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For Patricia, Frederick, Peter, Andrew, and others of the post-World War II generation in the hope that their knowledge of a police state is gained only from reading. We lived in this place as prisoners and dead shadows for long years. We had the courage and patience to endure the greatest suffering that human history has ever known. We were submitted to the most cruel tyranny of the world.

But now we are free.

Dr. Ali Kuci, Communiqué No. 20, Dachau, 1945