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Dear Mr. Bader:

On behalf of Wendy Luers I wanted to thank you very much for a letter you sent to her in January. She has very much appreciated you finding time to write to her and she sends her regards.

Today, I would like to share with you information on *the Roma in the Czech Republic, Past and Present*, a project organized by the Czech Center with small assistance of the Foundation for a Civil Society. We expect to receive official invitation any day and I will pass it to you. However I wanted to make sure that in case you would be interested in attending, you would have a chance to pencil the dates of April 12-19 in your calendar.

Secondly, The Foundation for a Civil Society in cooperation with the NOS Foundation in Slovakia have recently been working on defining the agenda for a meeting which we plan to organize at the Harvard University in April. Its main goal is to create interest and future funding opportunities for both Romany programs, in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. As you know, it's not an easy task and even though we are not sure about the success of such activity, we feel very enthusiastic about trying it. During the preparation process, we came across some important statistics and new studies about Roma population in Slovakia. The majority of them is from the *Global Report on the State of Society*, published by The Institute for Public Affairs, *Romano Zil Nevo Study*, published by the Partners for Democratic Change and *Report on Development of Human Resources*, published by Center for Economic Development.

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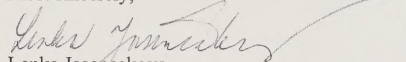
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Especially because the situation of Roma in the Czech Republic is very similar, please, find enclosed its brief summary. Please, find enclosed also some of the data of the recent articles published in *The Economist* and the *Roma Rights*, newsletter of the European Human Rights Center.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Lenka Jasencakova', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Lenka Jasencakova
Program Officer

January 16, 1998

Mrs. Wendy W. Luers
President
Foundation for a Civil Society
477 Madison Avenue, 6th Floor
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Dear Wendy:

Isabel and I much look forward to visiting with Dwayne Linville on Wednesday afternoon, January 28th, and then having lunch with Mr. Kaneb the next day.

Incidentally, we have found Linville conscientious and able; it is a pleasure to work with him.

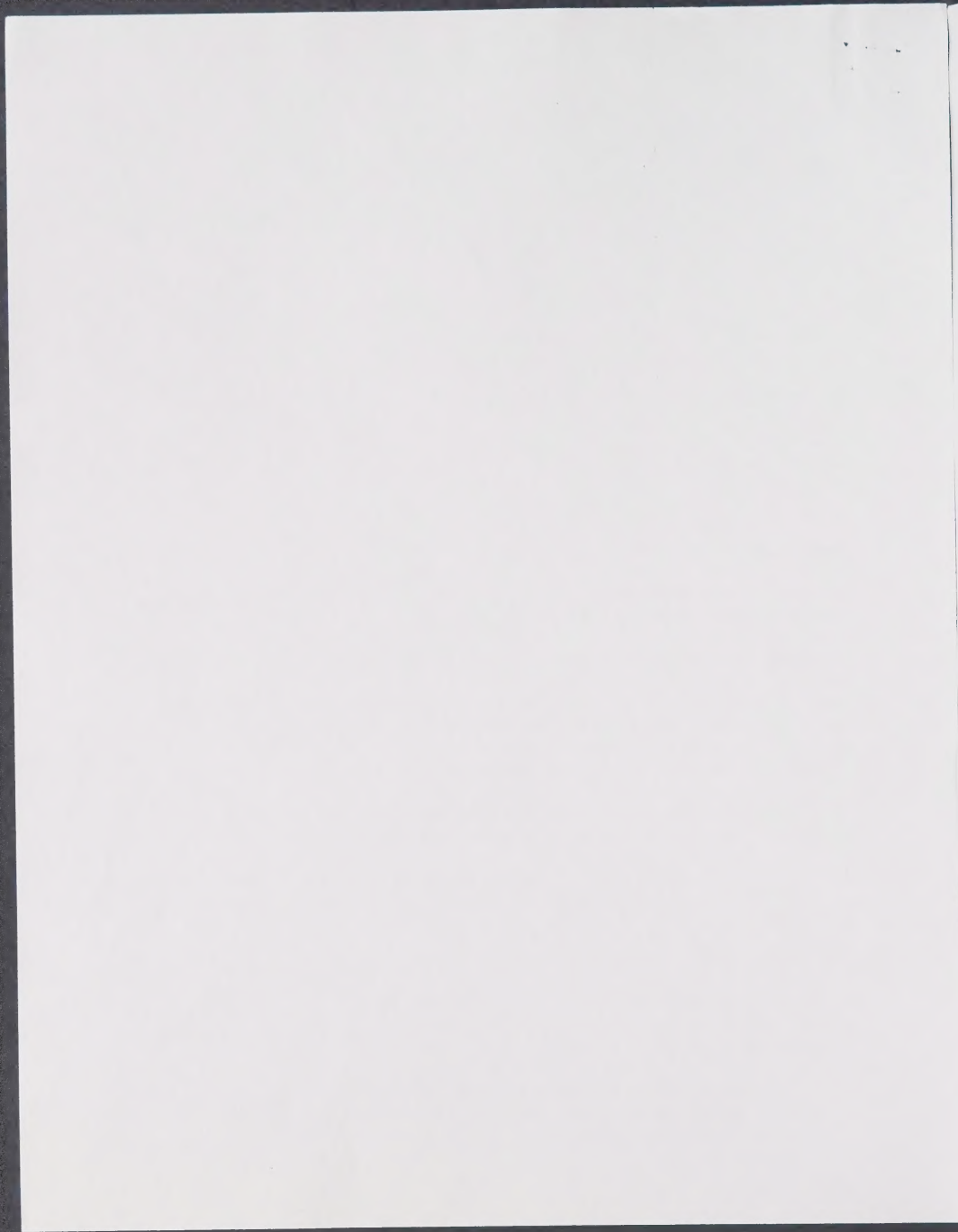
May I share with you a problem which is quite unimportant in itself except that it points to a serious deficiency of fairness in the Czech Republic. And it is a problem where no one in the world is likely to be more helpful than you and Mr. Luers. If the former Ambassador to Czechoslovakia and the President of the Metropolitan Museum cannot help, nobody can.

Some two years ago, I was offered a very nice 17th century Italian still life in Prague. It belongs to a Czech engineer living in Sweden who would like to sell it.

I have no idea who painted the picture, it has no provenance linking it to a famous collection in Czechoslovakia, and it is the sort of really good still life which one can buy at many of the major auctions.

I told the owner that I would be willing to buy it, provided that he could get an export permit. The owner thought that some money would have to be paid to grease some hands to get the export permit. I urged him not to do this and told him that I would speak to the associate director of the National Gallery in Prague, Dr. Milena Bartlova, whom we know well and who is both honest and competent.

I spoke to Milena last summer and was really amazed when I learned from her that this painting has been declared a national treasure and that it could not leave the Czech Republic. My correspondence with Milena will be self-explanatory.



Mrs. Wendy W. Luers
January 16, 1998
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Wendy, this is the kind of action you would expect in Italy, but not in the Czech Republic. It may, of course, be that I look at the Czechs with much too rosy glasses. But surely this action - and there must be many similar ones - is grossly unfair to the owners.

To me, it is immaterial whether I buy such a painting or not. But surely the law governing this should be changed. Milena is surely in the position to advise, but you and your husband will know who really are the decision-makers about such matters.

Sometime when we have a quiet hour or two (which will unfortunately not be on our next trip), we should sit down and discuss whether our actions to help Czechs really make sense. You know how aghast I have been at the treatment of gypsies. That is as far removed from denying an export permit as two matters can be, but both reflect very ill on Czech society as a whole.

With many thanks for all your help and with best personal regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw

c: Dr. Milena Bartlova

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Dear Dr. Bader,

Wendy has passed your letter of August 22 to me, together with the catalog of Antonín Štrížek, and has asked that I follow up with your request to help him with some introductions to connoisseurs of modern art in New York.

I myself am quite familiar with Štrížek's work, though I do not know him personally. As it happens, I do know an art dealer in New York who is now specializing in the work of contemporary Czech artists, and I would be happy to present Mr. Štrížek's catalog to her. Her name is Nanette Mattei, and she has been cooperating to a limited extent with the Czech Center in New York in organizing exhibitions. I will also contact Tomáš Žikan, the Assistant Director at the Czech Center who usually organizes exhibitions. He may also be able to help in some way.

I will certainly let you know of any results which may come of these gestures. In the meantime, as always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jeff Crane
Program Assistant

cc: Hannah Evans





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A Chemist Helping Chemists

August 22, 1996

Mrs. Wendy W. Luers
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Dear Wendy:

I don't know of anyone in the world who is both as deeply involved in helping Czechs and familiar the art scene in New York.

Hence, I was thinking of you a little while ago when an old chemist friend in Prague introduced me to a modern Czech artist, Antonin Strízek, who inquired whether I could help him with some introductions to connoisseurs of modern art in New York.

I enclose a catalog of Strízek's work, as well as quite a bit of additional material about him.

He certainly seems to be a very competent artist, but I simply cannot judge whether any modern artist, no matter how well I like him, is really a great artist or not. But probably you can. In any case, I would very much appreciate any help that you might be able to give him.

You can reach him care of Ing. Pavel Janecek, Porta, Zeleny pruh 99, 140 50 Praha 4; Fax: 2-643-1861 or 442-976.

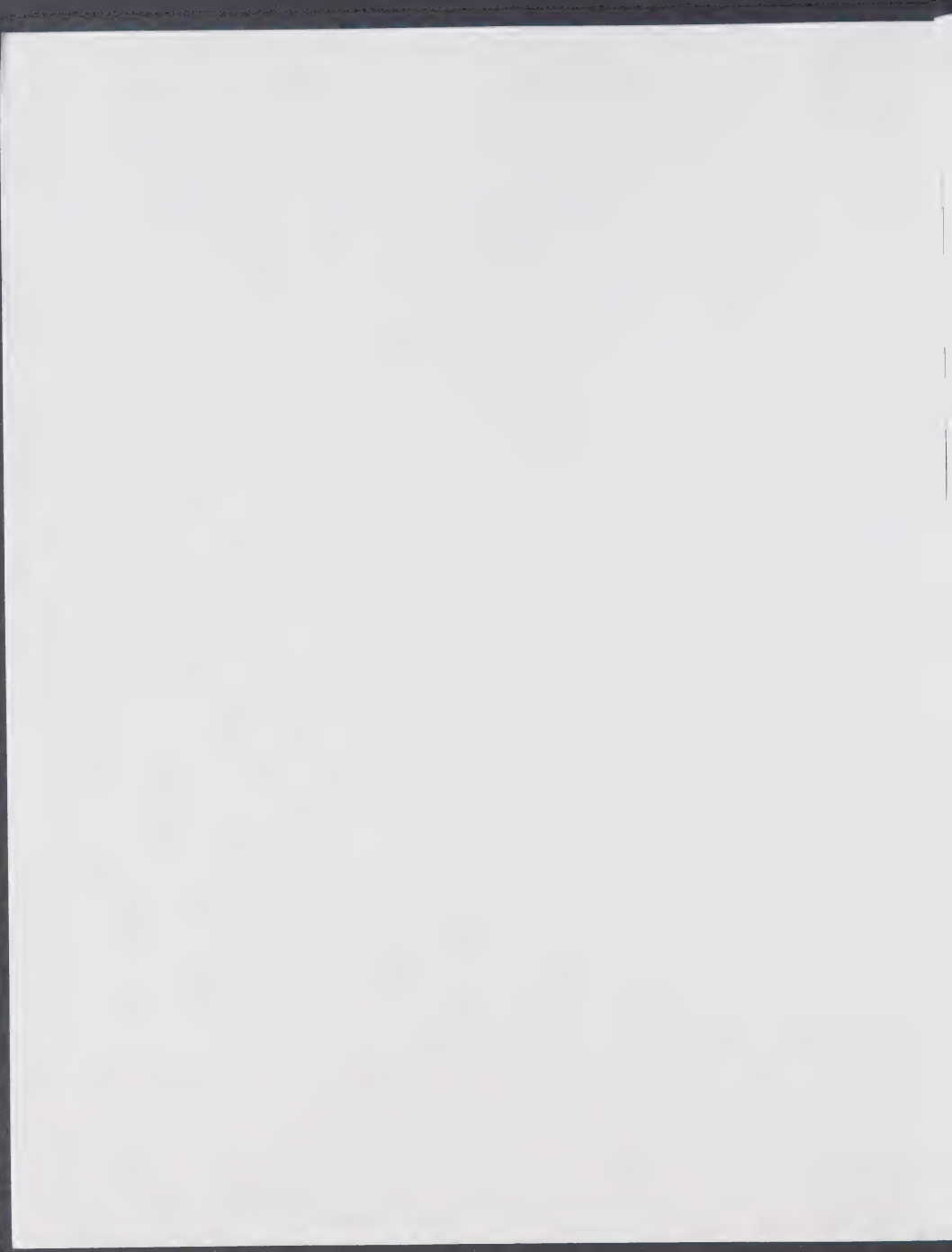
On the one hand, we were sad to learn that Hannah was leaving New York, but of course, so glad that she is continuing her great work with the Foundation in Prague. I have just faxed her to ask for her continuing help and much look forward to staying in touch with her.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw
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to Mrs. Luers - 8/22/96





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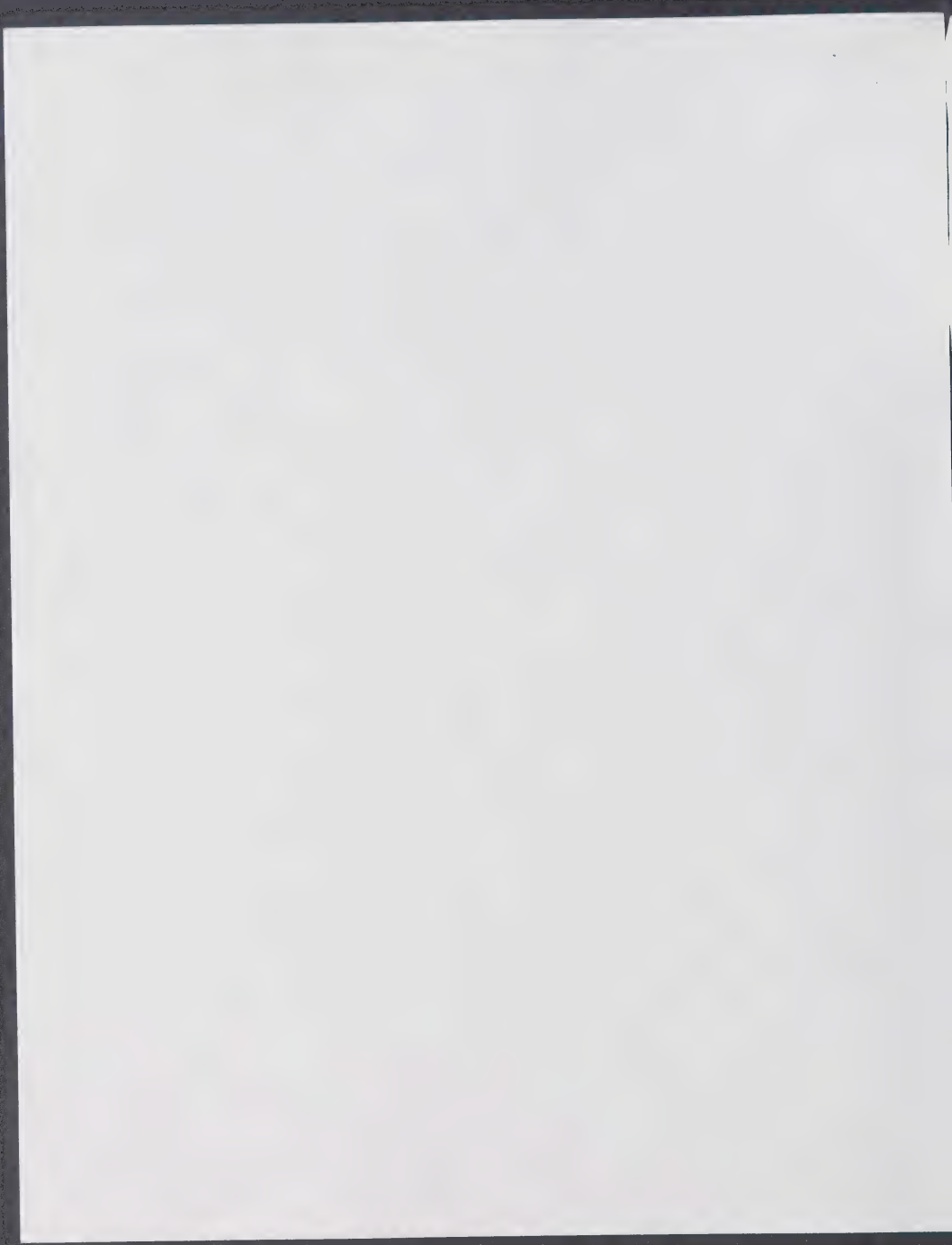
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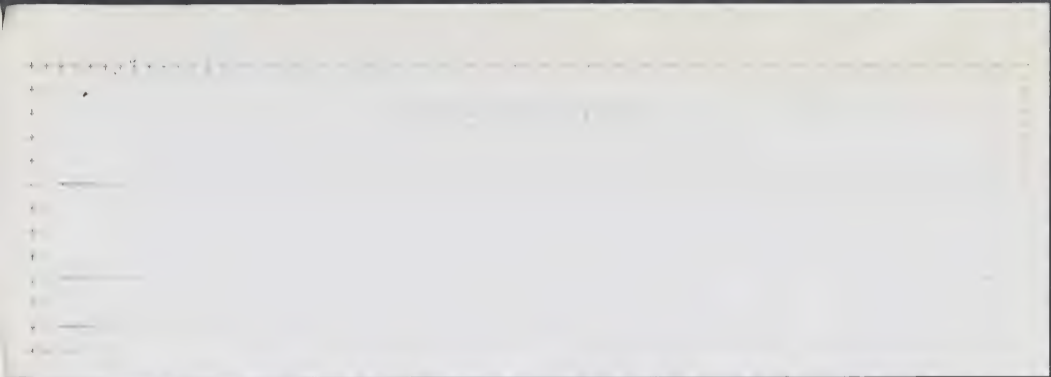
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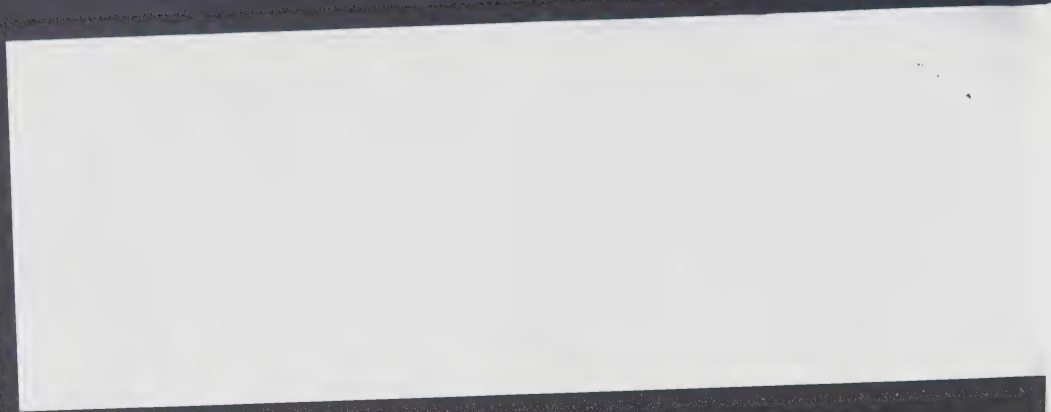
We are arriving in Milwaukee
at 12.27 (NW from Detroit)
and look forward to seeing
you that afternoon.

Best wishes

Alfred







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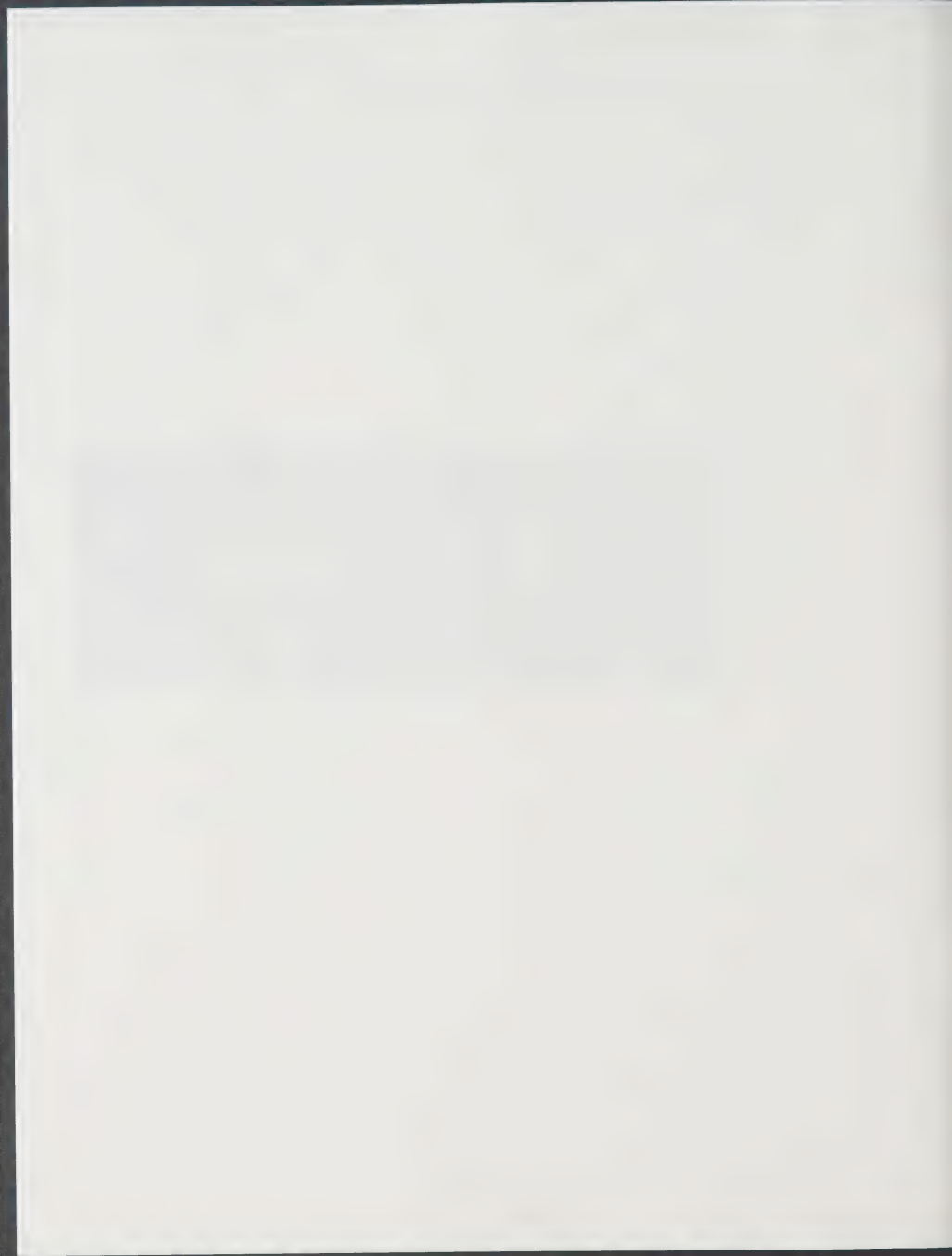
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There exist certain values... that must create the foundation stones of our democratic statehood. These are respect for human rights, the idea of the rule of law, respect for democratic institutions, market economy principles, protection of the spiritual and cultural heritage of the nation and the environment in which we live and the creation of a civil society.

Václav Havel

New Year's Speech, 1996

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

For the last six and a half years, the staff of The Foundation for a Civil Society has worked in many creative and effective ways to strengthen the roots and underpinnings of democracy in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and beyond.

We believe that Civil Society is the environment in which democracy flourishes. It is where myriad seeds sown by many take root to form community values based on individual responsibility -- an uneven, often frustrating, and enormously rewarding process. As we in the United States know only too well, democracy is messy.

Initially, many Western foundations, governments, international organizations and individuals, whose goals and methods seemed reasonably clear in the euphoria of the lifting of communism, were involved in efforts in Central Europe. As a result, free expression, entrepreneurship, market economics, fair elections and macro-economic reforms took root breathtakingly quickly - - - in some places.

As the people of the region begin to catch their breath, our efforts focus on ensuring that these changes are lasting. For democratic reform to be valid and effective, individual citizens must understand and believe that they can and should control their own destinies. This is accomplished through citizen participation and cooperation -- men, women and the young, in their schools, churches, markets and factories, acting with mutual respect in their daily lives. This process takes time and is very labor intensive.

The Foundation has participated as this process unfolds by identifying and assisting those who strive to incorporate a system of fairness, ethics, rule of law, economic development and philanthropy in their society. Because of our extensive experience with programs funded by the private sector, in 1995, we competed for and received two of the nine Democracy Network Country grants from the US Agency for International Development to assist the nonprofit sector in the Czech Republic and Slovakia - separate and increasingly different nations. Forging new ground, we have received over 900 applications and disbursed approximately \$1.1 million in grants to date in the Czech Republic and Slovakia in addition to extensive training. I urge you to read about "DemNet" in greater detail on the following pages.

We are proud of the Foundation and of all our Czech and Slovak colleagues who are, ever more frequently and capably, taking action to build a strong civil society. In the years ahead there will come a time when we in the United States will not be needed. But as long as we are, we are thankful for the confidence and support that our funders have shown us. And we are enormously grateful to all of you who have contributed in so many ways to this essential quest for freedom and democratic values, especially our dedicated Board of Directors, advisors and staff. Thank you.

Wendy W. Luers, President
August, 1996



ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The efforts of The Foundation for a Civil Society are aimed at nurturing a free and democratic way of life in societies emerging from decades of political and social oppression. Guided by a distinguished and expert Board of Directors drawn from private and governmental sectors, the Foundation was founded in 1990 by journalist, human rights activist and current president, Wendy W. Luers. Anchored in Slovakia and the Czech Republic, the Foundation has organized and implemented a broad array of programs that provide assistance and technical support to the governmental, educational, environmental, legal, nonprofit and cultural sectors. It has raised in excess of 11 million dollars from foundations and corporations globally and has been awarded two USAID grants to support nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in both countries through the Democracy Network Programs.

Over the past six years, the Foundation has gained practical experience which it shares with leaders of the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, and elsewhere, as they face the challenges of developing civil society through:

- Nonprofit Development
- Provision of Expertise
- Education
- Exchanges
- Community Revitalization
- Conflict Resolution
- Culture
- Networking

In order to achieve its goals, The Foundation for a Civil Society has implemented creative programs that fill real needs, are demand driven, and for which other support may not yet be available. Growing out of the Foundation's consistent attention to the Czech and Slovak Republics, The Project on Justice in Times of Transition, a globally focused program, occupies a unique niche in the conflict resolution field and exemplifies the expanding role of the Foundation on the world stage.

The Foundation's multinational staff of 38 is based in New York, Prague and Bratislava.

Any government that wants to make sure that democracy lives....must understand that the NGO is a partner in that process.

First Lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton**
in a meeting with Slovak NGO leaders
Bratislava
July 6, 1996

THE DEMOCRACY NETWORK PROGRAMS

The Foundation for a Civil Society greatly enhanced its abilities to affect the third sector in the Czech Republic and Slovakia when, after an intense competition, the Foundation was awarded two of nine **Democracy Network Country Programs**. These initiatives, sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), are designed to develop and strengthen indigenous, public policy-oriented nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. The Foundation for a Civil Society signed a two year, \$1.5 million cooperative agreement with USAID on February 15, 1995, for the Democracy Network Czech Republic Country Program, and a three-year, \$3 million cooperative agreement on March 6, 1995 for the Democracy Network Slovakia Country Program. The Foundation was one of the first organizations to establish its programs, and provided **over \$500,000 in grants** during the the first nine months of the programs' operation.

By strengthening the internal capacity of NGOs and by improving the environment in which they work, the Programs aim to engender sustainability among NGOs so that they will continue beyond the Democracy Network and other foreign funding. The Programs in Slovakia and the Czech Republic focus on four priority development sectors: democracy, social safety nets, economic development, and environment. In order to help develop an enduring NGO sector in each country, the Foundation's Democracy Network Programs include a training and assistance program, a small grants program and a campaign to improve the image of the NGO sector.

The Democracy Network Country Programs also coordinate activities with two regional AID-funded programs: the Democracy Networking Program administered by the National Forum Foundation and the Nonprofit Legal Framework Program administered by the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law.

In the Czech Republic, the training and assistance program consists of an application process by which NGOs can request vouchers for training workshops and seminars or for short- and long-term consultants. An emphasis is placed on practical, hands-on training, designed especially to resolve existing problems or issues facing the applicant. Additionally, the Foundation works with Partners for Democratic Change-Czech Center, the Lotos Foundation and Places in the Heart Foundation to provide assistance to the Third Sector in the Czech Republic. DemNet also contracts with the Information Center for Foundations and Other Not-for-Profits (ICN) to develop their financial management structures so that they can serve as a better resource to the Third Sector.

As of December 31, 1995, sixty-five grants were awarded in the Czech Republic, totalling \$148,252. Many of the awards were small grants which allowed each of the organizations to be more effective in conducting its activities and in providing services to communities.

The Slovak training and technical assistance program also welcomes applications for assistance to the NGO's self-defined needs. The Foundation's training partners in Slovakia include: the Slovak Academic Information Agency-Service Center for the Third Sector (SAIA-SCTS) to conduct workshops in basic management and operational skills such as nonprofit accounting, effective management and fund raising; Partners for Democratic Change-Slovakia (PDCS) for training focused on increasing cooperation between NGOs, team building and long-term organizational development; the Independent Journalism Foundation and the Center for Independent Journalism to provide training specifically geared towards NGO-Media Relations.

The Democracy Network Program in Slovakia awarded sixteen grants totalling \$411,023 by the end of 1995. By USAID policy mandate, the grants awarded in Slovakia were generally larger than those in the Czech Republic, and contributed both toward programming and operations.

The Democracy Network Programs are funded by The United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

THE DEMOCRACY NETWORK PROGRAMS

A young woman from a small town in East Slovakia organized an exceptional public-policy project to provide a special care program and comprehensive work training site for the mentally and physically handicapped in her region. Her program provided another example of how NGOs provide alternatives to institutionalization for "challenged" populations in an effort to unite the entire community.

She submitted a grant proposal to The Foundation for a Civil Society's **Democracy Network Program**. Her project was approved and she was set to receive a \$20,000 grant to create a protected workplace for some 20 handicapped individuals of all ages.

When she arrived at the Foundation to sign the contract, the DemNet staff provided counseling on how to help promote the work of her NGO by identifying and working with the news media in her region. She listened attentively, but was only being polite. Her comments indicated she would not initiate the suggested public relations efforts.

When the Foundation offered to work with her to schedule a press conference announcing her receipt of a substantial grant, she became nervous.

She said she would never be able to get up in front of the news media and answer their questions. She did not see how the media could help. "They are only a tool of the government," she said.

A TRUE STORY

But her fears were explained away. The DemNet staff coached her on the procedure for contacting the media, on how to write a press release, and on how to carry out a public relations effort in a free society.

A double-spaced press release arrived a week later. There was concise background information, a quote from her in the position of Program Director, and a four-page handout giving further details.

As she addressed a room full of reporters and local dignitaries at her well-organized press conference, her increased understanding and confidence were apparent. She gave a brief reason for the conference, opened the floor to questions, and confidently elaborated on the handout information.

Afterwards, she escorted those who were interested on a tour of the facility, explaining how improvements to the building would be made in the near future. The publicity generated was substantial.

People can be inhibited from working with the news media even when there are no fears to overcome. A number of approaches can be taken to familiarize people with the ways mass media works in a free society. Individual counseling and seminars are just two of the ways used by the Democracy Network Program. Explaining away apprehensions and outgrowing fears takes time.

THE DEMOCRACY NETWORK PROGRAMS

Tomáš Zidek worked at both the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture after the revolution. In neither, however, did he see people focusing on the specific problems faced by economically depressed rural areas which were experiencing a very different transformation than that of the booming capital city. He is now active in the Third Sector: a prominent figure in the Czech Republic's rural revitalization efforts. He is the founder of the National Foundation for Organic Agriculture and head of the Information Center for Ecological Agriculture.

In 1994, Mr. Zidek helped found the Organization for the Development of Podblanicko in a mainly agricultural region southeast of Prague. The area is cultivated by a mix of small private farmers and a few huge agricultural cooperatives - the region's main employers - whose future is uncertain at best in these changing times. The resident population is dwindling; bus lines are being cut. "It's a tragedy how the villages are dying," Mr. Zidek says. He sees Podblanicko's challenges as well as its assets: rich farmland interlaced with nature preserves ringing the base of a mountain renowned in Bohemian mythology. This grassroots organization was founded to improve the communication between local government and residents, and to facilitate cooperation on the economic revitalization of the area.

GRANTEE PROFILE

After intense review by the Program's peer panel, the Democracy Network Program funded a series of seminars focused on getting local mayors together to coordinate regional goals and on informing local farmers about economic alternatives, such as providing farm-stay "agro-tourism" or producing and selling value-added organic products. Future plans will focus on reviving traditional regional festivals to attract outsiders, creating a local tourist trade in goods and services and attracting wholesalers who could distribute their organic products in some of the Republic's bigger markets. Mr. Zidek feels the best part of his work is being out in the field and talking with people: both potential producers and potential consumers of the region's new commodities. "When you see that someone really understands what you're trying to tell them, it's beautiful," he says.

THE DEMOCRACY NETWORK PROGRAM - SLOVAKIA

16 GRANTS (AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1995) - TOTAL US \$411,023

The Association for the Assistance of the Mentally Handicapped in Michalovce for development of a model skills training program in Eastern Slovakia that would assist in the integration of the disabled into the workforce. \$19,843

The Association of Slovak Librarians to undertake a financial analysis of community libraries and the library service needs of citizens. Based on this analysis, the Association will make a proposal for a new library information system. \$28,333

Bat'a Junior Achievement for training on the fundamentals of market economics for executives of small and medium-sized business in Bratislava, Považská Bystrica, Košice, Spišská Nová Ves, and Žilina. \$25,160

The Charter 77 Foundation for ongoing programs of legal training and legal services for representatives of the state administration throughout Slovakia. These programs focus on issues of human rights protection and the rights of marginalized groups such as refugees and Romany. \$50,000

The Foundation for the Support of Local Democracy for the opening of three Centers for Local Democracy which will offer education and training programs (domestic and foreign) for individual citizens, civic initiatives and city government representatives. \$49,133

The Healthy City Foundation of Banská Bystrica for extension of its community activities throughout the region and support of three funds for citizens' initiatives - one fund for projects on women's issues, one focused on youth projects, and one designed to address urban issues. \$22, 830

The Help Foundation for analysis of the position of women in Slovak society, including reproductive rights, planned parenthood, sex education, and health and disability issues. The project will also encourage women to be more active in dependency prevention. \$24,767

The Jan Hus Educational Foundation to provide small grants to ten local civic and democracy education activities in Eastern Slovakia, offering local organizations the Foundation's contacts, experience and methods, thereby helping groups to start local civic education programs. \$11,676

The MESA 10 Foundation for development of an alternative method of tax revenue distribution between the central state budget and the budgets of Slovakia's municipalities. \$15,000

The Mosty Foundation for an ongoing project designed to increase the involvement of and understanding in multi-cultural issues among Christian and Jewish youth by bringing them together to work on local historic preservation projects. \$11,000

The Slovak Children's Hope Organization for creation of three crisis telephone lines for abused children in Bratislava, Nitra and Košice. Counseling will be offered on suicide prevention, drug addiction, psycho-social dislocation and child abuse. \$34,167

The Slovak Committee of the European Cultural Foundation for a project using students of the Economics University to analyze previous NGO fund-raising efforts, improve fund-raising skills and increase cooperation between the for-profit and not-for-profit sectors. \$25,000

The Society for Sustainable Life in Trenčín for a project focused on improving communication and information flows among village authorities, local business people and the citizenry in five communities in the White Carpathians region. \$32,867

The STOKA Association will develop and produce a series of 23 current event discussions on politics, culture and economics for representatives from the entire political spectrum. \$20,668

The Stúdió Zažitku Foundation for development and extension of the Outward Bound program throughout Slovakia to encourage citizens to take a more active, constructive role in society. \$21,252

The Union of Towns of the Slovak Republic for training of mayors, municipal finance experts and the citizenry on city finance issues. The union will also work with other NGO partners throughout Slovakia. \$19,327

Perhaps the greatest achievement of the Healthy City Foundation since its beginning is that it has served to awaken a large number of individuals and groups in the community who are now all actively working at making the city and surrounding region a better place to live.

