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Dear David:

I'd like to invite you to join me in a dvar mitzvah -- and one that is urgent and pikuach nefesh. The enclosed letter is one I received from a Russian Jew who spent 27 years in Siberia, and is now trying to get his son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter out of Russia. The letter is self-explanatory. We have to help, and I'd like it to be done as soon as humanly possible if we're to be of any assistance.

First, call Western Union or RCA and send off the following telegram (a night-letter is cheapest) to:

1. Ambassador Dobrynin, USSR Embassy, Washington DC; and
2. Minister of Interior, Moscow, USSR

JUSTICE AND DECENCY DEMAND PERMISSION FOR DR. BENJAMIN
A SCHAPIRA AND FAMILY OF BELGOROD OBLASTNOI TO BE REUNITED
WITH THEIR FAMILY IN ISRAEL. URGENTLY IMPORE YOUR
INTERCESSION.

PROF. NORMAN LAMM

Ask the telegram people to send you copies of the cables as soon as possible.

as well as the news clipping
Next, send a Xerox copy of the letter to me/to Dr. Seymour Glick
Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists, 84 Fifth Avenue, NY, NY,
and enclose a copy of the above cable (i.e., typed by Pauline or Mrs.
Scheinberg) and the addresses of the people to whom I sent them.
On my stationary, write to Dr. Glick:

Dear Seymour:

I just recieved the enclosed letter, ~~xxx~~ and it speaks volumes. I responded by cabling the Russians, as per the enclosed copy.

I believe this is an opportunity for AOJS to be of major service by getting various (non-Jewish) scientific and technical organizations to intercede both on behalf of this individual, as well as protesting the new Russian scheme of high blackmail for educated Russian Jews to get out. Please send copies of all documents to Rabbi Shalom Yosef Schapira in Israel (Neve Sharet 92/5, Tel Aviv) as per his request, mentioning that you're doing this at my request.

All my best regards to your wife and children, and good luck on this effort.

Cordially,

RABBI NORMAN LAMM

Finally, please send Xerox or carbons of all the material going to ~~xxxx~~ Glick, to Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, N.Y. Conference for Soviet Jewry (look up address) with note:

Dear Gil:

The enclosed speaks for itself. I thought your organization would be interested, especially since Rabbi Schapira, the father, specifically requested that I contact the N.Y. group dealing with Soviet Jewry to intercede on behalf of his son.

All best wishes,

Cordially,

RNL

You can sign these various letters by yourself (my name, your initials) after proof-reading them. Please leave copies of everything on my desk.

I hope to be in the office for a very short time on Wed &/or Thurs, p.G.

I trust you received the bulleting information which I sent with Charles Ramat (including corrected proofs). He should be delivering them tomorrow (i.e., Mon.) morning. Please do him a favor and call him up (Ramat, in the East 60's in NYC) and tell him the exact address & phone of Rabbi B. Horovitz is: 832-8951
18 Harav Blau St. Sanhedria, Jerusalem. Phone: 84748.

Thanks, and my best to Cecile.

Yours,
NL

P.S. I forgot --- Rabbi Schapira asked that I send him copies of everything. Hence, please send him Xeroxes of the cables (when the company sends them to you -- if to me, intercept them) together with the enclosed letter (air mail). I'd like a Xerox of this letter made too, and left with the rest of the material on my desk.