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THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, BUREAU OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS, IS PLEASED TO CONFIRM IT'SS INVITATION TO YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMMENORATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DAY, ON DECEMBER 10, 1987. THE EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 AM AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. YOU SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE "C" STREET ENTRANCE AND CHECK IN AT THE DESK SET UP IN THE LOBBY TO RECEIVE YOU NAME BADGE AND TO BE ESCORTED TO THE CORRECT ROOM. THERE WILL BE THREE PANELS MADE UP OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD. THE FIRST, ON "ELECTIONS," BEGINS AT 9:30, FOLLOWED BY "FIRST AMEMNDMENT FREEDOM, FREE DOM OF SPEECH RELIGION AND ASSEMBLY" AT 10:30 AND "THE RULE OF LAW" AT 1130. THE PROGRAM WILL CONCLUDE AT 12:30PM. PLEASE COME UP TO THE FRONT OF THE ROOM WHEN YOUR PANEL IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SO IT CAN START ON TIME. YOUR CONTACT FOR THIS EVENT WILL BE EDWARD MICHAL, WHO CAN BE REACHED AT (202) 647-1255 (WORK) OR (202) 585-0056 (HOME). PLEASE LET HIM KNOW IF YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. YOU MAY ALSO OBTAIN HELP FROM ED ATKINS AT THE C STREET LOBBY DESK. BOTH WILL BE WEARING NAME BADGES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THURSDAY, THE 10TH.

RICHARD SCHIFTER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE

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Ms. Khuc Minh Tho
President
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Dear Ms. Tho:

I would like to express my deep appreciation for your willingness to participate in the Human Rights Day commemoration held December 10 at the Department of State. I was pleased to see that so many issues could be dealt with during the short time available for our sessions.

I am sure you will appreciate the enclosed copy of the Human Rights Day Proclamation signed by President Reagan on December 10. I congratulate you on your work in the field of human rights and hope that our joint efforts in this field will bring about concrete results in the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Schifter".

Richard Schifter

Human Rights Day
Thursday, December 10, 1987
Loy Henderson Conference Room

AGENDA

8:30 a.m.

Welcome Remarks

Ambassador Richard Schifter
Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Human Rights and
Humanitarian Affairs

8:45 a.m.

Dr. Anatoly Koryagin
Former Soviet political prisoner

9:00 a.m.

Rebecca Asrate
Former Ethiopian political prisoner

9:15 a.m.

Maximo Pacheco
Vice President, Chilean Human Rights
Commission

9:30 a.m.

Elections

Moderator:

Paula Dobriansky
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Human Rights and
Humanitarian Affairs

Larry Garber
Election Observer Project
International Human Rights Law Group

Ambassador Ernesto Rivas
Embassy of El Salvador

Maximo Pacheco
Vice President, Chilean Human Rights
Commission

Minister-Counselor Jaime Yambao
Embassy of the Philippines

10:20 a.m.

BREAK

10:30 a.m.

First Amendment Freedoms

Moderator:

Robert W. Farrand
Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Human Rights and
Humanitarian Affairs

Peter Mroczk
President, Solidarity Endowment

Aldo Zuccolillo
Publisher, ABC Color, Asuncion, Paraguay

Dr. Kent Hill
Executive Director, Institute on Religion
and Democracy

Khuc Minh Tho
President, Vietnamese Families of Political
Prisoners

Mohammad Siddiq Saljooque
Chief Political Director, National
Islamic Front of Afghanistan

11:20 a.m.

BREAK

11:30 a.m.

The Rule of Law

Moderator:

Ambassador Richard Schifter
Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Human Rights and
Humanitarian Affairs

Robert MacCrate
President, American Bar Association

Marta Patricia Baltodano
Executive Director, Nicaraguan
Association for Human Rights

Yuriy Orlov
Founder, Moscow Helsinki Monitoring
Group, and former Soviet political
prisoner

12:20 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Ambassador Richard Schifter

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BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON HUMAN RIGHTS DAY PANELISTS
DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DECEMBER 10, 1987

Amb. Richard Schifter

Since November 1, 1985, Richard Schifter has been the Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs. During 1984-85 Mr. Schifter served as Deputy United States Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador. From 1983 to 1986 he also held the position of United States member of the United Nations Human Rights Commission. A lawyer by profession, Mr. Schifter practiced law in Washington, D.C. from 1951 until his entry into full-time government service. He was born in Vienna, Austria in 1923 and came to the United States in 1938. He graduated summa cum laude from the College of the City of New York in 1943 and received his L.L.B. from Yale Law School in 1951. Mr. Schifter served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946.

Dr. Anatoly Koryagin

Dr. Koryagin graduated from medical school in the Soviet Union in 1963 and finished his medical degree in 1972. In 1979 he became a psychiatric consultant to Moscow Working Commission to Investigate the Use of Psychiatry for Political Purposes. He came to conclusion that sane people were being committed and he was arrested in February 1981, shortly before publication of an article entitled "Unwilling Patients" in an April issue of the British medical journal "The Lancet." Dr. Koryagin was sentenced to seven years of prison and five years of internal exile for "anti-Soviet agitation" and later sentenced to an additional two years for refusing to cooperate with the authorities, i.e., the KGB. He was beaten and force-fed during numerous hunger strikes, and spent many months in solitary confinement. He emigrated from USSR on April 26, 1987 and is now living in Switzerland.