Beata Gašparcová
Director, Healthy City Foundation

THE DEMOCRACY NETWORK PROGRAM - CZECH REPUBLIC

65 GRANTS (AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1995) - TOTAL US \$148,252

Blatna Cultural Foundation for an environmental clean-up project in Southern Bohemia designed to encourage citizens to become involved in problem-solving at the local level. \$2,111

Brontosaurus Botič for a series of seminars to introduce concepts of organic agriculture as a component of sustainable local development. \$1,481

Brontosaurus Environmental Center to support the publication PECKA, a magazine which serves as an important information conduit for linking Czech environmental organizations. \$2,407

Brontosaurus Zvonek in Třebíč for establishing a center to gather environmental information and disseminate it to the general public, and to increase cooperation between citizens and local authorities on environmental problems. \$1,296

Brontosaurus Prague for courses on "Global Thinking," to introduce creative and comprehensive approaches to environmental problem-solving to Czech youth. \$1,111

Center for Environmental Analysis, Děčín, for a seminar for citizens, NGOs, government officials and developers to address the problem of insufficient public participation in decision-making processes. \$2,222

Center for Environmental Education and Ethics in Horní Maršov, Eastern Bohemia, to help equip a nationally-known environmental education center which provides training to teachers, activists and NGOs. \$3,704

Center for Foster Family Care in Prague to support the organization's work with state institutions and other NGOs working with foster and adopted children and their families, and its attempts to advocate for improved legislation in this field. \$2,222

Center for the Family and Social Work, Brno, to provide training to volunteer social workers engaged in family counseling. \$3,704

Chairnary's Fund Foundation to support this all-volunteer organization in its cooperation with local governments and schools on developing a network of bicycle paths to promote soft tourism in Northern Bohemia. \$1,000

Children of the Earth, Liberec, to organize seminars and public meetings to involve citizens in the decision-making processes regarding two local projects - the construction of a waste incinerator and a new dam - in Northern Bohemia. \$1,111

Committee of Representatives of the Physically Handicapped, Prague, to coordinate and unify a state-wide database of physically handicapped citizens to improve information flow within the field and more effectively advocate for integration of these citizens into society. \$1,200

Cultural-Social Center to support this Prague-based NGO center in its efforts to coordinate and provide space for the activities of a variety of humanitarian, social, health, environmental and cultural non-governmental organizations. \$2,666

Czech Helsinki Committee to expand citizens' access to legal assistance by counseling individuals whose human rights have been violated but who cannot afford commercial legal services. \$5,710

Czech Helsinki Committee to assist in the integration of refugees through a counseling center providing asylum-seekers with information on human rights, citizenship, the Czech political system and the Czech language. \$3,703

Czech Organization for Nature Conservation - Jaroměř to support its cooperative efforts with other NGOs in teacher-training and its participation in local decision-making processes on behalf of local residents. \$3,148

Czech Organization for Nature Conservation - Plzeň to strengthen the organization's capacity to organize environmental campaigns and activities in the region. \$1,777

Czech Organization for Nature Conservation - Radnice for a meeting of environmental representatives in Western Bohemia designed to coordinate their activities. \$370

Czech Organization for Nature Conservation - Tilia for initiating a project designed to promote inter-sectoral communication by bringing together NGOs, citizens and local government to cooperate on the construction of a municipal park in Northern Bohemia. \$630

Czech Organization for Nature Conservation - Valašské Meziříčí to support the operating costs of an environmental center providing teaching professionals and the general public with training and consultations focused on solving practical environmental problems in Northern Moravia. \$2,222

Czech Organization for Nature Conservation - Vlašim for the Central Bohemian regional center of the organization, which is active in organizing public meetings on legal aspects of nature conservation, preparing interpretations of laws and providing information on how the public can participate in decision-making processes. \$2,240

Czech Union of the Blind and Visually Impaired, Prague, to develop regional early care centers to provide counseling and therapy to families with a blind or visually handicapped member, and to promote cooperation among the different care-providers in this field. \$3,648

Czechoslovak Charter 77 Foundation to work together with schools on a series of drug-awareness lectures for students, parents and teachers in an effort to curb the relatively new but growing drug abuse problem. \$6,970

THE DEMOCRACY NETWORK PROGRAM - CZECH REPUBLIC

GRANTS (CONTINUED)

Diakonia Soběslav to support a model project placing a handicapped child into the Czech school system to demonstrate an alternative to institutionalized care. \$2,777

Diakonia Prague for requalification courses to introduce new methods to care-providers in institutions working with mentally handicapped children and youth. \$3,704

Diakonia Dvůr Králové to equip a community care center for the physically handicapped and the elderly. \$3,704

Diocesan Charity Brno to run a training program introducing new methods of hospice care for the elderly. \$3,704

Ecotopia Foundation to provide seminars on agro-tourism which stress the importance of regional and inter-sectoral cooperation in the revitalization of this rural area in Eastern Bohemia. \$2,222

Environmental Center "Meluzína" in Western Bohemia to develop a model educational trail project for regional youth and schools. \$1,667

Environmental Health Station to operate the "Help the Environment" station which introduces innovative, practical methods of nature conservation to students and the general public in this region south of Prague. \$1,259

Euronisa Foundation, Liberec, to strengthen the capacity and outreach of this local organization to provide community care and support to people in need. \$2,778

Euronisa Foundation to support the growth and strengthen the financial management of the organization as it expanded into new areas of community work, such as drug counseling for youth. \$888

EVA Foundation to support the organization in its efforts to introduce institutional and methodological innovations in environmental education and to encourage inter-sectoral cooperation in the field. \$1,112

EVA Foundation to underwrite the continued publication of the bulletin SISYFOS which serves as a forum for information and discussion of methods of environmental education. \$1,481

The Film and Sociology Foundation to increase its capacity to address social and human rights issues and promote the NGO sector through its nationally-broadcast documentary films and other activities. \$3,704

For the Forest Foundation to further cooperative inter-sectoral efforts to protect forests in the environmentally endangered Northern Bohemian region. \$2,963

Fund for Hope and Understanding to fund a leading Roma-run organization in its efforts to establish a comprehensive nationwide training program for other less-developed Roma organizations. \$1,889

Green Circle for an urban re-greening project to demonstrate how citizens and NGOs can work successfully together with the governmental and private sectors to realize projects affecting their common environment. \$3,704

Green Circle for a book illustrating the tremendous environmental damage and social disruption caused by the coal mining industry in Northern Bohemia in an effort to promote civic participation in local and national environmental and energy issues. \$1,704

Greenways to work with citizens, local governments and entrepreneurs on community development projects involving tourism, greenways and revitalization of public spaces in Southern Moravia. \$3,611

HOST for training civic activists who will found five regional human rights centers to monitor and improve follow-up on local discrimination cases. \$407

Information Center for Foundations and Other Not-for-Profits for a training seminar which resulted in linking district libraries into a broad network providing information on, and support to, the NGO sector. \$200

Koniklec Agency to run a "Children's Parliament" involving youth in discussions with politicians and NGO leaders on environmental issues as a means of civic education. \$740

Koniklec Agency to evaluate the environmental impact of gold-mining in Central Bohemia and to use the research to engage local citizens in public debate on this topic. \$1,111

Lotos Foundation to support the organization as it broadens the portfolio of training and consulting services and materials it provides to the nonprofit sector. \$2,407

Man, Education and New Technologies for a seminar providing training to teachers of Roma children in order to better integrate this minority population into the Czech educational system. \$3,704

Moravian Ornithological Association to strengthen their capacity to inform and educate journalists in providing information on civic associations, thereby defining the non-governmental sector in the eyes of the public and encouraging involvement in various volunteer activities. \$2,114

Nedomysleno Association for a project demonstrating the creative capacities of the handicapped and encouraging their integration with the non-handicapped population. \$1,407

Organization Against Violence Against Children/Children's Crisis Center for establishing a crisis line for children and furthering their efforts to call attention to and address the problem of domestic violence against children. \$2,222

DEMOCRACY NETWORK PROGRAM - CZECH REPUBLIC

GRANTS (CONTINUED)

Organization for the Development of Podblanicko for seminars to stimulate cooperation between local farmers and government officials on the revitalization and sustainable development of this rural area. \$925

Prague Environmental Center to provide information and training which promote environmental awareness in general, and which focus specifically on strengthening the processes of democratic decision-making in environmental issues. \$2,222

Pro Animas, Prague, to support the Center for Theater Therapy which provides a program to re-integrate the psychologically and mentally handicapped into society. \$2,963

Public Environmental Assessment Center, Píseň, for a seminar and manual promoting public participation in environmental decision-making, and introducing formal and non-formal methods of involvement to NGOs, developers, and national and local government officials. \$3,530

Regional Fund Foundation to support projects which, in cooperation with local authorities, transform the social and health care policy in Ústí nad Labem. \$1,111

ROSKA, Prague, to enable the organization to become a member of the International Federation of Multiple Sclerosis, and thereby to disseminate up-to-date information on the disease within the Republic and to participate in related international projects. \$1,244

Rytmus, Prague, for a project to locate employment opportunities for individuals with multiple handicaps and to further support their integration with counseling services to them and their employers. \$2,113

Society of the Friends of Duchcov to run a community information center which initiates and coordinates activities concerning historic preservation, environmental protection and sustainable development in the region. \$3,889

Southern Bohemian Association for Nature Conservation to inform the public and NGO community of local development plans and to introduce methods of participating in the decision-making process. \$1,111

SPOLU Citizens Association for a series of seminars to introduce elementary school teachers in the Olomouc region to current ideas and techniques aimed at integrating handicapped children into the classroom environment. \$1,485

TASK Club to equip an important regional environmental education center which provides consultations and training to teachers and students and works with local governments on implementing educational campaigns about topics such as recycling. \$2,981

TEREZA - Czech Organization for Nature Conservation to strengthen an ongoing civic participation project aimed at involving children and adults in volunteer activities by providing materials and assistance to local coordinators across the country. \$3,167

Tolerance Foundation to lay the groundwork for improved communication between the Roma and non-Roma populations of Northern Moravia by providing consultations to the Roma community on legal, social and educational issues. \$2,222

Tolerance Foundation for an operational bridging grant to this important human rights organization active in combating intolerance, nationalism and racism. \$3,444

VITA to organize seminars for teachers, school administrators and pedagogical students on innovative teaching techniques to instill an interest and understanding of problems facing the severely environmentally damaged Northern Moravia region. \$2,407

Vivat Telč to develop a plan for a Center for Civic Society, designed to provide space for community activities and consultations to various sectors aimed at encouraging public involvement in the revitalization of this Southern Moravian city. \$604

In a democratic society, there are multiple choices and people are not being ordered to do or not to do something. Now, everything depends on people's attitudes...

Hana Kloufarová
Director
EVA Foundation

THE PROJECT ON JUSTICE IN TIMES OF TRANSITION



Gerry Adams, President, Sinn Fein; **Roelf Meyer**, Minister of Provincial Affairs & Constitutional Development of South Africa; The Belfast Conference.



John Hume, MP, Social Democratic and Labour Party; The Belfast Conference.



Paul Arthur, Professor of Politics, University of Ulster; **Michael Ancram**, MP, Northern Ireland Minister of Political Development; **Dick Spring**, TD, Tánaiste and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Ireland; The Belfast Conference.

THE PROJECT ON JUSTICE IN TIMES OF TRANSITION

The Foundation for a Civil Society's **Project on Justice in Times of Transition** assists states emerging from repression or conflict to engage in dialogue across national, ethnic, religious and ideological boundaries so as to encourage progress towards democracy and peace. Formally inaugurated in 1992 with an international conference in Salzburg, The Project works at the highest levels, where its political engagement and ability to draw upon cross-cultural transitional experiences act as a peerless catalyst to the creative and free exchange of ideas. In nine distinct initiatives to date, The Project has provided an extraordinary stimulus to creative problem-solving by exposing numerous leading policymakers to international experiences in ending conflict, establishing peace, and building civil society through reconciliation and dialogue. Through its diverse but consistently practical programmatic efforts, The Project on Justice in Times of Transition has succeeded in establishing and occupying a unique and highly effective niche in post-conflict reconciliation.

THE BELFAST CONFERENCE

The Project on Justice in Times of Transition was invited by a broad spectrum of leaders to reinforce the emerging peace process in Northern Ireland. On June 6-8, 1995, The Project sponsored a major international conference in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Co-sponsored by the University of Ulster and INCORE (Initiative on Conflict Resolution and Ethnicity), a joint program of the University of Ulster and the United Nations University, "**Reconciliation and Community: The Future of Peace in Northern Ireland**," brought together leaders from around the world to share their experiences in an effort to assist policymakers confronting the daunting challenges in Northern Ireland.

In an historic gathering, over 300 prominent individuals from across Northern Ireland, including key members of all political parties as well as senior representatives of the religious, nongovernmental, activist, business, and media communities, took part in the proceedings. A series of panels and discussions featuring more than 20 international leaders and policymakers (including former guerrilla commanders) from 11 countries, provided conference participants an opportunity to examine Northern Ireland's socio-political transition in light of global experiences in overcoming the legacies of conflict. Featured international participants included: **Oscar Arias**, Nobel Peace Prize laureate and former President of Costa Rica; **Roelf Meyer**, Minister for Provincial Affairs and Constitutional Development of South Africa; **Dullah Omar**, Minister of Justice of South Africa; **Joaquin Villalobos**, former leader of the rebel Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) and currently leader of the Democratic Party of El Salvador; **Ana Guadalupe Martinez**, Vice President of the National Assembly of El Salvador and a former FMLN guerrilla leader; **Michael Longley**, Northern Ireland poet and writer; and **Raymond Kelly**, former Police Commissioner of New York City.

I strongly believe that the Conference has been successful in allowing both the leaders and the citizenry of Northern Ireland to gain greater confidence in the process of reconciliation, dialogue and tolerance, thus having made an important contribution to our endeavours to achieve a lasting peace in Northern Ireland.

I consider the work of The Foundation for a Civil Society extremely significant in sponsoring meetings aimed at seeking solutions for the problematic points of our world.

Árpád Göncz
President of the Republic of Hungary
in a letter dated July 2, 1996 to
The Foundation for a Civil Society

The Rapporteur's Report for The Belfast Conference is available upon request to the New York office of The Foundation for a Civil Society.

THE PROJECT ON JUSTICE IN TIMES OF TRANSITION



Prof. Trevor Smith, Vice Chancellor, University of Ulster and Dr. Oscar Arias, Nobel Laureate in Peace and Former President of Costa Rica; The Belfast Conference.

And so, while I feel humble in the face of what you have suffered and what fills your memories, I also feel conviction -- because you now have one of the greatest opportunities offered in this brief worldly passing of our lives: the chance to heal and to build; the chance to grow and to transform; the chance to bring peace instead of violence.

Dr. Oscar Arias

Nobel Laureate in Peace and Former President of Costa Rica
Keynote Address to The Belfast Conference,

**"Reconciliation and Community:
The Future of Peace in Northern Ireland"**

June 6, 1995

THE PROJECT ON JUSTICE IN TIMES OF TRANSITION

THE WARSAW CONFERENCE

On June 30 - July 2, 1995, The Project on Justice in Times of Transition, the Center for National Security Studies and the Polish Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights cosponsored "**Security Services in a Civil Society: Oversight and Accountability**," in Warsaw, Poland. This workshop focused on creating mechanisms for accountability and civilian oversight of state security services. Participants explored methods of guaranteeing that these services' mandates meet the state security organs' legitimate needs in a manner consistent with democratic principles and respect for human rights.

The workshop brought together over 60 prominent parliamentary reformers, human rights activists and representatives of state security services from 15 countries in Eastern and Central Europe for candid discussion of the practical experiences of legal oversight and control. The participants heard compelling presentations delivered by a variety of speakers including the late **William Colby**, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; **Adam Struzik**, Speaker of the Polish Senate; **Elizabeth Rindskopf**, former General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency; and **Sanford Ungar**, Dean of the School of Communications at American University. **Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz**, former Deputy Speaker of the Sejm (Parliament) who was later elected Prime Minister of Poland, and **Jose Maria Argueta**, the first civilian director of national intelligence in Guatemala, were among the prominent participants in the conference.

The meeting launched a project on accountability and oversight of security services to be carried out jointly by the Polish Helsinki Foundation and the Center for National Security Studies. They will establish a network of activists, associations and policymakers to support continued reform of security services in nascent democracies.



Timothy Phillips, Co-Chair, The Project on Justice in Times of Transition; **Jose Maria Argueta**, Advisor to the President on National Security Matters, Guatemala; **Eric S. Nonacs**, Project Director, The Project on Justice in Times of Transition; The Warsaw Conference.

THE PROJECT ON JUSTICE IN TIMES OF TRANSITION

The **Belfast Conference** was made possible with the generous financial support of The American Ireland Fund, Anonymous Donors, The Carnegie Corporation of New York, The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, The Compton Foundation, The European Union, The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, The Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation, The Mutual of America Life Insurance Company, The National Endowment for Democracy, The Northern Ireland Office, The Rockefeller Family & Associates, The United States Information Agency and The Winston Foundation for World Peace. The **Warsaw Conference** was made possible with the generous financial support of The Open Society Institute, The Stefan Batory Foundation, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, The Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation and The Winston Foundation for World Peace.

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The Program is demand-driven, responding directly to the needs and priorities of the institutions. The flexibility and rapid response of the Program complements larger government-funded assistance programs, particularly as a neutral, nongovernmental source of funds. The Program's long-term approach was designed to accomplish an effective transfer of skill and expertise between the advisors and Czech and Slovak colleagues.

Capitalizing on the Program's experience in the Czech and Slovak Republics since 1991, the Expert Advisors Program investigated the potential for further East-East technical assistance projects, which culminated in the report written by John Williams, "Learning from their Neighbors, a Survey of Economic Policy Transfer Projects in Central and Eastern Europe". The program will continue to place high-level, long-term advisors in the Czech and Slovak Republics through 1996.

The Expert Advisors Program is made possible through the generous support of the Ford Foundation and The Pew Charitable Trusts.

Mr. Williams' report was made possible, in part, through a grant from the Coca-Cola World Fund at Yale University.

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THE EXPERT ADVISORS PROGRAM

When the Slovak Foreign Policy Association came to The Foundation for a Civil Society seeking an Expert Advisor, **David Utley**, President of the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire Foundation, proved an ideal candidate. He knew the environment, having spent six months at the Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1991-92. More recently, in 1994 he worked in Ukraine. He also had a broad base of experience in international policy issues in the United States.

David's assignment with the Slovak Foreign Policy Association began in September 1995. The Association is the only major, independent policy institute in the country which examines Slovakia's position in international affairs. Created by a distinguished group of Slovaks, the Association works to raise the level of public understanding of international issues, and in particular, to improve the quality of the domestic debate over the country's role in Europe and in the world. By organizing an extensive program of meetings with Slovaks and foreign leaders, as well as a publications initiative, the Association brings new viewpoints and perspectives to a young country with limited experience in world affairs.

PROFILE

In his time at the Association, David has been pivotal in establishing a new Research Center. He has also helped to arrange new collaborative programs with other Slovak organizations, including the Center for Independent Journalism and the Slovak Center for Economic Development, in addition to expanding the already existing meetings' program. He has created important links for the Association with foreign policy institutes in other countries which will benefit the Association long after his departure. Finally, as he observed, "there is always the money thing." A former Director of Development at the Council on Foreign Relations and an experienced university fundraiser, David was helpful in obtaining a number of large grants to support Association programs.

Would he come back for another assignment in the future? "You bet," David said, "Slovakia today is experiencing its share of problems, and perhaps more than its share of self-inflicted wounds. But there are a lot of able, courageous people here who are working, with some success, to assure a democratic society. Who wouldn't want to be a part of that?"

THE EXPERT ADVISORS PROGRAM



Gabrielle Larew, Expert Advisor at the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic, on location in Most, North Bohemia.

THE EXPERT ADVISORS PROGRAMS



Lawrence Moss, Expert Advisor to the Mayor of Český Krumlov, on location in town square.

THE TRAVEL GRANT PROGRAM

The **Travel Grant Program**, which ended in 1995, provided travel grants to Czech and Slovak political, economic and environmental leaders who were invited to participate in short term study stays, practical training or conferences in the United States. Eligible individuals included elected or appointed officials and members of their staff, leaders of NGOs, and influential journalists working to strengthen democratic institutions, transform planned economies or improve environmental decision-making.

Pavol Demeš, SAIA-SCTS

Democratic Institutions Grant - February 1995

Mr. Demeš, in his position as the president of SAIA-SCTS, was granted travel funds from New York City to attend meetings in Washington, DC to seek support for the Slovak NGO sector.

Peter Litavec, Regional Information Center, Poprad

Economic Development Grant - March 1995

Mr. Litavec received travel funds to visit the Eastern United States to learn about "soft" tourism and its potential for Slovakia.

Terézia Grellová, Martin Šimečka Foundation

Democratic Institutions Grant - May 1995

Ms. Grellová participated in the National Endowment for Democracy's (NED) fifth annual World Conference on Democracy, followed by a study tour and meetings with partner organizations in Washington, DC.

Jiří Beranovský, EkoWATT

Environmental Policy Grant - February 1995

Mr. Beranovsky is the director of EkoWATT, a nongovernmental and nonprofit organization established in December 1990 which works on environmentally sound energy production and consumption projects. Mr. Beranovsky received a travel grant to attend a six-week Participant Training Project on energy efficiency.

Martin Palouš, Czech Helsinki Committee

Democratic Institutions Grant - September 1995

Dr. Palouš, the chair of the Czech Helsinki Committee and acting chair of the Czech Helsinki Citizen's Assembly, was granted travel funds to participate in the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association and the Eric Voegelin Society in Chicago to further enhance the Czech Helsinki Committee's programs in human rights protection and constitutionalism.

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The Travel Grant Program was made possible through a generous grant from the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

The Foundation's initiatives in **Community Revitalization** in the Czech Republic in 1995 are the seeds of a larger project which we will undertake in 1996 and 1997, the Center for Community Revitalization.

In 1995, we organized roundtable meetings in both New York and Prague focusing on the issues of rural and urban development, public markets and transportation. Participants included representatives from local and national governments, NGOs and businesses working in interrelated disciplines such as urban planning, transportation, agriculture, land conservation and local economic development.

We were able to provide a planning grant to Roberta Gratz, award-winning journalist and lecturer on urban issues and author of *The Living City*. Her project explored ways of increasing the awareness of the Czech public of issues like city planning, transportation, economic development at the local level through the media.

The Survey on Community Revitalization in the Czech Republic was initiated in 1995 and will be published in 1996. The Survey provides an overview of Czech government program and policies which effect local development, and also provides case studies of several Czech towns and how they have managed the transition from central planning to democracy since 1989.

Ms. Gratz's planning grant and the Survey on Community Revitalization were made possible through the generosity of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund.

THE SLOVAK CENTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Foundation for a Civil Society provided financial and organizational support throughout 1995 to the **Slovak Center for Economic Development** -- a neutral, nongovernmental, public policy economic research institute working on issues vital to the transformation of the Slovak economy.

The Foundation received a grant of \$60,000 from The Pew Charitable Trusts to support the Center's integrated project of research, seminars and public education focusing on strategies for privatization and bankruptcy regulation in Slovakia.

In addition to financial support, Foundation staff provided advice and assistance to the CED in fundraising, identifying lecturers and seminar participants, as well as in seeding new initiatives.

Our work with the Slovak Center for Economic Development exemplifies The Foundation for a Civil Society's goal to encourage and strengthen independent, policy-based research and advocacy groups in the Slovak Republic who educate and engage the public in issues which are important to the future of the country.

Support of the Slovak Center for Economic Development was made possible through the generosity of The Pew Charitable Trusts.

THE SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Jan Strojil
Ardingly College



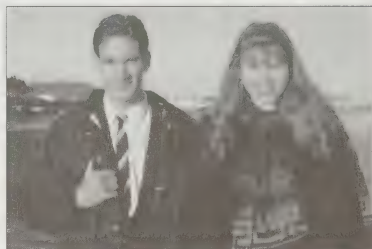
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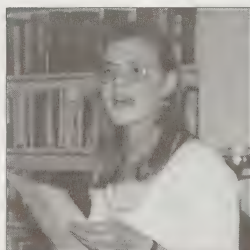
Jan Hamáček
Sutton Valence School



Boris Krupa, Alena Benešová
Rydal School

"After spending 9 months at the Taft School, I finally realized what defines civil society. Civil Society is a society that cares for its citizens as individuals."

Klára Skřivánková
The Taft School



Jana Jurkechová
Wyoming Seminary

"What I also realized about British schools was that besides gaining new information in a certain subject, the interpretation of the knowledge was equally important."

Dana Lipková
St. Bede's School

THE SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Foundation continues to facilitate international diversity and cooperation through the **Secondary School Scholarship Program** (SSSP) for Czech and Slovak students. As winners of a full scholarship to a prestigious American or British preparatory school, dynamic young Slovaks and Czechs learn first-hand the meaning of multi-culturalism. "Being international," Nad'a Tomisová of the Peddie School wrote, "means having to listen carefully and needing to concentrate on what is said and heard all the time." It is the Foundation's belief that by being an active part of an international community in their respective host schools, towns and countries, these young people will become better caretakers of their own nascent democracies.

Since the program's first year in 1991, **85 Czech and Slovak students** have received full scholarships at distinguished American and, beginning in 1993, British preparatory schools. For the 1995-1996 program, the Foundation received a record number of 466 applications, of which 23 outstanding students received scholarships: 14 in the United States and 9 in Great Britain.

The Secondary School Scholarship Program is based on a special partnership between the Foundation and host schools. Participant schools generously donate tuition, room and board and requisite books while the Foundation provides each scholarship winner with a program orientation, round-trip transportation, pocket money, health insurance and constant care throughout the year. The Foundation contributes \$5,000 for each of the schools' full scholarships, valued at approximately \$20,000. With 23 students in the 1995-1996 program, the Foundation's total contribution of \$120,000 made possible the schools' contribution of nearly \$500,000.

The best and the brightest students are chosen, without regard to nationality, in a highly rigorous three-month selection process by two expert selection committees. Each application is read five times by panels of American, British, Czech and Slovak professionals before a student is chosen for the scholarship. The host school then makes the final decision about whom to admit. In Great Britain, selection is made in conjunction with a consortium of participating British schools, the Headmasters' Conference.

Characterized by their academic diligence, curiosity and enthusiasm for extracurriculars, SSSP students are known for their commitment to making the most of their unique opportunity to study and live in Great Britain or the United States. As Andrej Macháček, 1995-1996 SSSP scholar at Forest School in London, England wrote, he learned that success depends on "not giving up in whatever was about to happen." While the majority of SSSP students immediately return home to attend university in the Czech or Slovak Republics, over the program's past 5 years, several students have been accepted to colleges in the United States including Harvard, Stanford, Amherst and the University of Chicago.

The 1995-1996 Secondary School Scholarship Program is made possible by the generous support of Citibank, N.A., Mr. Charles E. Merrill, Jr., The Starr Foundation and an Anonymous Donor.

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AMERICAN HOST SCHOOLS

Berkshire School
Crossroads School
The Hotchkiss School
Idyllwild Arts Academy
Lawrenceville School
The Peddie School
The Pennington School
Phillips Academy Andover
Southwestern Academy
Springside School
St. George's School
The Taft School
The Williston Northampton School
Wyoming Seminary

BRITISH HOST SCHOOLS

Ardingly College
Bloxham School
Caterham School
Epsom School
Forest School
Rydal School
St. Bede's School
Sutton Valence School

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THE SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - STUDENTS

UNITED STATES

Milan Babík
Šumperk, Czech Republic
Berkshire School

Barbora Lungová
Kyjov, Czech Republic
Crossroads School

Andrea Sitárová
1995-1996 Citibank , N.A. Scholar
Nitra, Slovakia
The Hotchkiss School

Milan Valko
Košice, Slovakia
Idyllwild Arts Academy

Pavol Zámboreský
Košice, Slovakia
Lawrenceville School

Nad'a Tomisová
Stará Turá, Slovakia
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Alica Kizeková
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Southwestern Academy

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Springside School

Lucia Bobáková
Ružomberok, Slovakia
St. George's School

Klára Skrivánková
Prague, Czech Republic
The Taft School

Petr Görlich
Teplíce, Czech Republic
The Williston Northampton School

Jana Jurkechová
Košice, Slovakia
Wyoming Seminary

UNITED KINGDOM

Jan Strojil
Olomouc, Czech Republic
Ardingly College

Miroslava Stašková
Mariánské Lázně, Czech Republic
Bloxham School

Katarína Rosol'anková
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THE SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - PROFILES

Pavol Zámorský

Košice, Slovakia
1995-1996 SSSP Scholar
Lawrenceville School
Lawrenceville, New Jersey

Miroslava Stašková

Marianské Lázně, Czech Republic
1995-1996 SSSP Scholar
Bloxham School
North Banbury, Oxfordshire

"Analyzing people's souls is not easy, because everyone of us is special and that is why I think that this is the beauty of our civilization, we are not like machines."

-- excerpt from Pavol's application, 1995

Tall and lanky Pavol first learned English from his grandfather – a dissident who left his Eastern Slovakian hometown of Košice for America in the mid-sixties. After working as a coal miner for two years, Pavol's grandfather returned to Slovakia, only to be labeled a traitor and sentenced to two years imprisonment. Yet, as Pavol wrote in his application essay, "...he endured all that suffering in jail with the belief of a better future." Inspired by his grandfather's eager interest to learn about America and his commitment to help democracy develop in Slovakia, Pavol wrote, "I will (also) do my best to help our young but vulnerable country."

Pavol is a determined, compassionate and energetic young man. He is also an ardent baseball fan. For this "fabulous sport," he raised money through local Slovakian sponsors for his own baseball team, the Košice Bombers, of which he is captain and pitcher. Besides baseball, Pavol's present passions at Lawrenceville include History and Chemistry. Although Pavol was awarded the scholarship to Lawrenceville after his grandfather died, Pavol knows he would have been proud.

"One day I decided to study English, fell in love with it and had a dream to study at an English speaking school."

-- excerpt from Mirka's report, December, 1995

Two years ago, spritely Mirka from West Bohemia was a finalist in the SSSP competition but was not selected as a winner. Disappointed, but not deterred, she applied again last year, and, much to her delight and that of her new English classmates and teachers, was chosen outright by the Headmasters' Conference for a 1995-1996 scholarship.

During her time at Bloxham, Mirka has demonstrated her remarkable talent for not merely surviving, but thriving in a completely new and demanding academic and social environment. Indeed, Mirka's indomitable energy is propelling her through 4 A-levels (the standard is 3), and a bevy of extracurricular activities, including hockey, netball, the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and ritual early morning swims. With her irrepressible positive attitude Mirka is bound to succeed in whatever task she tackles. As she wrote in a recent essay, "One should never give up before it is really over."

THE SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - STUDENTS



Back Row: Pavla Cejnková, Milan Babík, Jan Strojil, Andrea Sitárová, Klára Skřivánková, Jan Hamáček, Mitch Reznick (FCS), Katarína Rosolanková, Nikola Čapla, Pavol Zámorský, Richard Tkáč, Petr Gorlich, Andrej Macháček, Stanislav Vidovič and Martin Kramara

Front Row: Kirsten Munro (FCS), Jana Jurkechová, Barbora Lungová, Miroslava Stašková, Nadá Tomisová, Elizabeth Suing (FCS), Alica Kizeková, Alena Benešová, Chris Harwood (FCS) and Milan Valko (sitting)

Not pictured: Dana Lipková, Boris Krupa and Lucie Bobáková

I cannot imagine an organization that could be more effective than The Foundation for a Civil Society. Its mission is focused, its communication with schools is clear and helpful, and its screening of candidates in the Czech and Slovak Republics is highly reliable.

John R. Eidam
Director of Admissions
Wyoming Seminary
Kingston, Pennsylvania

THE SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

We are living in a time when global compassion, interest and acceptance are essential components for the future of our students. The next century will be filled with many challenges for these young people and their ability to interact, understand and learn from each other will be the foundation from upon which they will build a stronger tomorrow. As educators, we are constantly striving to build a bridge between the known and the unknown for our students and hope that the foundation we provide is a sturdy one.

I see our participation in the Secondary School Scholarship Program as one way of helping build that bridge. Since 1991, we have welcomed four wonderful young people to our campus and have watched them touch the lives of many people here. Their talents and interests are unique and their passion for learning is inspirational. They speak openly of the struggles facing their country and offer opinions that are not typically heard in US boarding schools. While here, they are also listening and observing so that when they return home they can share their experiences with others and continue building that bridge.

William D. Leahy
Associate Dean of Admissions
Phillips Academy Andover
Andover, Massachusetts

Being a part of The Foundation's scholarship program has really made a difference in the quality of life on The Pennington School campus. We have had the great good fortune to enroll three fine young women. Iva brought her cool intellect and fierce tennis game; Juliana brought a warm heart and endless intellectual curiosity; Alica brings a strong social conscience and a real flair for journalism (along with a wonderful smile).

I feel sure that exposure to the unique quality of American culture has made a real impression on our Czech and Slovak students. I am equally sure that these three magnificent ambassadors have taught us all a lot. When I see Alica eating lunch with students from Newark, Zuni and Tokyo, I know that we are indeed at an international crossroads. My thanks to The Foundation for its help with building these roads.

Stephen Bowers
Headmaster
The Pennington School
Pennington, New Jersey

THE AIDS EDUCATION PROJECT

The **AIDS Education Project** in the Czech Republic is part of the Foundation's commitment to developing strong relationships with Czech secondary schools and encouraging educational innovation. The Project was initiated in 1993 to address the lack of information available to Czech teenagers about HIV/AIDS and to positively influence public opinion and habits. Using an interactive ten-lesson curriculum and informational brochure, "Facts About AIDS for Young People," the Project brought innovative teaching methods into hundreds of Czech classrooms and encouraged student-teacher dialogue on a variety of health-related issues.

Although public access to facts about AIDS in the Czech Republic has improved considerably since the initiation of the Foundation's project, recent sociological studies show that Czech youth have made few changes in their behavior to reduce the risk of contracting HIV. Indeed, while the number of reported HIV positive cases in the Czech Republic is still low, especially among young people under age 25, it continues to increase.

The Foundation substantially revised and reissued its educational materials for the 1995-1996 AIDS Education Project in the Czech Republic. Drawing on teacher responses to the 1993-1994 curriculum and working with local experts in epidemiology and health education, the Foundation has sought to update the curriculum, making it even more effective in engaging students with the key issues surrounding HIV/AIDS.

A major addition to the 1995-1996 project has been cooperation with two indigenous nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), The Open Society Fund's Health Education Project and the Health Promotion Foundation (Nadace podpory zdraví). The Foundation has worked with both NGOs to organize training seminars for secondary school teachers in the areas of AIDS and health education.

In 1995 the Foundation also laid the groundwork for expansion of the AIDS Education Project in Slovakia. Extensive contacts were made with local AIDS researchers and NGOs active in the field. Steps were also taken to modify the Project's curriculum and implementation strategy for the specific needs and social conditions of the Slovak Republic. The Foundation expects to initiate the AIDS Education Project in Slovakia during the 1996-1997 school year, with funding generously provided by the Elton John AIDS Foundation.

The 1995-1996 AIDS Education Project in the Czech Republic was made possible by generous funding from Levi Strauss & Co., Europe, in partnership with the Olga Havel Foundation.

THE FCS-ESL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The **FCS-ESL Fellowship Program** has an unparalleled reputation for excellent, affordable English language instruction in the Czech and Slovak Republics. As the Foundation's pilot project in 1990 and longest-running program, it is a study in bicultural cooperation and understanding. Comprised of a summer session and year-round teaching positions, its success stems from the Foundation's partnership with indigenous nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in both countries. By working with indigenous NGOs, the program facilitates language acquisition and develops leadership skills, thus playing an important role in assisting in both countries' democratic transformations.

Underscoring the Foundation's stated goal of concentrating efforts outside the capital cities, in the summer of 1995 the Foundation partnered with 5 different NGOs to run intensive one-month sessions in 15 mostly rural locations in both the Czech and Slovak Republics. In the Czech Republic, the Foundation partnered with Greenways/Zelene Stezky and in Slovakia with the Slovak Academic Information Agency (SAIA), Anton Tunega Foundation, Nadacia Slovakia and Sandor Marai. The NGO-site coordinators recruit students and arrange homestays for the teachers while the Foundation selects teachers through a rigorous application process, targeting the best graduate ESL and English programs in both the United States and Canada.

In Summer 1995 -- the program's sixth year -- 54 highly qualified American and Canadian teachers taught English as FCS-Fellows. Following the previous year's expansion to Slovakia, 49 teachers were placed in Slovakia and 5 in the Czech Republic. With 10 students per class, there were over 500 participating Czechs and Slovaks from different socio-economic backgrounds.

In a unique extension of the original program, year-round intensive English language courses in Slovakia are being developed at the request of The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The first course, in fall 1995, aimed to assist Border Guards in Košice, Eastern Slovakia, with their basic understanding of English, thus enabling them to better recognize asylum claims. The Foundation and the UNHCR are developing another English course for the Slovak Supreme Court in Bratislava for spring 1996. The Foundation hopes to continue a course for Border Guards in Košice and expand the program to Bratislava in summer and fall 1996.

PROFILE

The FCS-ESL Fellowship Program is made possible by the generous support of the Rockefeller Family & Associates, Sabre Foundation, Inc., Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Hearst and individual contributors, including program alumni.

An ESL and English teacher with over twenty years experience in both colleges and high schools, **Katie Rinehart** has devoted her life to educating students from a wide variety of cultural backgrounds. In addition to teaching English and ESL in Illinois and Wisconsin, she is an active participant in the American Field Service Intercultural Exchange (AFS). Before her July 1995 fellowship, Ms. Rinehart had hosted students from Germany and Iceland and had taught in Honduras and Thailand. She decided to apply for the FCS-ESL Fellowship Program after teaching a Czech student at her Illinois high school.

As a special project, Ms. Rinehart's eight TOEFL students prepared and later presented to the Foundation a small 'book,' *One July in Žilina*, comprised of essays on different facets of Slovak life. But Ms. Rinehart saw herself as a student as well as a teacher. From "being a Slovak for a month" in her host family's home, to her last dinner with her students that was, in her words, "five hours of probing conversation," the FCS Fellowship Program gave her "...an experience to put in the category of journey rather than merely the travel of a professional."

THE FCS-ESL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

July

Slovakia

Heather Mayes - Syracuse University
Cheryl Fudger - Hebrew University, Jerusalem
Bernadette Prochaska - University of Notre Dame
Kirsten Russler - University of Arizona
David Worley - California State University, Chico
Kenneth Archer - Central Missouri State University
Kirstin Weidlein - University of Idaho
Elizabeth Howard - St. Michael's College
Catherine Reid - York University Glendon College
Avra Kouffman - University of Arizona
Shawn Landres - University of California, Santa Barbara
Gerri Smith - Harvard University
Ann McDevitt - University of California, Berkeley
Martha Istvan - Indiana University
Laurie Moody - New York University
Valerie Mantz - Hunter College
Aaron Frank - Columbia University
John Patrick Jacques - Iowa State University
Dale Askey - Washington University
Jennifer Drake - Washington University
Wayne Birt - Boise State University
Jeff Moore - Antioch College
Russell Schoumaker - Columbia University
Jessica Brandt - University of California, Berkeley
Judy Still - La Trobe University
Katie Rinehart - Northern Illinois University
Michael Murphy - University of Pennsylvania
Debbie Mattina - Harvard University
Bill Booher - Ball State University
Barbara Rudisill - The Pennsylvania State University
Peggy Neal - University of Texas, San Antonio
Charles Sabatos - Carnegie Mellon University
Matthew Allen - University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

August

Czech Republic

Brittany Strong - Illinois State University
Eric Jorgensen - Lewis and Clark College
Elizabeth Howard - St. Michael's College
Alison Fargis-Beran - Vassar College
Dianne Nersesian - Cornell University
Edward Hall - Hobart and William Smith College
Janet Underhill - University of Chicago

Slovakia

Andrea Breen - McGill University
Emily Hage - University of Notre Dame
Andrea Cabajasky - University of Western Ontario
David Wingell - University of Toronto
Douglas Julien - University of Maine
James Ward - University of Kansas
Mark Malone - Emory University
Koren Egge - University of Oregon
Jyothi Kanics - Yale University
Elizabeth Ranagan - Bowdoin College
Kurt Bassuener - Washington College of Law,
The American University
Marisa Norona - University of British Columbia
Ann Dickson - Hunter College

Autumn

Slovakia

Bill Baker - Montana State University
Border Guards Teacher

THE JINDŘICH CHALUPECKÝ AWARD

At the annual award presentation ceremony on November 16, 1994, **Michal Gabriel** was awarded the **Jindřich Chalupecký Award** by President **Václav Havel** at Prague Castle. Gabriel is the fifth recipient of this esteemed visual arts prize for young Czechs, following in the footsteps of past winners: **Vladimír Kokolia** (1990), **František Skála Jr.** (1991), **Michal Nesázal** (1992) and **Martin Mainer** (1993).

On May 27th, 1990, this important award for young Czech artists was established by President Václav Havel, the painter Theodore Pištek and poet and artist Jiří Kolář, in memory of their close friend and colleague, Jindřich Chalupecký. Since then, the award has gained significant recognition as the premier acknowledgement of outstanding young Czech artists, following the example of the extraordinary life time work of the well-known and loved, art and literary critic and philosopher. The arts have always been the soul of the Czech Republic, providing both an oasis and a platform for free expression during times of repression, and now, fulfilling a vital gap in the identity of the country as it rapidly moves forward with much needed, and at times drastic, economic and social reforms. This highly sought after award helps to ensure that artists and the visual arts continue to be an integral part of this culturally rich country.

Michal Gabriel is an artist of great dynamism and creativity. He studied sculpture at the Academy of Fine Arts in Prague from 1982 to 1987. His first displayed works could be seen in unofficial, improvised exhibitions during the late 1980s and were entitled 'Confrontations'. In 1987, Gabriel joined Tvrdohlaví (the Stubborn Ones), one of the most significant young artist groups of the 1980s. This group profoundly influenced Gabriel's work and he began to enter the realm of political criticism, with pieces that increasingly represented the emptiness of the communist totalitarian regime. More recently, Gabriel has become fascinated with geometric and figurative shapes, as well as orientation, and has been exploring the position of the fallen tree as a departure point for sculpture. This position, according to Gabriel, can do more for sculpture than the vertical position of a tree which almost mandates that a statue be created. As he explained, 'Five years ago I began to think about a sculpture which would have no lower, upper, back and front sides. There were no limits to my imagination. I hoped that the sculpture would rotate in all directions'.

