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1. Following is approximate text of letter sent through open mails on January 21 by Senator Edward Kennedy to President Novotny:

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Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to express my personal concern over case of Kazan-Komarek. Mr. Kazan-Komarek is a constituent of mine and I have met with his wife and family on numerous occasions since difficulty arose. I know I need not tell you that sorrow of his family and especially those of his child have moved me deeply. I am prompted to communicate with you because this case appears to carry implications that extend beyond personal misfortune of individuals involved. President Kennedy's desire to further relations between our people, his hope for greater understanding and cooperation among nations of the East and West remains a matter of pride and commitment to me and I can assure you that among many of my colleagues in the US Senate this hope and goal remains and has been strengthened by the recent statements of President Johnson on the basic question of trade.

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To me case of Karan-Kowarsk is unfortunate for it tends to divert us from concentrating on those matters which would enhance our relations on those matters on which we differ. In this belief I recently visited with your distinguished Ambassador. Following that meeting I contacted officials in the Department of State to express my desire that no steps be taken, either public or private, that would lead to further misunderstanding.

So I write to you, Mr. President, to place before you my view of the importance of this case and its outcome. I trust and ask that some way be found to dispose of this issue so that reasonable men can continue to seek progress for the benefit of our two nations.

Sincerely,

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2. We understand suggestion such letter be sent had been made by Jiri Hochman of Rude Pravo.

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