Rebecca Asrate

Ms. Asrate was born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on May 5, 1952. After completing her undergraduate studies at London University, she returned to Ethiopia in June 1974. Two weeks

later her father, Asrate Kassa, was arrested by the revolutionary government. Two months after her father's arrest, her mother, three brothers, a sister and herself were also arrested. Shortly afterward, her father was summarily executed. Her brothers, sister and herself were kept in prison until September 1983 without charge and without trial. Her mother and many of her relatives are still in prison. After their release, they were each given a document by the security police which stated that they had been incarcerated because they were "suspected of becoming a stumbling block to the revolution." Because Ms. Asrate desperately needed medical attention, and after heavy pressure from Amnesty International and other organizations, she was allowed to leave Ethiopia toward the end of 1983. She has been working as an accountant in a London technical press agency and has devoted almost all of her time outside the office to working against human rights abuses in Ethiopia. She has done volunteer work for Amnesty International, Christian Solidarity International and other human rights organizations. She is a co-founder, along with several British women, of an organization called the Newnham Group, which is actively engaged in a campaign on behalf of the victims of human rights abuses in Ethiopia.

Maximo Pacheco

Mr. Pacheco is an attorney. He was Chilean ambassador to the USSR from 1965-68 and Minister of Education from 1968-70. He served as Dean of Law at the University of Chile from 1972-74 and has been Vice President of the Chilean Human Rights Commission since 1978.

Paula Dobriansky

Paula Dobriansky, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, Department of State, is responsible for the development of U.S. human rights policy, the management of the bureau's multilateral affairs and public diplomacy programs, and the review of U.S. humanitarian assistance proposals. She also oversees the bureau's relations with Congress. She participated in Presidential delegations to observe the recent election in Suriname, and the abortive election in Haiti. Previously, Ms. Dobriansky served as Director of European and Soviet Affairs at the National Security Council, the White House. She was also responsible for matters related to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Prior to her appointment to the

NSC in January 1981, Ms. Dobriansky served as a staff member in both the Soviet and West European sections of the NSC during 1980. She received a B.S.F.S. in International Politics from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service summa cum laude and an M.A. from Harvard University in Soviet political/military affairs. She has been a Fulbright-Hays Scholar and Ford Foundation Fellow.

Larry Garber

Mr. Garber is currently Legal Director of the International Human Rights Law Group, a public interest law center concerned with promoting respect for human rights worldwide. Mr. Garber joined the Law Group staff in November 1983, as Election Observer Project Director. In that position, he prepared the Law Group's Guidelines for International Election Observing, published in October 1984. Since publication of the Guidelines, Mr. Garber has participated in Law Group Election Observer Missions to Nicaragua (1984), Grenada (1984), El Salvador (1985), Zimbabwe (1985) and Korea (1987), and has organized Law Group Election Observer Missions to Uruguay (1984), Guatemala (1985) and Trinidad and Tobago (1986). Mr. Garber also serves as senior consultant to the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI). In this position, Mr. Garber has coordinated NDI election observer missions to the Philippines (February 1986, February 1987 and May 1987) and to Haiti (March and November 1987). Mr. Garber will be preparing for the NDI a comprehensive, retrospective report on the Philippine electoral process following an NDI observer mission for the January 18, 1988 local elections.

Ambassador Ernesto Rivas

Ambassador Rivas, of the Embassy of El Salvador, served as Ambassador to the U.S. from 1980 to July 1984 and was re-assigned to that position in January 1987. During his tenure he crisscrossed the U.S., speaking to over 100 audiences in professional associations, interest groups and service clubs. According to Christopher Madison of the National Journal, Amb. Rivas is "one of the most effective ambassadors in Washington." He graduated from the Pierce School of Administration in Philadelphia in 1950. He has served as President or Executive Board member on numerous Salvadoran business associations, including the El Salvador Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Private Enterprises, and the Association of Steamship Agents and

Automobile Dealers. He founded and chaired the Salvadoran Association for the Deaf. He is fluent in English and Spanish and conversant in French.

Minister-Counselor Jaime Yambao

Minister-Counselor Yambao is the political counselor of the Embassy of the Philippines.

Robert W. Farrand

Robert Farrand has been Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs since June 1987. He is a career Foreign Service Officer. His previous assignments include: Deputy Director, Office of Foreign Service Career Counseling and Assignments, Dept. of State; Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy, Prague, Czechoslovakia; Deputy Director, Office of Eastern European and Yugoslav Affairs, Dept. of State; student, National War College, Washington; Officer-in-Charge, Bilateral Affairs, Office of Soviet Union Affairs, Dept. of State; Director, U.S. Commercial Office, U.S. Embassy, Moscow, USSR; Chief, Economic/Commercial Section, U.S. Embassy, Prague, Czechoslovakia; Economic Officer, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Dept. of State.; and Chief, Consular Section, U.S. Embassy, Moscow, USSR. He served at sea for three years with the U.S. Navy and as an instructor with the U.S. Naval Academy. He received an M.A. in Economics from Georgetown University in 1968 and a B.S. in Economics from Mount Saint Mary's College in 1957.

