

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 23, 1993

Greetings to everyone gathered in New York City for the annual award dinner of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation. It gives me great pleasure to extend greetings to your guest speaker, the Honorable Strobe Talbott, and to your distinguished honorees, His Holiness Aleksy II and Mr. J. P. Bolduc.

In the wake of the Cold War, Americans are committed to helping the people of the world as they embrace the ideals of human rights and democracy. We now face unprecedented opportunities for these beliefs to take root and for liberty and justice to be protected by the international community. Yet our hopes for freedom and democracy still face many perils, as countries are still torn by conflict. We all must work together to build a safer, more peaceful world.

At this pivotal time in history, the members of Appeal of Conscience are working tirelessly to create a more cooperative and tolerant international community. Your tremendous efforts to preserve religious freedoms and promote morality are helping to create a better environment for our children. In particular, your recent work to bring an end to the fighting in the former Yugoslavia has made important inroads to help bring a lasting peace to Eastern Europe, and I commend you for your steadfast compassion.

I am also pleased that you are recognizing the work of His Holiness Aleksy II and of J. P. Bolduc. These two remarkable men have shown tremendous concern for humanitarian issues over the years and are exceptionally worthy of the high honor you are bestowing upon them.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and meaningful event.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Bill Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.