State Security and the Government of Armenia SSR by way of Mr. R. Ghazaryan, head of the Investigation Department," dated March 21, 1945. At this point, he has already been in solitary confinement for one year, two months and eighteen days. In desperation, he responds to the Moscow verdict that has only very recently been shared with him.

The letter conveys the shock he felt upon hearing the verdict and represents a last attempt to prove his innocence. Was he naive to still believe in the logic of the Soviet judicial system, or was this the last-gasp effort of a hopeless man clinging to the impossible? He reiterates what he has repeatedly stated during the long interrogation sessions. "As the representative of the ARF Central Committee of Atrpatakan, I implemented the wartime policy of the Dashnaktsutiun which is to cooperate with the Soviets, to negotiate with Soviet representatives to offer the capabilities of our local organization. Is this what I am being convicted of? I have explained this throughout the interrogation with absolute candor and honesty to prove my innocence." Disputing the unfounded allegations and the irrational sentence, he again asks the question, "What have I been convicted of?"

> Is it because, living in a foreign country, I gave my love, my thoughts and my energy to the betterment of my homeland and my people? …. Is it because, with the memory alive in me of the German-Turkish conspiracy that cost millions of