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The Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority רשות הזיכרון לשואה ולגבורה

Jerusalem, 13 January 1991

Mrs. Alice Esterhazy-Malfatti
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Dear Mrs. Esterhazy-Malfatti,

At the offices of Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Authority, testimonies and documents were received concerning the deeds and activities of your late father, Mr. Janos Esterhazy, during the World War Two period, when Jews were persecuted and liquidated by the Nazi authorities.

We learned that as a leader of a political party and a member of parliament in Slovakia, your father was sensitive to the injustices perpetrated on Jews, and he courageously criticized these Nazi actions, even publicly -- a quite uncommon behavior in those days. His humanitarian feeling and personal concern for others did not permit him to condone the steps taken by those in power at the time, and he tried to critize and condemn them. By voicing his position, he attempted to influence others, even if evidently few were ready to listen to him.

The name of your father, Janos Esterhazy, will forever be well remembered by Slovakian Jewry and the Jewish people as a whole, for his courageous stand and his sense of justice.

Sincerely yours,

M. Bejski

Dr. Moshe Bejski
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