Each May, Chalupecký winners have the opportunity to exhibit their work in a one-person show at the Špála Gallery in Prague. Gabriel's show was particularly well-received, giving the art community an opportunity to view his work prior to his U.S.-based residency. As part of the award, Gabriel will begin his three month residency in April 1996 at the Headlands Center for the Arts, in Sausalito California. Included in the residency is a one week visit to New York to explore the city's many galleries, museums, studios and cultural life. The residency provides the artists with the important opportunity to pursue their creative interests while benefiting from exposure to, and participation in, the international community.

In November 1995, Petr Nikl became the sixth recipient of the Jindřich Chalupecký Award. In addition to the annually organized May exhibition of Nikl's works at the Špála Gallery, we look forward to a scheduled Prague Castle exhibition in November 1996 of all the Chalupecký winners to date, as well as the announcement of the 1996 Award recipient.

The residency/travel component of the Jindřich Chalupecký Award is organized by The Foundation for a Civil Society and made possible by a grant from the Trust for Mutual Understanding. The award is administered in the Czech Republic by the Chalupecký Association, in cooperation with The Foundation for a Civil Society.



Michal Gabriel with "13" bronze sculpture, 1993

THE DANIEL SWAROVSKI AWARD FOR THE DECORATIVE ARTS

As part of the Swarovski Company's centennial celebration, the **Daniel Swarovski Award for the Decorative Arts** was presented to three artists: **Petr Larva** in glass, **Simona Rybáková** in textiles and **Ludmila Šíkolová** in jewelry on May 4, 1995. In February 1996, the winners will arrive in the United States for the first time and begin their three month stay at the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, Rhode Island.

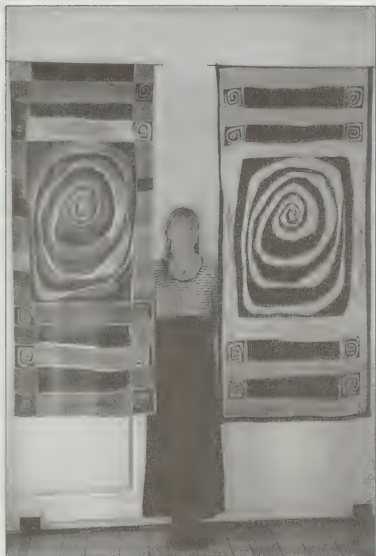
Applications for the award were distributed widely and were open to Czech artists under the age of forty years. The award winners were chosen from a highly accomplished group of applicants by an international panel of experts. Czech Minister of Culture, **Pavel Tigrid**, presented the awards to the winning artists on the occasion of a group exhibition of the winners and runners-up at the Museum of Decorative Arts in Prague.

Each award recipient has the opportunity to travel to the United States for a 3 month residency at the prestigious Rhode Island School of Design -- a school which, for over 115 years, has provided an ideal environment for the study, pursuit, and practice of art and design. The residency is considered a key aspect of the award as it serves to stimulate the artist's creative growth and to expand his or her contacts in the international community. The stay in Rhode Island will be augmented by visits to other important centers for glass, textile and jewelry design.

By presenting this new award for Czech artists, we wish to celebrate the past tradition of excellence while encouraging the future development of the decorative arts and design in the Czech Republic. Our hope is that this award will call attention to the importance of maintaining the craft, as well as the spiritual and intellectual heritage of the country. The Daniel Swarovski Award for the Decorative Arts is the first award of its kind in the Czech Republic and picks up on a tradition of competitions begun by the Museum of Decorative Arts in the 19th century. We hope that by supporting local artists and designers - the ultimate shapers of our environment - we will encourage the development of new ideas and skills in this unique community.

In 1995, The Daniel Swarovski Award for the Decorative Arts is supported by the Swarovski Company of Austria, in cooperation with the Museum of Decorative Arts in Prague and The Foundation for a Civil Society.

THE DANIEL SWAROVSKI AWARD FOR THE DECORATIVE ARTS



Simona Rybáková, Swarovski Award Winner in Textiles,
at the Rhode Island School of Design.



Petr Larva, Swarovski Award Winner in Glass,
at the Rhode Island School of Design.

Sylvia Petrová, exhibition curator,
and **Ludmila Školová**, Swarovski
Award Winner in Jewelry,
with Czech Minister of Culture,
Pavel Tigrid.



THE BADER INITIATIVES

Through the generosity of Alfred and Isabel Bader, the Foundation has undertaken several initiatives in areas of their particular interests. These initiatives, which the Baders have seeded with the Foundation, have an impact beyond the fields of Chemistry, Art History or Revitalization of the Jewish Community in the Czech Republic. As Milena Bartlová, the expert reviewer of applications to the Bader Awards for the Research of Baroque Painting, has noted, this award "has contributed to creating a normal, civilized environment in this country" where competition is now open, fair and merit-based.

Bader Awards for the Research of Baroque Painting

A noted collector of Baroque paintings, Dr. Bader worked with the Foundation to establish the Bader Awards for the Research of Baroque Painting in 1994. These awards are presented annually to three worthy Czech students of Baroque painting. Grants of \$5,000 are provided to each winner to support short-term research projects to be undertaken outside the Czech Republic. The selection process is overseen by Dr. Milena Bartlová and Dr. Tomáš Vlček of the Czech Institute of Art History, with the assistance of the Association of Art Historians of Bohemia and Moravia.

Štěpánka Mullerová of Palacky University in Olomouc, **Petr Ingerle** of Masaryk University in Brno, and **Markéta Baštová** of Charles University in Prague were the 1995 award winners.

Alfred Bader Award for Young Chemists

In 1995, the second annual Alfred Bader Award for young Chemists was presented to **Dr. Martin Smrčina**, of the Department of Organic Chemistry of Charles University, Prague. The Alfred Bader Award for Young Chemists is administered through the Czech Chemical Society and the Foundation for a Civil Society. This 100,000 kc award supports the work of a Czech chemist under the age of 35 whose research and publications are recognized as outstanding. The winner is selected by a committee headed by Dr. Oldřich Paleta of the Prague School of Chemical Technology.

The Foundation for a Civil Society is also pleased to assist the Baders in other initiatives. The Foundation provided a small grant to the Tolerance Foundation's Families after Holocaust project, which provides psychotherapy to survivors of the Holocaust and their families. The Foundation carried out a country wide competition for Chemistry students to participate in an international conference, The Loschmidt Symposium, in Vienna, Austria. The Bader Ph.D. Fellowships for Czech students of Chemistry at Harvard University, Columbia University, the University of Pennsylvania and Imperial College London are also among the Bader Initiatives assisted by The Foundation for a Civil Society.

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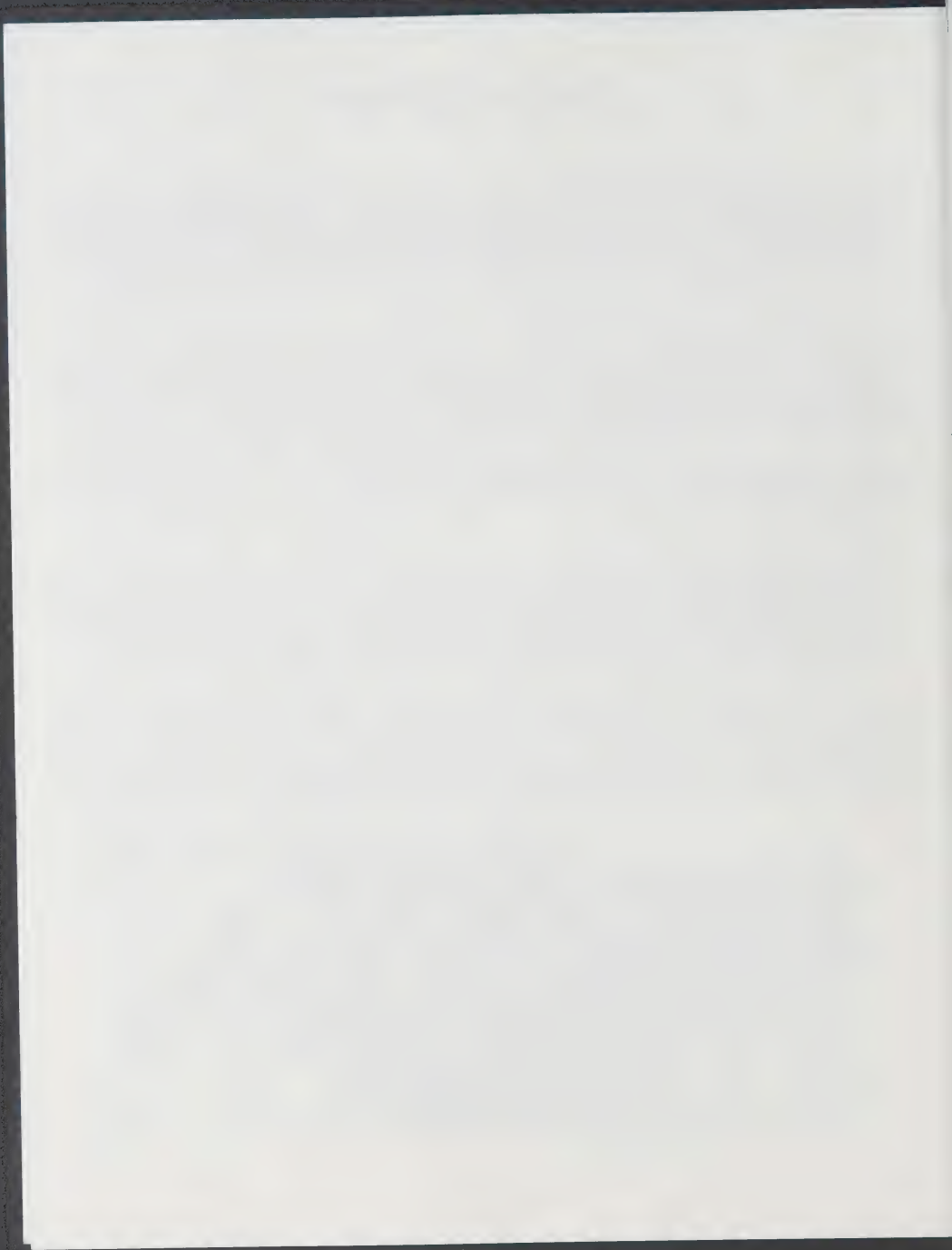
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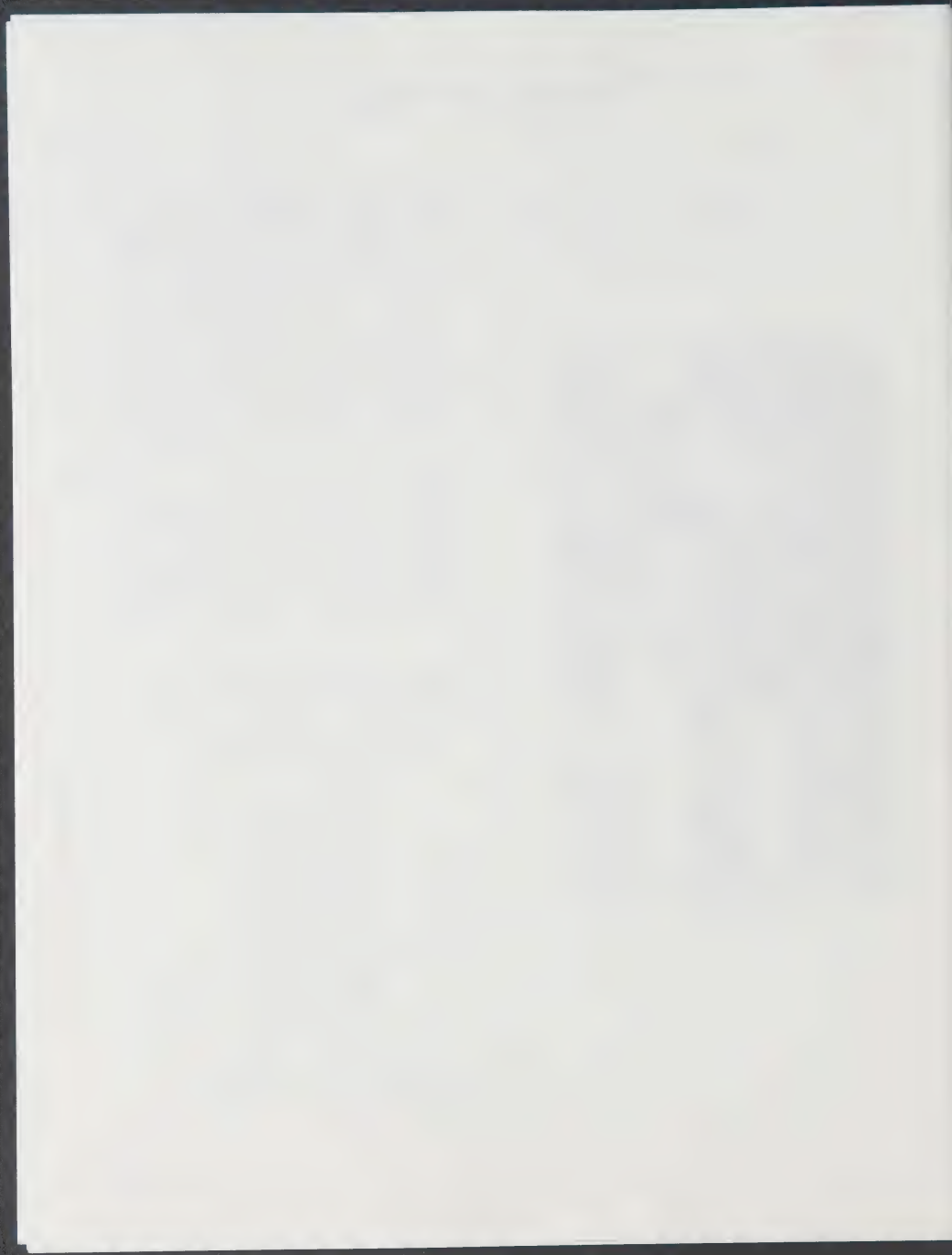
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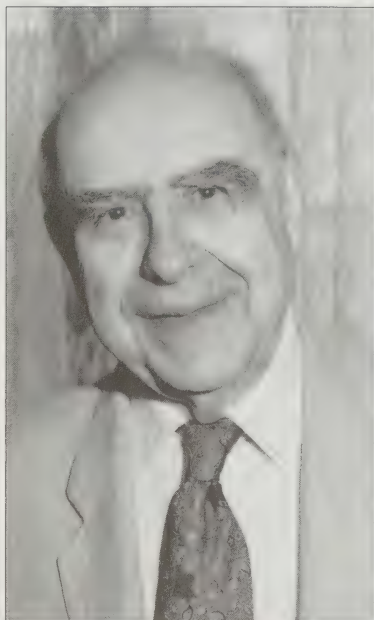
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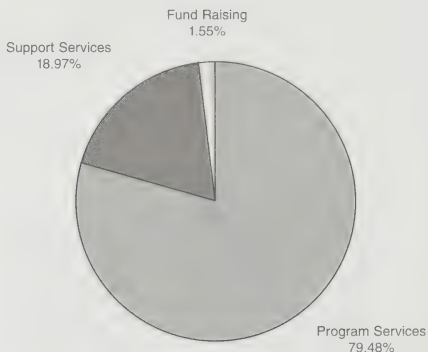
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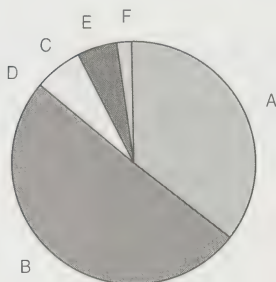
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1995 ADMINISTRATIVE BREAKDOWN FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

	Straight Cost	Cost as a Percentage of 1995 Expenses
Program Services	\$1,454,671	79.48%
Support Services	\$ 347,170	18.97%
Fund Raising	\$ 28,457	1.55%
TOTAL	\$1,830,298	100.00%



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1995



REVENUE BY SECTOR

A. Federal	35.88%
B. Foundations	50.16%
C. Corporations	6.64%
D. Other	0.18%
E. Value of Contributed Space	5.11%
F. Interest and Dividends	2.03%
Total	100.00%

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	TEMPORARILY		TOTALS
	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	
Grants:			
Federal	\$	\$ 630,399	\$ 630,399
Foundations	272,011	609,407	881,418
Corporations		116,684	116,684
Other	3,140		3,140
Value of Contributed Space	89,842		89,842
Interest and Dividends	35,700		35,700
Grants Whose Restrictions Have Been Met	1,342,229	(1,342,229)	
Total Support and Revenue	1,742,922	14,261	1,757,183

EXPENSES:

Program Services:			
Expert Advisors	303,193		303,193
"Justice in Times of Transition"	252,155		252,155
Education	174,376		174,376
Culture	70,907		70,907
Democracy Network	544,188		544,188
Bader Programs	58,756		58,756
Other Programs	51,096		51,096
Total Program Services	1,454,671		1,454,671

Support Services:			
Administration	347,170		347,170
Fund Raising	28,457		28,457
Total Support Services	375,627		375,627
Total Expenses	1,830,298		1,830,298

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	(87,376)	14,261	(73,115)
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	159,865	700,120	859,985
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 72,489	\$ 714,381	\$ 786,870

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June 8, 1994

Dr. Milena Bartlova
c/o Rev. Halama
Ceskych bratri 10
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Czech Republic

Dear Milena,

Thank you so much for your letter of May 26th. Of course, I was very sorry to learn that we will miss you this summer.

You must know that we would like to fund the awards for Czech students to study abroad--defining Czech to include Bohemians and Moravians. However, we don't really want to finalize the funding until we know that the prizes are being given fairly. So far, we have seen the results of two years, of which this year's seems very satisfactory.

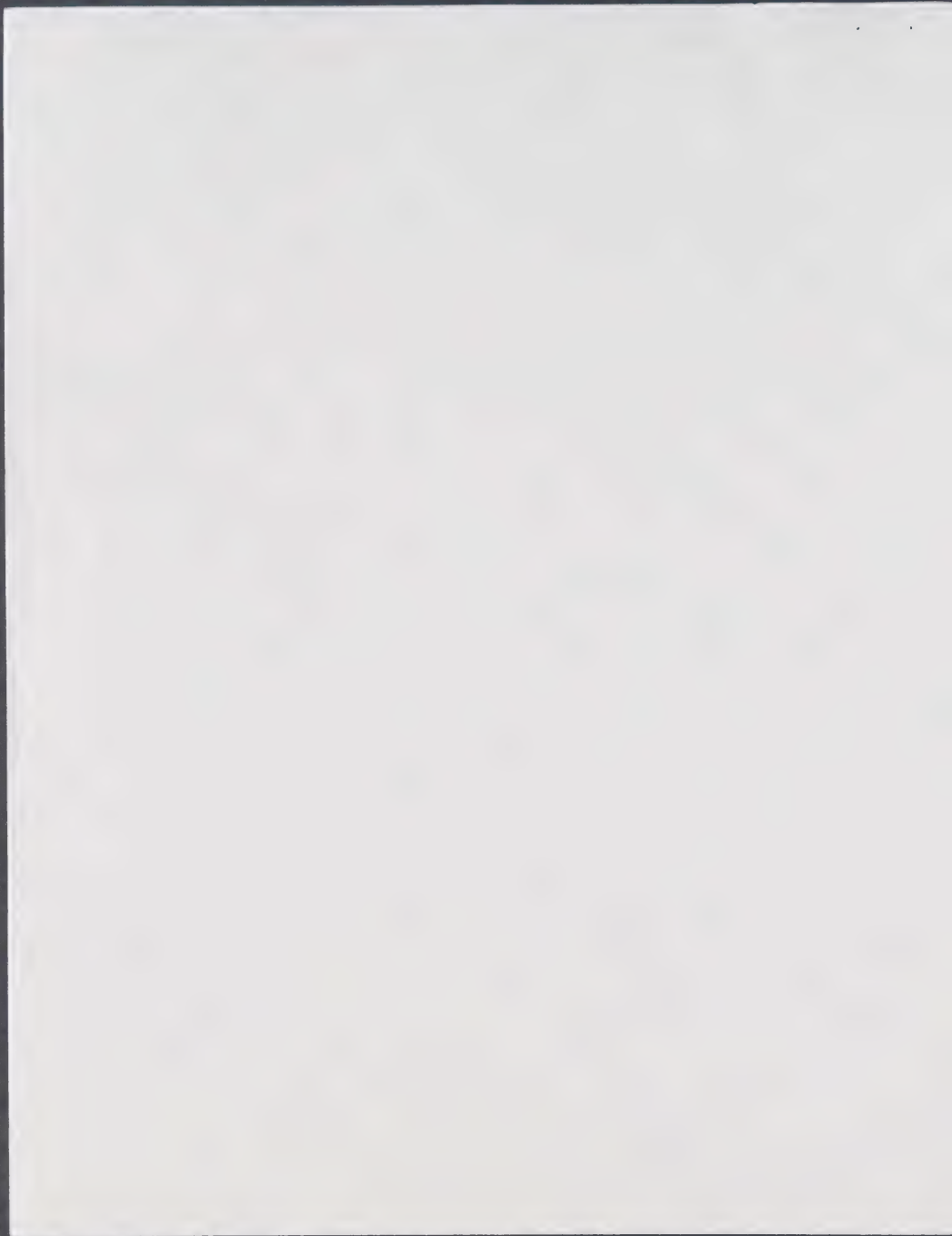
I can explain the "financial technology" problem very simply: the Czech Republic does not yet have any long-term bonds, and furthermore any interest which is earned in the Czech Republic is taxed even when the interest is meant to be used for prizes.

Naturally, I will discuss this in great detail with Professor Zahradnik during our visit.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

(Dictated by Dr. Bader and
signed in his absence)



Dr. Alfred Bader
2961 North Shepard Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
USA

Prague, May 26, 1994

Dear Alfred,

I was looking forward to meeting you and Isabel in June in Prague and being able, among others, to discuss the possibility of putting the funding of your scholarship on a more regular basis. Unfortunately, I am afraid we will not be able to meet this year. My family is moving next week and we will have to do some reconstruction work in the new apartment which cannot be done before. Because of that, I am leaving the town with the children already this Saturday and, after staying in several places, I will return only in the end of August.

My address in June will be: M. Bartlová, c/o Rev. Halama, Českých bratří 10, 517 43 Potštejn, tel.Nr: 0445-7278 (I think that at least Mr. Halama speaks either German or English, or both).

I would be really happy if it would be possible, as you have suggested, to put the financing of your scholarship on a more regular basis (I must admit I do not quite understand the "financial technology" which would enable that). Would it not be possible to discuss the technical details with the people at the Foundation for a Civil Society (I think it would be positive if the whole transaction would continue to go through them)? At the same time, I think it would be good to define the application rules, preferably on the basis of this year's ones - the girls at the Foundation will have the text. If you wish, I am willing to continue to act as the person who chooses the applicants. Now when the applicants are supposed to be only students, I do not think it is necessary any more to seek the advice of either the Art Historical Association (students cannot be its members) nor of other art historians outside the Baroque field. I found this year that my position, completely outside this field, ensures credibility of the selecting process.

I am really unhappy not being able to meet you this year, but I hope that after the two years, all these details are of more technical and perhaps legal nature and can be solved with the help of the people at the Foundation. And I am sure that both you and Isabel will be in good health and spirit to come to Prague again soon.

With best regards

Milva

PS. My new address in Prague: M. B.

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I do not know the new telephone number yet,
I will let you know as soon as I do.

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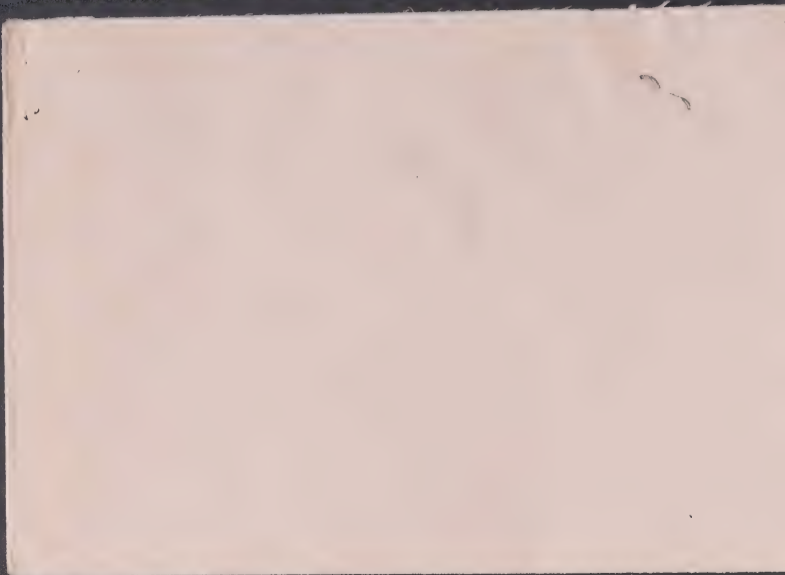


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The Foundation for a Civil Society

Ms. Elizabeth Suing

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March 29, 1994

Dear Elizabeth,

the **Bader Scholarship** in support of art historical research of 17th century painting for the academical year 1994/95 has been awarded to the three following, US \$ 5.000,- each:

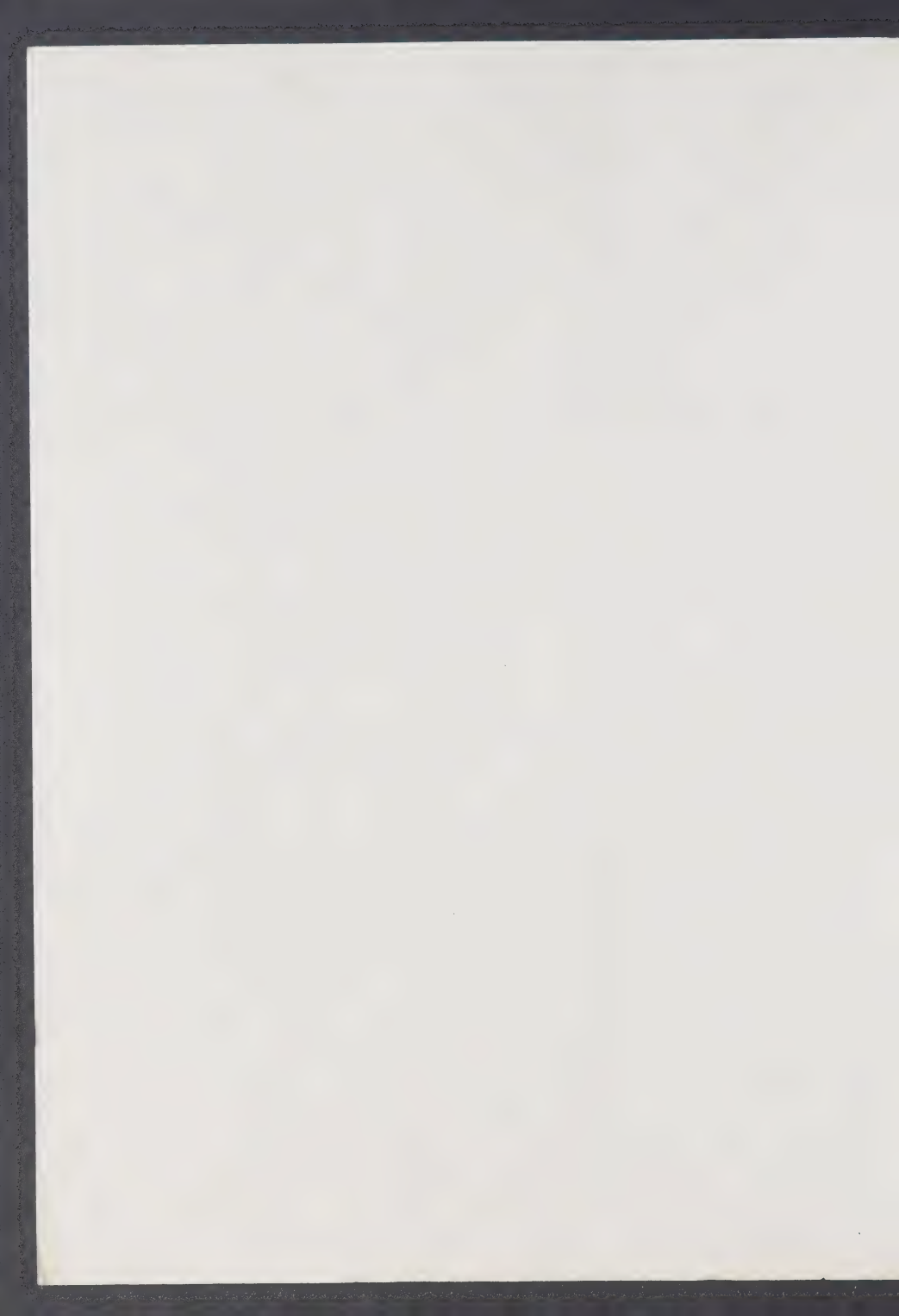
1. **Petr Svojanovský**, b.1969, student of the 4th year of art history at the Philosophical Faculty of the Charles's University in Prague. Address: 160 00 Praha 6, Kafkova 45. Name of the project: Life and Work of Leopold Willmann.
2. **Pavel Blatný**, b.1947, student of the 4th year of art history at the Philosophical Faculty of the Charles's University in Prague. Address: 110 00 Praha 1, Náprstkova 8. Name of the project: The Work of Hans van Aachen, Predominantly from the Technological Point of View.
3. **Petr Balcárek**, student of the 3rd year of art history at the Philosophical Faculty of the Palacký University in Olomouc. Address: 771 00 Olomouc, Dolní nám.22. Name of the Project: Life and Work of Jan Spillenberger.

I found out, unfortunately, that I have no more precise data about the applicants. I did not think in advance there would arise so much administrative work around the scholarship. CVs would not be of much help, anyway, since the scholarship is intended for students who, by definition, do not have much behind them. The decision making was based on the quality of their projects. Find enclosed the copies of contracts.

I will be very grateful if you would contact each of the three men and arrange for the money to be sent to them.

With best regards


Milena Bartlová



Dr. Alfred Bader
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Prague, March 13, 1997

Dear Alfred,

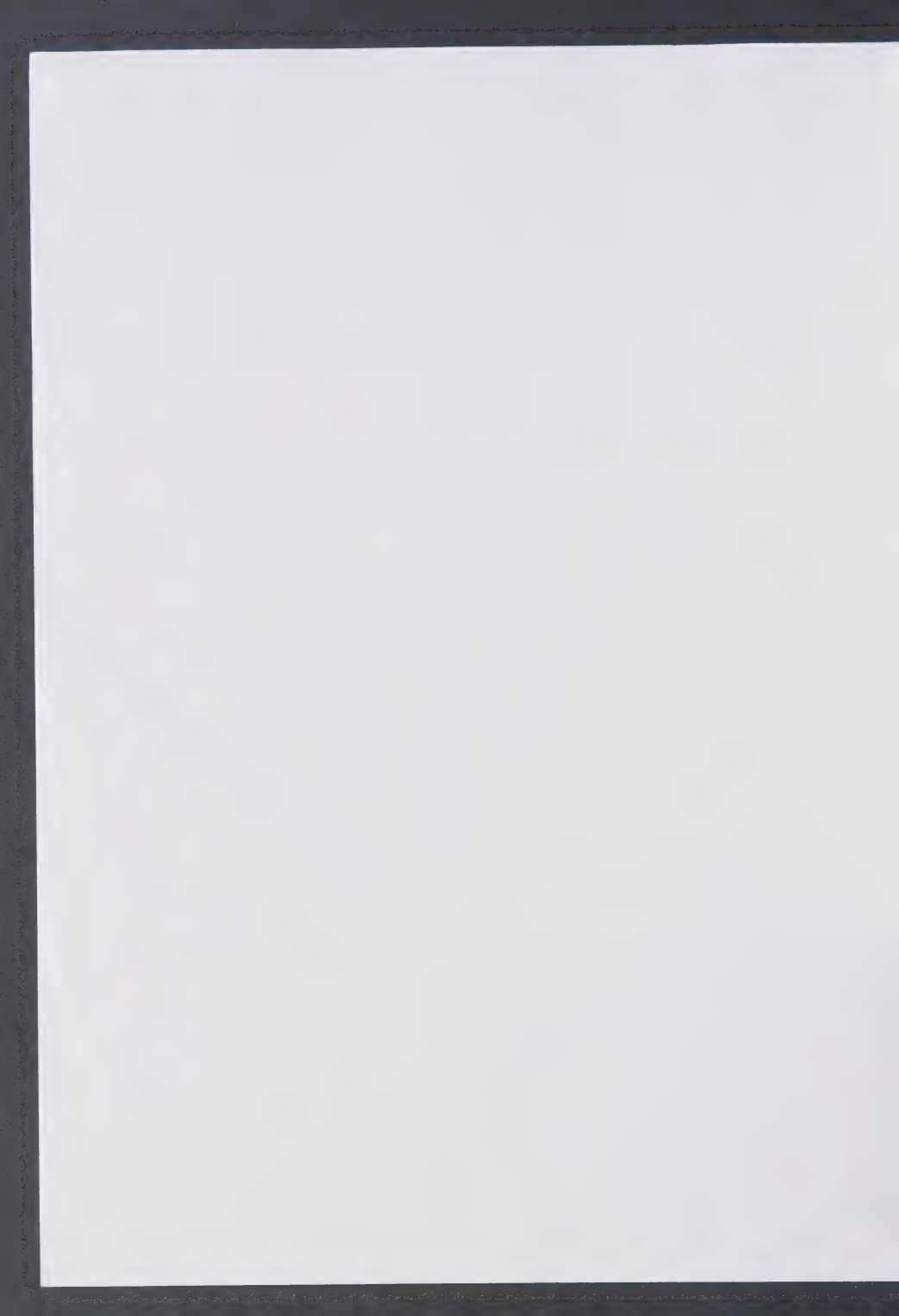
thank you very much for your letter. Congratulations on your new Bloemaert, the Jacob's Dream seems really charming. National Gallery in Prague has Bloemaert in its collection and when you come to Prague I hope to be able to show it to you (we are currently moving all our depositories, which is an awful task to organize - my main preoccupation these days).

I will find out the article by Jiřina Vacková and, if you would be interested, have it translated for you. When you come, I can acquaint you with the lady, who is not particularly old, but, unfortunately, has time from time severe difficulties with walking. I will try to get the slides of the picture from the Blatná Castle, but I am not sure how quickly it could be done. Finally, concerning your new acquisition, I was not able to offer the Czech pictures by Bloemaert to some of the Bader fellows, because just a few days before your letter arrived I have - according to the schedule planned with the Foundation for Civil Society - chosen the three winners for 1997/98. But I think that might be a great idea for innovation of the scholarship scheme: the total sum might be divided in two scholarships, one of them would be announced on a specific theme (e.g., the Bloemaerts in Czech collections) and the second one would be given to the best project offered. Please, think of my suggestion and we will discuss it when you come to Prague in June.


Would you be so kind and offer a lecture also in Prague, as you have done in Moravia? In my present position, I can arrange for you the well known lecture site at the St. Agnes Cloister, also belonging to the National Gallery who would be the organizer of your lecture. We have quite good possibilities of announcing such an extraordinary lecture event and I think that a remarkable audience might come. Please, let me know if you would be willing to present some of our interesting themes in Prague, and also the date of your stay in Prague. I will then arrange all the rest.

My best regards to Isabel and your son. With love

Milán
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Over the last year we have witnessed dramatic changes in Czechoslovakia, as well as experienced numerous changes in our Foundation.

- Czechoslovakia is now Slovakia and the Czech Republic.
- The Charter 77 Foundation - New York has left the sheltering umbrella of the Soros Foundation's office and moved to a splendid office in Rockefeller Center.
- We have a new name: **THE FOUNDATION FOR A CIVIL SOCIETY.**

The first point is essentially an imponderable, and a sad one indeed. When asked, 50% of Slovaks replied that they would not have voted for the dissolution of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic. A referendum on the subject was never taken.

The second point is not nearly as complicated. We have always been a separate, public foundation. In January of 1990, George Soros generously offered me "an office and a secretary." We worked very hard to raise the funds for all additional salaries and all projects. By mid-1992, the Foundation had grown to a staff of five in New York and four in Prague and George Soros had a multitude of foundations which exceeded available office space in New York. We are eternally grateful for his confidence in us and his invaluable and vital assistance.

Lastly, our new name recognizes the ongoing need for the Foundation in the Czech Republic and Slovakia and the potential future application throughout the region of the lessons we have learned. Therefore, the Board voted to change our name to **THE FOUNDATION FOR A CIVIL SOCIETY.** Our primary focus will remain the Czech and Slovak Republics and increasingly efforts will be made to extend programs proven successful in Czechoslovakia to the region, contributing to the long-term viability of the newly-forming democracies. Some programs, such as our **Project on Justice in Times of Transition**, already encompass the entire region, as well as the former Soviet Union.

In mid-1992, when we knew we would have to move and face significantly higher overhead, we asked our major funders to help us determine whether the Foundation should continue to exist or whether we had essentially accomplished our goal of helping to "jump-start" a sophisticated, developed, highly-educated country emerging from 40 years of oppression. During the euphoria of 1989, there was a lot of speculation about the effect of communism on societies and individuals, however no one knew how deep and long-lasting the impact would be. After asking many difficult questions and a lot of soul searching, we determined that even the most advanced Central European countries have not fully reached their initial goals of democratization and free-market orientation. It was our belief that shifting resources and attention elsewhere, and not completing the task in the Czech and Slovak Republics at this time would be so counter-produc-



tive as to court disaster. Our funders strongly agreed.

In fact, after three years we find that, despite remarkable progress, many of the needs in the Czech Republic and especially Slovakia have intensified (eg. ethnic rivalries). The Foundation's very existence helps maintain the focus of the international community on the critical issues still facing the Czech Republic, Slovakia and the rest of the region. I believe that our programs were successful in addressing at least some of these needs with speed and quality in 1992. And, we intend to focus our limited funds on creative programs and training which will maximize the implementation of the expertise and tools which have been committed to their country since 1990. The growth and development of democracy and civil society -- where non-governmental organizations, volunteerism, free markets and the free expression of ideas can be envisioned and realized -- is the Foundation's primary focus.

With the split of the country, the Foundation has worked to expand programs to address the diverging needs of the Czech Republic and Slovakia where applicable. For example, our **Masaryk Fellowship Program** has expanded to Bratislava and several other towns throughout Slovakia, and plans are in place for a Bratislava office of the Foundation by the end of 1993. The very successful **Expert Advisors Program** now has four experts in Slovakia and fifteen in the Czech Republic, and the **Secondary School Scholarship Program** continues to bring Czech and Slovak students to the United States and now Great Britain for one year of study.

The Foundation will continue to provide a home for new, progressive project ideas that might not get started were it not for the kind of informational and financial resources we are able to locate. In addition, we are happy to serve as a clearinghouse of information for westerners working in the Czech Republic or Slovakia and for Czechs and Slovaks visiting or working in the United States.

My thanks to our devoted staff in New York and Prague and our committed Board who have brought about the maturation of the Foundation in just three years. We are very pleased to have begun 1993 on our own in a new office at Rockefeller Center. Most of all, I would like to thank our funders for their trust and valued support.

I encourage you to read on about the Foundation and its activities in the pages that follow.

WENDY W. LUERS
July 1993

* Current Problems of Slovakia After the Split of the CSFR, page 6; Centre for Social Analysis, Slovakia, March 1993.

