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Dear Friend:

"Where liberty dwells, there is my country."

Benjamin Franklin spoke those words two hundred years ago, and they are being echoed throughout the world today by thousands of brave refugees fleeing from tyranny and persecution to the free world.

The message of Ben Franklin is in the hearts and minds of those escaping from the Communist countries of East Europe, from Red China, from Castro's Cuba and Duvalier's Haiti. This yearning for liberty is the basic motivating force of a multitude of parents who ask only for the chance to bring up their children in a free society. They need your help.

I am writing to you on their behalf because I know that you value your liberty and feel compassion for those who so desperately seek theirs. These refugees have sacrificed their homes and all their material possessions. They come by the thousands to the International Rescue Committee, asking only for the most urgent and immediate necessities of life - food, shelter, clothing, medical aid - until they can stand proudly on their own feet. Their first concern is always for their children. The brochure I am enclosing will tell you more about the refugees, their aspirations and the work of IRC.

Urgent appeals for assistance from the victims of oppression and war are at this moment pouring into the offices of the International Rescue Committee, America's leading nonsectarian agency dedicated to helping refugees. Our vital work depends on donations from the American people, and we need your financial support now more than ever before.

Please help by sending your contribution in the postpaid envelope. I hope you will be as generous as you possibly can. The lives of so many people who have sacrificed everything for freedom depend on your response.

Sincerely,

Leo Cherne
Chairman

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