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Dear Friend:

It was my pleasure to meet with you at the recent Federalist Society meeting in Washington, D.C. We of the Independent Task Force on ABA-Soviet Relations appreciate your support for our attempt to abrogate the Declaration of Cooperation between the American Bar Association and the Association of Soviet Lawyers.

The next opportunity for us to urge abrogation of the Declaration of Cooperation will be at the 1988 Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association, to be held in Toronto, Canada in August, 1988. The ABA Assembly will debate and vote on this issue on Monday, August 8, 1988. All interested attorneys are urged to attend this meeting to express their opinion on the wisdom and propriety of a Declaration of Cooperation with the Soviets. Please inform all of your attorney friends, so that an effective opposition can be mounted.

The only possibility for the ABA to avoid an embarrassing and confrontational debate on this issue at the August 1988 Annual Meeting is to decide not to renew the Declaration of Cooperation, which expires in July of 1988.

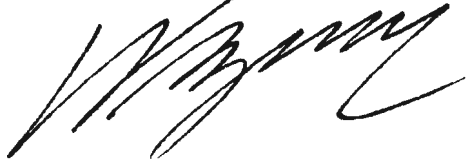
Please be assured that ABA-Soviet dialogue can continue after abrogation of the Declaration of Cooperation since a decade of "dialogue", conferences and visits preceded the signing of the formal agreement. A formal agreement was therefore not necessary to open channels of communication for discussion of human rights. Termination of the Declaration of Cooperation will, however, end the ABA's symbolic support of the Association of Soviet Lawyers and repressive Soviet system, which we know are not "pledged to advance the rule of law in the world."

Letters and telephone calls to the American Bar Association President, Robert MacCrate, 750 North Lakeshore Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60611, telephone (312) 988-5100 expressing your opinion as to the nonrenewal of the Declaration of Cooperation would be quite effective. Even more effective would be letters sent to the entire ABA Board of Governors, which is responsible for deciding whether or not to renew the Declaration of Cooperation. A list of all members of the ABA Board of Governors is attached.

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Again, thank you for your interest and assistance in  
this most important matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. J. Wolf', written in a cursive style.

William J. Wolf  
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Pictured above, American Bar Association President Eugene Thomas toasts Igor Karpetz, Vice-President of the ASL, and other participants at the ABA-ASL Seminar held at Dartmouth College, September, 1986.

Earlier, Karpetz and his Soviet colleagues had engaged in dialogue with the ABA on human rights. Following are examples of that dialogue:

"We have never incarcerated to mental hospitals people who were not indeed ill." ASL Vice-President Igor Karpetz, tour "leader".

"It is purely illegal for the (Communist) party to tell a judge what to do." Vasily Vlasikhin, ASL tour "escort".

"You claim that people who hold certain ideas are persecuted. That is not true." ASL member Igor Torgashev.

"We (in the USSR) have a situation where a person can freely emigrate." ASL Vice-President Igor Karpetz.

"I am not qualified to respond to that (a question on Afghanistan). I just teach law." Unidentified woman law professor and ASL member.

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"I don't know of any concrete case of interference in a case by the Communist party." Vladimir I. Pospeyev, Moscow judge and ASL member.

"The procurator's (prosecutor's) office is actually pretty close to the ombudsman in other European countries." Vasily A. Vlasikhin.

"Political trials do not exist in our country." Igor K. Torgashev, ASL member.

"The Association of Soviet Lawyers is mutually pledged to advance the rule of law in the world." The ABA-ASL Declaration of Cooperation.

THE LAST FALSEHOOD IS THE ONE YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT. JOIN US IN OPPOSING THE ABA-ASL DECLARATION OF COOPERATION. VOTE TO ABROGATE IT AT THE 1988 ABA ANNUAL MEETING, TORONTO, CANADA, AUGUST 8, 1988.

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