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The President
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

We the undersigned applaud your commitment to promote freedom and democracy. We also congratulate you for reaching out to our new allies in Eastern and Central Europe. Their irrepressible desire for freedom greatly contributed to the collapse of the Soviet Union and today serves as a model for new democracies elsewhere in the world.

The first major challenge to Soviet domination of the eastern half of Europe was the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. As the world watched, Hungarians of all walks of life rose up, fought the occupiers against overwhelming odds, and left a chink in the Soviet empire that ultimately contributed to the events of 1989 and 1990.

Next year will mark the 50th anniversary of that historical event. A trip by you to Hungary in the fall of 2006 to participate in the celebration of the 1956 Revolution would be of tremendous symbolic value and enable you to reach out to the people of Hungary who suffered, sacrificed and ultimately prevailed in their quest for freedom and democracy. The trip would underscore America's dedication to these values in a highly visible fashion. And it would have a special meaning to freedom loving Americans, including the many Hungarian Americans who fled Hungary in 1956 and substantially contributed to their new country.

Sincerely,

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