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Hon. Herbert H. Lehman

1 William St.

New York City

Dear Mr. Lehman:

I send you the enclosed copy of an advertisement which recently appeared in the New York Times. It is a call to save 200,000 men, women and children who escaped the hell of Soviet totalitarianism. The recent purge in Czechoslovakia has sent thousands pouring across the border to misery. Millions are rightly expended to help the victims of the last war; nothing is being done for those who today are at the front line in mankind's immemorial struggle for freedom.

It requires a gift of only $200 to enable the rehabilitation of an average family unit; a ten dollar contribution will feed a family for a week. Can any American, conscious of our great tradition of aid to those who suffer in the cause of freedom, fail to help when so little will do so much?

Please help as generously as you can. Let us resolve that these men and women shall not die because we have failed to provide the help that would have saved them.

Sincerely yours,

Richard E. Byrd

Chairman

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