Dear Sir,

As you are aware the Resolution regarding Epidemic Disease in Eastern Europe expressed the desire that our work should be carried out in cooperation with Comite International de la Croix Rouge.

At the present moment there is one important matter, about which I should much like your help and advice.

One of the most urgent Health problems in Poland is connected with the Soviet Russian prisoners now interned in that Country. I believe that their number approximates 80,000.

For the most part these men appear to be of very poor physique, insufficiently clad and insufficiently fed. An appreciable number of them are "carriers" of the Cholera vibrio, and the incidence of communicable disease among them is high. From the Polish Public Health point of view the early repatriation of these prisoners is more than desirable.

I am, of course, not in a position to state the views of the Polish Government regarding this matter which doubtless has been the subject of discussion at Riga.
Should they agree with the views expressed above, I should like to know whether your Organisation could render assistance regarding the repatriation of these prisoners, e.g. in the supply of trains &c. &c., and of so, to what extent.

I am leaving Geneva tonight for London. I should be glad if you could send a reply to this letter addressed to Dame Rachel Crowdy, Health Section, League of Nations, who has kindly promised to forward it to me.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Chief Commissioner,
Epidemic Commission,
League of Nations.