

November 24, 1972

President Podgorny
The Kremlin
Moscow, U.S.S.R.

Dear Mr. Podgorny:

I take the privilege of sending you enclosed a copy of a telegram that I recently sent to President Nixon and Secretary General Waldheim on behalf of a large number of colleagues and friends.

We are all of us concerned about the fate of Dr. Benjamin Schapira of Belgorod.

I implore you in the name of decency and compassion, as well as the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights to which your country is a signatory, to allow Dr. Schapira and his family to emigrate to Israel and be reunited with his old and sick parents.

Certainly a great power like the U.S.S.R. will not suffer if it will allow one family to be reunited and allow an old father and mother to have their one great dream fulfilled, that of seeing their children once again.

Respectfully yours,

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