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(DOLAN)

SEPTEMBER 20, 1988

TAPING: PRESBYTERIANS FOR DEMOCRACY AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

DEAR FRIENDS AT  
PRESBYTERIANS FOR  
DEMOCRACY AND RELIGIOUS  
FREEDOM:

IT IS A GREAT  
PLEASURE TO BE ABLE TO  
PERFORM EVEN THIS CAMEO  
ROLE FOR YOUR ANNUAL  
FAITH AND FREEDOM DINNER.  
AS YOU COME TOGETHER EACH  
YEAR TO HONOR ANOTHER  
CHAMPION OF RELIGIOUS  
FREEDOM, YOU PROVIDE  
VALUABLE ENCOURAGEMENT TO  
THOSE WHO HAVE RESPONDED  
TO A VERY SPECIAL  
CALLING. BUT EVEN MORE  
IMPORTANTLY, BY BRINGING  
ATTENTION TO THE WORK  
DONE ON BEHALF OF

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RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, YOU  
LIGHT A CANDLE OF HOPE IN  
THE DARK CELLS OF MEN AND  
WOMEN THROUGHOUT THE  
WORLD WHO SUFFER SO  
COURAGEOUSLY -- AND  
UNJUSTLY -- FOR THEIR  
RELIGIOUS FAITH.

AS PRESIDENT, I AM  
DELIGHTED TO HELP LIGHT  
THIS CANDLE. INDEED,  
THERE IS HARDLY ANYTHING  
THAT RANKS HIGHER FOR ME,  
AS THE HEAD OF STATE FOR  
A FREE PEOPLE, THAN TO  
HELP EXTEND FREEDOM IN  
OTHER LANDS. AND I MUST  
SAY THAT, IN MY YEARS AS  
PRESIDENT, I HAVE MET NO  
BRAVER PEOPLE THAN THOSE  
WHO, THROUGH GOD'S HELP,  
HAVE ENDURED SUFFERING  
FOR THEIR RELIGIOUS  
FAITH: NOR HAVE I MET MEN

AND WOMEN WHO ARE MORE  
SELF-GIVING THAN THOSE  
WHOM GOD HAS USED TO  
VISIT THE "LEAST OF  
THESE" WHO SUFFERED IN  
HIS NAME.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE  
A MOMENT TO SEND A  
SPECIAL GREETING TO THIS  
YEAR'S RECIPIENTS OF THE  
FAITH AND FREEDOM AWARD:  
(BLAH-HO-SLAHV) AND OLGA  
(HUH-RUBY). WHEN I THINK  
OF YOUR EFFORTS OVER  
THESE MANY YEARS ON  
BEHALF OF THOSE WHO HAVE  
BEEN HELD CAPTIVE FOR  
CONSCIENCE' SAKE, I AM  
REMINDING OF THE TITLE OF  
THAT MARVELOUS BOOK BY  
IRVING STONE ON  
MICHELANGELO, THE AGONY  
AND THE ECSTASY. IT MUST  
BE AGONYING AS YOU

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STRUGGLE TO TELL THE  
STORIES OF THOSE WHO  
SUFFER, TO AROUSE THE  
INTEREST OF OTHERS WHO  
ARE BUSY WITH THEIR OWN  
LIVES, TO WORK YOUR WAY  
THROUGH A BYZANTINE  
NETWORK OF CONTACTS TO  
FIND SOME WAY TO HAVE  
THEIR CASES REVIEWED, AND  
FINALLY TO WAIT, AND TO  
WAIT SOME MORE, HAVING  
DONE ALL YOU HUMANLY  
CAN -- BUT SAY ANOTHER  
PRAYER. ON THE OTHER  
HAND, I THINK WHAT  
ECSTASY IT MUST BE TO  
HAVE WORKED TO GAIN  
FREEDOM FOR SO MANY.

(BLAH-HO-SLAHV) AND  
OLGA, IN YOUR OWN WAY,  
YOU ARE ARTISTS. YOU  
HAVE HELPED TO PAINT A  
PICTURE FOR OTHERS TO

SEE. AND TONIGHT YOU ARE  
JOINED BY SOME OF THOSE  
AMERICANS AND  
PRESBYTERIANS WHO HAVE  
SEEN THE PICTURE, WHO  
WISH TO SHARE JUST A  
PORTION OF YOUR SUFFERING  
AND YOUR JOY, AND WHO  
WISH TO SALUTE YOU FOR  
YOUR WORK OVER THESE  
YEARS AT R.C.D.A.

