

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are hopeful that your upcoming summit meeting with Secretary Gorbachev will be successful. There are many important goals which you can accomplish, chief among them, arms control and human rights. High among human rights goals is that of the emigration of Soviet Jews. You are in a unique position to secure their emigration.

When you meet with Mr. Gorbachev we urge you to insist upon the emigration of those Soviet Jews who wish to leave and to secure a comprehensive agreement to that effect. Such an agreement would ensure:

1. The release and emigration upon execution of your agreement of the more than thirty Prisoners of Conscience and their families.
2. The emigration upon execution of your agreement of the twenty-eight Prisoners of Conscience and their families, who are not allowed to leave, although they have completed their sentences.
3. The emigration upon execution of your agreement of all refuseniks who have been waiting for visas for ten years or more. (approximately 200 people)
4. The emigration within a year of execution of your agreement, of all refuseniks who have been waiting for visas for three years or more. (several thousand)
5. The emigration hereafter of all Soviet Jews who wish to emigrate, according to a fixed timetable. (perhaps 50,000 a year)
6. The emigration of all Jews refused on security grounds according to an agreed time limit (as in other countries for security clearance - perhaps five years after the end of their "security" work).
7. An end to punitive actions against those Jews who express a wish to leave, and against Jews who try to engage in Jewish cultural or religious activities.

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Please strive to attain such an agreement. It is, after all,
part and parcel of the gist of the Helsinki Final Act.

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