



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

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Appeal of Conscience Foundation
119 West 57th Street
New York, New York 10019

Dear Friends:

I regret that I cannot be present tonight as the Appeal of Conscience Foundation honors two outstanding individuals for their contributions on behalf of religious freedom and tolerance throughout the world. During this observation of the Foundation's annual award dinner, all of us would do well to recommit ourselves to the organization's fundamental belief in liberty, democracy, and human rights.

Certainly, those accepting the 1993 Appeal of Conscience Foundation Award are more than deserving of the honor. His Holiness Aleksy II, Patriarch of Moscow and all Russia, has played a vital role in restoring a religious focus in the lives of a people who are emerging from decades of Communist rule. During this transitional period, he has carried the message of tolerance and nonviolent change. J.P. Bolduc, president and chief executive officer of W.R. Grace and Company, has a long and impressive record of public and humanitarian service. His community, his country, and indeed the world are better for his unselfish efforts.

The many friends and associates of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation gathered tonight are justly proud to take part in recognizing the work of these two men. I hope that everyone attending this dinner has a wonderful time, and I am proud to add my personal greetings and best wishes to the honorees.

Sincerely,

Al Gore

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