IN RECENT MONTHS,  
AS ALL OF YOU KNOW, THE  
SITUATION HAS SHOWN SOME  
SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT.  
IN THE LAST 2 YEARS,  
MORE THAN 300 PRISONERS  
OF CONSCIENCE HAVE BEEN  
RELEASED IN THE SOVIET  
UNION, AND THE NUMBER WHO  
HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED OR  
PLACED IN PSYCHIATRIC  
HOSPITALS HAS BEEN FEW.  
EQUALLY ENCOURAGING ARE

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STATEMENTS FROM GENERAL  
SECRETARY GORBACHEV THAT  
BELIEVERS IN THE SOVIET  
UNION SHOULD NOT BE  
TREATED, AS THEY HAVE  
BEEN IN THE PAST, AS  
SECOND CLASS CITIZENS.  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO A DAY  
WHEN THERE ARE NO  
POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS  
PRISONERS, WHEN NO ONE  
BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN  
IS FORCED TO SUFFER  
IMPRISONMENT, HARASSMENT,  
OR DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE  
OF HIS OR HER RELIGIOUS  
FAITH.

PRESBYTERIANS FOR  
DEMOCRACY AND RELIGIOUS  
FREEDOM, AS A FELLOW  
AMERICAN AND PARISHIONER  
FOR MANY YEARS AT BEL-AIR  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN  
CALIFORNIA, I AM INDEBTED



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TO ALL OF YOU FOR THE  
HARD WORK AND GENEROSITY  
THAT HAVE RESULTED IN ONE  
OF THE MOST EXCITING AND  
EFFECTIVE MOVEMENTS FOR  
RENEWAL IN THE CHURCH  
TODAY. JUST 2-YEARS-OLD,  
AND ALREADY 5,000 STRONG.  
MAY YOU CONTINUE TO  
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FOUNDER OF P.D.R.F.,  
FOR GIVING THE WORLD SUCH  
A SPLENDID EXAMPLE OF  
WHAT IS POSSIBLE THROUGH  
A KEEN SENSE OF  
STEWARDSHIP AND  
VOLUNTARISM. I ALSO SEND  
A SPECIAL GREETING TO  
DR. ERNEST GORDON,  
RECIPIENT OF LAST YEAR'S  
FAITH AND FREEDOM AWARD.

THERE IS NO ADEQUATE WAY  
TO SAY "THANKS" FOR WHAT  
YOU HAVE DONE FOR ALL  
MANKIND THROUGH YOUR  
DISTINGUISHED LIFE AS  
A WAR HERO, WRITER,  
PASTOR, AND PARTISAN  
FOR FREEDOM. AND AGAIN,  
A HEARTFELT THANKS TO  
YOU, (BLAH-HO-SLAHV) AND  
OLGA (HUH-RUBY), FOR THE  
STEADY AND COURAGEOUS  
WORK THAT HAS MADE THIS  
EVENING POSSIBLE.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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(Dolan edit)  
September 19, 1988  
4:30 p.m. *YK*

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(Dolan edit)  
September 15, 1988  
4:00 p.m. SS

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In recent months, as all of you know, <sup>the situation has</sup> ~~the occasions for joy~~  
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300 prisoners of conscience have been released in the Soviet  
Union, <sup>(\*) insert from draft</sup> should not be treated, as they have been in the past, as  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON


9/16/88

Rebecca:

Several sentences were skipped on  
page 2 of the Presbyterians for  
Democracy and Religious Freedom  
speech.


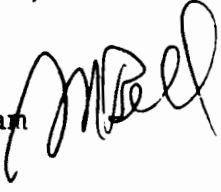
Add the following sentence where I've  
noted:

"and the number who have been imprisoned  
or placed in psychiatric hostpials has  
been few. Equally encouraging are  
statements from General Secretary  
Gorbachev that believers in the..."



Thanks,

Marian



# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 09/15/88

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: C.O.B. Friday 09/16/88

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TAPING:

1. WOMEN'S SPORTS FOUNDATION
2. YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP SEMINARS
3. ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION DINNER
4. THANKSGIVING MESSAGE FOR THE ARMED FORCES
5. CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FOR THE AMRED FORCES
6. PRESBYTERIANS FOR DEMOCRACY AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

	ACTION FYI			ACTION FYI	
VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HOOLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DUBERSTEIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KRANOWITZ <i>now</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
POWELL <i>add</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MASENG <i>now 135</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER - OMB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	RANGE <i>add</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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HOBBS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	DOLAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			FAULKNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## REMARKS:

Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Tony Dolan by close of business on Friday, 09/16, with an info copy to my office. Thanks.