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The Charter 77 Foundation - New York strives to mobilize both human and financial resources to support projects that develop and strengthen the forces of democracy, civil society, the rule of law and a free-market economy in the Czech and Slovak Republics. The Foundation was established immediately after the Velvet Revolution at the request of the private foundation community. Since 1990, with the support of foundations, corporations and individuals, the Foundation has gained a reputation among the international community and,

"... independent, non-governmental organizations are fundamental for the creation of a democratic society since they provide the opportunity for individuals and organizations to formulate, express and gain a constituency for their goals and programs. They provide the structures by which citizens join together for collective action and provide services and programs which governments will not or cannot provide."

PAVOL DEMES

*Advisor to the President of the
Slovak Republic*

more importantly, the Czech and Slovak people, for timely and effective assistance.

The Charter 77 Foundation - New York's success is closely linked to its ability to act as an interlocutor, constructively matching human and financial resources with needs identified in the Czech and Slovak Republics. As a result, virtually anyone who wants to establish a program in or for the benefit of the Czech Republic or Slovakia looks to the Foundation first for guidance, support and networking assistance. The Foundation has had bilingual staff on the ground in Prague since January 1990 and we are pleased to have Ambassador Rita Klimova and former Czechoslovak Cultural Attache Jiri Setlik as in-country consultants.

Governed by a distinguished Board of Directors, the Foundation's aim is not to duplicate but to support demand-driven projects addressing practical needs. Through its headquarters in New York and office in Prague, the Foundation serves three primary functions:

- The Foundation acts as a *catalyst*, initiating and developing projects and finding resources to support them. This process is responsive to requests originating within the Czech and Slovak Republics, and, in some cases, from other countries in the region.
- The Foundation serves as a *facilitator*, utilizing its extensive network of high-level contacts in the United States, Western Europe and the two republics to foster projects by

"I am pleased to note in The Charter 77 Foundation - New York's activities a distinct trend towards globalization. Projects such as the one on Justice in Times of Transition provide through the exchange of experience an extremely useful tool for emerging democracies to handle problems of political, social and economic transformation."

ARPAD GONCZ
President of Hungary

connecting them with funding sources and qualified institutions and individuals.

- Finally, the Foundation is a *partner* in many collaborative efforts with Czech, Slovak and other organizations to regionalize certain programs.

For some programs the Foundation is the sole or primary funder, but it also works to channel aid from other sources to support worthy projects, many of which originate in the Czech and Slovak Republics. By cultivating other sources of funding, the Foundation increases awareness of the Czech and Slovak Republics' needs and contributes to the realization of democracy, civil society and a free-market economy in the two countries.

The Charter 77 Foundation is in the unique position of being a public non-profit foundation; allowing it to be a grant-giving and grant-receiving organization. Generally, the Foundation prefers to provide small seed grants and

stop-gap funding rather than ongoing support to Czech and Slovak organizations. Projects are reviewed for sponsorship and/or funding on a case-by-case basis. In its first three years of activity, the Charter 77 Foundation-New York raised over \$2.8 million and funded and/or facilitated hundreds of projects.

As you will read in the following pages, the Foundation continues to expand its activities throughout the Czech and Slovak Republics. Many agree that the problems these countries face will repeat themselves over time in the countries of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Through increased cooperation with other foundations and organizations, we work to lend the experience gained from our programs in the Czech and Slovak Republics to the countries in transition of Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union where applicable.

"This foundation fills a special niche in the post-communist European countries because of its flexibility in meeting specific needs as they arise and because of the wide variety of projects it participates in, making them accessible to people learning to live under new conditions."

RITA KLIMOVA
*Former Czechoslovak
Ambassador to the
United States*

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

In 1992, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York awarded over \$130,000 in small grants and pass through grants to organizations and individuals and devoted close to \$600,000 to its own programs. We are pleased to have increased the amount committed to programs by about 25% over 1991. This has translated to consistent expansion of Foundation programs proven successful.

Through a wide variety of projects, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York is active in the following areas (although in principle no area of need is excluded):

- Independent Media
- Economic and Public Sector Development
- Justice and the Rule of Law
- Culture
- Education
- Development of the Non-profit Sector
- Environment and Health

The Foundation's large-scale efforts reflect the flexibility and responsiveness which these topics require. Developed in 1991, the **Expert Advisors Program** began placing its first long-term, high-level Western advisors in the Czech and Slovak

Republics in March 1992. In its first year, the program has proved an effective means of engendering positive reform in the Czech and Slovak Republics.

Well into its third year, the **Masaryk Fellowship Program** continues to send qualified American volunteers to teach English to Czechs and Slovaks ranging in age from 16 to 40 years. And the **Secondary School Scholarship Program** provided 12 full scholarships to Czech and Slovak students for study in the United States for the 1992-93 academic year. Each of these programs, and others described in the following pages, have had considerable impact at relatively little expense. The Foundation views programs such as these as investments in what will no doubt be a complicated future for the now divided Czech and Slovak Republics.

Just as the Foundation's other programs have been able to offer valuable help to the Czech and Slovak Republics as they develop institutions of civil society, democracy and a market

"I think if we reflect on the development of the third sector here, you [Wendy Luers] must be pleased and surprised at some of the developments here, only three years after you helped give birth to the NGO sector 'in your dining room'..... progress is really visible."

DASHA HAVEL

*President, Civic Forum
Foundation, Prague*

economy, the **Project on Justice in Times of Transition** is uniquely positioned to assist in the transition to democracy throughout Eastern and Central Europe, the former Soviet Union and Latin America. In 1992, the Project conducted conferences in Austria and Hungary, and in January 1993 in El Salvador. Through this project, and others in development, the Foundation hopes to lend proven concepts to neighboring countries in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

In addition to programs which are institutionalized in the Foundation such as those listed above, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York often acts as an incubator for ideas which might not otherwise be realized, in some cases permitting them to grow and graduate into independent initiatives. After two years of Foundation support, both the **Civic Education Project**, which assists reform in the social science departments of Central and East European universities, and the **Independent Journalists Initiative**, which established the Center for Independent Journalism in Prague, will both be independent 501(c)3 organizations in 1993.

The Foundation receives hundreds of visitors from the Czech Republic and Slovakia ensuring contact with appropriate counterparts in the U.S. government and in non-governmental organizations. In addition, the Foundation assists individuals traveling to the Czech Republic and Slovakia so that they too can make the most advantageous contacts and accomplish their goals.

"It is very comforting to know that the Charter 77 Foundation - New York is using all available means to offer concrete help in our new conditions, supporting all of our attempts to democratize."

PETER HUNCIK

*Director, Sandor Marai
Foundation, Bratislava*

The balance of the Foundation's activities involve facilitating special events (alone and in conjunction with other organizations), offering in-kind contributions in the form of staff time and expertise, as well as finding creative funding solutions for projects whose requirements fall outside of our means.

The Charter 77 Foundation - New York's role in the Czech and Slovak Republics continues to intensify as the Western world's focus moves further east to countries facing more existential questions. Much work remains to be done in the Czech Republic and especially in the Slovak Republic to realize the potential of the major investments of time, financial and technical assistance made there since 1990. The people need continued training and support in order to succeed in the development of democratic pluralism, civil society and a market economy in the two countries. In the future, the Foundation's flexibility will allow it to adapt quickly to the division of the country and allow it to apply lessons learned through successful programming in Czechoslovakia to other countries in the region and, in some cases, worldwide.

PROGRAMMATIC SPENDING 1992

Independent Media	\$246,494.09	34%
Economic and Public Sector Development	\$133,990.59	19%
Justice and the Rule of Law	\$129,890.24	18%
Culture	\$101,362.79	14%
Education	\$ 86,700.90	12%
Development of the Non-Profit Sector	\$ 7,548.50	1%
Other Activities	\$ 7,008.00	1%
German Marshall Fund Travel Grants and other Travel Grants	\$ 4,801.71	.5%
Environment and Health	\$ 3,512.30	.5%
TOTAL	\$721,309.12	100%

PROGRAMS 1992

EXPERT ADVISORS PROGRAM

Established in March 1992, the Expert Advisors Program was created to respond to the demand for on-going, long-term technical assistance in the Czech and Slovak Republics as they proceed with the transition process. The Program provides highly qualified experts in the fields of economic and social policy to key Czech and Slovak decision-makers and institutions on a long term basis for up to two years. By responding to the needs of these countries as they are articulated by the Czech and Slovak policy-makers, this demand-driven program has proven to be an effective means of engendering positive reform.

In its first year, the Program successfully placed 14 Expert Advisors in the Czech and Slovak Republics in a broad spectrum of assignments including:

- The Czech Ministry of Economy
- The Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic
- The Slovak Central Bank
- The Czech Environment Management Center
- The Slovak Academic Information Agency

- The Office of the Chief Architect of Prague

The Program is governed by a distinguished Executive Committee comprised of Americans, Czechs and Slovaks, all with extensive experience in Central and Eastern Europe. The Committee is responsible for final selection of applicants to the Program and reviews the progress of advisors twice annually. Additionally, advisors are required to submit bi-monthly reports and developments are monitored by program officers in Prague and New York.

An important aim of the Program is not only to "fill the gap" by providing host institutions with skills and information not yet current in the countries in transition, but to ensure the transfer of knowledge and know-how to counterparts in the Czech and Slovak Republics; the impact of the placement does not end when the advisor leaves. To

"...it is impossible to describe all the small ways that having access to an experienced western business expert can be helpful. It is a bonus that the advisor already knows a lot about our situation here, that he is settled in Prague and likes it here, and that we have already worked with him."

RADOMIR MATYAS

President, Czech Environment Management Center (CEMC)



This Stirin Conference panel included: Jim Scherer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Wendy W. Luers; Steven Heintz, Director, European Studies Center; Nina Jurewicz, University of Iowa; and Karel Kosman, Director, Czech-American Enterprise Fund

this end, advisors are expected to include an in-house training component in their work. Additionally, many advisors have increased their effect by participating in conferences, workshops and seminars, as well as by conducting lectures at area universities and for municipal government officials.

A highlight of the first year of the program was the two-conference series held at Stirin Castle outside of Prague in October and November, 1992, entitled *Assessing the Effectiveness of Foreign Advisors in Czechoslovakia*. The series, co-sponsored by the Charter 77 Foundation - New York and the European Studies Center of the Institute for EastWest Studies, endeavored to assess technical assistance, particularly foreign advisors and the role they play in the countries in transition. One outcome of the series was a list of recommendations for advisors and host institutions on how to

enhance the impact of technical assistance programs in the Czech and Slovak Republics.

The first conference served as an opportunity for Western advisors and representatives of assistance programs in the region to discuss their role in the transition process. Participants included advisors to key institutions including the

Executive Committee

Madeleine Albright*

US Ambassador to the United Nations; former President Center for National Policy

Zdenek Drabek

Advisor, Czech Central Bank; former Advisor to the Federal Ministry of Economics

Robert Hormats

Vice Chairman, Goldman Sachs International

Rita Klimova

Former Ambassador of Czechoslovakia to the United States

Bevis Longstreth

Attorney at Law, Debevoise & Plimpton

Wendy Luers

President, Foundation for a Civil Society

John Petty

Chairman, Czech and Slovak American Enterprise Fund

Richard Quandt

Professor of Economics, Princeton University

*resigned due to government service

Office of the Czechoslovak President, Czech and Slovak Ministries, and Municipal Governments. Advisors to non-governmental organizations and private sector initiatives were also present along with representatives from governmental and private funders of assistance programs including USAID, the British Know-How Fund, the European Community PHARE program and the Soros Foundations.

The second conference offered representatives from Czech and Slovak host institutions--Ministries of the Environment, Foreign Relations, Education, Privatization, as well as non-governmental organizations--the opportunity to discuss in a frank and open fashion, the benefits and disadvantages of foreign advisors. Participants were Czech or Slovak decision-makers who had either direct experience working with foreign advisors or with the

co-ordination of technical assistance in Czechoslovakia. Reports from the series were distributed in Czech and English and were translated into Ukrainian and Bulgarian. Versions in Romanian and the Baltic languages are being prepared so that the lessons learned in the Czech and Slovak Republics on the role of foreign advisors can be of use to countries further to the East in earlier stages of their transition process. A third conference in the U.S. is being considered for 1993.

The Expert Advisors Program benefits greatly from the knowledge and experience of our consultant, Ambassador Rita Klimova, who promotes the program and assesses applicants and areas of need in Czech institutions. A representative will also soon be placed in the Slovak Republic.

As the program moves forward, the Foundation is delighted to have the generous support of the Ford Foundation and the Pew Charitable Trusts. With their funding, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York plans to sponsor at least eight new high-level Western advisors each year for the next two years. Support was also gratefully received from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and the United Nations Development Program.



At the Stirin conference, Stuart Auchincloss, an expert on environmental law, talks with Vaclav Zima of the German Senior Experten Service. Auchincloss is currently working with the Czech Environment Management Center in Prague through the Foundation's Expert Advisor Program.

PROJECT ON JUSTICE IN TIMES OF TRANSITION

The Project on Justice in Times of Transition was established by the Charter 77 Foundation - New York at the urging of President Vaclav Havel to assist the newly emerging democracies of Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union in coming to terms with their communist past. A crucial and unique element of the Project's approach is the involvement of countries that have already dealt with transitional justice issues, such as Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Spain and Germany. The experiences of these countries in dealing with the abuses of prior repressive regimes provide insightful lessons for the formerly communist countries as they grapple with the complicated questions surrounding transitional justice.

Efforts to expose and punish the abuses of past authoritarian regimes can take several forms, for example:

- *Lustration Laws* that bar people from positions in government and private concerns
- The opening of *secret files* to public scrutiny
- Suspension of *statutes of limitations* to make alleged

crimes committed during the communist period punishable

• *Committees of Inquiry*

In March 1992 the Project was inaugurated with an international conference held in Salzburg, Austria. This meeting assembled Ministers of Justice, Members of Parliament, Constitutional Court Justices, former dissidents and others directly involved with issues of transitional justice in Eastern and Central Europe and the former Soviet Union. Joining them were their counterparts from Latin America, including former President Raul Alfonsin of Argentina, and legal and human rights experts from Western Europe and the United States. The three-day meeting opened with an address by Kurt Biedenkopf, Minister President of Saxony, and was fully covered by Radio Free Europe and other news organizations. This unique program enabled participants from Europe and

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Lloyd Cutler

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Herman Schwartz

Professor of Law, Washington College of Law, American University

Latin America to compare for the first time past and present experiences, discuss the options available to the post-communist countries and offer suggestions for dealing with the significant problems confronting transitional societies.

Immediately following the Salzburg conference a group of participants including the Project Co-chairs and President Alfonsin traveled to Prague to present the conference findings to President Vaclav Havel.

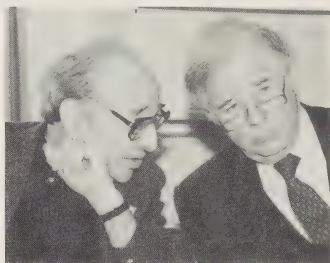
The Salzburg conference created a vital network that has linked policymakers and opinion leaders from Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union with their counterparts in Latin America and other experts. This network encourages consultation and ongoing exchanges regarding proposed legislation on transitional justice issues. Among the activities which grew out

"The Charter 77 Foundation - New York's Project on Justice in Times of Transition has taken on the enormous responsibility of addressing the legacy of human rights abuses under the security apparatuses of the former communist regimes. The consultations that it arranges among European policymakers, human rights experts, and legal scholars form an important contribution to the difficult and delicate task of dismantling the oppressive machinery of 40 years of dictatorship."

KURT BIEDENKOPF
Minister President of Saxony

of the Salzburg conference and subsequent consultations was a high-level, international workshop in Budapest at the request of President Arpad Goncz of Hungary on the impact of state security files on post-communist societies.

The Budapest Workshop, entitled *Truth and Justice: the Delicate Balance*, was co-sponsored by the Project and the Central European University Institute for Constitutional and Legislative Policy in October 1992. Representatives from Ministries of Justice and Internal Affairs, Members of Parliament, archivists, experts from the Polish Helsinki



Project Co-Chair and Foundation Board Member Herman Schwartz speaking with Kurt Biedenkopf who made the opening remarks at the Salzburg Conference

Foundation for Human Rights and others from Eastern and Central Europe and the former Soviet Union discussed the status of security files in their countries, as well as developments in screening laws using the files as evidence. Experts from Argentina and Chile relayed their experiences with using commissions of inquiry to examine security files as a means of reconciliation.

In January 1993, the Project co-sponsored a conference on *Reconciliation in Times of Transition* in San Salvador in conjunction with Centro DEMOS, the Institute for Central American Studies, the North-South Center of the University of Miami and the Supreme Court of El Salvador. This meeting brought together over 700 former guerrilla leaders, military officers, government officials, prominent business people, peasant leaders and others representing all

sectors of Salvadoran society with Latin American and East European policymakers and U.S. specialists to discuss the challenges of creating a lasting peace in El Salvador.

Salvadoran President Alfredo Cristiani and several other regional leaders addressed the group, attesting to the significance of this event in light of ongoing efforts to bring peace to Central America. Two prominent Polish Parliamentarians, Zbigniew Bujak, a founding member of Solidarity, and Aleksandr Kwasniewski, a leader of the Democratic Left Alliance party, were among the Central Europeans who spoke to the group. This conference made a significant contribution to the dialogue based on tolerance, compromise and forgiveness that is at the root of the peace process in El Salvador, and it served as an important example for the region.

Building on these three historic gatherings, the Project on Justice in Times of Transition is currently developing programs for 1993-94 to include:

- Workshops on national commissions of inquiry and reconciliation, as well as the current state of disqualification measures in Central and Eastern Europe



Above Herman Schwartz, Lloyd Cutler, President Alfonsín, President Havel, Wendy Luers, Ruti Teitel and Timothy Phillips at Prague Castle after discussing the findings of the Salzburg conference.

- Cooperation with the Council of Europe
- A conference modeled after the San Salvador conference to be held in Nicaragua
- A Russian Conference on Justice in Times of Transition

In 1992, the Project received administrative and programmatic funding from

CONSTITUTIONAL ADVISORY GROUP

Established by the Charter 77 Foundation - New York in December 1989 at the request of the Czechoslovak leadership, the Constitutional Advisory Group provided guidance to Czech and Slovak national and republic leaders on drafting new federal and republic constitutions and a federal Bill of Rights. The Group, composed of prominent experts from the United States, Canada and Western Europe, is headed by Lloyd Cutler, former White House counsel to President Carter, and Herman Schwartz, a human rights lawyer and professor of law at American University.

In addition to conducting workshops, seminars and individual consultations on key constitutional issues for Czech and Slovak

the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the German Marshall Fund of the United States, the National Endowment for Democracy, the Open Society Fund East-East Program, the Rockefeller Family & Associates and the Rockefeller Foundation.

policy makers in 1990 and 1991, the Group provided comments on the proposed Czech Constitution to members of the Czech Parliament and to members of the Constitutional Commission in 1992. The Constitutional Advisory Group also submitted a memorandum to the Czechoslovak Constitutional Court on the Czechoslovak lustration law.

Although the constitutional work in both the Czech and Slovak Republics is completed, the Constitutional Advisory Group continues its work in other parts of the region. The Group has consulted with the Russian Constitutional Commission and has submitted numerous comments on lustration proposals in Poland, Bulgaria, and elsewhere.

The Constitutional Advisory Group has been made possible through the generous support of Mr. and Mrs. Sid R. Bass and the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Three years after the Velvet Revolution, it is clear that the young people of the Czech and Slovak Republics are instrumental to the successful transformation of these two countries. The Secondary School Scholarship Program, currently in its second year, is the only nationwide scholarship program which provides full funding to outstanding Czech and Slovak teenagers to attend American independent and public high schools for one academic year.

As one can imagine, the schools in the Czech and Slovak Republics are significantly more rigid than those in the West, and exposure to alternative ways of thinking and different cultures is minimal. In our program, students are exposed to other cultures, languages, and political systems through study and simple person-to-person contact. This better prepares participating students to face the challenges created by the rapid pace of change that has been the only constant since the overthrow of communism in 1989.

Early in the program, we

found there to be an extraordinary willingness on the part of U.S. schools and institutions to host and fund scholarships for Czech and Slovak students. Participating schools contribute tuition, room and board (in a dormitory or with a host family) as well as textbook costs representing grants in excess of \$250,000 per year. In addition to administering the program, the Foundation provides each student with a round-trip air ticket, pocket money, health insurance, orientation and continuous care throughout their stay.



The 1992 Program Orientation brought students selected from Moravia, Bohemia and Slovakia to Prague for a weekend prior to departing for the U.S.

The Program has met with overwhelmingly favorable responses from all involved. Over 500 students from the Czech and Slovak Republics applied for the 1992-93 academic year, from which the Foundation chose 12 talented students. Most were placed in boarding schools in the Northeast United States. Four students are spending the

school year in Ohio, attending public schools and living with host families.

Students are selected in a nationwide, merit-based competition; principals from all liberal arts high schools in the Czech and Slovak Republics are invited to select their best students to apply to the program. Applications are carefully reviewed by a ten-member committee composed of American, Czech and Slovak



professionals with expertise in the areas of education, business and the non-profit sector. The field is then narrowed by extensive individual interviews and language testing. Each of the participating schools in the United States is invited to choose from among three to five candidates. Once selected, participating students attend an orientation weekend in Prague conducted by Foundation staff including role-playing exercises and activities with alumni of the program.

In addition to applying themselves to their studies during their stay in the United States, the students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities such as sports, school newspapers and community volunteer projects. Alumni of the program often apply what they have learned and initiate similar activities at

their own schools in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Students often return to their schools with higher expectations from their teachers and from themselves.

Based on the success of the 1991-92 program, the Foundation attracted a number of new host schools for the 1992-93 program. Recruitment has begun for the 1993-94 academic year and already a number of new host schools,

including eight private boarding schools in England, have decided to participate. The Foundation was pleased to have the generous support of anonymous donors in 1992. And, as this important program matures in 1993, we look forward to the support of the Starr Foundation in the form of a three-year grant.

Participating Schools 1991-1992:

Hawken School
Latin School of Chicago
Lawrenceville School
National Cathedral School
Phillips Andover Academy
Princeton Day School
Taft School
Tamalpais Public High School
University School

Additions for 1992-93:

Peddie School
Pennington School
Springside School
Talawanda High School
Williston Northampton School
Wyoming Seminary

CHALUPECKY AWARD

Established by President Havel and Theodor Pistek, an acclaimed Czech artist and costume designer, the esteemed Chaluppecky Award is presented annually to young Czech and Slovak artists in honor of Czechoslovakia's best-loved art historian and critic, Jindrich Chaluppecky. Chaluppecky's aim was to maintain the identity, tradition and continuity of Czechoslovak modern art in particular, and European art as a whole, in the face of an authoritarian regime. One of the major obstacles in that regard, which Chaluppecky recognized, was the lack of exposure of young Czech and Slovak artists to contemporary artistic trends because they were not allowed to travel abroad.

Each year, the winner of the Chaluppecky Award, administered by the Chaluppecky Foundation in Prague, is presented with an honorary citation by the President of Czechoslovakia in a ceremony held at Prague Castle. An exhibition of the work of the winning artist and two runners-up accompanies the ceremony at the Spala Gallery in Prague,

where Jindrich Chaluppecky was director from 1967-1970.

The winner is given a grant administered by the Charter 77 Foundation-New York for a three month residency at the Headlands Center for the Arts in Sausalito, California. Artists are provided with studio space to pursue their creative interests while benefitting from exposure to and participation in the international art community in the San Francisco area. The first two recipients succeeded in getting the work created at Headlands shown in San Francisco area galleries.

The 1991 winner, Frantisek Skala (pictured below), completed his residency in December 1992 and subsequently opened a show of the work created at Headlands, entitled *Headlands Seabeed*, at the Southern Exposure Gallery in San Francisco. The show received a favorable review in ARTFORUM International and several pieces from the show have been selected to represent the Czech Republic at the 1993 Venice Biennale.

The 1992 Chaluppecky Award recipient, Michal Nesazal, will begin his three month residency at Headlands in September, 1993. The awards for 1992-94 have been made possible by the generous support of the Trust for Mutual Understanding.



MASARYK FELLOWSHIP

The Masaryk Fellowship Program was established in 1990 to respond to the urgent desire expressed by young Czechs and Slovaks to learn English. In its third year of operation, the Fellowship continued to offer its participants -- Americans, Canadians, Czechs and Slovaks--a mutually beneficial educational and cultural exchange. In 1992, the Program provided its Czech and Slovak students with an affordable opportunity to learn English from a native speaker and, at the same time, gave them a sense of North American culture and history.

Conducted in Prague over the summer months in rooms provided by the Philosophical Faculty of Charles University, the classes emphasize active student participation, encourage camaraderie and the development of conversation skills, unlike traditional teaching methods in Czechoslovakia.

The Masaryk Fellows who have taught through the Program have universally praised their experience as an invaluable means of developing a more realis-

tic view of Czechoslovakia in a historical context and from a current day perspective. This results not only from the teachers' classroom experience, but from their home-stays and weekend programs.

In 1992, the Foundation selected 55 highly qualified volunteer teachers for placement in Czechoslovakia and over 550 Czech and Slovak students participated. In addition, for the first time, a skilled teacher trainer was selected to work on site with the Masaryk Fellows as they prepared their daily lessons.

In Prague, the Masaryk Fellowship Program has been administered by the GLOTTA

"I am sure my dear old grandfather T.G. Masaryk, the first President of the Czechoslovak Republic, would be very proud and would warmly congratulate the work of the Masaryk Fellowship Program. He would have enjoyed the growing internationality of our country which he sought from the time he was elected in 1918. This is the aim of the Masaryk Fellowship Program. It not only teaches English, but introduces a global way of thinking. It changes the attitudes of the younger generations by contributing to a deeper knowledge of different cultures, and fosters respect, friendship and hope among its participants."

HERBERTA MASARYK

Grand daughter of T. G. Masaryk

School of Languages and Continuing Education, a non-profit Czech organization, in conjunction with the Foundation's local office. This program has been essential to the growth and maturation of GLOTTA which is run by a group of energetic and talented Philosophical Faculty graduates.

With the impending division of Czechoslovakia, the Charter 77 Foundation-New York reconfigured the Masaryk Fellowship Program for 1993. In the coming summer, the Foundation will place qualified instructors in both the Czech Republic, again working with GLOTTA, and Slovakia, in cooperation with the Slovak Academic Information Agency (SAIA). It is the Foundation's belief that extending programs that promote personal interaction amongst individuals of differing backgrounds into Slovakia is essential as the threat of isolation remains very real there.

In 1993, the Program will not only broaden its scope, but will also continue to increase its professional standards. A teacher trainer will again be based in Prague for the dura-

tion of the Program and applicants for the Fellowship will be required to have formal teaching experience and to submit recommendations.

Many of the Masaryk Fellows choose to stay on in the Czech Republic or Slovakia after the program. Tom Bridle, who taught during the Program's inaugural session in 1990, remained in Czechoslovakia and went on to become a Foreign Affairs advisor to President Havel. This story is not unique among Masaryk alumni. For example, Kari Johnstone, a participant in the summer 1992 Program, is now the Coordinator of the Economics Department of the Central European University in Prague, and Mary Oleszek, also a Masaryk '92, now coordinates the activities of the Student Advisory Center at Man, Education and New Technologies (MENT) in Prague.

The 1992 Masaryk Fellowship Program was made possible through the generous support of the Rockefeller Family & Associates, the Sabre Foundation and individual contributors.

INDEPENDENT JOURNALISTS INITIATIVE

The Charter 77 Foundation - New York has worked closely with the Independent Journalists Initiative to establish the Center for Independent Journalism in Prague, where experienced print and broadcast journalists provide practical assistance to Czech and Slovak newspaper, radio and television reporters and technicians. Headed by James Greenfield, former editor-in-chief of The New York Times Sunday Magazine, and Don Wilson, former senior vice president at Time, the Center's role is to aid and encourage an emerging free press throughout the Czech and Slovak Republics. It seeks to demonstrate to the independent media that it is their responsibility to provide factual information on which citizens can base intelligent judgments by sponsoring lectures and workshops that address issues such as:

- publication and broadcast regulation

- advertising and design
- video and broadcast technologies
- circulation
- specialized areas such as environmental, health, investigative and business reporting

The Center in Prague was opened on March 12, 1992 and, by mid-fall, some 75-100 people were using it daily. The facilities include large meeting rooms for workshops and exhibitions, a conference room, a library with computer research facilities and a periodicals room, a desktop publishing center, and a radio and television training station. All of these resources address the



Herman Schwartz, Diana Phipps, Wendy Luers, Olga Havel, Don Wilson and James Greenfield enjoying the opening party for the Center in Prague

tremendous need throughout Eastern Europe for up-to-date research materials and information.

The Center and all of its programs are open free of charge to all bona fide journalists. As such, it has quickly become the primary contact

point for Czech, Slovak and foreign journalists in Prague.

Special programs conducted at the Center include: Columbia University's School of Journalism education program for Charles University students, the Charles University television training program; an English-language program sponsored by the Center, and, night courses in economics with the University of Pittsburgh.

In May 1993, a second Center for Independent Journalism will open in Bratislava to better serve the journalistic community in the Slovak Republic. Housed in the School of Journalism at Comenius University, the Bratislava Center will have a library (connected by comput-

er to Prague), a reading room, and a large room for workshops, meetings and classes.

The Foundation is pleased to see this program graduate to an independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization in 1993. As the Independent Journalists Initiative continues to grow, its major supporters include the American Express Foundation, the Gilder Foundation, the New York Times Company Foundation, Time Warner, the Knight Foundation, the International Media Fund, the German Marshall Fund of the United States, the Rockefeller Family and Associates, the Dorothy Schiff Foundation, and the Trust for Mutual Understanding.

CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECT

Following years of restraint and neglect, Czechoslovakia's universities lacked sufficient numbers of qualified social science instructors, and accurate textbooks did not exist. In an effort to fill this gap and accelerate the retraining of students and social science instructors in Czechoslovakia, the Foundation provided initial support and encouragement for Steve Grand and Bill Antholis, two American Ph.D. candidates, to establish the Civic Education Project (CEP) in conjunction with Yale University's Institution for Social and Policy Studies and the Central European University.

Beginning in the 1991-92 academic year, this unique and innovative program assisted the reform efforts in the social science curricula of eight universities in Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia by sending 14 American assistant professors and advanced graduate students to teach courses in the long-neglected fields of economics, sociology, politics and international relations. Each of the CEP courses is accredited and the participating universities provide housing and local salary to the CEP instructors.

To further support the Civic Education Project, the Foundation's Masaryk

Fellowship Program sends volunteer English-language teachers to the participating universities to help Czech and Slovak students prepare for their studies in English with CEP instructors.

The Civic Education Project's initial success in Czechoslovakia prompted its principal sponsor, the Central European University, to request its expansion to Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, the Ukraine and the Baltic States. For the 1992-93 academic year, a total of 82 American instructors were placed in these countries under CEP auspices, including 20 instructors at nine Czechoslovak institutions. Of the 600 applicants for the 1993-94 academic year, CEP expects to place some 115 at universities in nine different countries.

A mid-year conference to assess the CEP's effectiveness in university reform is planned for January 1993 in Prague. And a CEP student conference is planned for Kosice, Slovakia in April 1993.

In just three years, the Civic Education Project has grown from a small in-house Foundation project aimed at Czechoslovak needs, to a rapidly expanding independent non-profit organization [501(c)3] serving the entire region. The Foundation continues its cooperation with the CEP, to support the important process of university reform.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROJECTS FACILITATED

In just three years, the Foundation has quickly become a trusted information and networking resource for those in the international community--from business leaders, to students, to diplomats--working or interested in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, as well as other parts of the region. Notable events hosted and some of the many projects facilitated by the Foundation in 1992 are described below:



Ambassador Michael Zantovsky of the Czech Republic, Ambassador Eduard Kuklan of Slovakia, NYU student Jana Triska, and Arnost Lustig, Writer and Professor at American University, visiting at the opening of the "Prague and the Book."

The Foundation was pleased to host a briefing for the future **U.S. Ambassador to Czechoslovakia, Adrian Basora**, formerly in charge of Eastern Europe for the National Security Council. Attending the luncheon were: Pauline Barnes, author and wife of Adrian Basora; Richard Lanier, Trust for Mutual Understanding; Aryeh Neier, Human Rights Watch and Foundation Board Member; Vratislav Pechota, Columbia University Law School and Foundation Board Member; Anthony Richter, Soros Foundations; Fernando Rodrigo, Fundacion Ortega y Gasset; Enid Schoettle, Council on Foreign Relations. Ambassador Basora was impressed by the breadth of activities discussed and the depth of knowledge demonstrated by those assembled.

Facing the challenge of new assignments as well as the complexity of the impending division of the country, many professionals look to the Foundation for guidance. **Cameron Munter**, former head of the Czech desk at the U.S. State Department and now the Political Officer at the

American Embassy, and Marilyn Wyatt, also formerly with the State Department and USIA Officer at the American Cultural Center in Prague opened November, 1992, benefitted greatly from the briefing arranged by the Foundation.

In the fall, the Foundation was pleased to assist the Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in its presentation of **Prague and the Book**, a celebration of influential designers, printers and the powerful literary voices of twentieth-century Czechoslovakia. An exhibition was mounted throughout Cooper Union's facilities with an accompanying catalogue to illustrate Prague's outstanding contribution to book design, to world literature and to freedom of speech. A limited edition volume was published of the text of Vaclav Havel's speech "A Word About Words" for which he won the peace prize at the Frankfurt Book Fair in 1989. The symposium culminated in a tribute to Vaclav Havel held in the Cooper Union Great Hall.



Marilyn Wyatt, now at the American Cultural Center in Prague, makes a point during her briefing in New York. Also pictured are a New York reporter and Cameron Munter, now Political Officer at the American Embassy in Prague

In a special day-long briefing, the Foundation arranged for newly arriving **Czech Embassy personnel** to meet with U.S. Congressional staff whose Representatives and Senators are in some capacity involved with the Czech Republic. The complexities of working on Capitol Hill--which can seem a tangled mess for outsiders--were unraveled for the new Embassy staff and at least some of the challenges they faced were diminished.

The Foundation assisted InterNation, a project of The Nation Institute, with program development and participant recruitment for their conference entitled, "**Investigative Journalism After the Cold War: Topics, Methods, Ethics**" held at Moscow State University, September, 1992.

Tom Fairchild of PRC Inc. (the information systems arm of Black & Decker) was co-sponsored by the Foundation to teach at the Prague University of Economics for six months. Fairchild taught courses in Quality Control which were very well-attended. In addition, working with Libor Mudra, Vice Dean of the University's School of Management, Fairchild studied quality and information systems at Czech manufacturing facilities, and the use of information systems at land management agencies, such as the Ministry of the Environment.



Pictured from left to right: John Fanjul, Pauline Barnes, Countess Marie Arco, Carolyne Roehm, Cristina Macaya, Wendy Luers, Jacqueline Desmarais, James Niven, Patricia Cisneros, Fernanda Niven, President Havel, Ambassador William Luers, Paul Desmarais, Henry Kravis, Gustavo Cisneros, Josef Tosovsky, Count Riprand Arco (not pictured).

In an effort to draw attention to and financially support the restoration of Prague Castle--the seat of Bohemian Kings and Czech Presidents for 1,100 years--a trip was arranged by the Foundation in the Fall for a select group (pictured above). The visit included a curator's tour of historic Prague Castle, a visit to the President's summer house outside of Prague, Lany Castle, and an intimate luncheon with President Vaclav Havel at Prague Castle. Contributions of one million Crowns were donated to the Vaclav Havel Foundation for the Revival of Prague Castle. As a result of this successful trip, the Foundation has established the International Friends of Czech Monuments and, working in cooperation with the World Monuments Fund, plans to continue conducting specialized trips to support restoration and preservation projects throughout the Czech Republic.

PRAGUE OFFICE ACTIVITIES

Given the complexities of running a myriad of programs in a country still reeling from the changes brought on by the Velvet Revolution, the Foundation quickly recognized the tremendous value of having capable, bilingual staff based in Czechoslovakia.

The Foundation office located just off of Wenceslas Square in Prague was established in 1990 and now has a staff of five.

While the majority of the workload involves the in-country administration of the Expert Advisors Program, the Masaryk Fellowship Program and the Secondary School Scholarship Program, other projects conducted by the Prague office include:

TESOL - Originated and sponsored by the Soros Foundation-Hungary for the East European Region, the Prague office administers the TESOL (Teachers of English as a Second Language) program in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. All gymnaziums (high schools) in the country are invited to apply for the placement of a professional

English teacher in their school for a one-year period. After a 5-day orientation session in Prague, 13 teachers were placed throughout the Czech Lands and Slovakia for the 1992-93 academic year. The Foundation will place 18 qualified teachers in the coming year.

Non-Profit Sector Discussion Group - Each month a group of interested individuals meet at the Foundation office to discuss issues relevant to the non-profit sector. Special guests



1992 TESOL orientation in Prague

are invited to lead discussion on specific subjects, such as NGO legislation, etc. Aside from being informative, the monthly meetings provide the opportunity to meet colleagues from the non-profit community in Prague.

Masaryk Fellowship Textbooks - The textbooks used for the Masaryk Fellowship Program which runs in July and August are now being used full-time on

loan to the Olga Havel Foundation for its Nurses Education Program. The Program offers free English language classes at local hospitals which are taught by volunteers. At present there are 30 nurses and three teachers in the pilot program.

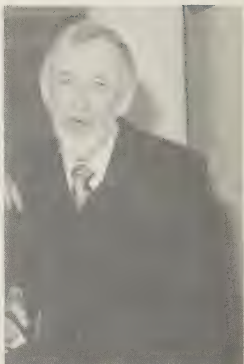
Gender Group - In cooperation with Jirina Siklova's Gender Studies Center, the Prague office hosts a bi-monthly discussion group. The group has read such articles as "Masaryk - A Radical Feminist" and has had noted speakers such as Prof. Hana Havelkova of the Czech Academy of Sciences speak on the current status of Czech women.

In addition to the above, projects are in development to address **AIDS education** (in cooperation with the Olga Havel Foundation) and **Tolerance education** in the Czech and Slovak Republics.

The Prague office makes ample use of Czech student interns who, while aiding the staff, gain valuable experience working in a professional office environment. In its third year of existence, the Prague office has become a resource for students and others interested in non-profit work. The Foundation will have a representative in Bratislava by the end of 1993 in an effort to better serve its programs and the non-profit community in Slovakia.



Above: Foundation Board Member and Journalist Jan Urban speaking with Martin Butora, Visiting Scholar at Princeton University and former Advisor to the President on Human Rights, during the Salzburg Conference.



Right: After serving as Cultural Attache in Washington, DC, Jiri Setlik is now head of the International Department of the School of Applied Arts in Prague and the Foundation's Consultant on Cultural Affairs.

Below: During a trip to Bratislava, Foundation Board Member Bevis Longstreth met with "1992 Woman of Europe", Zuzanna Szatmary of the Slovak Charter 77 Foundation. She received the honor from the Council of Europe.



Grant Application Process

Organizations or individuals who would like to request support from the Charter 77 Foundation - New York are welcome to contact us. Letters of inquiry may be submitted at any time, and should include the following:

- 1) a brief (one to four pages) project description;
- 2) a statement of need, including a detailed project budget;
- 3) curricula vitae of the key individuals involved in the project; and
- 4) any other relevant background information (please keep such materials to a minimum).

Projects are reviewed for sponsorship and/or funding on a case-by-case basis. Because the Foundation's staff is small, project proposals may not be evaluated immediately. If no response from the Foundation is received within two months, please send a follow-up letter of inquiry.

