

To the Appeal of Conscience
Foundation, U.S.A.

Moscow, October , 1989

Dear Sirs,

Esteemed ACF Award Recipients,

My most sincere thanks for inviting me to the Annual Award Dinner. I regret that circumstances beyond my control prevent me from attending.

Human rights and freedoms, which are indissolubly linked with the conditions and quality of life, are the real criterion of civilization and progress.

The ACF choice of 1989 Award Recipients is added evidence of the need for the closest possible co-operation in securing these lofty aims in the realms of economy, politics, the spirit and morality -- of all that imparts a sense of belonging and dignity to the individual.

I take this opportunity to express my respect for the humanitarian mission of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation. My compliments to its 1989 Award Recipients.

Sincerely,

A. Yakovlev