## RESPONSE:

(Dolan edit)  
September 15, 1988  
4:00 p.m.

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SEP 15 PM 5:10

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## RESPONSE:

Please see additions to speeches

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Rhett Dawson  
Ext. 2702

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September 15, 1988  
4:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: PRESBYTERIANS FOR DEMOCRACY AND  
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1988

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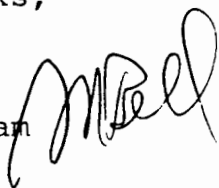
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Thanks,

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## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 09/15/88

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: C.O.B. Friday 09/16/88

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## RESPONSE:

The NSC Staff concurs as amended.

*Robert M. Wentz*  
*Ar* Paul Schott Stevens  
 Executive Secretary

Rhett Dawson  
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We Americans have good reason to be pleased about these changes taking place in the Soviet Union -- changes that correspond to what seems to be a "democratic revolution" slowly unfolding in other parts of the world. At the same time, as those of you at P.D.R.F. know so well, we must continue to be vigilant and resolute advocates of freedom.

Freedom is not as some suppose, a luxury to be traded off for peace or justice. Rather, peace and justice are among the fruits of freedom. Few have seen this linkage so clearly as the Protestant theologian Reinhold Niebuhr, who remarked that "Man's capacity for justice makes democracy possible: his capacity for injustice makes democracy necessary."

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RESPONSE DUE DATE:

June 21, 1988

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REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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       GARY BAUER  
       IAN MACDONALD  
       WILLIAM GRAHAM

FROM:

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.  
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

Please provide your recommendation on the following scheduling request:

EVENT: For the President to address and present an award to Mr. and Mrs. Blahoslav sponsored by the Presbyterians for Democracy and Religious Freedom.

DATE: September, 1988.

LOCATION: Open.

Additional information concerning this event is attached.

June 24, 1988

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

Accept   X  

Regret       

Surrogate

Message

Priority       

Video       

Routine       

Written       

If your recommendation is to accept, please cite reasons below:

This event would underscore the continuity and activism of the human rights issues raised during the Moscow Summit.

Marybel Batjer  
Deputy Executive Secretary

PLEASE RETURN TO SANDY WARFIELD IN OEOB, ROOM 182 BY THE RESPONSE DUE DATE ABOVE SO THAT YOUR COMMENTS MAY BE CONSIDERED AS WE PROCEED WITH THIS REQUEST. THANK YOU.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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SCHEDULING  
OFFICE

June 6, 1988

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., ASSISTANT TO THE  
PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL  
APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: *Rebecca Range*  
REBECCA RANGE, DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE  
PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF  
PUBLIC LIAISON

REQUEST: President to appear as speaker and/or presenter  
of award at event sponsored by Presbyterians  
for Democracy and Religious Freedom, honoring  
Mr. & Mrs. Blahoslav Hruby, pioneers in the  
cause of human rights and long-time champions  
of religious freedom for dissidents in  
Communist lands.

PURPOSE: To underscore, several months after the  
successful summit, President Reagan's standing  
as a champion of human rights and religious  
liberty with an appropriately visible event  
and statement on the subject.

2) To give strength, visibility and impetus  
to the efforts of individuals and organizations  
in the U.S. who are helping to spearhead the  
movement to free religious dissidents in the  
USSR and elsewhere, and to broaden human  
rights in the Eastbloc countries.

BACKGROUND: Presbyterians for Democracy and Religious  
Freedom (PDRF) was founded in 1985 to counter  
the leftward drift of the Presbyterian  
denomination, whose bureaucracy in recent  
years has become more stridently left-wing  
and pro-Soviet. PDRF have been a strong and  
vigorous advocate of President Reagan's  
agenda, especially on Central America, arms  
control and human rights. Mr. & Mrs. Hruby  
are now in their seventies and nearing the  
end of their lives. They are founders of the  
Research Center for Religious and Human  
Rights in Closed Societies and pioneers in  
the cause of human rights.

PREVIOUS  
PARTICIPATION: None

DATE: September (anytime) DURATION: 15 minutes  
LOCATION: Open (Room 450 or event outside complex)  
PARTICIPANTS: PDRF conference attendees and Mr. & Mrs. Hruby.  
OUTLINE OF EVENT: To be determined  
REMARKS REQUIRED: To be provided by speechwriters  
MEDIA COVERAGE: TBD  
RECOMMENDED BY: Rebecca Range  
PROJECT OFFICER: Mariam Bell, x6585



June 22, 1983

Dear Dortch:

Mariam Bell has given me your recent letter inviting President Reagan to address the Presbyterians for Democracy and Religious Freedom Award Dinner in September.