Applicants for support should be aware that, in general, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York must raise funds on a project-by-project basis. As an unendowed organization, the Foundation has only minimal discretionary funds available for grants. However, the Foundation is often able to refer applicants to other potential sources of funding, or may be able to offer other sorts of assistance.

Proposals originating in the Czech Republic and Slovakia should be submitted to the Foundation's Prague office. When the Foundation's Bratislava office opens in mid-1993, Slovakia-originating proposals may also be submitted there.

The German Marshall Fund of the United States Travel Grants

These travel awards to the United States are intended to encourage political, economic and environmental leaders in the Czech and Slovak Republics to take advantage of U.S.-based programs which will broaden their area of expertise. Eligibility for these grants is limited. Further information can be obtained from our New York or Prague offices.

Grants Awarded in 1992

Despite having only limited discretionary funds available for grants, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York is pleased to have awarded the following grants in 1992:

Education

Grant to Ms. Eva Cermakova to attend business management and advertising courses at Georgetown University

General Support to the GLOTTA School of Languages and Continuing Education in Prague

High School Stipend grant to Ms. Lenka Pospisilova

Pass through grant to the Prvni Obnovene Realne Gymnazium

Travel grant to Mr. Ari Handel to assist the staff of MENT-Prague in writing and editing proposals concerning science education in Czechoslovakia

Travel grant to Ms. Jana Valsova to arrange exchanges between Charles University and various American universities

Culture

Pass through grant to the Prague House of Photography

Pass through grant to the International Terezin Association

Grant for the purchase of equipment for the Charles University Library

A grant for the administration of the Alfred Bader Fellowship in Baroque Art History

Environment

A grant was provided to the Green Perspectives Foundation to develop and publish the "Let's Save Cergov" and "Let's Save Raptors" pamphlets which provide valuable information on the threat to the virgin forest and predatory animals and birds in the Cergov Mountains in East Slovakia and explain why the area must be preserved.

A grant was provided to Sheila S. Evans to make a three month study and prepare a report on the Environmental Activities in the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, 1991. Despite numerous efforts made by organizations from around the globe, by the end of 1991 it was still unclear what was

actually being done to alleviate Czechoslovakia's devastating environmental crisis. Ms Evans, whose experience in marketing consulting and non-profit management made her a qualified, neutral author, conducted a thorough assessment of the state of environmental aid to Czechoslovakia. The report was widely distributed to those involved in the environmental field in the US and other countries.

GMF Travel Grant to Zdena Jurcikova of the Water Research Institute in Bratislava to attend the Water Quality International 1992 Biennial Conference

GMF Travel Grant to Karel Vanicek, Head of the Solar and Ozone Observatory in Hradec Kralove to attend the World Quadrennial Ozone Symposium in Charlottesville, VA

Health

San Francisco/Praha Exchange - a travel grant for Jarin Krouz to participate as a panelist in the "Eastern European Conference on Disabilities"

Development of the Non-profit Sector

The Prague Post Foundation - an operating grant to establish a non-profit column in The Prague Post and an information network for the non-profit community in Prague

Travel grant to Rachel Stein to attend lectures on non-profit organizations at the Institute on Policy Studies in Baltimore

Travel grant to Zdenek Slouka, Professor of International Relations, Lehigh University, to conduct consultations on inter-foundation relations

Human Rights

General support to Douglas Rutzen, Attorney at Law, Coudert Brothers, to work with Jan Vild, Chairman of the Human Rights Committee of the Czechoslovak Federal Assembly, on human rights legislation

Other

Support funding to Ceskoslovenska Nadacia Charty 77 for the "Stop Fascism" concert in Bratislava on March 14, 1992

Support to Charta 77 for a meeting of the signators of the original Charta 77 on May 2, 1992 in Prague

General support to the Information Center Foundation

1992 Financial Statement

Balance as of January 1, 1992		\$ 256,013.00
INCOME		
Contributions Received		
Programmatic		\$1,288,871.46
Discretionary		\$ 97,541.84
Open Society Fund Contributions		
Programmatic		\$ 30,152.31
Administrative		\$ 50,165.68
Interest Income		\$ 17,023.00
Miscellaneous		\$ 15.00
	TOTAL	\$1,483,769.29
EXPENSES		
Programs		\$ 581,389.28
Grants		\$ 139,919.84
Administrative and Operating Expenses		\$ 252,730.01
	TOTAL	\$ 974,039.13
End Balance December 31, 1992		\$ 765,743.16

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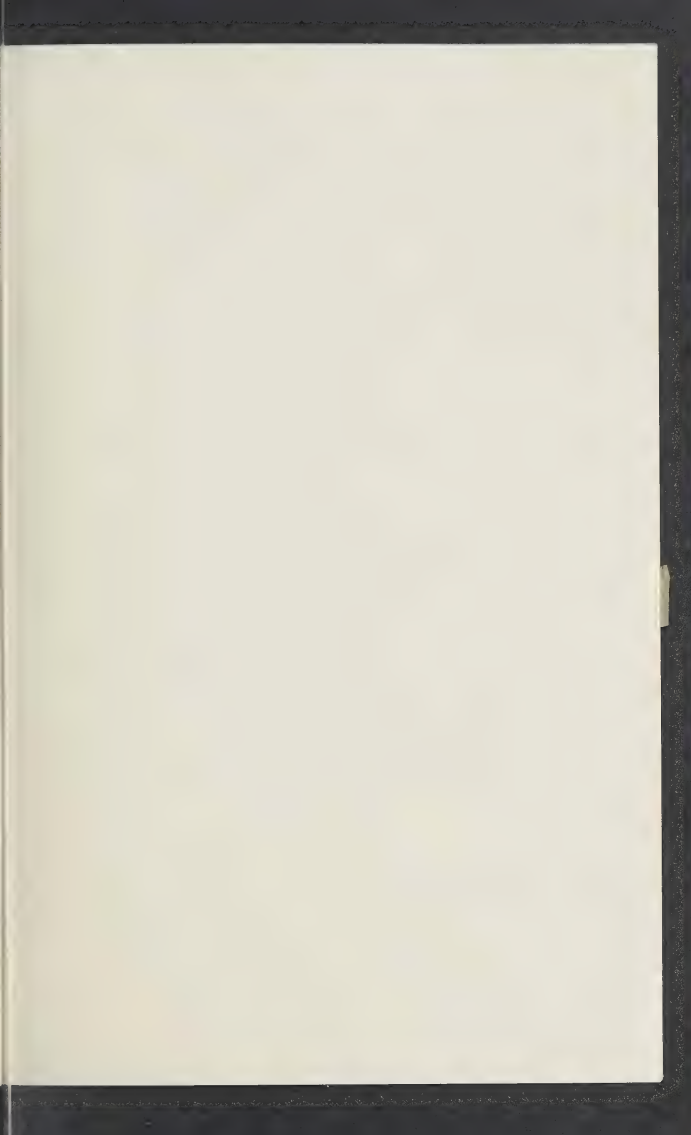
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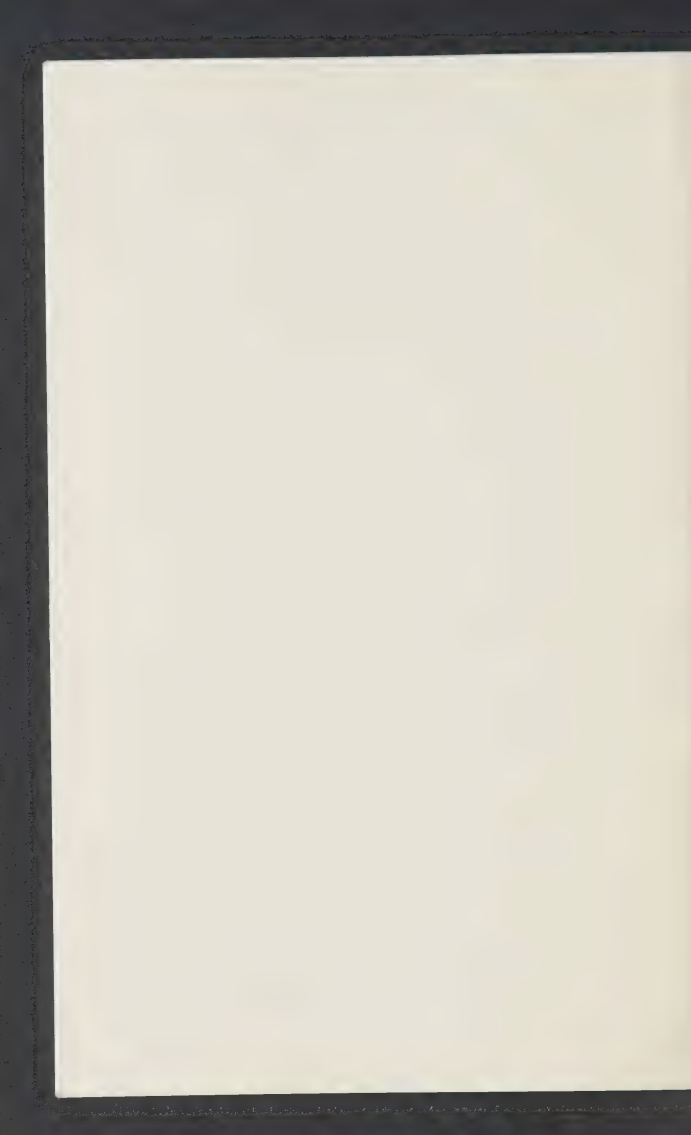
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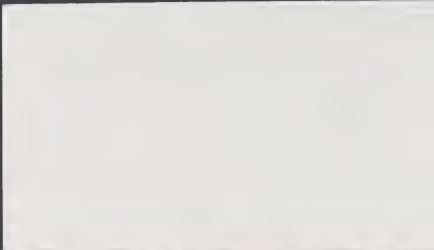
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Update on Bader Initiatives

January 8, 1995

Bader Award for the Research of Baroque Painting:

Applications deadline has been moved to January 31, 1996 (from December 31 in past years). So far we have no applicants; Chris Harwood and Milena Bartlova are confident that we will get some; Chris will send out another bunch of leaflets and posters to relevant schools and will follow up with professors about encouraging students to apply.

Chemistry Award

The 1995 award process went smoothly; Chris Harwood participated in the final selection meeting and was confident that the selection was made fairly and in a transparent manner. The winner of the award was Dr. Martin Smrcina, a 34-year-old chemist from the Organic Chemistry Department of Charles University. We are now dealing with the Czech Chemistry Society on the last details of the accounting.

Other initiatives

PhD Fellowships: see attached page

Milena Bartlova

A grant of \$10,000 over 3 years to help Milena with continuing studies in Gothic Art History...to be given in 3 one year installments? or in one payment? Please advise.

Tolerance Foundation

We received \$1,000 for the Tolerance Foundation on August 21, 1995. The funds were granted to Tolerance on October 17 (delays in the Tolerance Foundation setting up a bank account to receive the funds). A brief report on how the funds are used is due on March 31, 1996.

Cooperation of Austrian and Czech Chemists

Suggestion of assistance to help Czech and Austrian chemists meet and create linkages on a regular basis.

Owing

M. Lena	\$ 10 000
Tolerance	1 000
Bino	2 000
Clonice	2 000
Overhead	5 000
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	20 000 —



ALFRED BADER FINE ARTS

DR. ALFRED BADER

ESTABLISHED 1961

January 4, 1995

Via Fax 212 332 2898

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Dear Mrs. Luers:

Isabel and I look forward to being in New York for the old master sales at Sotheby's and Christie's from Tuesday the 10th to Sunday the 15th.

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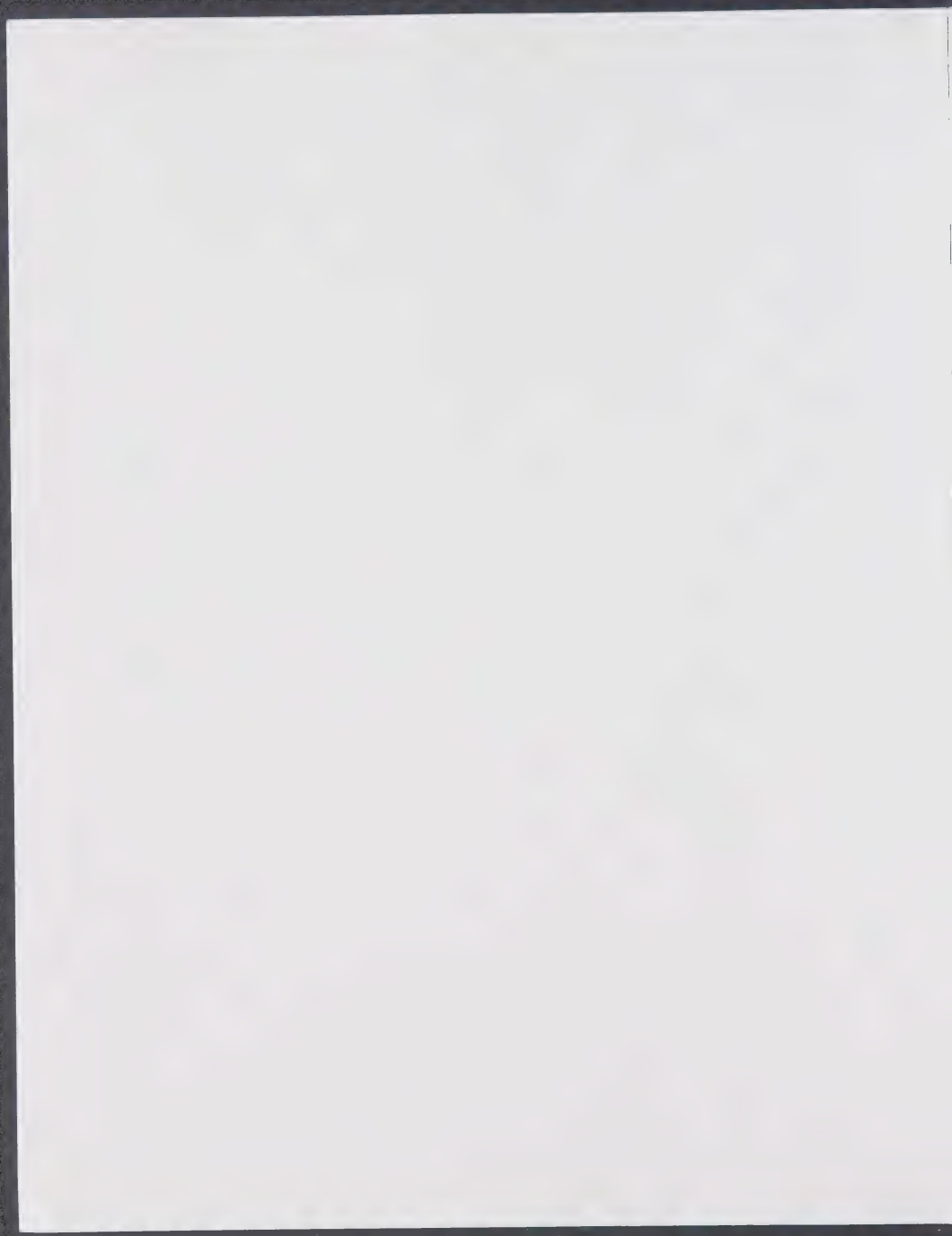
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All good wishes for a Happy New Year to you and Hannah.

Sincerely,

c: Ms. Hannah Evans

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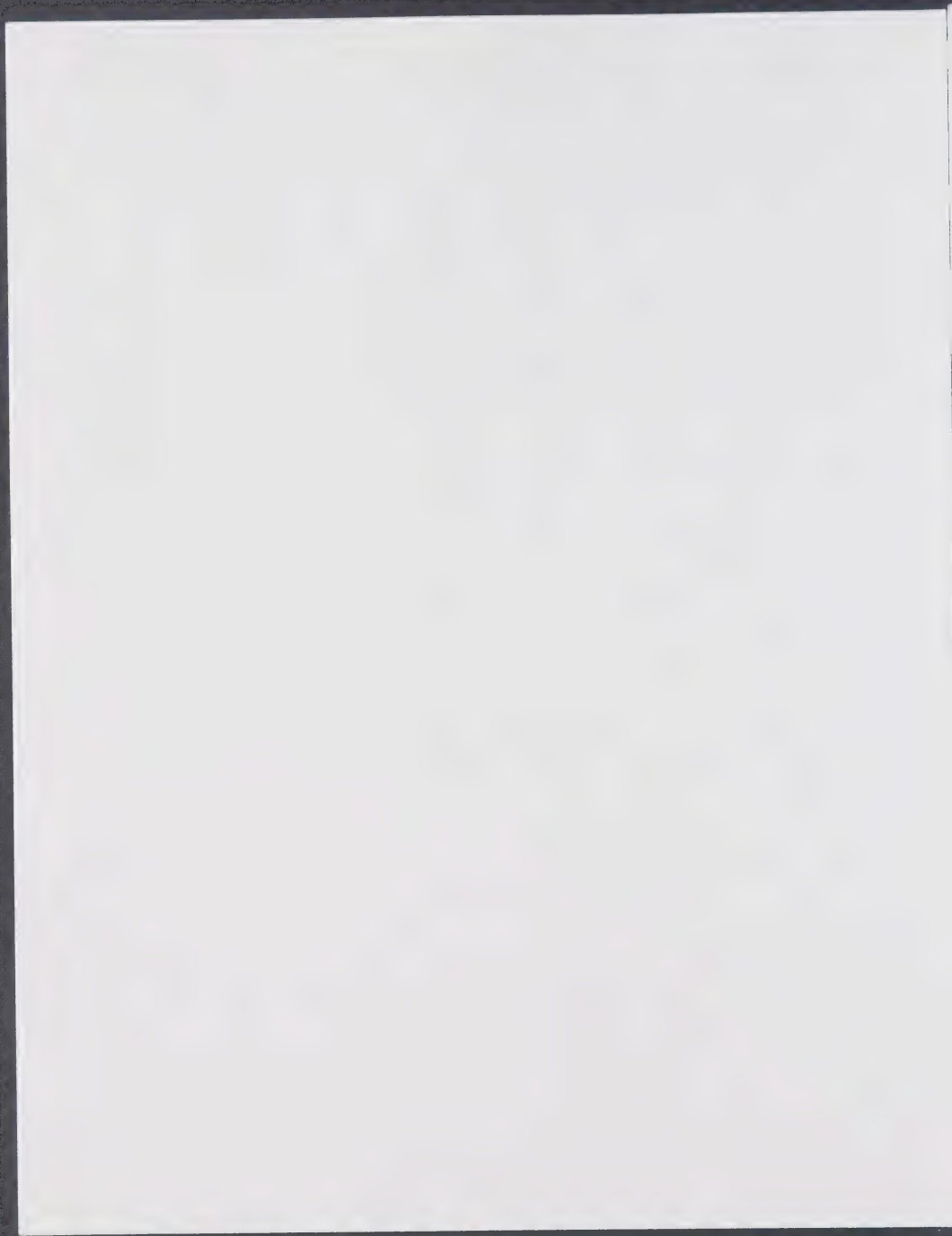
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BADEROVO STIPENDIUM

pro výzkum barokního malířství na rok 1995–96

Dr. Alfred Bader, americký chemik, podnikatel, sběratel a mecenáš vypisuje třetí ročník svého stipendia na podporu výzkumu evropského malířství 17. století, jež je určeno pro mladé badatele z České republiky. Stipendium je poskytováno prostřednictvím The Foundation for a Civil Society.

Podmínky pro udělení stipendia na akademický rok 1995–96 jsou následující:

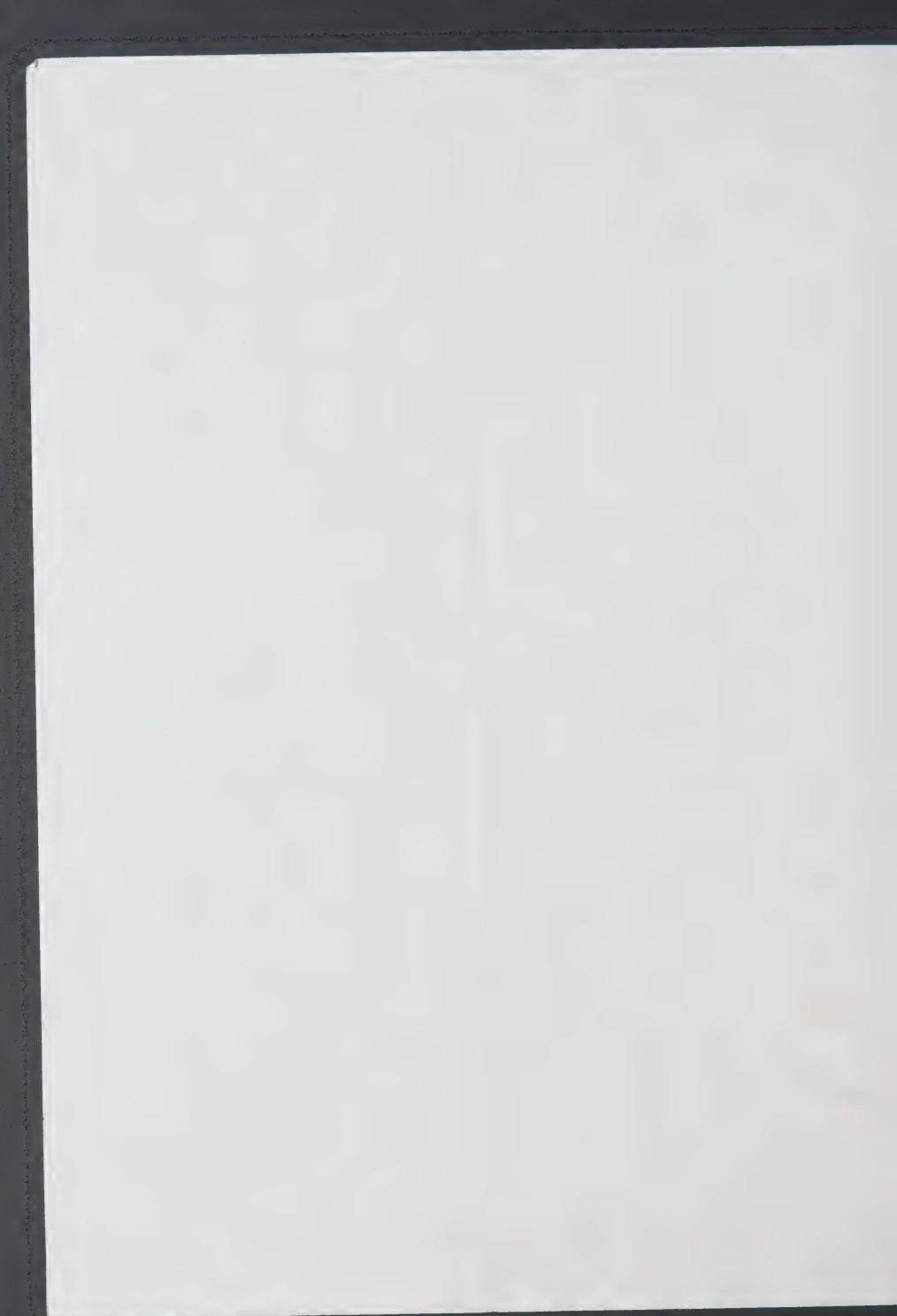
- Žadatel(ka) by měl být studentem katedry historie umění a mladší než třicet let.
- Žadatel předloží projekt na využití stipendia, který musí specifikovat umělce, skupinu nebo lokální školu umění 17. století, jejichž výzkumu se bude věnovat mimo území České republiky.
- Nositel stipendia se bude muset zavázat, že A) po ukončení studijní cesty se vrátí zpět do České republiky, B) při jakékoli publikaci výsledků získaných na této cestě uvede, že jich bylo dosaženo za pomoci Baderova stipendia.
- Předpokládá se, že výsledky studijní cesty budou shrnuty písemným způsobem nebo využity pro přípravu rozsáhlejší písemné práce: způsob eseje nebo publikace je libovolný.

Stipendium na rok 1995–96 činí opět **USD 15,000**. Žadatelé se mohou přihlásit buď o celé stipendium (cesta na dobu 6 měsíců), nebo o jeho část (USD 5,000., cesta na 2 měsíce).

Žadatelé budou posuzováni zejména podle kvality předkládaného projektu. Výběr žadatelů provede Dr. Milena Bartlová, na základě konzultace s Uměleckohistorickou společností a za pomoci vyjádření vysokoškolských pedagogů, u kterých žadatelé studují.

Žádosti je třeba zaslat na adresu: **Milena Bartlová**
8. listopadu 58
16900 Praha 6

tak, aby došly nejpozději **31. prosince 1994**. Nositelé stipendia budou vyzooměni do 31. ledna 1995, svou cestu mohou nastoupit od konce akademického roku na jaře 1995, nejpozději však do 1. října 1995. Veškeré dotazy a nejasnosti vám zodpovíme na uvedené adrese.



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Quality Tourism in the Czech Republic

At the request of the **Ministry of Economy** of the Czech Republic, and with the generous support of the **American Express Company**, the **Foundation for a Civil Society** convened a one-day seminar entitled "Quality Tourism in the Czech Republic" on 30 September 1994. The guest of honor at the conference in New York City was Karel Dyba, Minister of Economy of the Czech Republic, who was accompanied by Jiří Čech, Director of the **Department of Tourism** at the Ministry, as well as Josef Nejd, Director of the newly established **Czech Tourist Authority**.

In her opening remarks, Wendy W. Luers, President of the Foundation for a Civil Society, discussed the value of coordinating businesses, nonprofit organizations and government agencies in the development of the tourism industry. Because of its involvement with historic preservation, community revitalization and the overall promotion of civil society, the Foundation was pleased to generate a discussion of quality tourism in the Czech Republic. Mrs. Luers expressed hope that the conference would bring attention to issues facing the Ministry of Economy in its capacity of overseeing tourism and would elicit recommendations about the future development of the tourism industry in the Czech Republic from participants.

Tourism is the largest industry in the world and the second largest income producer in the Czech Republic. Minister Dyba reported that tourism is the fastest growing industry in his country, supplying 6-8 percent of GDP, more than 10-15 percent of export revenues and greatly (*continued on page 5*)



On 3 October 1994 Josef Zieleniec, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic (above left), joined (left to right) Wendy W. Luers, President of the Foundation for a Civil Society; Mrs. Donna Giuliani, First Lady of the City of New York; Schuyler G. Chapin, City Commissioner of Cultural Affairs; Peter Duchin, Vice Chairman of New York State Council on the Arts; and Anita Contini, Vice President and Artistic Director of Arts & Events, Olympia & York, to officially open the "Celebrate Prague in New York Festival" at the World Financial Center. (*For more on the festival, see page 4.*)

GRANTS RECENTLY AWARDED TO THE FOUNDATION FOR A CIVIL SOCIETY

The Foundation for a Civil Society Newsletter

The Foundation for a Civil Society strives to mobilize human and financial resources to support projects that develop and strengthen democracy, civil society, the rule of law and a free market economy in the Czech and Slovak Republics. The Foundation was established immediately after the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia and is directed by Wendy W. Luers, wife of former American Ambassador to Czechoslovakia (1983-86), William H. Luers.

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●We are pleased to announce that we have been recommended by the **USAID Missions** in Prague and Bratislava to lead the Czech and Slovak country programs of the **Democracy Network Program**. The Democracy Commission in each country, under the guidance of the United States Ambassador, works in cooperation with the USAID Mission.

The Democracy Network Program is designed to develop and strengthen the community of public policy-oriented nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in Central and Eastern Europe. As announced by President Clinton in Prague in January 1994, the program will provide up to \$30 million in U.S. Agency for International Development funding over the next three years through cooperative agreements with U.S. NGOs operating throughout the region. The Slovak Program will run for three years and will be funded at \$3 million. The Czech Program will run for two years and will be funded at \$1.5 million.

The country programs of the Democracy Network Program will provide support through a subgrants program and through practical training and technical assistance designed to assure long-term sustainability of the indigenous recipient NGOs.

●**The Expert Advisors Program** has received \$900,000 in renewed support over two years from **The Pew Charitable Trusts** and the **Ford Foundation**. The Expert Advisors Program provides long-term technical assistance to national and local government institutions in the Czech and Slovak Republics and aims to match experts in economic development and financial policy with ministries, local government offices and agencies where a concrete demand for assistance exists. (See back page for further acknowledgements.)

●**The Pew Charitable Trusts** has also recently awarded a \$60,000 grant to the **Center for Economic Development** in Slovakia through the Foundation for a Civil Society. The grant will support research and special events on the privatization of the banking sector and the reform of bankruptcy regulation in Slovakia. (See page 7 for more details on the Center for Economic Development.)

●**The Project on Justice in Times of Transition** was recently awarded the following grants: **The Compton Foundation** contributed \$4,900 to cover part of the travel costs for American participants in the Project's workshop in Albania on the freedom of expression in postcommunist Europe. **The Rockefeller Family and Associates** contributed \$5000 toward the same initiative. **The Winston Foundation for World Peace** granted \$12,000 to cover the costs of creating a documentary film of the Project's June 1994 conference in Managua, Nicaragua entitled "Reconciliation in Times of Transition." **The Joyce Mertz Gilmore Foundation** granted \$30,000 for general support of the Project.

●**The William Randolph Hearst Family** awarded \$50,000 to the Foundation for a Civil Society. Of this, \$16,000 was allocated for the **Masaryk Fellowship Program** and \$34,000 for the **Secondary School Scholarship Program**.

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Freedom of Expression in the Postcommunist Countries

The Project on Justice in Times of Transition Cosponsors Regional Workshop in Tirana, Albania

The Project on Justice in Times of Transition of the Foundation for a Civil Society, the International Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights and the Open Society Foundation for Albania cosponsored a workshop entitled "The Freedom of Expression in the Postcommunist Countries," on 20-22 November 1994, in Tirana, Albania.

Crude attempts to control the media have been reported throughout the postcommunist world. In many countries of the region, there are provisions in the penal codes imposing unnecessary and excessive restrictions on the right to the freedom of expression. While some of these laws are vestiges of the prior era, many have been enacted in the years since the fall of communism. Limited restrictions on the right to the freedom of expression are permitted by the European Covenant on Human Rights, but only within strictly defined circumstances. There is a need in the countries of postcommunist Europe for a public discussion about what legal provisions are sufficient to protect the legitimate interests of the state, including national security, territorial integrity, public safety and the maintenance of the authority and impartiality of the judiciary.

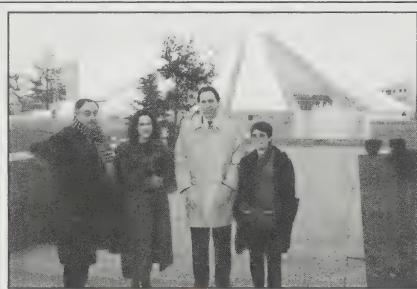
The Tirana workshop addressed a number of the issues related to the current and often-contentious debate over the freedom of expression/freedom of the press in the formerly communist countries of Eastern and Central Europe. The meeting brought parliamentarians, media professionals and human rights activists from throughout the Balkans together with their counterparts from Central, Eastern and Western Europe, and the United States to discuss the importance of the freedom of expression and its role in the fragile, developing democracies of the region.

The Project on Justice in Times of Transition was one of the principal organizers of the meeting and, in this capacity, assisted in the substantive design of the workshop. The Project was also responsible for securing the participation of four American panelists for the workshop: **Seth Efron** (Journalist, *The Insider* [Raleigh]), a former Nieman Fellow who currently reports on North Carolina state government and politics; **Josh Friedman** (Journalist, *New York Newsday*), a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter who has covered international and immigration issues for a number of years and who also is a part-time professor

at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism; **Peter Krug** (Associate Professor, University of Oklahoma College of Law and Associate Editor, *Post-Soviet Media Law & Policy Newsletter*), whose recent work has focused on human rights and mass communications law; and **Wendell Rawls** (Screenwriter, Producer and Communications Consultant [Atlanta]), a reporter and editor for twenty-five years, who was awarded a Pulitzer Prize in 1977. Among the topics addressed by the American participants in the meeting were the criminal prosecution of journalists, the right to information, journalistic ethics and, more broadly, the role of a free press in a democracy.

The workshop was well-attended by prominent members of the Albanian government and both the state-controlled and independent media of Albania. It drew over 100 representatives from sixteen countries including Bulgaria, Hungary, Macedonia, Romania and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Among the distinguished participants from Central and Eastern Europe were: **Konstanty Gebert**, a political commentator for *Gazeta Wyborcza* (Poland); **Gabor Halmay**, a member of the Hungarian Constitutional Court; and **Veton Surroj**, the Editor-in-Chief of *Koha* (Kosovo). The meeting received widespread newspaper and television coverage in Albania.

By involving not only those groups with a long-standing commitment to the freedom of expression (independent journalists and human rights advocates) but also parliamentarians and other policymakers from throughout postcommunist Europe, the workshop increased the profile of this issue in the region. In addition, the discussions which took place at the workshop furthered the current debate about the extent to which Western democratic models of free expression and legal guarantees of this freedom can and should be adapted to the situation in East Central Europe.



Tirana, Albania, in front of "the Pyramid," the intended tomb of former leader Enver Hoxha. Egon Lánský, Political Analyst, Czech Rep.; Elizabeth Bruch, Civic Education Project lecturer in Slovakia; Eric S. Nonacs, Project Director, The Project on Justice in Times of Transition; and Sylvia Hordosch, Int. Helsinki Federation for Human Rights.

Since its inception in March 1992, the Project on Justice in Times of Transition has been uniquely active in aiding the emerging democracies of Eastern and Central Europe, the former Soviet Union and Latin America in coming to terms with their authoritarian or totalitarian pasts. The Project has been very successful in bringing decisionmakers who have had actual, high-level experience in dealing with transitional justice issues together with leaders from countries currently dealing with the difficult questions raised during the transition to democracy.

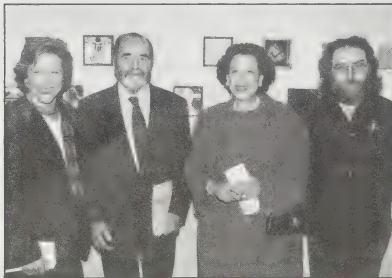
Celebrate Prague in New York Festival

The *Celebrate Prague in New York Festival* was opened on October 3rd at the World Financial Center by the Foreign Minister of the Czech Republic, Mr. Josef Zieleniec, and the First Lady of the City of New York, Mrs. Donna Hanover Giuliani. Highlights of the festival included **A Salute to the Literature of Prague** organized by Mrs. Suzanna Halsey of Ex Libris Czechoslovakia. Czech literature ranging from Karel Čapek to Ivan Klíma to Sylva Fišerová was read to a full auditorium by literary luminaries such as Rose Styron, Kurt Vonnegut and Allen Ginsberg. **Impermanent Places: Seven Installations from Prague**, curated by Charlotta Kotik and Joska Skalník, included works by contemporary Czech artists David Černý, Magdalena Jetelová, Ivan Kafka, Martin Mainer, Adéla Matasová, František Skála and Margita Titlová -Ylovsky.



At the opening ceremony of the *Celebrate Prague in New York Festival*, Klára Píková, Secondary School Scholarship student at Williston-Norhampton; Ivan Klíma, contemporary Czech author; Petra Ševčíková, Secondary School Scholarship student at Williston-Norhampton; and Mitchell Reznick, Program Officer for the Masaryk Fellowship Program and the Secondary School Scholarship Program.

On October 28th, as part of the Celebrate Prague festivities, **American Express** hosted a **Roundtable on Czech Culture** with honored guest Pavel Tigrid, Minister of Culture of the Czech Republic. Participants discussed the role of the state in financing culture and the problems that Czech artists and cultural institutions face today in funding their projects. Minister Tigrid acknowledged that the state has a role to play in supporting the arts, especially in supporting and promoting those groups which cannot survive without state support. Participants urged him to review the funding structure of the arts in the Czech Republic and to create a system through which small grants are made available to artists and cultural institutions. Wendy Luers, President of the Foundation for a Civil Society, emphasized the important role that the tourism industry can play in the future of Czech culture and that coordination with other ministries, such as the Ministry of Economy, can be an effective way to face the challenges of a reduced pool of funds.



Following the discussion, Minister Tigrid and Kitty Carlisle Hart, New York State Commissioner for the Arts, opened the **Minisalon** exhibition in the Courtyard Gallery of the World Financial Center (*see above photo*). The Minisalon exhibit, which was curated by Joska Skalník (*above photo, far right*) with assistance from Artforum-Jazz Section, consists of 244 works created by Czech artists in 1984, each placed in a 6" x 6" x 2" box. Hidden during the remaining communist years, the exhibit was unveiled after the Velvet Revolution and has been declared a national treasure of the Czech Republic.



Among the participating Czech artists at the opening ceremony of the *Celebrate Prague in New York Festival* were Adéla Matasová, Charlotta Kotik (curator), Ivan Kafka, Margita Titlová -Ylovsky, Martin Mainer and David Černý.

Quality Tourism *(continued from page 1)*

contributing to the stability of the Czech crown. Tourism generated foreign exchange revenue totalling an estimated \$2 billion in 1994. Rick Miller, Vice President of the **World Travel and Tourism Council** (WTTC), commented that governments worldwide are long overdue in recognizing the economic power of tourism. The WTTC estimates that the tourism industry in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe will double over the next decade. With some 25,000-36,000 historic monuments in the Czech Republic, there is, as John Stubbs of the **World Monuments Fund** suggested, "an embarrassment of riches" ready for renovation and/or development. While recognizing that the Czech Republic is far ahead of its neighbors in terms of the speed and quality of improvements in the tourism industry, there are serious issues to consider with respect to the control and management of this kind of growth.

"Quality tourism should have the greatest economic impact and the least environmental impact,"

Stephen Morello, President and CEO, New York Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Before turning to some of the problems faced by the Czech Republic, the group discussed the meaning of quality tourism. The definition, which emerged as a set of suggested goals, was: fewer people staying more nights and spending more money, making more visits outside of Prague and repeated visits to the Czech Republic. As Stephen Morello, President and CEO, **New York Convention and Visitors Bureau** put it: "Quality tourism should have the greatest economic impact and the least environmental impact."

With this in mind, the group considered the challenges the Czech Republic faces. All agreed that a key problem is "Prague-o-centrism." There is tremendous congestion in Prague and a resulting concern that, like Venice and Florence, its beauty and splendor will become endangered. Stephen Morello also commented that visitor spending has to be high enough to financially support the infrastructure of the destination and prevent its degradation. The average tourist in New York City spends about \$165 a day. The average for the rest of the United States is \$90 a day. Minister Dyba reported that a tourist in the Czech Republic spends an average of only \$35 a day. Mr. Morello was sympathetic and commented that there can only be a synergy between tourism and quality of life if there is enough capital to reinvest in infrastructure.

While the Minister was confident about future development of the industry, he was keenly aware of the need to introduce travelers to the rest of the Czech Republic in order to increase the average expenditure and length of stay. The single greatest obstacle here is the lack of sufficient information

available to encourage tourists to go elsewhere in the country. In order to have a "quality experience" tourists must have access to accurate information enabling them to make independent decisions about where to go. Participants agreed that this information needs to be available to travelers before they travel to the Czech Republic.

The Minister pointed out that one problem in providing information to tourists has been that they do not enter the country through a central location. Only 2 percent of tourists arrive via airplane and almost 90 percent arrive via automobile. The **Czech Tourist Authority** was established to develop proper information and globally promote the Czech Republic as a destination. To date, the Czech Tourist Authority has opened offices in Berlin and Vienna, one is soon to open in New York, and Paris and Brussels are being considered as future sites. The Czech embassies worldwide are also increasingly providing improved information on travel in the Czech Republic, and the **Czech and Slovak Service Center** has established an 800 number (1-800-YPRAGUE) in the United States to help provide information to travelers at the planning stage.

