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9 p.m. October 18, 1989

Mrs. Bush,

Mr. Schneier,

Mr. Smith,

Dear Chingiz Aitmatov,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to be very brief.

The activities of the "Appeal of Conscience Foundation" and the personal efforts by Mr. Schneier to strengthen contacts, to promote peace and friendship are well-known and highly valued in the Soviet Union.

On this special occasion I have received an important message from Moscow.

Let me share it with you.

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President Mikhail Gorbachev
congratulates the recipients of "Appeal
of Conscience Foundation" Annual Award.
He wishes the success to the Foundation
and to everybody present at the ceremony
in their endeavor of strengthening mutual
understanding among peoples, development
of constructive cooperation between the
USSR and the USA.

I am very glad to convey this message
to all of you.

Thank you.

MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT MIKHAIL GORBACHEV
TO THE
APPEAL OF CONSCIENCE FOUNDATION
ANNUAL AWARD DINNER

DELIVERED BY
HIS EXCELLENCY YURIY DUBININ

OCTOBER 18, 1989