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DIPLOMAT'S FAMILY SUES SOVIET

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 2— The family of Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat who saved the lives of at least 100,000 Jews in World War II, filed a \$39 million lawsuit against the Soviet Union today, demanding that the Russians tell what happened to him.

The suit was filed in Federal District Court by lawyers for Guy von Dardel, the half brother of Mr. Wallenberg.

The diplomat was imprisoned by the Russians in 1945 after carrying out his life-saving mission in Nazi-occupied Hungary. The suit asks that the Soviet Union either release Mr. Wallenberg or supply definitive proof that he is dead, and in either case pay \$39 million in damages to the family.

The Soviet Union said Mr. Wallenberg died in prison in 1947, but the diplomat's family believes he is alive.

The suit was filed under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act of 1977, which makes foreign governments liable to lawsuits in United States courts for wrongful acts, according to Mr. von Dardel's lawyer, Morris Wolff.

In 1944 the United States and Swedish Governments sent Mr. Wallenberg to Budapest to help save Jews still under occupation by Nazi Germany.