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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