

February 9, 1973

Ambassador Dobrynin
U.S.S.R. Embassy
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I have, for the past several months, written and complained to you, and to Messrs. Brezhnev and Kosygin, as well as to the local authorities in Belgorod petitioning for permission for Dr. Benjamin Shapira and his family to emigrate to Israel. His aged parents live there and long desperately to see their son and his family again.

I have never received a single response to all my letters, either from the authorities in the Soviet Union or from yourself.

My Dear Mr. Dobrynin, what I am requesting is totally non-political. It is a petition for human sympathy, warmth, and generosity.

Do be kind enough to let me know that you will consider my request, and those distinguished members of my committee who join me in pleading for the emigration permit to the Shapira family.

Sincerely,

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