I was pleased to hear from you, and I have forwarded your request to Fred Ryan, Director of Presidential Appointments and Scheduling. You may be sure that your invitation will receive every consideration.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Dortch Oldham  
25th Floor  
First American Center  
Nashville, TN 37238-0096

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB  
cc: Fred Ryan w/inc



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date: June 9, 1988

TO:

Don

*McLaughlin*  
~~McLaughlin~~

FROM:

**LURA NELL MITCHELL**  
**Personal Assistant**  
**to the Chief of Staff**

Dortch Oldham is a friend of Senator Baker's. I think we should write a Dear Dortch letter saying we have received his note through Mariam Bell and that we are forwarding to Fred Ryan for consideration. The letter should be for HHB's signature.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

6/9/88

Lura Nell:

This was sent to me for Senator Baker. I understand he knows the Senator.

Thanks,

*M. Bell*  
Mariam Bell

P.S. I have submitted a schedule proposal for this event. I think Rebecca is keeping it for the next long range scheduling meeting.

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## Dortch Oldham

Investments

First American Center, 25th Floor / Nashville, Tennessee 37238-0096 Office-615 250-3502 Home-615 383-0890

June 7, 1988

The Honorable Howard Baker  
Chief of Staff to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Howard:

The President's brilliant performance at the Moscow Summit-- and particularly his eloquent statements on human rights and religious liberty -- prompt me to write to you with a suggestion, and with an opportunity for the President to further underscore his standing as a champion of human rights during the campaign season this fall.

As you know, I serve on the Board of a "caucus" within the Presbyterian Church known as PRESBYTERIANS FOR DEMOCRACY AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM. PDRF was organized by a group of prominent Presbyterian lay people to counter our denomination's tragic drift to the political Left in recent years. The organization's headquarters is here in Nashville, close to the grassroots, and I have enjoyed giving it both moral and financial support. Since our founding, the success of PDRF has been beyond our imagining: The group has grown from 200 members to more than 5000 in only two years; we have hired a professional executive director, launched an ambitious program of publishing and advocacy -- and we have begun to have a real effect on the debate within the Presbyterian Church (USA), especially on issues like Central America and "tax resistance." Knowing the President's disappointment with the recent political stands of the Presbyterian Church, I suspect he would be proud of the work of PDRF.

One of PDRF's projects is an annual event in Washington at which the organization presents its FAITH AND FREEDOM AWARD to a prominent champion of religious liberty and human rights. This year's honoree, to be recognized at a FAITH AND FREEDOM luncheon or dinner, is Blahoslav Hruby, one of this nation's pioneer fighters for religious rights in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. (Last year's FAITH AND FREEDOM award winner was Dr. Ernest Gordon, hero of the Bridge on the River Kwai and director of CREED -- the Christian Rescue

The Honorable Howard Baker  
Page 2  
June 7, 1988

Effort for East European Dissidents. Dr. Gordon, as you may know, has met several times with the President, and they have become good friends.)

Since President and Mrs. Reagan have for years attended the Presbyterian Church, I am writing to extend an invitation, through you, to him -- to be the principal speaker at this year's PDRF FAITH AND FREEDOM event. The event could prove an important opportunity for the President to echo, on his own country's soil, the human-rights themes he struck in Moscow and London -- and moreover, an opportunity to challenge American citizens, especially church members, to exert all the pressure they can on behalf of imprisoned and persecuted believers and on behalf of a broadening of human rights in totalitarian societies. It would provide an opportunity, moreover, for the President to show support for those organizations in our country who are supporting his agenda of support for democracy -- and speaking out, incidentally, against the activists of the Religious Left.

While we know that this event will be held in September, we are deliberately holding the date open in the hope that you and he will consider this an attractive opportunity, and in an effort to suit the President's convenience. We will be happy to schedule the event at a time and place of your suggestion, after you have conferred with the President's schedule planners. We can guarantee an impressive gathering of citizens who support the President's actions and statements on democracy and human rights, and we will of course do all in our power, in cooperation with you, to ensure high visibility for the President at the event.

I am taking the liberty of sending this letter through Mariam Bell, of the White House Public Liaison Office, who knows our organization well and is familiar with the details of the event I have described rather sketchily in this letter.

