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Dear Mgr. Smolen:

Re: Your Letter Wyd. 571/30/3468/89 - November 24, 1989

I thank you for your letter. Please find below my comments.

1. I am very surprised by the content of your above letter. You are saying that another letter was sent to me on 1 March 1989, which I never received. This latter-mentioned letter (the copy of which I received only from you now) was addressed to my address in Vancouver, but obviously not sent to me, but to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. It was never submitted to me from there.

I cannot understand why a letter addressed to me was sent by your office to a different address in a different country. I live in Canada, not in the U.S.A. In any case, it is deplorable that your letter to me was not forwarded to me, although my address was on it.

2. I enclose an article written by myself, entitled "Footnote to the Auschwitz Report". After reading this article, you might understand that I am not very popular with all of the members of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, which might perhaps explain why your letter was never submitted to me. There they might be more interested to have you print their version of events relevant to the Vrba-Wetzler Report, rather than my version. The fact that I remember and see things in a different light might perhaps not fit exactly their views and wishes.
3. I enclose two articles of J. S. Conway, Professor of History at this University (both German and English versions), which analyze the origin and further fate of the Vrba-Wetzler Report. In my opinion, Conway's articles are as close to the truth as possible.
4. The statistics in the Vrba-Wetzler Report are based mainly on the fact that, until June 8, 1943, I was in the "Rollwagenkommando" (i.e., that part of Aufräumungskommando (' "Kanada" -) which "worked" on the old Ramp. Thus, I was present at the arrival of each transport and in good position to prepare the statistics by memorization. Neither I nor Wetzler carried any papers when we escaped from Birkenau. As I was for the rest of my time in Auschwitz a Blockschreiber in the Quarantine Camp in