Another method of promoting travel to the Czech countryside and improving management of the environmental impact of tourism is the promotion of what John Stubbs referred to as adventure tourism (biking, boating, walking) and thematic tour routes (architecture, military, religious, art, archeology, rivers, antiques, wine, hunting, beer). Here the chief challenge is engaging the tourist in the subject at hand. This kind of travel appeals especially to the American market, and there is considerable growth potential for it in the Czech Republic. This is the sort of tourism which arouses interest in and provides an income stream to the regions.

Several smaller-scale efforts were presented to the Minister to underscore how and where quality tourism is already succeeding. Lubomir Chmelar described **Greenways/Zelené Stezky**, a nonprofit organization whose goal is to work with local communities to preserve the historic towns and countryside of Bohemia and Moravia through the creation and promotion of a walkway from Vienna to Prague. Towns along the route are brought into an organized grouping in which ideas and experiences with small scale tourism management are exchanged and training in hotel management or English (through the Foundation for a Civil Society's Masaryk Fellowship Program) is made available. **Greenways/Zelené Stezky**, which is modeled after the Hudson Valley Greenway, is promoted abroad as a tourist destination, similar to the Loire Valley in France or the Romantische Strasse in Germany. Biking, horseback riding and walks are organized throughout the nearby countryside.

Many historic castles and properties have been restituted to private owners who now face the challenges of generating tourism to support the renovation and upkeep of these magnificent monuments. In 1990, the **Lobkowicz** family received ninety-nine castles and connected lands, containing a brewery, a mineral water spring, a winery, manuscripts, books and a spa. But, as William Lobkowicz described, the wealth of *(continued on next page)*

(continued from page 5) cultural and historic monuments for which the Lobkowicz's are now caretakers requires significant funds to preserve and to develop sensibly. They have been "thrown into" the tourism industry and have responded creatively by initiating public/private partnerships with the Czech government, developing conference facilities, opening castles to the public and orchestrating music festivals in their restituted castles—all the while involving the local communities.

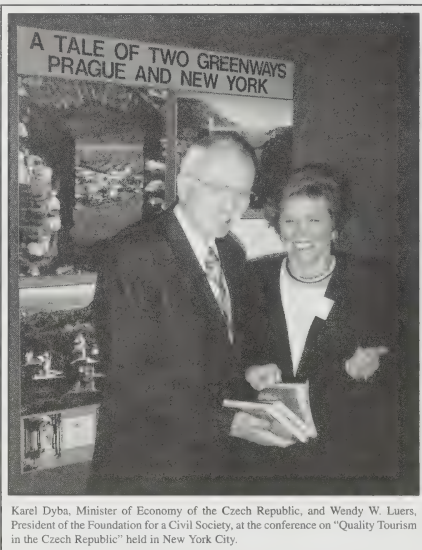
The **Project for Public Spaces** also focuses on the importance of citizen involvement in community development. Fred Kent, President of the Project for Public Spaces, expressed concern about the possibilities of downtowns becoming choked by traffic and less accessible to pedestrians, having fewer parks and more shopping centers, and bland new buildings replacing historical ones. Based on the Project for Public Spaces' work in three demonstration towns in the Czech Republic—Brno, Tábor and Blatná—he felt there is evidence that this kind of development is beginning to appeal to some in the Czech Republic and pointed out that this will only discourage tourism. Instead, regional communities can be encouraged to focus on small scale, timely projects, such as maintenance and security issues, markets, activities, design improvements, traffic and transportation. A community which feels ownership and pride in its town lays the foundation for a quality tourism experience. Tourists will have more respect for, spend more time in and return to such a town.

James Harff, President of **Ruder Finn Global Public Affairs**, pointed out that larger tourism industry associations and smaller efforts like those described can work simultaneously and actually benefit from one another. "The large operators will provide a consistent source of income while smaller, more specific niche tourism can be developed over the long-term," Harff said. For the short-term, both David Parry, Chairman of the **American Tourism Society**, and Don Daly, Vice President of **American Express Travel Related Services**, spoke of the useful role large industry associations can play in providing an economic boost to the tourism industry as a whole. The 1988 meeting of the **American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA)** in Budapest made Hungary an attractive tourist destination. ASTA as well as the **US Tour Operators Association (USTOA)** could be invited to hold

meetings in the Czech Republic. "Once they see it, they sell it," Daly said. This, in combination with effective use of the media, can attract people at a relatively low cost.

The Minister took note of these efforts and was also particularly interested in the effective use of market data for future planning and policy making. Stephen Morello remarked that the statistics he presented were the result of cooperation between city and state governments, and research funded by the **Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Port Authority** and, importantly, cultural institutions. The Ministry of Economy might consider entering into a joint effort with the Ministry of Culture and the tourism industry in the Czech Republic to conduct a study on the economic impact of cultural tourism. This kind of study, such as *Tourism and the Arts*, which resulted from a joint effort by the **Port Authority of NY and NJ, the Alliance of the Arts, the New York City Partnership** and the **Partnership for New Jersey**, has been very useful to cities and states throughout the United States.

Another resource was offered to the Minister by Colin Reeve, **American Express Vice-President and General Manager for Central and Eastern Europe**. He noted that the American Express Travel Office in Prague received more than 130,000 people in 1993. These people are both a source of information and prime candidates for receiving information on travel options outside of Prague. By surveying them, considerable market research can be achieved quickly and at a negligible cost. Mr. Reeve conveyed the willingness of American Express to share this information with the Ministry and to help formulate some answers as to why people decide to visit Prague.



Karel Dyba, Minister of Economy of the Czech Republic, and Wendy W. Luers, President of the Foundation for a Civil Society, at the conference on "Quality Tourism in the Czech Republic" held in New York City.

At the end of the seminar, the Minister thanked the participants for their many valuable suggestions. The Foundation will remain involved in the development of quality tourism in the Czech Republic from several vantage points: by facilitating the flow of information from major sources such as the NY Convention and Visitors Bureau and the American Express Company; by continuing its work with locally-oriented efforts such as Greenways/Zelené Stezky, the Lobkowicz family and the Project for Public Spaces; and by helping the various public and private Czech organizations involved with tourism to coordinate policy, information-sharing and long-term planning.

Nonprofit Link

Nonprofit Link is a column dedicated to promoting communication between individuals and organizations interested in nonprofit organizations in the Czech and Slovak Republics by focusing on a different NGO in each quarterly issue of the Foundation for a Civil Society Newsletter. If your NGO is interested in being highlighted in this column, please send information to the New York office of the Foundation for a Civil Society.

Center for Economic Development

The Center for Economic Development (CED) is a new nonprofit organization that was founded in the fall of 1993 by three Slovak economists: Anna Pilková, Eugene Jurzyca and Andrej Juris. CED is dedicated to improving the understanding that policymakers and the Slovak general public have of the issues and processes involved in the economic transition from a centrally planned economy to a market based economy, in Slovakia as well as elsewhere. CED also intends to promote the involvement of private entrepreneurs in the transformation of the Slovak economy and to ensure private sector development in Slovakia. These goals are pursued by CED through a variety of programs and research initiatives. CED plans to conduct regular research on the economic development process in Slovakia and to organize conferences and workshops in which this research can be discussed and compared to the related experiences of other countries. CED will also be organizing educational programs in private entrepreneurship and in small- and medium-sized enterprise development, as well as sponsoring exchange programs for Slovak students of economics, business and international affairs.

A recent initiative that the Center for Economic Development began, with the assistance of grants they received from The Pew Charitable Trusts, through the Foundation for a Civil Society, and the Center for International Private Enterprise, involves the study of privatization legislation and regulation in Slovakia. This study will focus on the transportation and banking sectors, as well as on the impediments to bankruptcy legislation. In conjunction with this research, the CED also plans to hold seminars to discuss the results of the study and what they indicate about the Slovak economic transformation process. Specific policy options are also to be formulated.

Before becoming Executive Director of CED, Mr. Juris worked as the Advisor to the Chairman of the Antimonopoly Office of the Slovak Republic where he was directly involved in the planning of the privatization process. Mr. Juris has also worked as a consultant in the Private Sector Development Department of the World Bank.

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The 1994 Bader Award for Young Chemists

On 25 October 1994, the **Czech Chemical Society** and the **Foundation for a Civil Society** presented the first **Bader Award for Young Chemists** to Dr. Ivo Starý, currently doing post-doctoral research at the University of Geneva. The ceremony was held in Leblice Castle north of Prague, at a Czech Chemical Society conference entitled "Developments in Organic, Bio-organic, and Pharmaceutical Chemistry, 1994." Dr. Starý was awarded a bouquet, a scroll and a bank account containing 100,000 Czech crowns. After congratulations, champagne and



Elizabeth Suing, Program Officer at the Foundation for a Civil Society in Prague, and Dr. Ivo Starý, 1994 recipient of the Bader Award for Young Chemists.

hors d'oeuvres, Dr. Starý gave the convention's very first "Bader Lecture," in which he described the research that enabled him to receive this well-deserved award.

The Bader Award for Young Chemists was initiated and is sponsored by Dr. Alfred Bader, a Czech-born American chemist who founded Aldrich Chemical, one of the leading research chemical companies in the United States. Now engaged full-time in philanthropy, Dr. Bader is dedicated to promoting chemical research, as well as numerous other humanitarian initiatives. Through the Bader Award for Young Chemists, Dr. Bader hopes to support the fine tradition of great Czech chemists such as Josef Loschmidt and 1959 Nobel prize winner, Jaroslav Heyrovský.

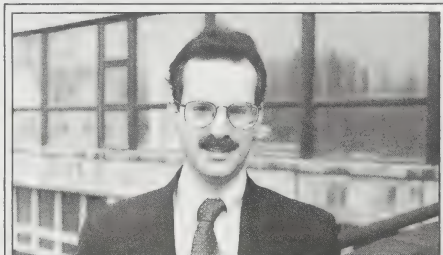
The Bader Award for Young Chemists is administered by the Czech Chemical Society and the Foundation for a Civil Society. The award is presented yearly to one organic or bio-organic chemist under the age of thirty-five whose research and publications are recognized as outstanding. Applications for the award are accepted in the spring by the Czech Chemical Society. The selection committee, headed by Dr. Oldřich Paleta, names a winner in the fall of each year. Interested applicants should send a curriculum vitae, reprints of publications, a summary of their work and a recommendation (optional) to the Czech Chemical Society, Pelléova ul. 24, 16000 Praha 6, by 15 July 1995.

Expert Advisor Profile: David Frankel

The Expert Advisors Program (EAP) was established by the Foundation for a Civil Society to serve as an effective means of engendering positive reform in the Czech and Slovak Republics by placing highly qualified Western specialists in key Czech and Slovak institutions on a long-term basis. The Program has been made possible through the generous support of the Ford Foundation and The Pew Charitable Trusts and with contributions by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the UNDP and the Samuel H. Kress Foundation.

In the spring of 1993, David Frankel became an Expert Advisor supported by the Foundation for a Civil Society at Slovakia's Ministry of Administration and Privatization of National Property. He was placed there in response to the Ministry's request for long-term technical assistance with the privatization process. David was a good match for the assignment as he had worked previously with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission in both the United States and Slovakia and is of Slovak descent. For David, the position represented a unique chance to provide need-based assistance to a postcommunist country while at the same time enabling him to revisit his Slovak heritage.

Immediately upon beginning his two year assignment at the Ministry, David created an open-door policy with his Slovak colleagues. David's willingness to help in any way possible and



David Frankel, Foundation for a Civil Society Expert Advisor

his ability to provide long-term assistance through the Expert Advisors Program were essential to his establishing trust and building strong relationships within the Ministry.

In late 1993, when Slovakia was trying to qualify for a World Bank loan, David represented the Ministry of Privatization in successful negotiations with the World Bank delegation. The Ministry greatly appreciated the insight David provided into the objectives and positions of the World Bank and other Western institutions. "He looks and sees things from the other side and knows what they are thinking," said the State Secretary of the Ministry of Privatization, Gabriel Palacka. In reference to State Secretary Palacka's inclusion of David in all his meetings with foreign delegates, David said, "I am very proud and comfortable to be the only non-Slovak who sits as a member of the Slovak delegation in international negotiations and conferences, sometimes across from U.S. government delegations."

Significant aspects of David's work at the Ministry involve assessing foreign companies interested in business opportunities in Slovakia and serving as an impartial mediator

between the Ministry and international organizations. "If my investigation leads me to conclude that foreign firms cannot keep their promises, I advise my client (the Ministry of Privatization) not to do business with them." David views the private, philanthropic source of his support as essential to his ability to present a neutral opinion. As he says, "The main advantage of working in Slovakia through the Expert Advisors Program is the independence it gives me...I am a completely independent source of advice, with no ax to grind."

Immediately after the Moravčík government took office in March 1994, David compiled a list of what he understood to be the most pressing needs of the Ministry. At the top of the list was the need to establish an extensive public education campaign that would explain to Slovak citizens the need for and the benefits of a market-based economy, foreign investment and privatization. One result of David's efforts was a \$425,000 commitment to the Ministry from EC-PHARE to support a media campaign explaining the benefits of the privatization plan. The media campaign ran concurrently with the country's second wave of its voucher privatization registration process. According to David, "Anyone who has been living here during the past few months--certainly since August--would have had to have had his head in the sand in order not to have seen the ads on TV, in newspapers as full-page ads, on the hundreds of billboards around the country--or heard them on Slovak radio--all promoting privatization." Largely as a result of this multi-media public relations campaign, more than 3.2 million citizens registered for the voucher booklets required to obtain shares in firms undergoing privatization.

When David's two year commitment ends this spring, one of the legacies of his work as an Expert Advisor will be the training courses he continues to establish for employees of the Slovak government. An OECD-sponsored course conceived by David sent forty-five economists, policymakers and professors from Slovakia to Vienna for a seminar on the transformation to a market-oriented economy. In the future, EC-PHARE-sponsored economics and business language-training courses for employees of government agencies and organizations will build on the Vienna seminar experience. "I am convinced that education is the path that will bring Slovakia forward," David said. "This program starts the long process."

By providing long-term technical assistance, the Expert Advisors Program aims to foster a context in which advisors and hosts can build relationships and work together to effectuate positive reform. Developing strong, professional relationships optimizes the mutual exchange of skills and experience. Together, the commitments of David Frankel and Ministry personnel have resulted in the kinds of successes which the Expert Advisors Program seeks to achieve.

The Masaryk Fellowship Program

The summer 1994 Masaryk Fellowship Program was a great success. The Foundation for a Civil Society placed sixty-five American and Canadian Masaryk Fellows in Prague and in five Slovak towns to teach English to more than 650 Czech and Slovak students. Many of the Masaryk Fellows praised the program for fulfilling its goal of teaching the English language while at the same time fostering bi-cultural exchange. In a letter to the Foundation, Dawn Patterson, a Masaryk Fellow who taught in Košice, Slovakia, wrote, "Learning went beyond the acquisition of English

language skills to encompass a real understanding of each other, as well as of our respective cultures." The program has also been praised by its Czech and Slovak students. One student from the July Banská Bystrica session wrote of his experience with Masaryk teacher Jennifer Dorsen, "We are being taught by professionals, and that makes a great difference. I have met lecturers who came here just to see Slovakia. But Jennifer knows how to hold our attention and what to explain."

Among last summer's highlights was the fiftieth anniversary of the Slovak National Uprising held on August 26th in Banská Bystrica. At the ceremonies, several Masaryk Fellows and their students had the opportunity to meet the United States Ambassador to the United Nations, Madeleine Albright, and the U.S. Secretary of the Army, Togo West. Among the Masaryk Fellows joining Foundation Program Officer Phil Barta at the ceremonies were Shawn Landres and Megan King. Shawn, a Masaryk Fellow in Banská Bystrica, also managed to help organize a donation of Rosh Hashanah -Yom Kippur prayer books and Torah books from Los Angeles-area synagogues to the Banská Bystrica Jewish community in time for the High Holy Days. Unexpected and spontaneous exchanges like this one are what make the Masaryk Fellowship Program a unique opportunity to advance cultural understanding.



Juraj Turčan, President of the Banská Bystrica Jewish Community (left), accepting Jewish prayer books that were donated by Los Angeles-area synagogues, at the Narodny Dom. Shawn Landers (right) is a Masaryk Fellow who helped organize the donation of the books during his summer stay in Banská Bystrica.

Plans are currently being made to expand the Masaryk Fellowship Program in both the Czech and Slovak Republics for summer 1995. In Slovakia, the Foundation will continue to work

with the Slovak Academic Information Agency (SAIA) to direct Masaryk Program expansion. In the Czech Republic, the Foundation will shift the emphasis of the program from Prague, where ESL courses are more accessible than in the years just after the Velvet Revolution, to small towns where there has been very little ESL instruction by native English speakers. To help expand the program in the Czech Republic, the Foundation will be working with Greenways/Zelené Stezky, a Moravia-based NGO. Greenways/Zelené Stezky is a Czech nongovernmental organization that has helped create a walkway from Vienna to Prague modeled after the Hudson Valley Greenway in upstate New York (see page 4). This collaboration will bring Masaryk Fellows to Czech towns such as Třebon, Bechyně, Sedlec-Prčice and Valtice.

Apply Now!!!!

The Foundation for a Civil Society is accepting applications for the 1995 Masaryk Fellowship Program until 10 March 1995. Applicants must be American or Canadian citizens with some teaching experience. They must also have health insurance that provides coverage while they are in the Czech or Slovak Republic. Please fax or e-mail Mitchell Reznick at the Foundation's New York office to receive information and an application.

The Secondary School Scholarship Program 1994-95

Nineteen outstanding Czech and Slovak students are currently studying in American and British host schools. The 1994-95 Secondary School Scholarship Program Host Schools are:

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- Crossroads School**
Santa Monica, CA
- Idyllwild School of Music & the Arts**
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- The Lawrenceville School**
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- The Peddie School**
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Recent Developments

CZECH REPUBLIC

• Local elections were held in the Czech Republic on 18-19 November 1994. Voter participation was 62.3 %. The results were as follows:

	% of selected candidates	% of votes won by party
ODS (Civic Dem. Party)	12.0%	28.7%
KSČM (Communist Party of Bohemia & Moravia)	10.5%	13.4%
ČSSD (Czech Social Democrats)	2.6%	8.1%
KDU-ČSL (Christian Dem. Union/CR People's Party)	13.3%	7.5%
ODA (Civic Democratic Alliance)	1.1%	6.5%
Other	**	35.8%*

*Includes independent candidates and smaller political parties. Representatives from 295 parties ran as candidates. Of candidates who ran in municipalities, 64.5% were nonparty members. Of candidates running for city district positions, 41.1% were independent candidates.

**Association of Independent Candidates: 39.1%. Unassociated Independent Candidates: 10.6%.

• Six major towns in the Czech Republic (Praha, Brno, Plzeň, Ostrava, Olomouc and Ústí nad Labem) elected mayors from the Civic Democratic Party.

• President Václav Havel's spokesperson, Ladislav Špaček, told ČTK on 21 November, "President Havel believes that the great number of votes obtained by independents, particularly in small communities, does not testify directly to the mistrust of political parties but reflects the fact that in places where people know one another better than in cities, voters prefer to cast their votes for an individual whom they know."

• Prime Minister Václav Klaus told ČTK that the results of the parliamentary elections confirm the results from the 1992 parliamentary elections. He noted that local elections held in democracies between the parliamentary elections often "signal a certain shift away from the government coalition parties." This was not the outcome of Czech local elections where voters "had again made clear their preference [for the coalition parties]."

• The Czech Statistics Office predicts the inflation rate will be 10.3% in 1994 and will fall to 9% in 1995. They also expected a slight growth in unemployment from 3.15% in September to 3.5% at the end of 1994.

• The U.S. Congressional Helsinki Commission voiced its opposition to the new Czech citizenship law. According to the Commission, the law particularly discriminates against the Romany minority and Slovaks living in the Czech Republic.

• The Czech parliament passed a bill to compensate victims of Nazi Germany's occupation of the Czech lands during the Second World War. Victims still living will receive 2,300 Kčs for every month spent in detention, while relatives of those who have died will receive a one-time payment of 100,000 Kčs.

SLOVAK REPUBLIC

• Elections for the Slovak National Parliament were held on 30 September - 1 October 1994. Voter participation was 75.6 %. The results were as follows:

	Parliamentary Seats	% of votes won by party
HZDS (Mov. for Dem. SL)	61	34.90%
MK (Hungarian Coalition)	17	10.18%
SPOLOČNÁ VOLBA (Common Choice)	18	10.41%
KDH (Christian Dem. Party)	17	7.34%
DU (Democratic Union)	15	8.57%
ZRS (Association of SL Workers)	13	5.40%
SNS (SL National Party)	9	
DS (Democratic Party)		- Did not reach the 5 % threshold required to enter Parliament.

• Local Elections for city council and mayoral races were held 18-19 November 1994. Voter participation was 54 %. The results were as follows:

	Mayoral Elections	Local Council Elections
Independent	28.84%	7.81%
DU	.71%	1.19%
HZDS	15.98%	23.06%
KDH	15.24%	20.50%
MK	8.87%	10.23%
SNS	2.10%	3.82%
SV	17.98%	15.87%
DS	2.31%	3.51%

Results of mayoral races in seven Slovak cities:

Bratislava	Peter Kresánek (re-elected, joint candidate of KDH, DU, DS, NDS)
Košice	Rudolf Schuster (re-elected independent candidate)
Banská Bystrica	Igor Prosperin (SDL)
Poprad	Štefan Kubik (KDH)
Rimavská Sobotka	Pavol Brndiar (SDL)
Komárno	Štefan Pasztor (independent)
Žilina	Ján Slotá (SNS)

• Real GDP growth for 1994 is estimated at 4.2 % compared to a decline in 1993 of 4.6 %. The estimated 1994 year-end inflation rate is 13.4 %; the 1993 year-end rate was 25.1%. Unemployment figures for late October 1994 were 14.2 % in the Slovak Republic. Bratislava, registered the lowest unemployment rate at 4.2 %, Rimavská Sobotka (Central Slovakia) the highest at 28.3 %.

• A total of approximately 3,425,000 Slovak citizens (out of a total 3.8 million eligible) registered for the second wave of coupon privatization. The preliminary investment round was to begin on 15 December 1994, but it was postponed indefinitely by the new government in late December. In early February they announced that the investment round would begin in July 1995.

TRAVEL GRANT PROGRAM

The Foundation for a Civil Society's Travel Grant Program provides small grants to Czechs and Slovaks who have been invited to the United States to participate in practical training courses, workshops, study tours and conferences. The program has been made possible through the generosity of the German Marshall Fund of the United States. Additional support has been received from the Isabel and Alfred Bader Foundation and the International Theater Institute of the United States. Recent travel grants include:

•Jan Figel, Slovak Parliamentarian. Mr. Figel visited New York City to meet with American NGO leaders to learn about their programs in support of Slovakia.

•Nora Dolanská, Professor of Journalism and Freelance Journalist on economic and international issues. Ms. Dolanská attended the Foundation for American Communications' week-long workshop on economic journalism held in San Francisco.

•Pavel Hartl, President of the Czech Society of Adult Education. Mr. Hartl attended a seminar and study tour on successful adult education and retraining programs in the United States and Canada that are applicable to the Czech Republic.

•Tomáš Černoušek and Jaroslav Novotný, members of the City Council, Olomouc, Czech Republic. Mr. Černoušek and Mr. Novotný traveled on a study tour of public institutions in Owensboro, Kentucky.

•Zuzana Jezerská, Television Journalist and President of Zonta Club Slovakia, a nonprofit organization promoting women in leadership worldwide. Ms. Jezerská attended the annual Zonta International Conference in Detroit and participated in a study tour of women's political organizations in Michigan.

•Jaroslav Maroušek and Martina Didušková, SEVEN (the Czech Center for Energy Efficiency). Mr. Maroušek and Ms. Didušková attended the American Council for Energy Efficient Economy summer study conference in Asilomar, California. The conference was followed by a series of meetings in California and Washington, DC with United States governmental and nongovernmental organizations.

•Helena Klímová, Executive Director, of the Tolerance Foundation and practicing psychotherapist in the Czech Republic. Ms. Klímová attended a workshop at the Taubman Center, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and gave lectures at several institutions on social tolerance and anti-Semitism in the Czech Republic.

•Anna Grusková, Theater Critic for Slovak newspaper *SME*. Ms. Grusková attended the week-long *International Chicago Seminar for Young Critics*.

Grants Recently Awarded to the Foundation for a Civil Society

(continued from page 2)

•**The Caulkins Family Foundation** granted \$2,100 to the Foundation's **Secondary School Scholarship Program**.

•In addition to supporting the **Chalupecky Award** for another three-year period, the **Trust for Mutual Understanding** contributed \$5,410 to the Foundation for a catalogue of the past four Chalupecky Award winners.

•**The Alfred Bader Award for the Research of Baroque Art**, administered by the Foundation, received renewed support from the **Isabel and Alfred Bader Foundation**. The Isabel and Alfred Bader Foundation additionally granted \$5,000 to help cover the Foundation's general support costs.

•**J.P. Morgan & Co. Incorporated** granted the Foundation \$15,000 to help cover general support costs.

•**The Rockefeller Brothers Fund** contributed \$125,000 over two years to the Foundation to help cover its general support costs.

•The Foundation for a Civil Society would like to thank **The Daniel and Joanna Rose Fund, Inc.**, the **Four Oaks Foundation**, **Random House Publishers** and **HarperCollins Publishers** for making the Foundation's contribution to the **61st World P.E.N. Congress** in Prague possible.

(See back page for further acknowledgements.)



Above are Arthur Miller, Playwright; Karel Dyta, Minister of Economy of the Czech Republic; Wendy W. Luers, President of the Foundation for a Civil Society; Pavel Tigrid, Minister of Culture of the Czech Republic; and Jiří Stránský, President of the Czech Center of P.E.N. at the 61st World P.E.N. Congress in Prague.

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The Rockefeller Brothers Fund was founded in 1940 as a vehicle through which the five sons and daughter of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. could share a source of advice and research on charitable activities and combine some of their philanthropies to better effect. Since June 1984, the principal part of the Fund's grantmaking program has been organized around the theme of One World, with two major components: sustainable resource use and world security. The Fund's other program interests are: promoting and sustaining a vital nonprofit sector, both nationally and internationally; improving the quality of life in New York City; strengthening the numbers and quality of teachers in public education in the United States; and improving the quality and accessibility of basic education for children and adults in South Africa.

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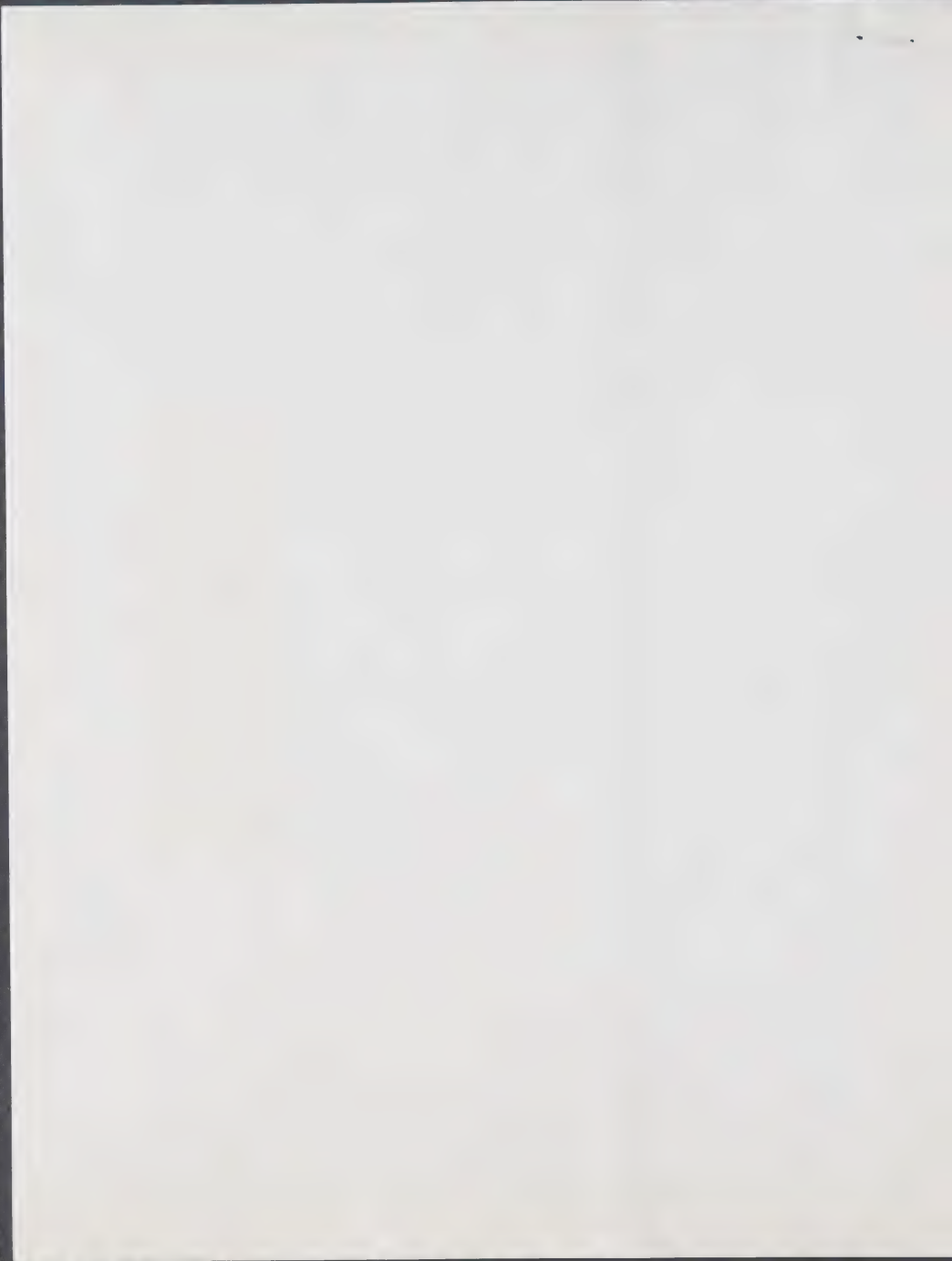
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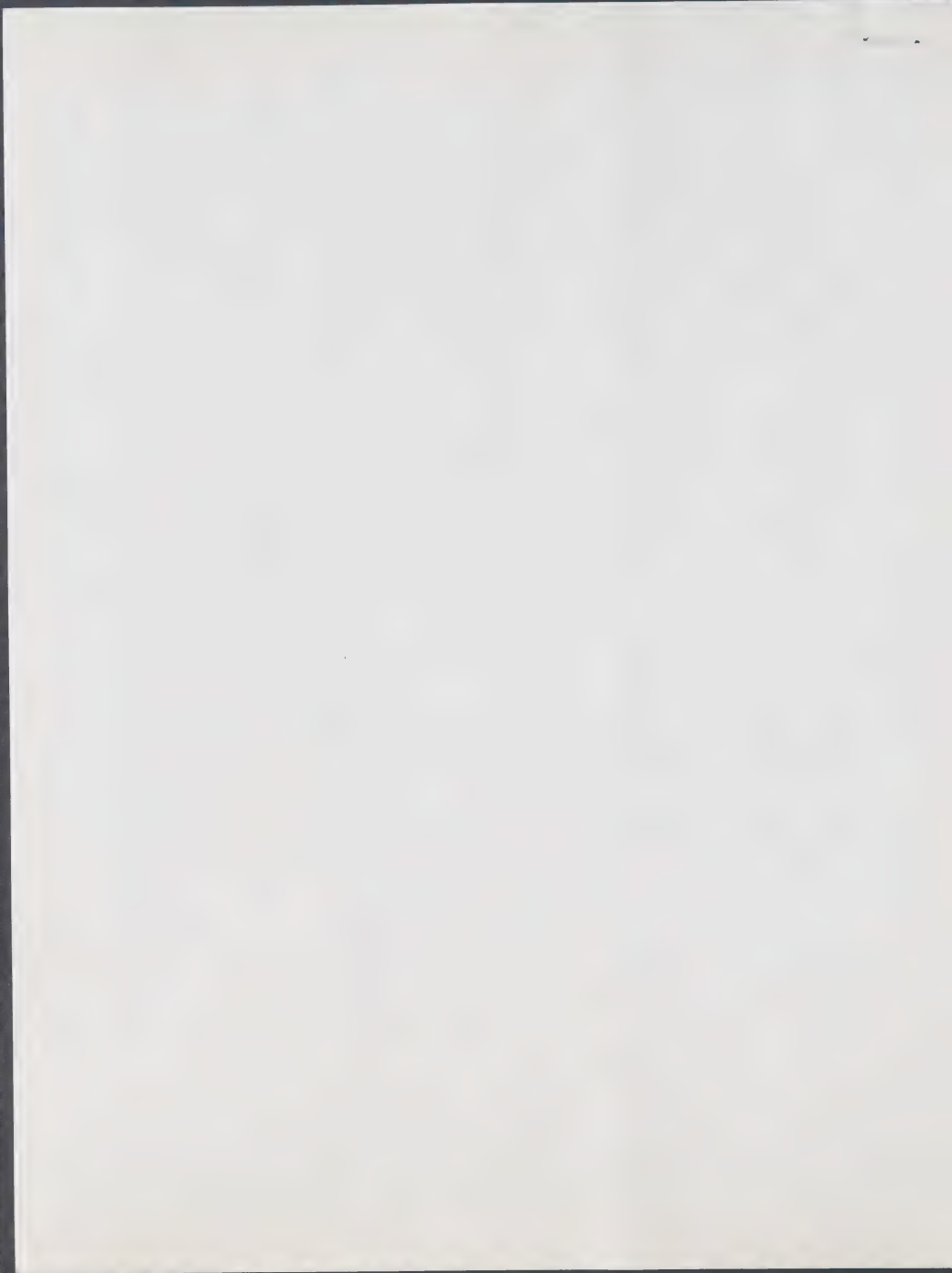
be clear, concise and get to the right people at the right time. It is also important to realize that for a direct impact, the obstacles to applying to work in the United States are considerable: standardized TOPTI and GRE tests are really barriers for the average student and the application materials are always daunting. Especially in a second language. Materials should be designed into the test cases. They should be in French which explain the whole process. Again, let me stress that Foundation is happy to assist and we can provide additional and contacts to the relevant institutions, but neither Elizabeth nor I feel particularly well-informed about the University of Pennsylvania's requirements to take any real action in providing the following:

To pass on to a less pressing, but no less important matter, Elizabeth has mentioned your continued interest in supporting an initiative in the French health community which you suggested when you were in France. If we are approached with any proposal which seems appropriate, I will certainly give that my best advice. Our own Institute interest is on local action. When I was chairman, the Program Office was involved in the American and Initiative, has left the foundation to help in development. Please let me know if you have any proposals for consideration of it and you would like to discuss, or provide additional details in a more active role for the Foundation for a civil society in your area.

Also, I wanted to thank you for communicating an appreciation of J. Edgar Hoover's 118th birthday. We have copies of the correspondence of you and the other.

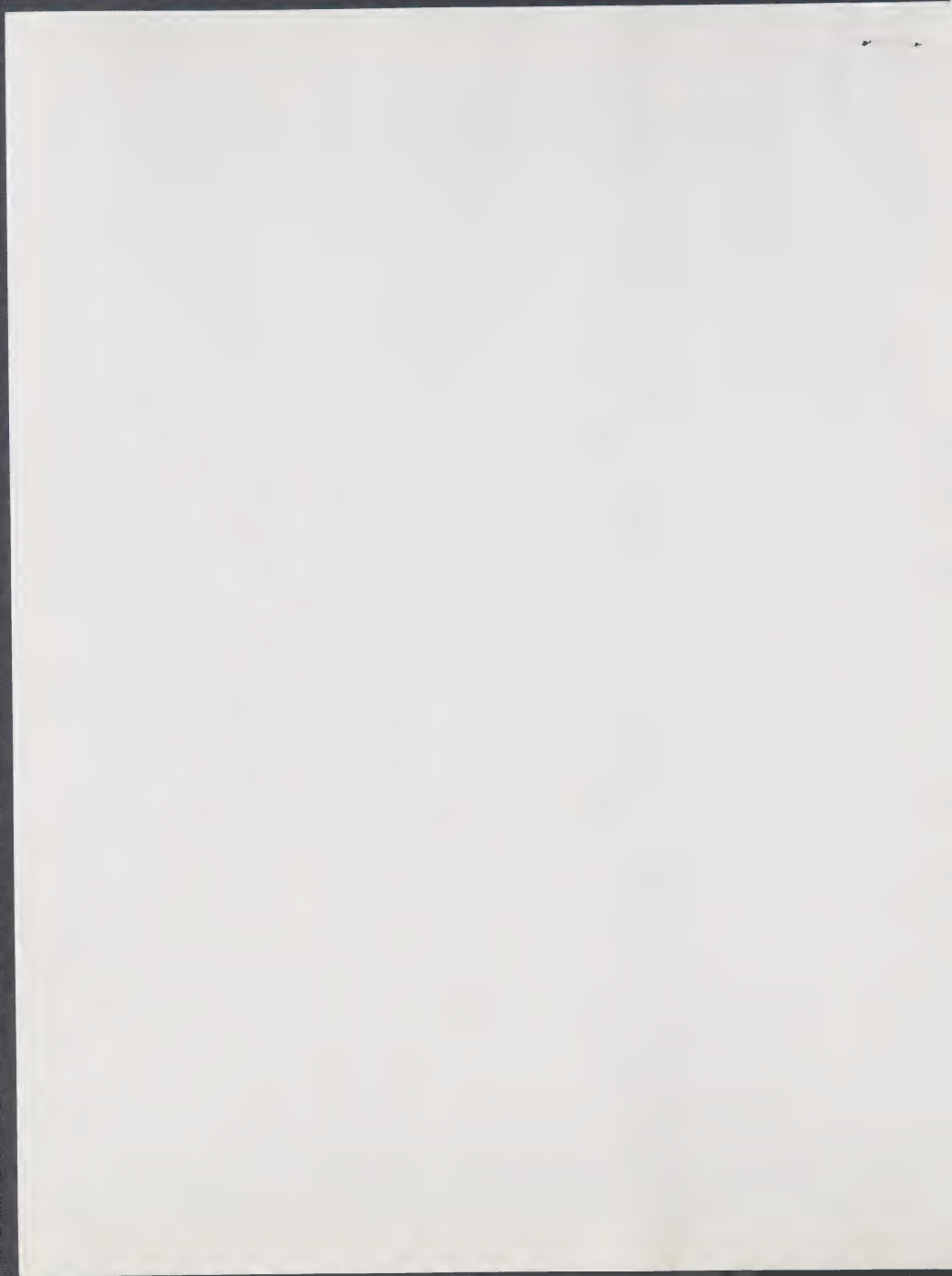
Finally, one last thing. I think I would like to see you write press releases about your work in Africa, and I would be happy to assist you in the process. Please contact me if you have any objections to doing so, or if you have any other questions. I would be happy to help.

I hope that both you and Kay have had a very good time. Please let me know if you have any other questions or if you need any assistance.

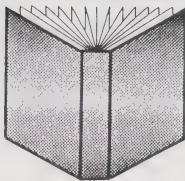


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Dear Dr. and Mrs. Bader:

After two exciting and gratifying years as Program Officer at the Charter 77 Foundation - New York, I decided to accept the offer to become Associate Director of PUBWATCH, a non-profit organization that coordinates Western aid to publishers and booksellers in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

I am proud to see the Charter 77 Foundation - New York move on to a new stage in its development, knowing that I have made a contribution to its consolidation and growth. At the same time, I am excited about undertaking new challenges at PUBWATCH.

