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*Bette Bao Lord, Chairman,  
and the Trustees of Freedom House  
cordially invite you to  
a reception and presentation of the  
1995 Freedom Award*

*to*

**SERGEI KOVALYOV**

*Russia's Commissioner for Human Rights*

*Wednesday, the third of May, 1995  
at the home of  
Ambassador and Mrs. Winston Lord  
3211 Foxhall Road, NW*

*R.S.V.P.  
(202) 296-5101*

*6:30 to 8:00 pm  
Business Attire*

**REMARKS BY**

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**FREEDOM AWARD TO SERGEI KOVALYOV**

**WASHINGTON, DC**

**MAY 3, 1995**

**IN EVERY AGE THERE ARE HEROIC AND COURAGEOUS MEN AND WOMEN WHO APPRECIATE THAT THE WORK OF DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM IS THE UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF HUMANITY -- AND THEY DEDICATE THEIR LIVES TO DO SOMETHING CREATIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ABOUT IT. IN OUR AGE, THE PEOPLES OF RUSSIA AND THE FORMER SOVIET UNION HAVE PRODUCED SUCH MEN AND WOMEN OF CONVICTION IN RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBERS. ELENA BONNER'S PRESENCE HERE THIS AFTERNOON REMINDS US OF THAT FACT. FREEDOM HOUSE, FROM THE FIRST DAYS OF ITS BIRTH MORE THAN 50 YEARS AGO, HAS ASSOCIATED ITSELF WITH THEIR ASPIRATIONS AND HAS MOBILIZED ITS RESOURCES TO BE OF ASSISTANCE.**

**IT WAS A SOURCE OF GREAT PERSONAL INSPIRATION FOR ME WHEN, IN SEPTEMBER 1991, AS I RETURNED TO GOVERNMENT SERVICE FOR ONE MONTH, I LEARNED THAT MY RUSSIAN COLLEAGUE AT THE MOSCOW CSCE MEETING ON THE HUMAN DIMENSION, WOULD BE DR.**

**SERGEI KOVALYOV, A WIDELY ACKNOWLEDGED LEADER OF THE INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.**

**THE SYMBOLISM OF THAT APPOINTMENT WAS DRAMATIC. THE WORLD WAS BEING TOLD THAT RUSSIA WAS JOINING THE FAMILY OF DEMOCRATIC STATES. FOR ME, HOWEVER, IT WAS MORE THAN SYMBOLISM AND DRAMA. MEETING DR. KOVALYOV WAS ENCOURAGING IN ITS REASSURANCE THAT THE HUMAN SPIRIT DEMANDED AND WAS DESTINED TO ACHIEVE DIGNITY AND FREEDOM.**

**FOR SOME, THE PERSONAL RECOGNITION WOULD HAVE BEEN REASON FOR SELF-CONGRATULATION. FOR DR. KOVALYOV, THERE WAS A REALIZATION THAT THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY WAS A CONTINUING ONE AND THAT HIS COUNTRY WAS ONLY AT THE BEGINNING OF A LONG AND DIFFICULT ROAD.**

**BETTE LORD HAS TOLD US OF HIS LIFE'S STRUGGLES AND VICTORIES AS WELL AS DEFEATS. HIS CONTINUED LEADERSHIP IN THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM, IN THE FACE OF CAUSTIC THREATS AND CRITICISM, IS EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT.**

**DR. KOVALYOV, WE GIVE YOU THE FREEDOM HOUSE FREEDOM AWARD NOT ONLY AS AN EXPRESSION OF OUR APPRECIATION, BUT, EQUALLY IMPORTANT, AS AN EXPRESSION OF OUR SUPPORT FOR ALL THE FORCES IN YOUR COUNTRY, YOUR COLLEAGUES, WHO ARE DETERMINED THAT RUSSIA WILL BOTH ASPIRE AND ATTAIN A LEADING**

**ROLE AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD FOR FREEDOM AND  
DIGNITY FOR ALL.**