I hope to hear from you soon, since our event planners need to have their plans in place by mid-July at the latest. Please know, Howard, that we will be happy to work with you and your staff to make this year's FAITH AND FREEDOM Dinner a perfect showcase for the President and the issues of human rights which he has raised so eloquently.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,



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SCRIPT FOR VIDEO ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT REAGAN  
FOR THE FAITH AND FREEDOM AWARD DINNER  
September 30, 1988

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Dear Friends at Presbyterians for Democracy and Religious  
Freedom:

It is a great pleasure to be able to perform even this cameo role for your annual Faith and Freedom Dinner. As you come together each year to honor another champion of religious freedom, you provide valuable and richly deserved encouragement to those who have responded to a very special calling. But even more importantly, by bringing attention to the work they do on behalf of religious freedom, you light a candle of hope in the dark cells of men and women throughout the world who suffer so courageously--and needlessly--for their religious faith.

As President, I am delighted to help light this candle. Indeed, there is hardly anything that ranks higher for me, as the head of State for a free people, than to help extend freedom in other lands. And I must say that in my years as President, I have met no braver people than those who, through God's help, have endured suffering for their religious faith; nor have I met men and women who are more self-giving than those whom God has used to visit the "least of these" who suffered in His name.

I would like to take a moment to send a special greeting to this year's recipients of the Faith and Freedom Award: Blahoslav and Olga Hruby. When I think of your efforts over these many years on behalf of those who have been held captive for conscience' sake, I am reminded of the title of that marvelous book by Irvine Stone on Michelangelo, The Agony and the Ecstasy. Far more than for the rest of us, your work must surely fit that description: agonizing, on the one hand, as you hear the stories of those who have been separated from their loved ones, separated from their own callings, separated from the normal comforts and pleasures afforded by freedom, and separated in some cases from life itself. It must be agonizing, too, as you struggle to tell their stories, to arouse the interest of others who are busy with their own lives, to work your way through a byzantine network of contacts to find some way to have their cases reviewed, and finally to wait, and to wait some more, having done all you humanly can--but say another prayer. On the other hand, I think what ecstasy it must be to have some success in gaining the release of a Solzhenitsyn, a Shcharansky, a Georgi Vins, a Vladimir Bukovsky, or a group of Pentecostals known as the Siberian Seven.

Blahoslav and Olga, in your own way, you are artists. You have helped to paint a picture for others to see. And tonight you are joined by some of those Americans and Presbyterians who have seen the picture, who wish to share just a portion of your suffering

and your joy, and who wish to salute you for your work over these years at RCDA.

In recent months, as all of you know, the occasions for joy have come more frequently. In the last three years, more than 300 prisoners of conscience have been released in the Soviet Union, and the number who have been imprisoned or placed in psychiatric hospitals has been few. Equally encouraging are statements from General Secretary Gorbachev that believers in the Soviet Union should not be treated, as they have been in the past, as second class citizens.

We Americans have good reason to be pleased about these changes taking place in the Soviet Union--changes that correspond to what seems to be a "democratic revolution" slowly unfolding in other parts of the world. At the same time, as those of you at PDRF know so well, we must continue to be vigilant and resolute advocates of freedom.

Freedom is not, as some suppose, a luxury to be traded off for peace or justice. Rather, peace and justice are among the fruits of freedom. Few have seen this linkage so clearly as the Protestant theologian Reinhold Niebuhr, who remarked that "Man's capacity for justice makes democracy possible; his capacity for injustice makes democracy necessary."

Presbyterians for Democracy and Religious Freedom, as a fellow  
American and parishoner for many years at Bel Air  
Church in California, I am indebted to all of you for the hard  
work and generosity that have resulted in one of the most  
exciting and effective movements for renewal in the Church today.  
Just two years old, and already 5,000 strong. May you continue  
to flourish.

I am particularly grateful to you, John Boone, President and  
founder of PDRF, for giving the world such a splendid example of  
what is possible through a keen sense of stewardship and  
voluntarism. I also send a special greeting to my dear friend,  
Dr. Ernest Gordon, recipient of last year's Faith and Freedom  
Award. There is no adequate way to say "thanks" for what you  
have done for all mankind through your distinguished life as a  
war hero, writer, pastor, and partisan for freedom. And again, a  
heartfelt thanks to you, Blahoslav and Olga Hruby, for the  
steady and courageous work that has made this evening possible.  
God bless you.