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**Letter, Muhammad Amin Bughra, Isa Yusuf Alptekin,
and Colonel Adam Sabri to Owen Lattimore**

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Summary:

Exiled in India, Bughra, Alptekin, and Sabri ask Lattimore for financial and material support. They also praise Dean Acheson's January 1950 Press Club Speech.

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Mr. Owen Lattimore
Adviser to the State Department
Government of the United States of America,
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Mohd Amin Bugra, Mr. Issa Yousaf, Ex Vice Governor and Secretary-General of Eastern Turkestan (Sinkiang) and myself came to Delhi as representatives of the 600 Turkestanis, who had to migrate to India consequent upon the control of Chinese Communists over our country, to request the Government of India to permit our people to settle down in India. The Government of India have kindly agreed to our request.

The other day we were glad to read the statement of U.S. Secretary of State who rightly said that Russia was "apparently resuming on a grand scale the campaign for detachment of the Sinkiang province from China." We know the truth of this statement. For the present the three districts of Ili, Chuguchak and Altai are already for all intents and purposes under the control of Soviet Government.

We have read that you have published a book, entitled "Pivot of Asia," and shall feel grateful if you please a copy of it to us. We are staying for a few days more in Delhi and our permanent address to which the book may be sent is Care of Haji Mohd. Qasim, Serai Safakadal, Srinagar, Kashmir, India.

Our refugees were forced to cross over to India bereft of all valuables and many of them are now penniless. Please see if they could be helped by you or your friends.

Yours sincerely,

- 10 R. O.R.*
1. Mohd. Amin Bugra
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2. Issa Yousaf
A. Sabri
3. Adam Sabri, Colonel.