My replacement at the Foundation will be Ms. Lauren Stone, formerly of USIA and currently on a fellowship in Germany. She will start in early June.

It has been a pleasure working with you over the past year, and I hope that perhaps I will have the opportunity to work with you again in the future.

With all best regards.

Sincerely,

Mary Albon
Associate Director

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Dr. Alfred Bader
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April 22, 1993

Mrs. Mary Albon
Associate Director
Pubwatch
35 West 67th Street
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Dear Mrs. Albon:

Thank you so much for your thoughtful letter of April 6th.

While we only met once at Charter 77 Foundation, I realized what a good job you were doing there, and very much hope that the good work of Charter 77 Foundation will continue. When next we go to New York, we will try to visit with Mr. Lauren Stone.

Please accept good wishes from Isabel and me in your new work.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alfred Bader
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July 25, 1994

Mrs. Wendy W. Luers
President
Foundation for a Civil Society
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Dear Mrs. Luers:

Isabel and I just recently returned from a trip to Europe, during which we spent a happy week in the Czech Republic and got to know Elizabeth Suing in your Prague office, well.

Now we have worked closely with two of your associates, Hannah Evans in New York and Elizabeth Suing in Prague. We are really impressed by the competence and care of both. Specifically, both have helped with all of our efforts in the Czech Republic.

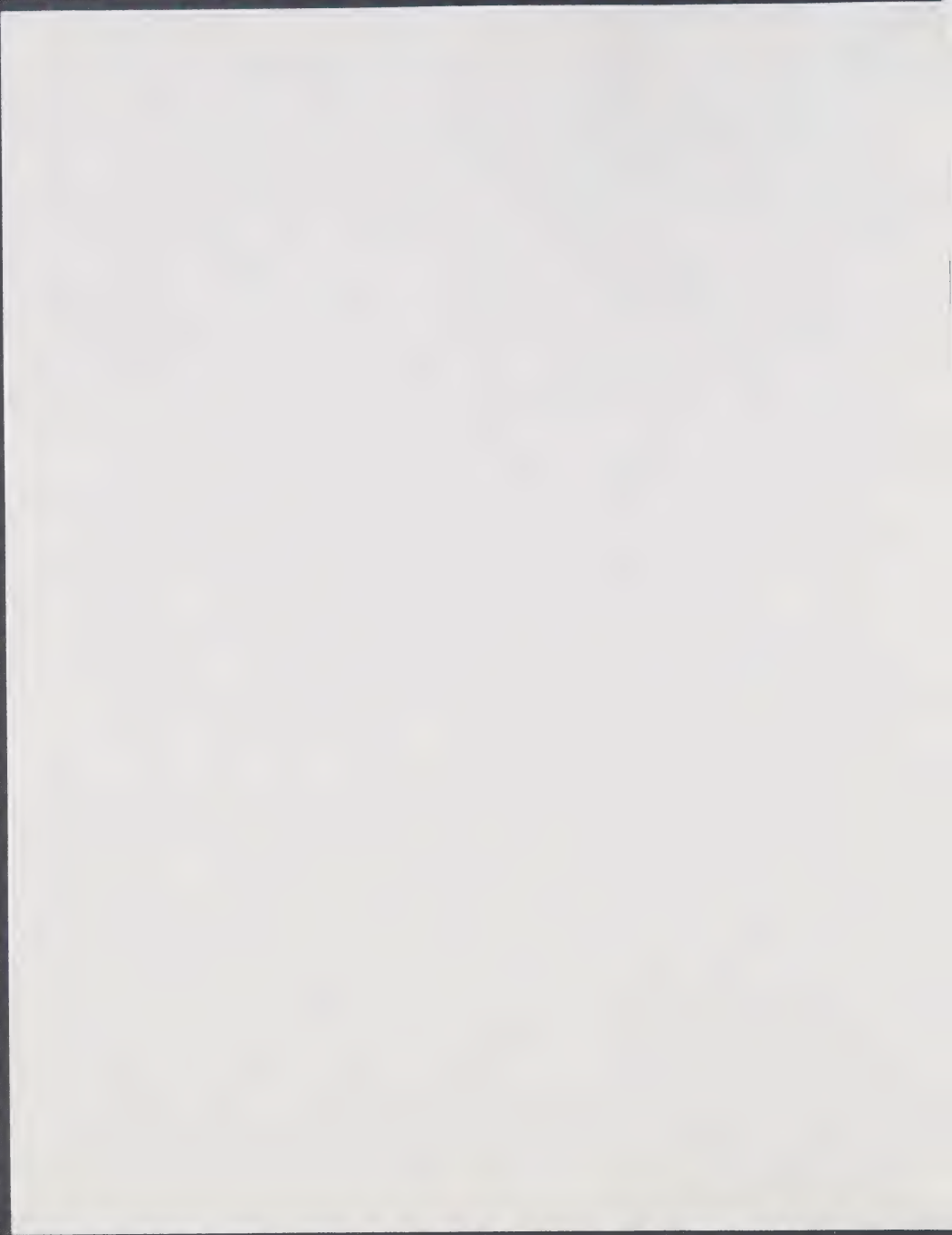
When next we are in New York, perhaps not until January, we would very much like to meet with you to discuss some concerns. The most important of these is the relatively small size of your foundation and the question of how long you feel that it will continue.

As you perhaps know, we would like to capitalize the funds required for some of our efforts where we now make payments either annually or every three years, and we don't quite know how to proceed.

We do have your 1992 annual report, but have not received the report for 1993. Could you please send a copy to us.

Thank you for all your help, and best regards to you and your associates.

Sincerely,



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April 8, 1993

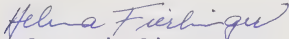
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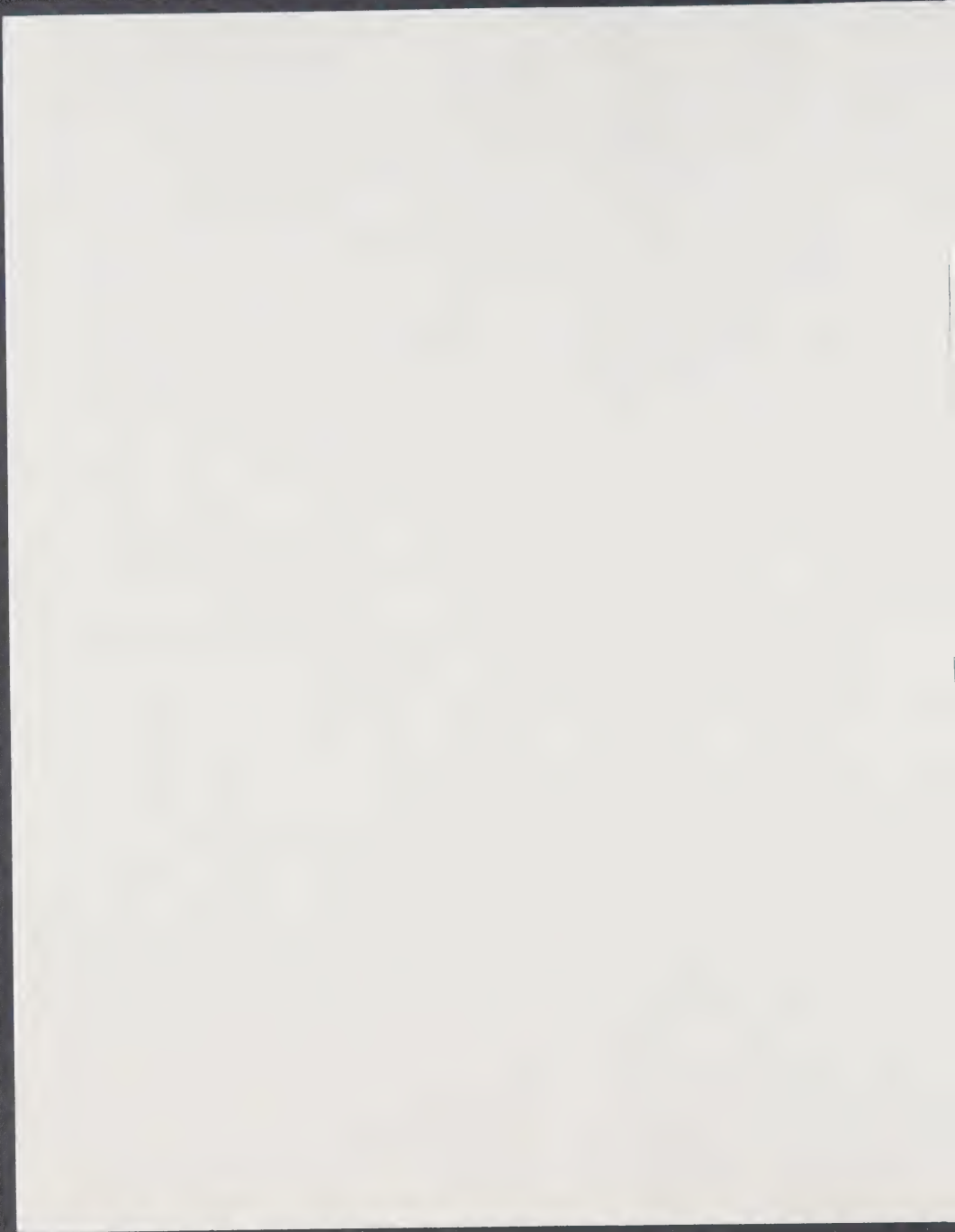
Dear Mr. Bader:

At the suggestion of Wendy Luers I am sending you a copy of a book which may interest you. It's a guide book of various Jewish sights in Bohemia and Moravia with a short history of Jewish communities in both places.

I hope you will enjoy it.

Sincerely,


Helena Fierlinger
Program Coordinator



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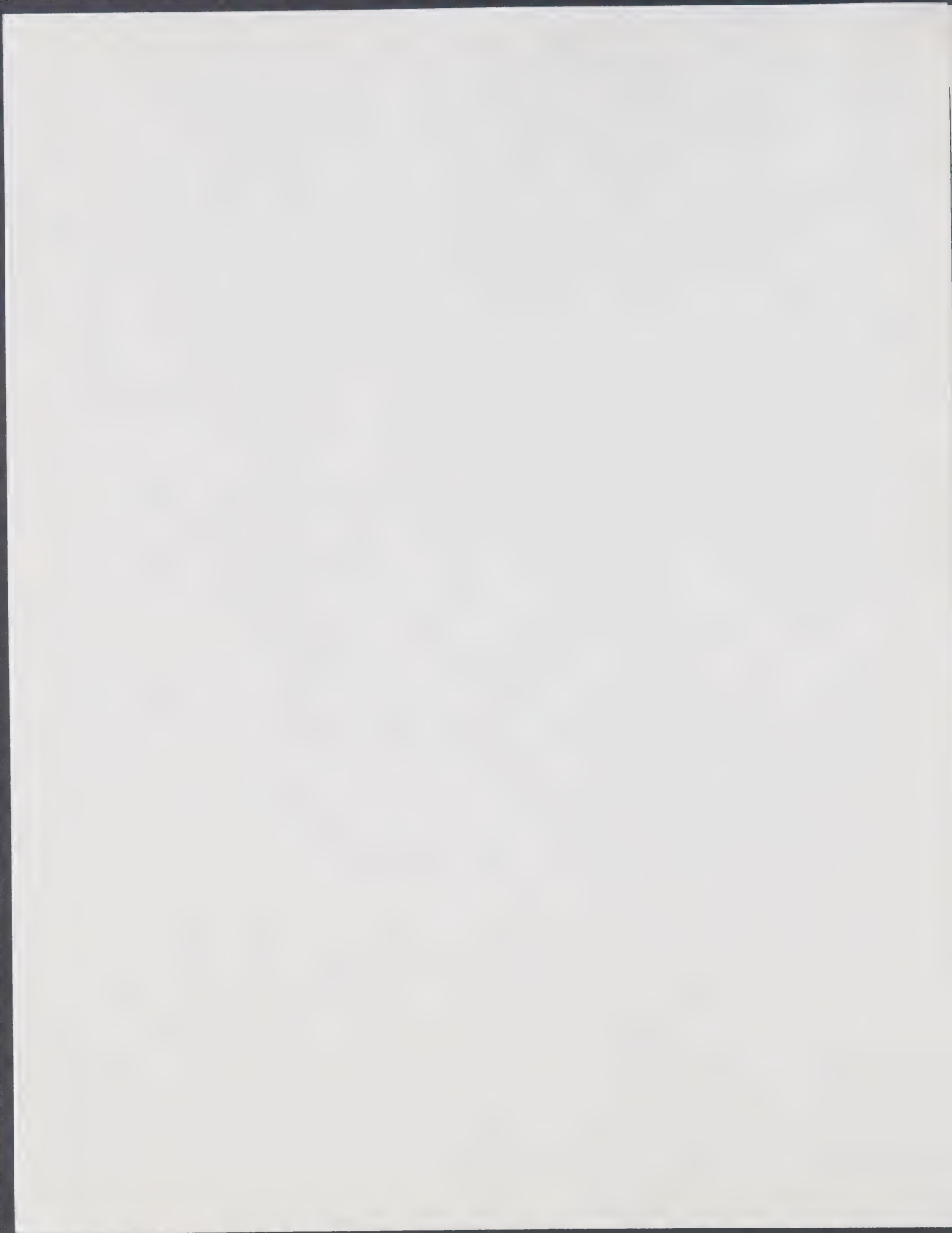
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Dear Sir:

I am pleased to

hear from you regarding

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between your group and the group of Professor [Name] in the study of [Topic].

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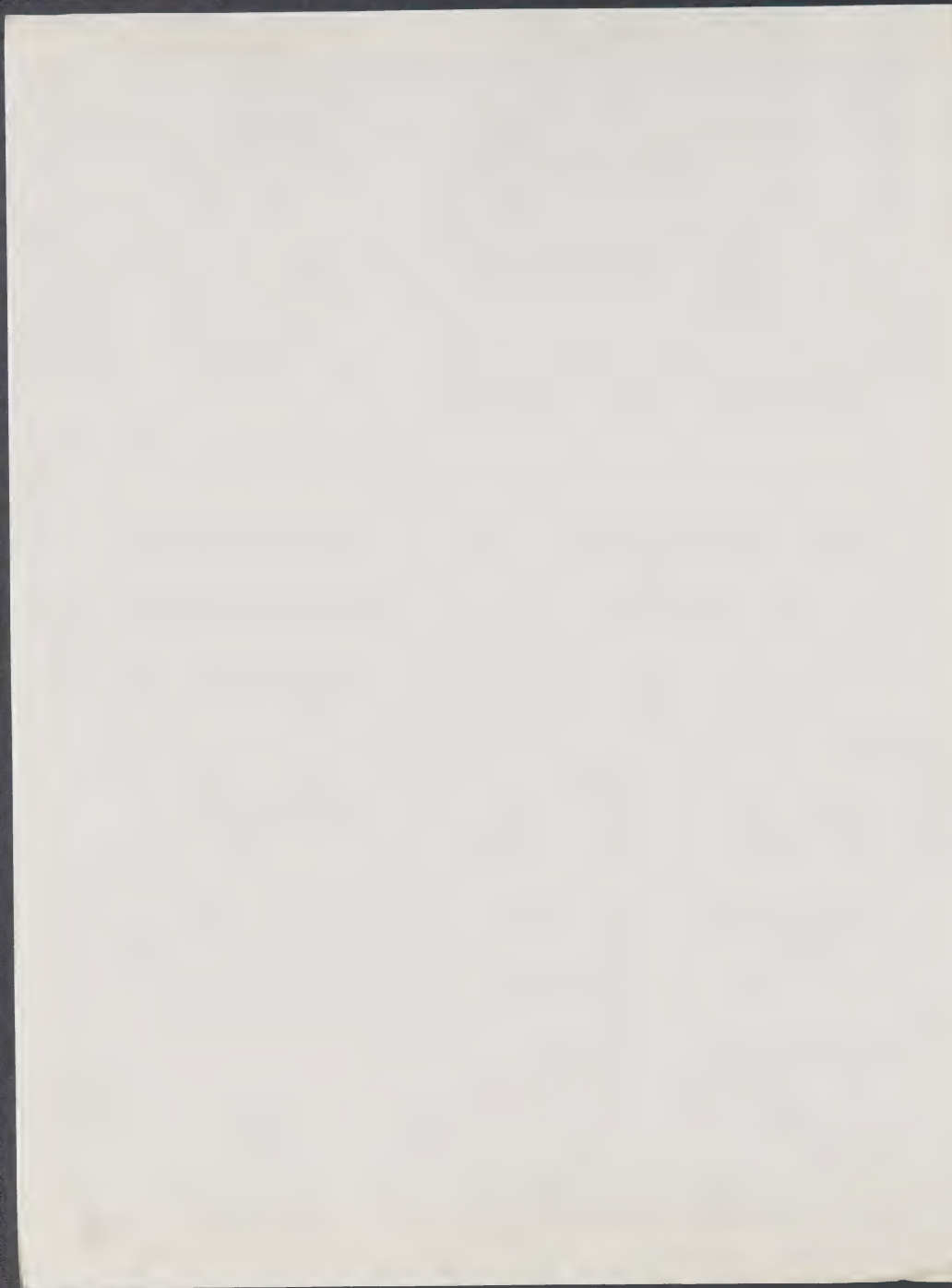
The work you have done in this area is of great interest and I believe that a joint effort would be most fruitful.

I am sure that your group's expertise in [Field] will be a valuable asset to the project.

I would like to discuss the details of the proposed collaboration with you at a later date.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]



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January 25, 1993

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Dear Dr. Bader:

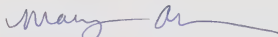
Thank you for your letter of January 6, 1993. I was sorry that I missed you when you and your wife were in New York; Wendy Luers and I were both out of the country at the time.

Since January 4, 1993, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York has occupied new offices in Rockefeller Center. We no longer receive direct support from the Soros Foundations since both the Foundation and Mr. Soros agreed that, after three years of operations, the Foundation was ready to become a fully independent organization. Though at times a bit daunting, this new stage in the Foundation's development is quite exciting, and we look forward to another busy year dedicated to helping the Czech and Slovak republics.

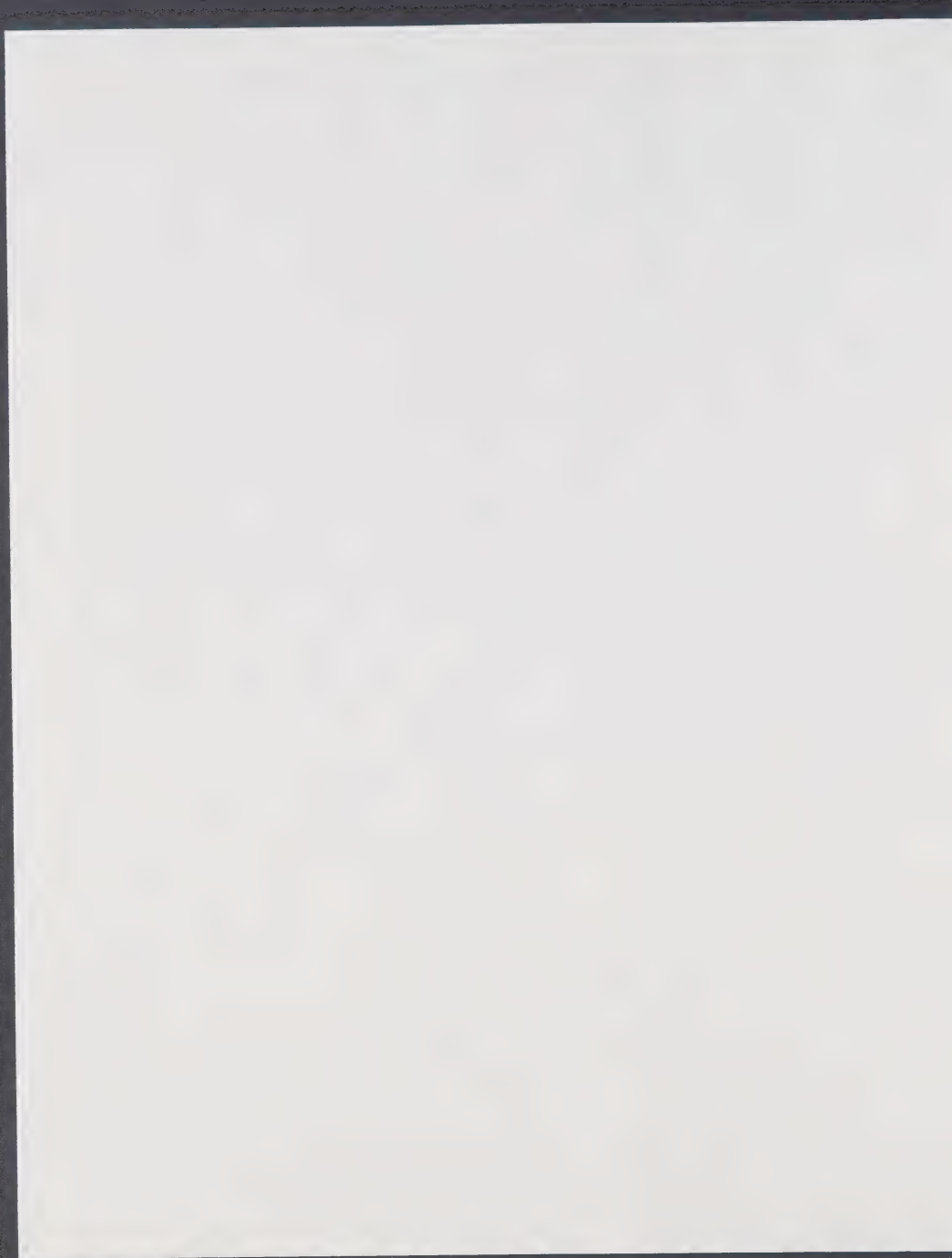
I am sorry we were not able to help you meet with Mr. Soros during your recent visit to New York. Please let us know when you next time you plan to come here, and we will try to set up an appointment for you with Mr. Soros.

Please give my best regards to your wife.

Sincerely,



Mary Albon
Program Officer



Dr. Alfred Bader
2961 North Shepard Avenue
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January 6, 1992

Via Fax 212 974 0367
Confirmation by Mail

Ms. Mary Albon
Program Officer
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Dear Ms. Albon:

I am sorry that a long trip to Europe has delayed my thanking you for your thoughtful letter of December 3rd regarding Dr. Vaclav Bejcek.

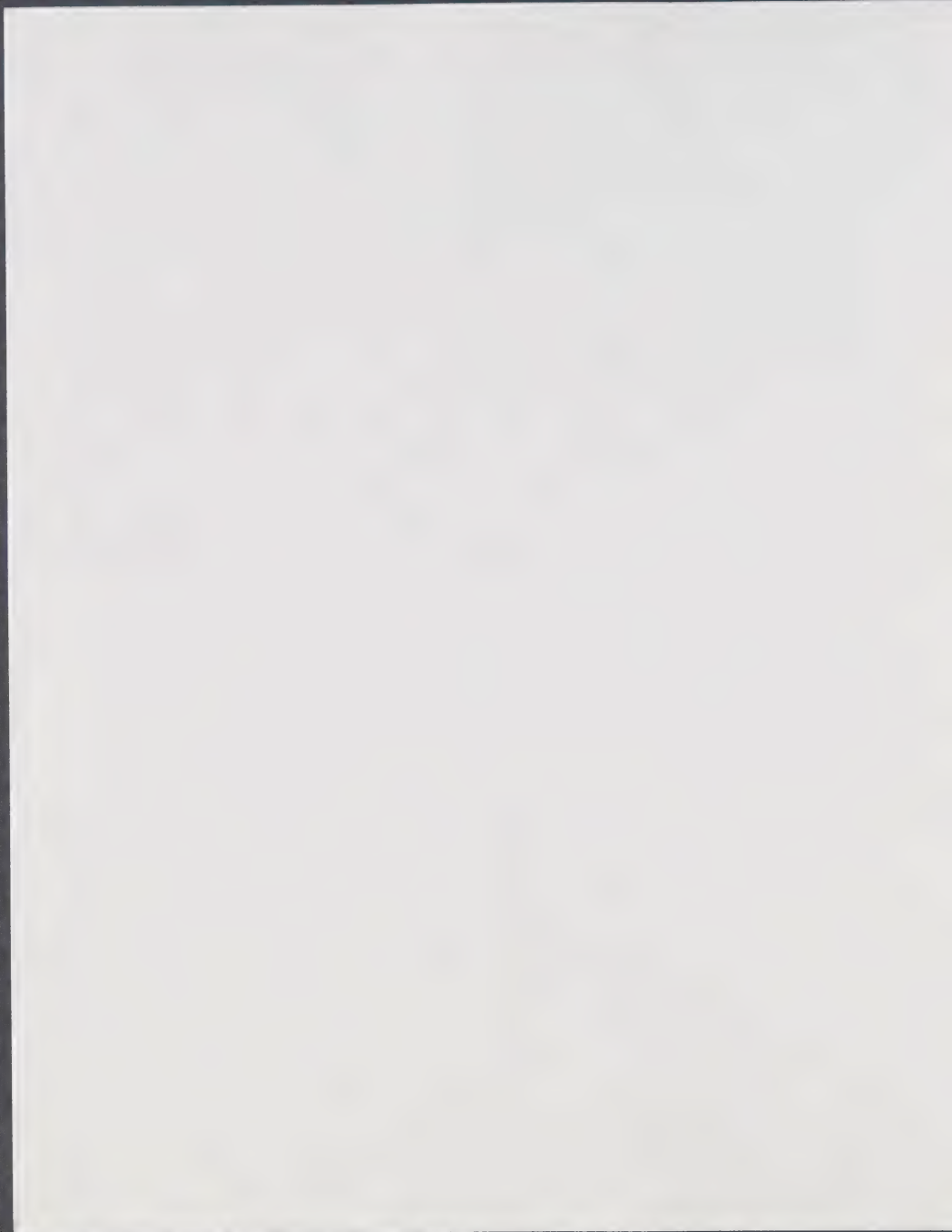
Generally I have shied away from making gifts to individuals, much preferring to set up fellowships, the recipients of which are selected by knowledgeable scholars. I did this with the three fellowships for Czech chemists at Columbia University, Imperial College, and University of Pennsylvania, and more recently through you for the Czech art historians.

Also, as you will see from the enclosed, we are trying to finalize on the purchase of a castle by Queen's University and hope that we can then set up a number of fellowships for Czech scholars to come to Herstmonceux Castle.

Isabel and I plan to be in New York from next week Tuesday, the 12th, to Saturday the 16th, and I am wondering if it might be possible to meet with Mr. Soros, then. While I cannot operate on his scale, I sense that our aims are very much the same, and I would love to be able to meet him.

Best personal regards,

Enclosure (by mail)



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Dr. Alfred Bader
924 East Juneau Avenue
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Dear Dr. Bader:

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212 332 2890
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It was a pleasure to see you and your wife again earlier this fall. At that time, we did not yet have our 1991 Annual Report available, so I am sending you one now.

I am also enclosing some materials I recently received from Dr. Vaclav Bejcek, an assistant professor of chemical engineering at the Prague Institute of Chemical Technology. He is currently teaching at the City College of New York, and has been invited to stay a second semester. However, he needs funding for a round-trip ticket to Prague. (He explains the details of his situation in his letter to me, a copy of which is attached.)

I am not in a position to judge Dr. Bejcek's professional potential, nor am I certain that his work coincides with your interests in chemistry and in helping Czech chemists. Nevertheless, I thought I would send copies of his materials to you for you to look over and that perhaps you might wish to assist him. If you do decide to assist Dr. Bejcek, the Foundation would be happy to help you. (For one thing, we have an arrangement with Czechoslovak Airlines that might allow us to obtain a cheaper air ticket for him.)

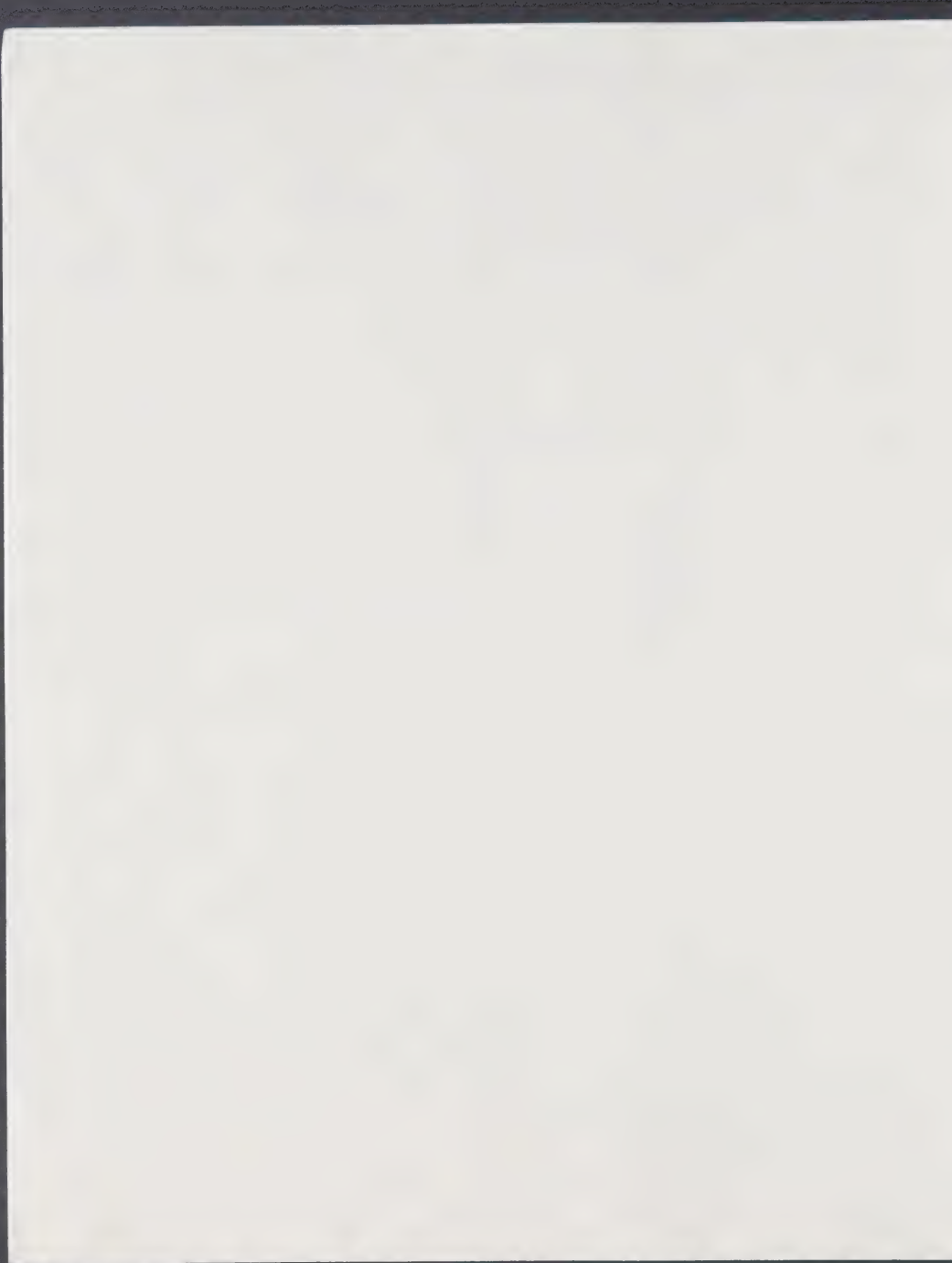
In closing, I hope you had a very happy Thanksgiving, and best wishes to you and your family for the holidays.

Sincerely,



Mary Albon
Program Officer

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October 9, 1992

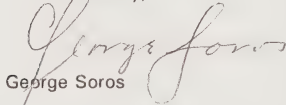
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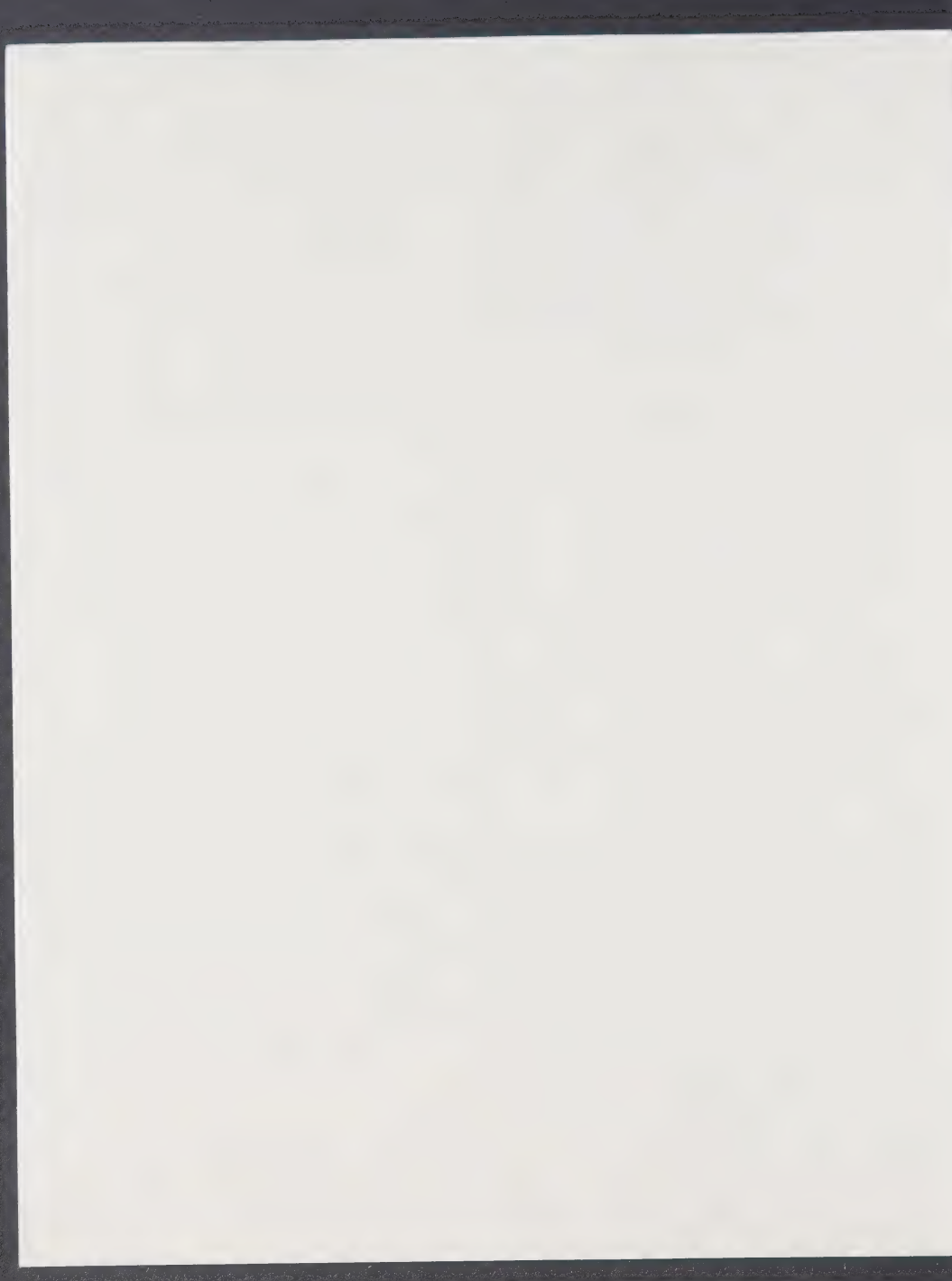
Dear Dr. Bader:

Thank you for your note of October 5th sharing with me your kind sentiments on my letter to Prime Minister Antall. Unfortunately, I will be travelling at the time of your visit to my foundations' offices and will therefore be unable to meet with you.

I wish you well with your fellowship program.

