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January 13th 1948

To the International Red Cross Committee,  
Juridical Section,

7, Avenue de la Paix,  
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Re: Service of medical personnel with an enemy power.  
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Dear Sirs,

Reference is made to our letter of 6th inst. in the above matter.

We may now inform you that we have today received from Mr. Arvid Holt-Seeland a copy of his letter to you of January 6th regarding the service of Norwegian medical personnel with the German army.

When Mr. Seeland visited our office some days ago, we said that even though we could not in any way prevent him from writing to you direct, we were of opinion that the correct procedure would be for the Norwegian Red Cross to write the letter to the International Red Cross Committee, with a copy for Mr. Holt-Seeland, and we understood him to agree to this.

If Mr. Holt-Seeland prefers to take the matter up with you direct, he is at liberty to do so, but we shall then consider any further intervention in the matter on the part of the Norwegian Red Cross, as superfluous. We should, however, like to be kept informed of your answer to Mr. Holt-Seeland.

As for Mr. Holt-Seeland's remarks on page 2, section II, we want to protest against his quotation of the undersigned's statement, and we made this clear to Mr. Holt-Seeland during his visit. We remember, that a telephone call was put through from the Police to the Secretary General of the Norwegian Red Cross, as to what the Blice was going to do with the Norwegian nurses returning from service with the German army. There was no claim for Red Cross protection. The Secretary General answered that this would be a matter of Norwegian law, and consequently up to the Norwegian authorities to decide ~~it~~, and that it did not concern the Norwegian Red Cross. The Secretary General did not, of course,

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encourage the police to put the nurses in gaol, which seems to appear from Mr. Molt-Seeland's quotation.

As for the rest, we refer to our previous correspondence in this matter.

Yours very truly,  
For the NORWEGIAN RED CROSS

Arnold Rørholt  
Secretary General