Peter Mroczyk

Mr. Peter Mroczyk is President of Solidarity Endowment located in Washington, D.C.

Aldo Zuccolillo

Mr. Zuccolillo is the Director and sole owner of the suspended newspaper, ABC Color, which was Paraguay's most influential independent daily. ABC Color emerged in the 1980s as one of the strongest critics of the Stroessner

regime. As its readership grew so did the Paraguayan Government's efforts to limit its availability, culminating in an order from the Minister of the Interior on March 22, 1984, suspending publication of the newspaper. Despite suspension, ABC Color maintains an office in Asuncion, and voers stories for eventual publication. Mr. Zuccolillo, who frequently wrote his own editorials, won the prestigious "Maria Moors Cabot Award" from the Columbia University School of Journalism in 1985. In addition to publishing, Mr. Zuccolillo is active in business.

Dr. Kent Hill

Dr. Hill has a PhD. in Russian history, with an emphasis on Marxism. He was a professor at Seattle Pacific University for six years. He has worked on cases of religious persecution of Siberian Pentecostalists and has testified before Congressional committees on religion in the Soviet Union. He is now executive director of the Institute on Religion and Democracy and is on the National Board of Keston/USA, an organization dealing with religion behind the Iron Curtain. He chairs the Coalition for Solidarity with Christians in the USSR.

Khuc Minh Tho

Khuc Minh Tho has been President of the Association of Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners, founded in 1977, since August 1984. The Association represents 4000 families of prisoners believed held by the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. The Association shares news about political prisoners with their families and works for their reunification in the U.S. or other countries. Mrs. Tho's husband, formerly a colonel in the Army of (South) Vietnam, is a "reeducation camp" prisoner in northern Vietnam some 12 years after the fall of Saigon and his arrest. Mrs. Tho previously worked for the Vietnamese embassy in Manila, Philippines, and came to the U.S. in 1977 as a refugee.

Mohammad Siddiq Saljooque

Mohammad Siddiq Saljooque graduated from Kabul University in 1955, received a master's degree from Cairo University in 1959 and a diploma in international relations from the London School of Economics in 1965. He taught at Kabul Unviersity and was Minister-Counselor of the Afghan Embassy to the U.S. from 1973 to 1977. He was serving as Director General of

Political Affairs in the Afghan Ministry of Foreign Affairs when the Amin-led communist coup took place in 1978. He smuggled his family out in 1978 and left Afghanistan in 1980. He joined the Freedom Fighters in 1983 and worked for a United Front. In 1985 he joined the National Islamic Front of Afghanistan and now serves as Chief of its Political Department.

Robert MacCrate

Mr. MacCrate became President of the American Bar Association at the close of the 1987 ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. He is a senior partner in the New York City law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell. He has served on the ABA Board of Governors and held numerous other positions within the ABA. He is also an active member of the New York State Bar Association, and has served as President of the New York Bar Foundation since 1976. Mr. MacCrate has worked with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, among many other legal groups. He was special counsel to the U.S. Dept. of the Army for the Investigation of the My Lai Incident in 1969-70. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School and Haverford College and served in the Pacific Fleet of the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Marta Patricia Baltodano

Ms. Baltodano was born in Nicaragua. She received degrees in psychology and law from the Central American University in Managua. She served on the Permanent Commission on Human Rights of Nicaragua from 1978-85, finally becoming its Director. Ms. Baltodano helped Cardinal Obando create the Commission on Justice and Peace in the Archdiocese of Managua from September to November 1985. She began working to assist political prisoners in Nicaragua in January 1985 and was exiled to Costa Rica in December 1985. She was named Executive Director of the Nicaraguan Association for Human Rights, which has its main offices in San Jose, Costa Rica, in August 1986.

Dr. Yuriy Orlov

Dr. Orlov is a senior scientist at Cornell University. He was released in late 1986 as part of the agreement which resulted in the release of Soviet spy Gennadi Zakharov and US journalist Nicholas Daniloff. He co-founded the Moscow

Helsinki Monitoring Group on May 12, 1976. He was arrested on February 10, 1977 and received a 12 year sentence for "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda". Dr. Orlov spent the first seven years at a labor camp near Perm. He was locked in punishment cells for two of his first four years and his rations were reduced for some time to 1700 calories per day. He was also beaten in the camp. He was transferred to Yakutia in 1984, where his health improved. Dr. Orlov became a founding member of the Moscow chapter of Amnesty International in September 1974. While he was awaiting trial in 1978, the Norwegian Parliament nominated him for the Nobel Peace Prize.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

DECEMBER 10, 1987

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President Reagan participates in the Human Rights Day Signing Ceremony in the Oval Office this afternoon.