the years changed considerably:

In January 1945 they acknowledged that he had been found in Budapest and taken under their protection;

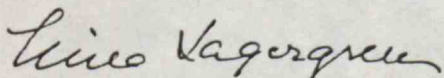
in 1947 they claimed by brother was not in the Soviet Union and unknown to them;

in 1957 the Soviet note said that research into the prison archives had revealed a document which indicated that Raoul Wallenberg had died in July 1947. However, the identification of this prisoner with Raoul Wallenberg was, the Soviets admitted, rather vague.

This last version the Soviets have maintained over the years, in spite of the evidence that my brother is still alive.

With best wishes to you and your family,

Sincerely yours,



Nina Lagergren