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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

The American Hungarian Federation would like to express its appreciation for your Proclamation concerning the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. Your honoring the Revolution with your Proclamation moved not only Americans of Hungarian descent, but all freedom loving Americans as well.

American Hungarians across the United States commemorated the 1956 events in recent weeks, honored the heroes of the Revolution, and joined in various celebrations, paying tribute to this historical event. Our Federation, founded in 1906, held a gala dinner and commemoration on October 20th, at the Cosmos Club in Washington. American Hungarians, members of the Washington, D.C. community, and members of the Federation attended event. As part of our program, "Hungary 1956-History Remembered," a member of our Federation read your Proclamation, which was followed by long, sustained applause. Our keynote speaker, former Senator Joseph Tydings, spoke of the historical significance of the 1956 Revolution; and seven American Hungarians received the Federation's "Michael Kovats Medal of Freedom Award," for their contribution to their community.

American Hungarians also appreciate your recent personal involvement in the events commemorating 1956, your address at the Capitol in March of this year, and your visit to Hungary in June. Hungarians in the U.S., as well as in Hungary, also warmly remember your father's visit to Budapest during his Presidency.

Please accept our sincere appreciation for joining us in paying tribute to the Hungarian revolutionaries of 1956.

Sincerely,

Istvan Fedor
President