Yours sincerely,


George Soros





ALFRED BADER FINE ARTS

DR. ALFRED BADER

ESTABLISHED 1961

October 5, 1992

Mr. George Soros
c/o Ms. Mary Albon
Charter 77 Foundation
888 Seventh Avenue, Suite 1901
New York, New York 10106

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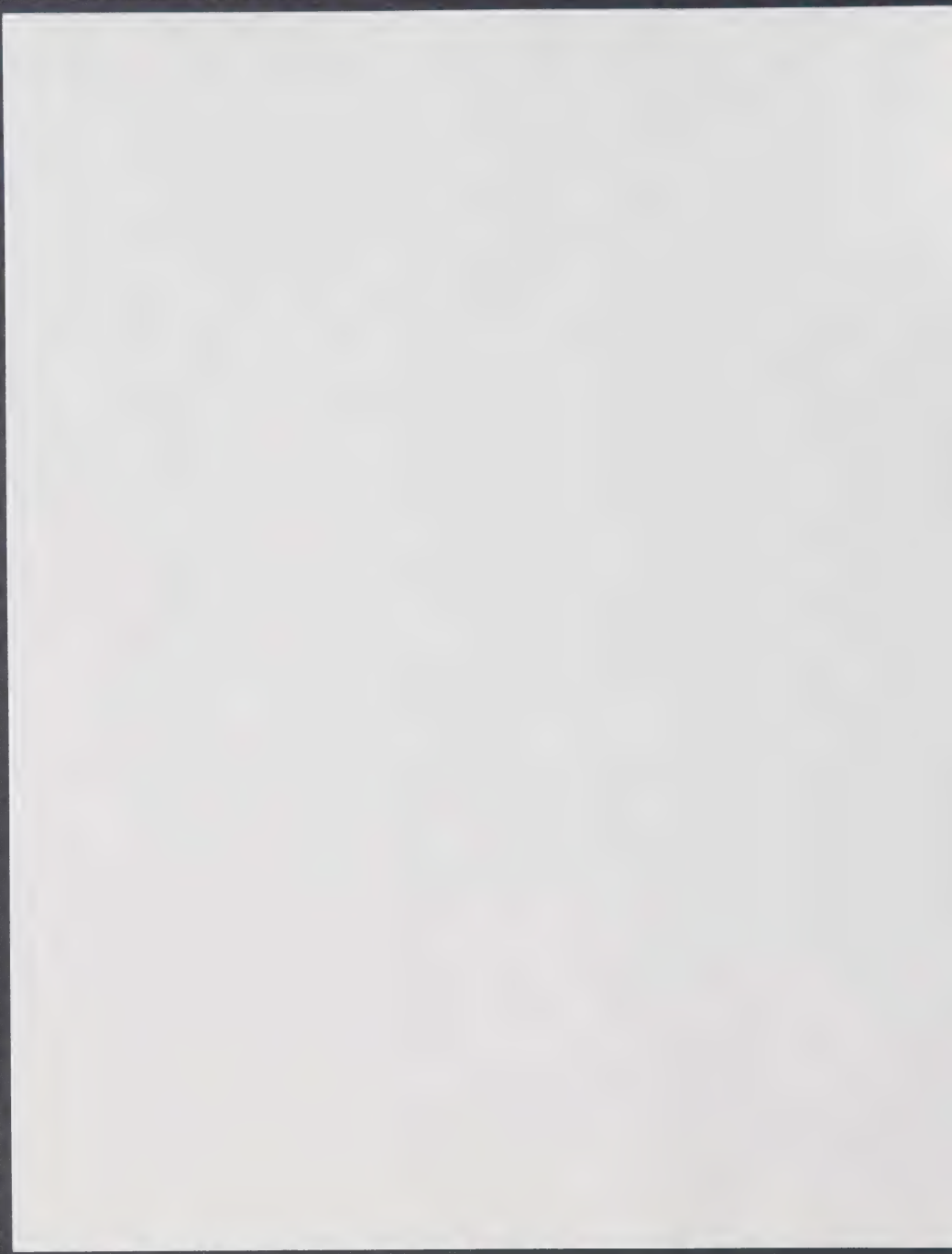
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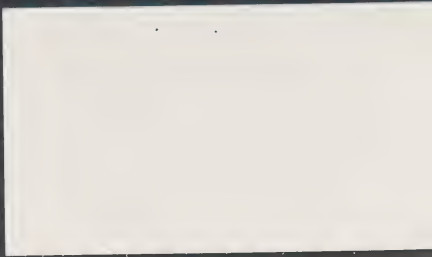
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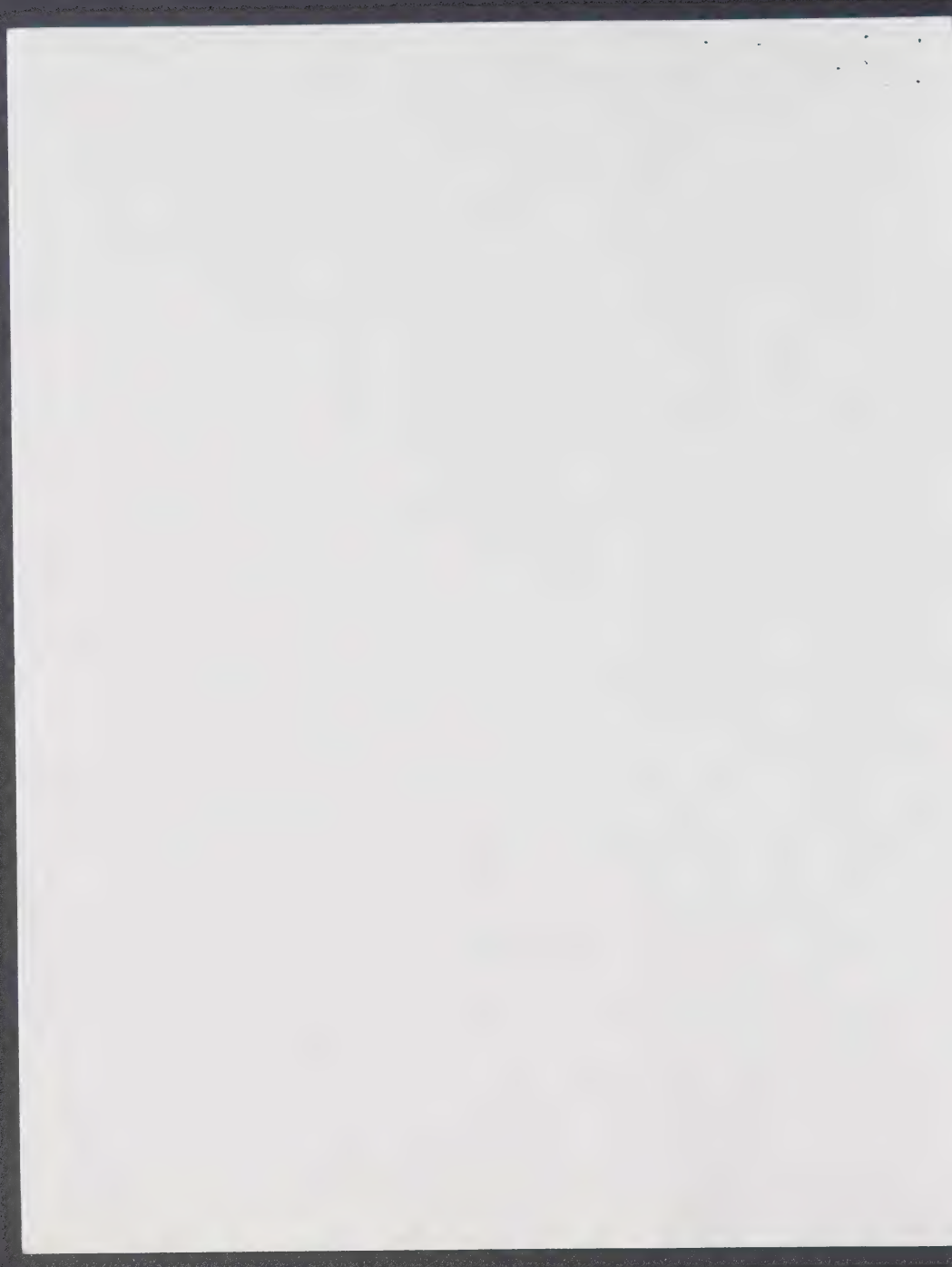
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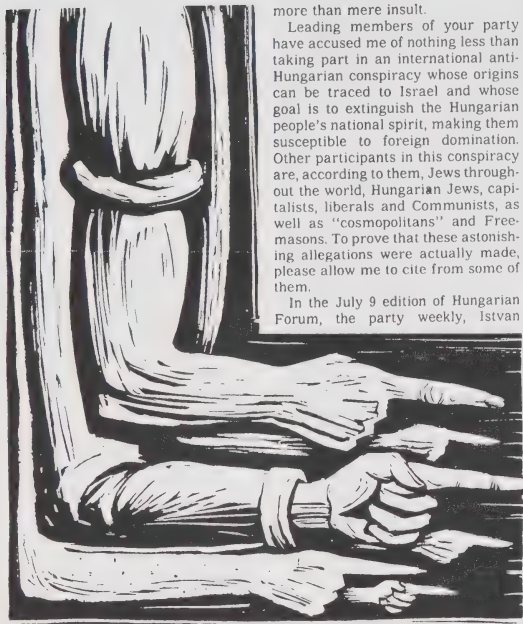
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Termites Are Devouring Hungary



more than mere insult.

Leading members of your party have accused me of nothing less than taking part in an international anti-Hungarian conspiracy whose origins can be traced to Israel and whose goal is to extinguish the Hungarian people's national spirit, making them susceptible to foreign domination. Other participants in this conspiracy are, according to them, Jews throughout the world, Hungarians, capitalists, liberals and Communists, as well as "cosmopolitans" and Freemasons. To prove that these astonishing allegations were actually made, please allow me to cite from some of them.

In the July 9 edition of Hungarian Forum, the party weekly, Istvan

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The motivating force behind the Central European University that I established is explained by Mr. Zacssek in the following manner: "Once again the time has come for all the people in the region to subscribe to uniform ideas. The Communist ideologues told us exactly the same thing." And "if this can not be implemented with two-week study courses, let's try it with a one-year program, and if even that doesn't work, let the tanks roll again."

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This is an extremely dangerous process whose ultimate consequences we have already experienced in the Nazi era, and can once again witness in the former Yugoslav

via. That is why I take these accusations very seriously, despite that their manner and beneath contempt.

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By George Soros

Disturbed by recent events in Hungary, I recently wrote the following letter to Prime Minister Jozsef Antall:

In recent months, a series of articles, published in several Hungarian newspapers, attacked me as well as the foundation I established in Hungary. Most of these articles appeared in a newspaper edited by the vice president of the ruling party, Hungarian Democratic Forum (H.D.F.). The authors are not private individuals, they are members of Parliament, and one of them is a vice president of the party. If these attacks were limited to personal insults and slander, I would not feel compelled to turn to you. My intentions and my actions have always been open to scrutiny. It is not the Government's role to defend me. However, what we are dealing with here is

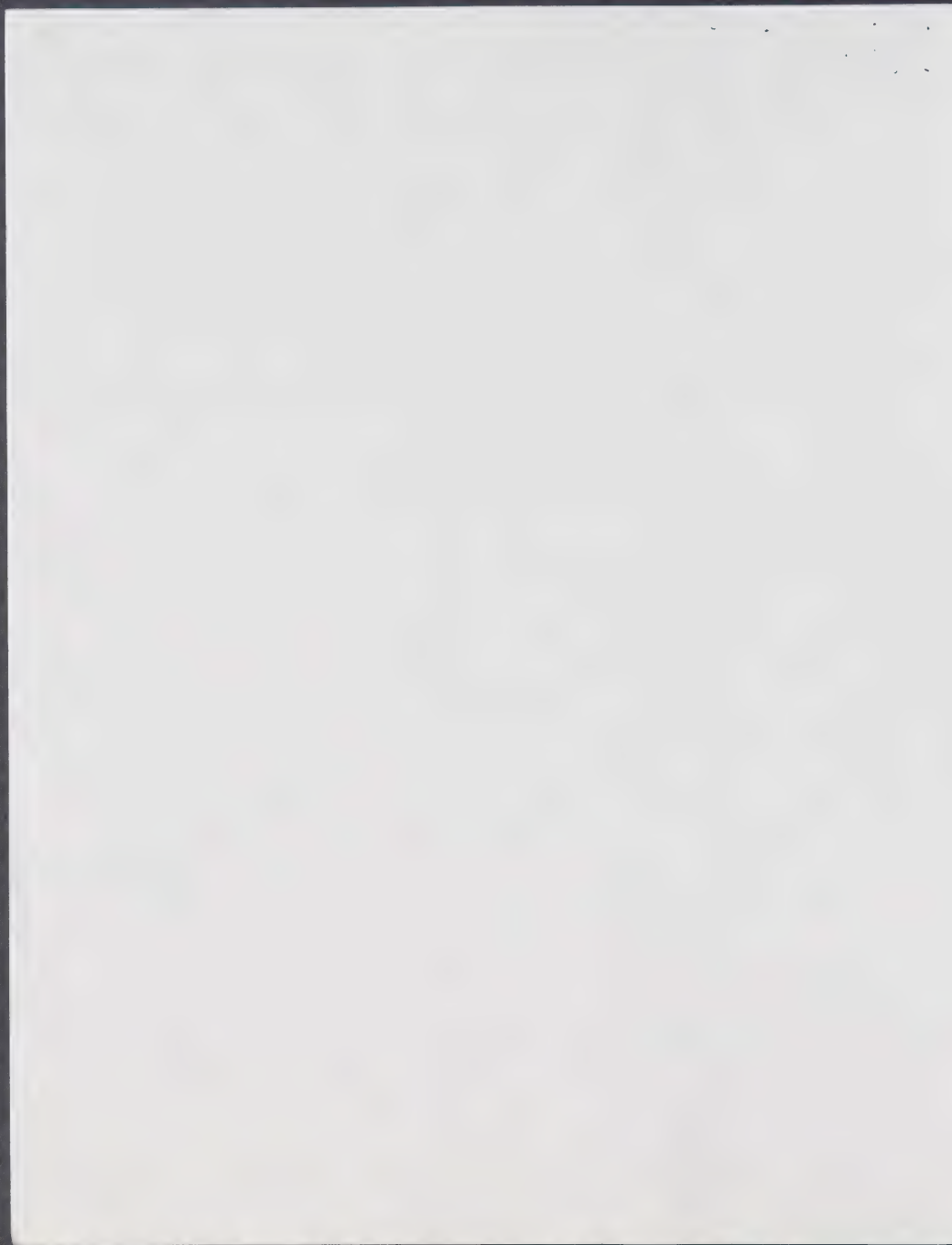
Csurka [vice president of the Hungarian Democratic Forum and a well-known playwright] writes: "George Soros is toying with the idea of leaving [Hungary], but no one should be fooled by this — if Soros does in fact leave, it won't be because he was insulted by the anti-Semitic extreme right, but because official policy in Jerusalem has — perhaps — changed."

"Termites Are Devouring Our Nation — Reflections on the Soros Regime, the Soros Empire" is the title of an article by Gyula Zacssek, an H.D.F. member of Parliament (Hungarian Forum, Sept. 3, 1992). Mr. Zacssek's premise is that "the bouquet of terms — Communism, liberalism, cosmopolitan and anti-Semitism — is inescapable." He claims, moreover, that "in Hungary, the role played jointly by Communists and Jews in their pursuit of power is unquestionable."

Following this article, Mr. Zacssek addressed an open letter to me, which clearly states that he considers Jews foreign elements in Hungary: "I understand and respect your pride in acknowledging your Jewishness," he writes, "though I do not understand what it means to be a 'Hungarian Jew,'

George Soros is a Wall Street financier.

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In Romania and Slovakia they revile me as a Hungarian agent, in Hungary as a cosmopolitan and a Jew. I accept all three labels — Hungarian, cosmopolitan, Jew — with pride, but I reject with every fiber of my being the ideology which attacks me for it.

I am aware that a representative of the Ministry of Culture and Education has, on one occasion, dissociated himself from these views. However, it seems that this was not sufficient, since the attacks have not ceased. I should like to know the official position of the ruling party, the Hungarian Democratic Forum, and that of the Hungarian Government. I need this clarification because my foundations have frequent contacts with Government agencies and officials. I would greatly appreciate it if you could give me reassuring answers to the following questions:

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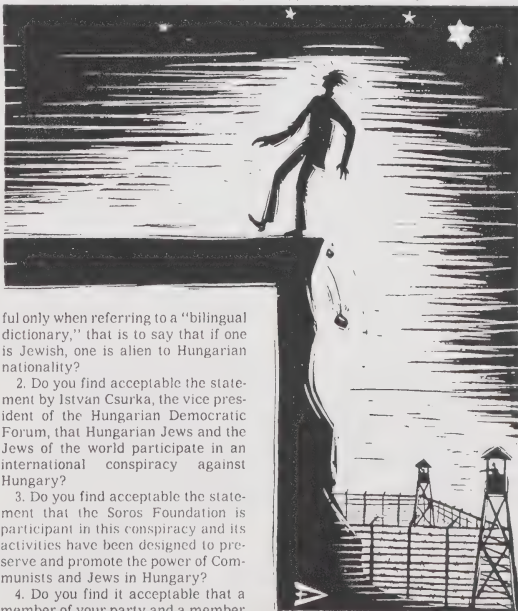
Rabid nationalists find a conspiracy of cosmopolitans.

the country voluntarily rather than wait to be asked to leave?

I have never sought recognition for my philanthropic activities and I am not seeking such recognition now. I am prompted to write to you by my deep concern for the future of democracy and open society in Hungary. I regret having to burden you with my letter. As I consider these questions to be matters of public concern, I intend to make public both my letter and your reply.

New York, Sept. 14, 1992

In his reply, which I received on Sept. 30, the Prime Minister did not substantively address my questions but referred to previous public statements in which he had distanced himself from statements by Mr. Csurka. □



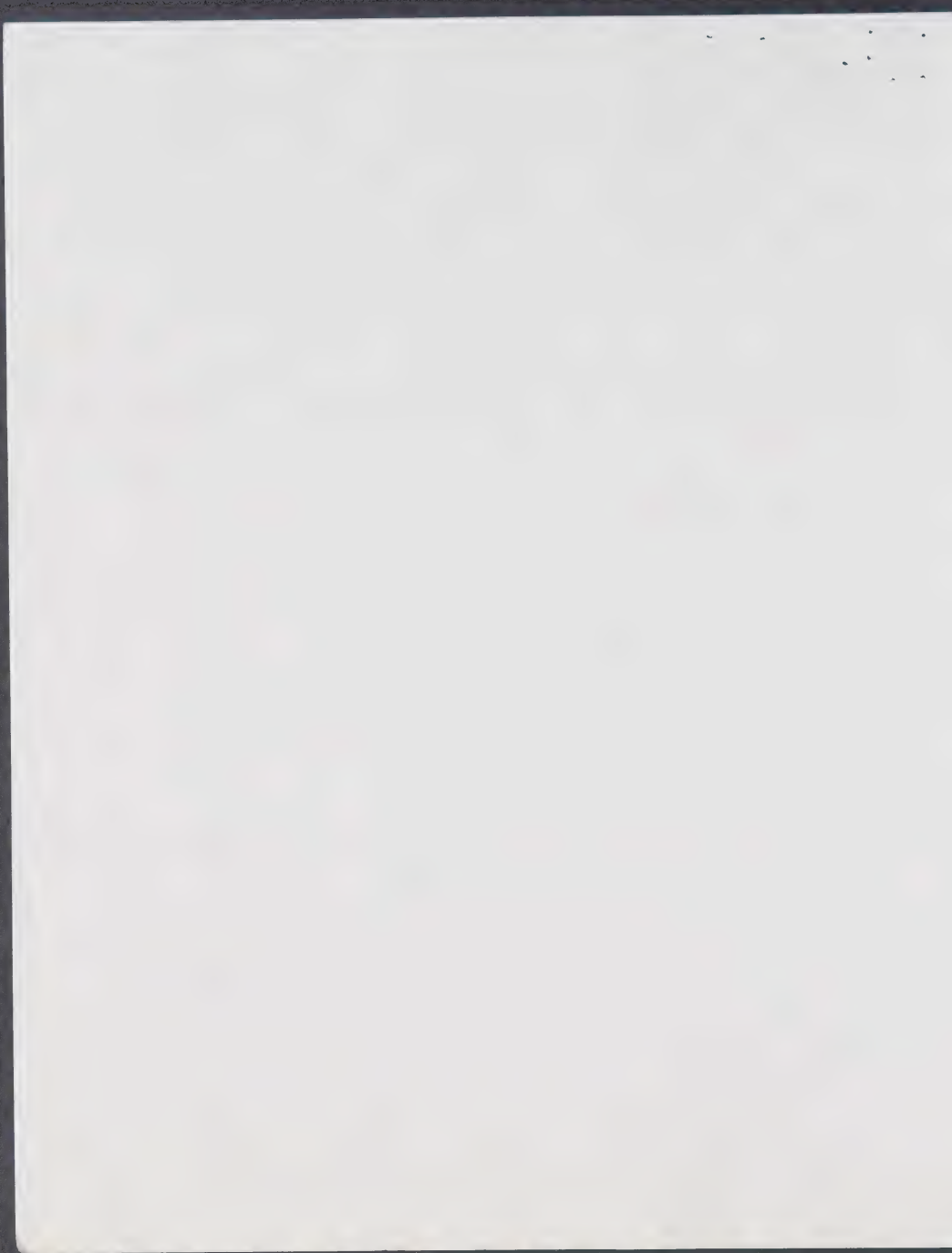
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4. Do you find it acceptable that a member of your party and a member of Parliament suggests that I leave



FAX FROM

DR. ALFRED R. BADER
Suite 622
924 East Juneau Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202
Telephone 414-277-0730
Fax No. 414-277-0709

Date: September 23, 1992

To: Mary Albon, Program Officer
Charter 77 Foundation--New York
Fax No. 212 974 0367

Re: Bader Fellowship in Art History, Czechoslovakia

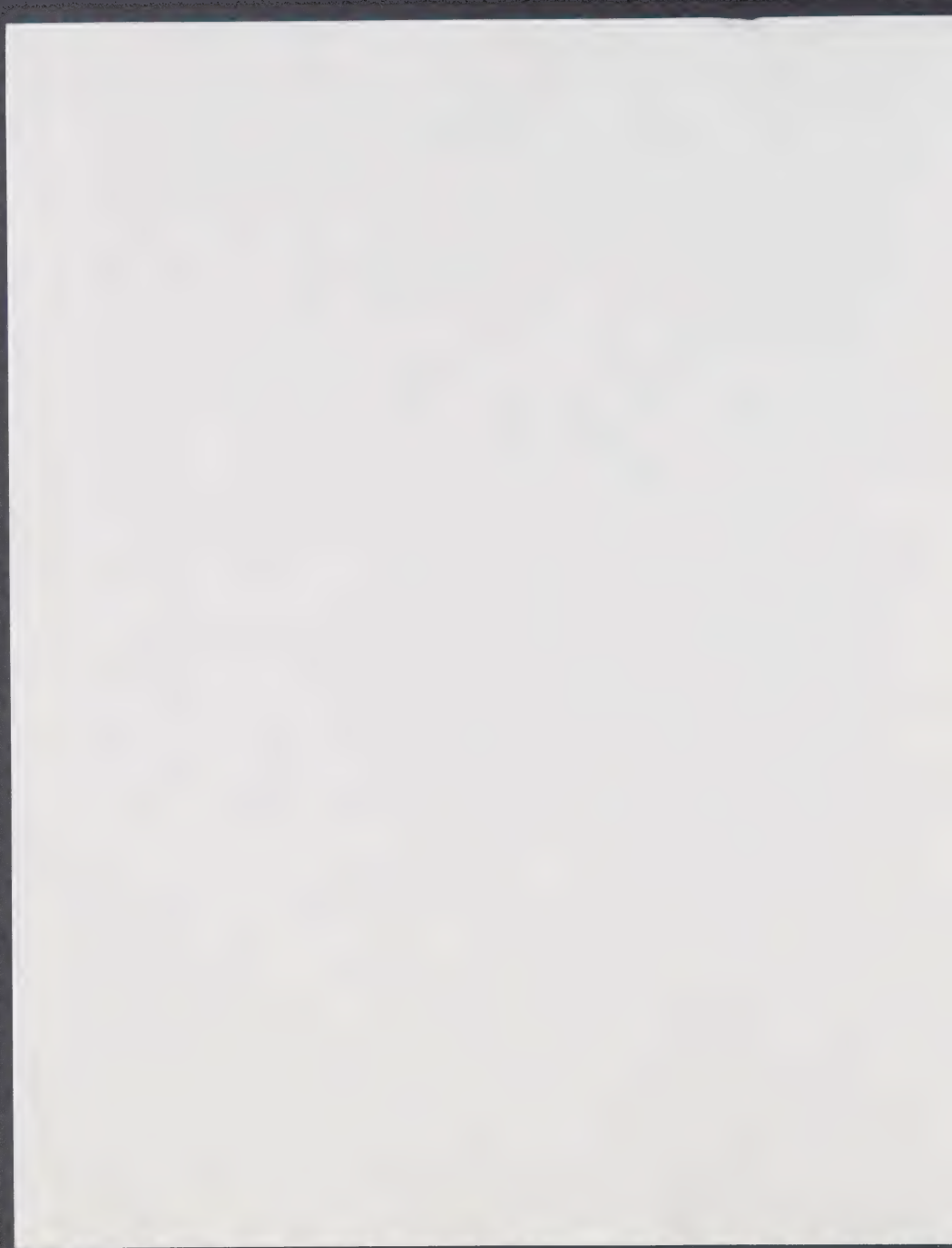
Your fax of even date to Dr. Bader has been received while he is in Spain, until next week Tuesday.

To keep things moving along expeditiously, perhaps it would be best if you were to contact Dr. Bartlova directly. Her fax number is 42 22 232 6471.

If you need anything further, please contact me.



Marilyn Hassmann
Secretary to Dr. Bader



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September 22, 1992

Dr. Alfred Bader
924 East Juneau Avenue
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Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Dr. Bader:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your check for \$15,000 for the first Bader Fellowship in Baroque Art History and to thank you again for your generous support. We would be pleased to transfer the fellowship money to the Institute of Art History in Prague as soon as possible; however, we first need some information on the Institute's banking arrangements.

Specifically, before we can transfer the funds, we need to know the number of the Institute's bank account, the name and address of the Institute's bank, and whether or not its account can receive a wire transfer in dollars. Should I contact Dr. Bartlova directly, or do you already have this information?

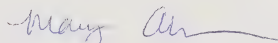
Finally, in anticipation of your visit to the Foundation office on Friday, October 16 at 9:00 am, please let me point out to you that we have recently moved to a different floor in the same building. Our current address is as follows:

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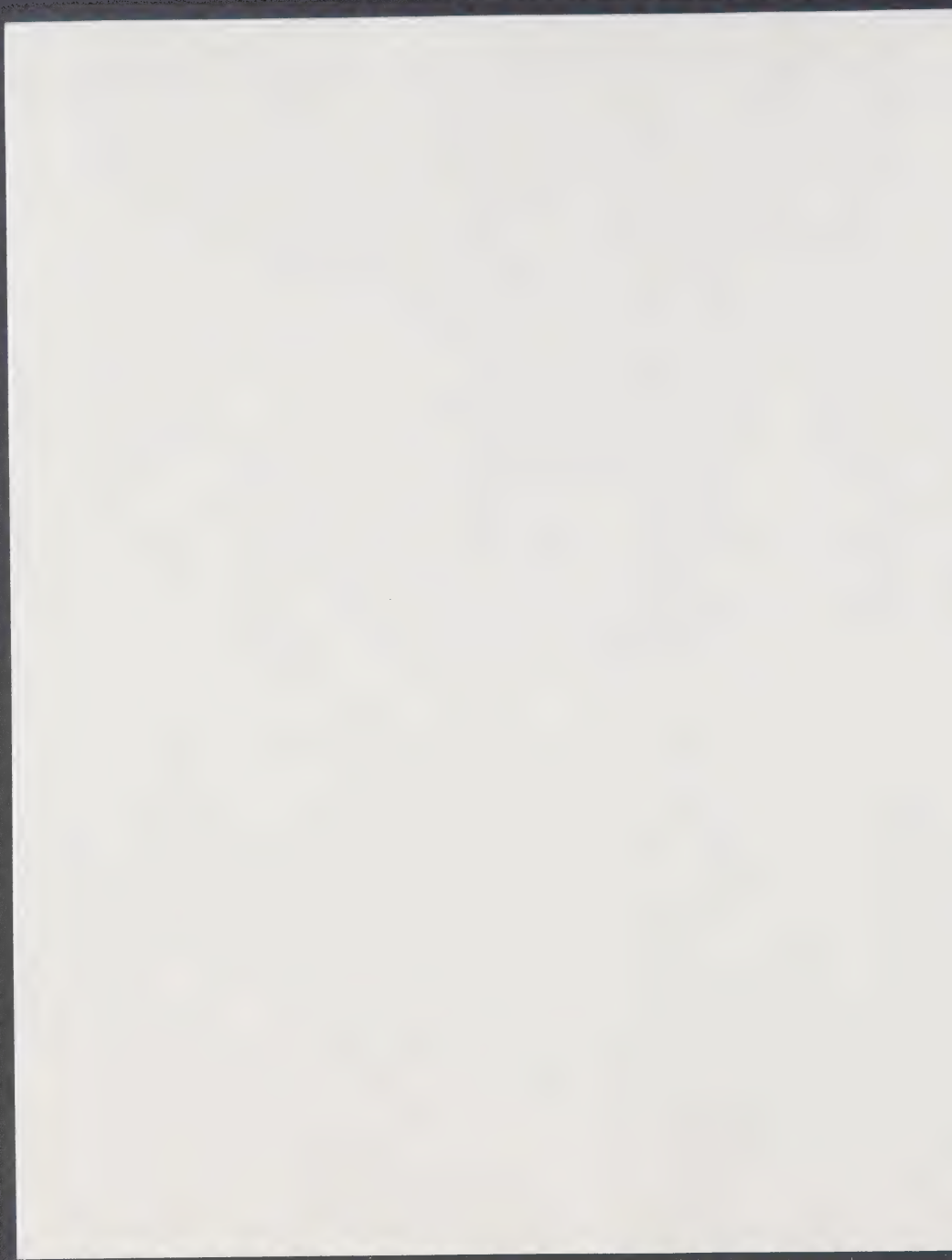
Our telephone number has not changed.

Wendy Luers and I look forward to seeing you and your wife next month.

With warm regards,



Mary Albon
Program Officer



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October 27, 1992

DR. KILIAN BADOI
505 East 74th Avenue
Suite 202
Wilmette, WI 54090

Dear Dr. Badoi:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your check for \$15,000 for the first Badoi Fellowship in Bâcoq and Art History and to thank you again for your generous support. We would be pleased to transfer the following money to the Institute of Art History in Geneva as soon as possible; however, we first need some information on the Institute's banking information.

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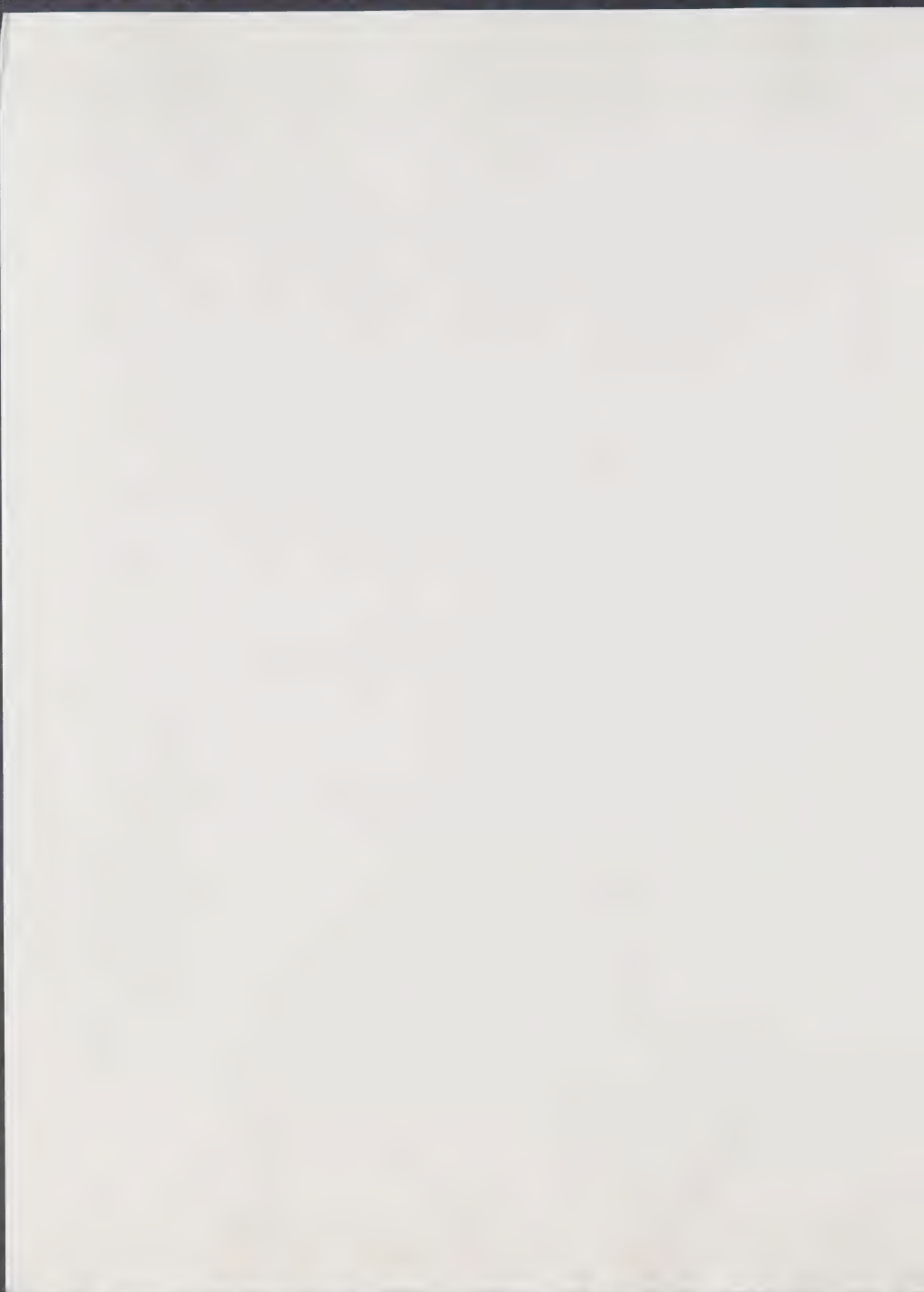
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Very truly yours,

James H. ...
Director

*C. M. B. Badoi
9-28-92*



Dr. Alfred Bader
2961 North Shepard Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211

September 17, 1992

Ms. Mary Albon
Program Officer
Charter 77 Foundation
Suite 1901
888 Seventh Avenue
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Dear Ms. Albon:


I am delighted to tell you that I have heard from Dr. Bartlova that all details for the Bader Fellowship are in good order, and I enclose copy of her fax and of the Czech translation.

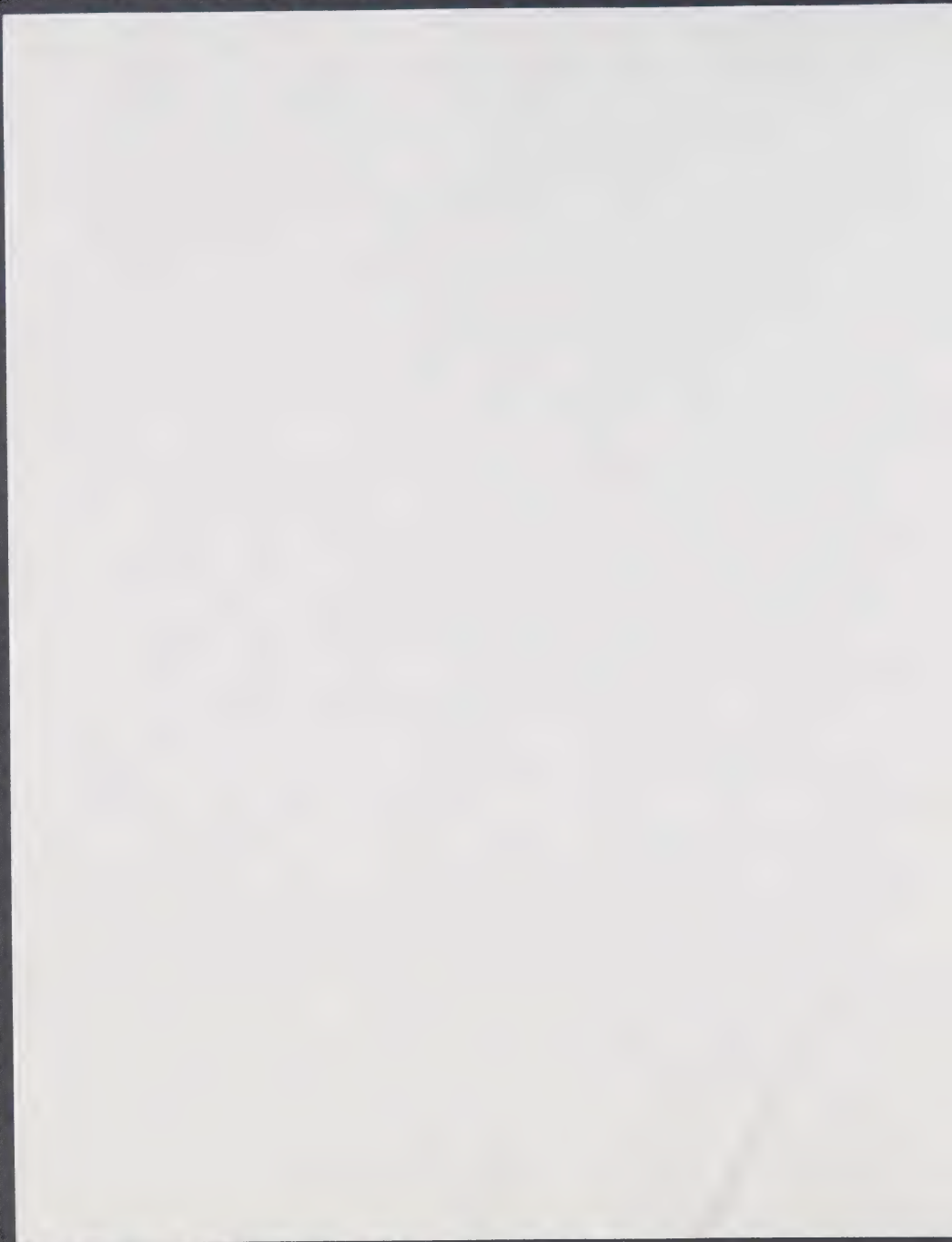
Time is of the essence, and so I enclose my check in the sum of \$15,000.00 and would like to ask you to forward it as quickly as possible to the Institute of Art History in Prague so that announcements can go out timely.

Isabel and I look forward to seeing you in New York at 9:00 a.m. on the 16th of October.

Many thanks for your help.

Best regards,

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IN REPLY REFER TO NO.

Dr. Alfred Eder
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Milwaukee, WI 53211

Washington, September 20, 1990

Dear Dr. Eder,

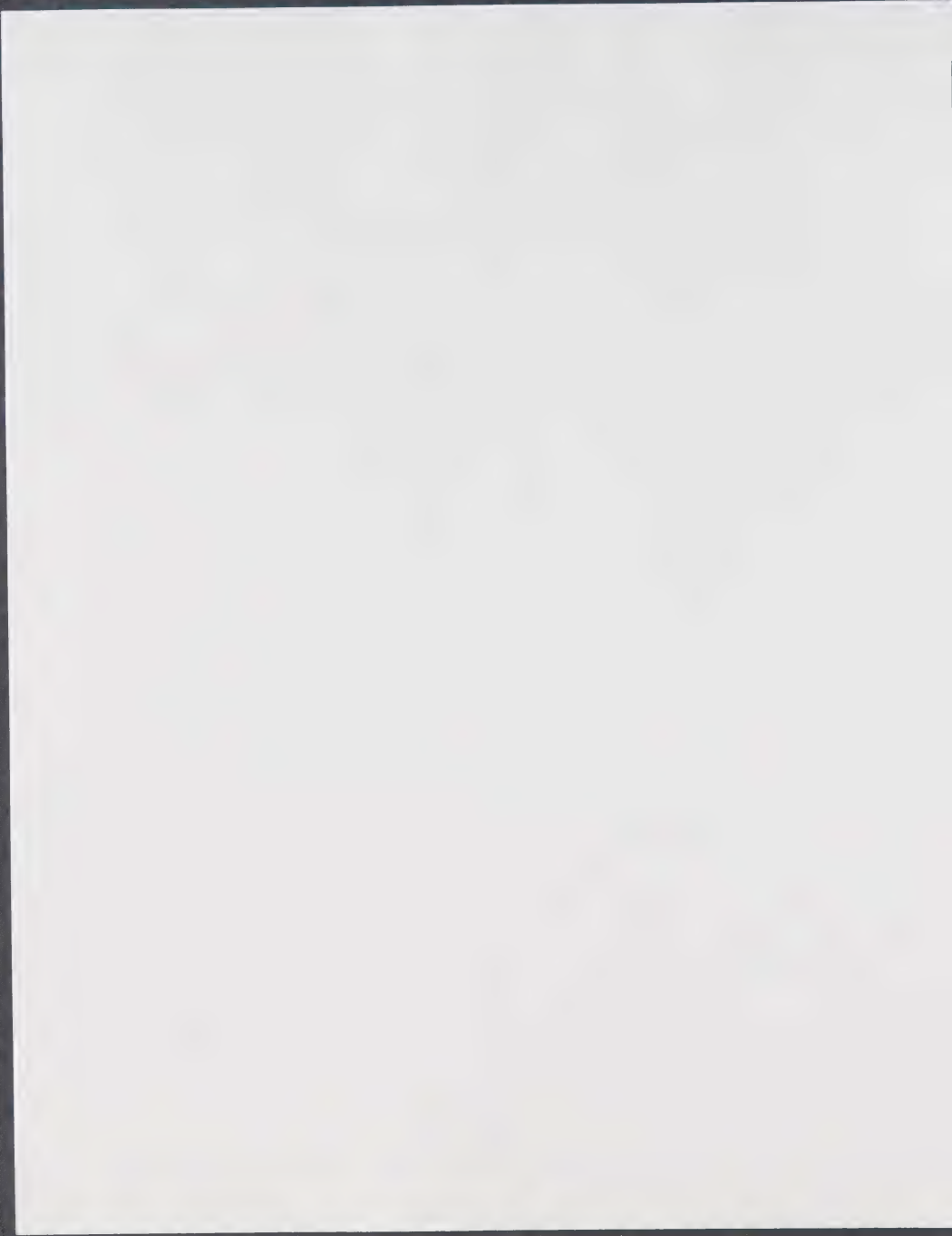
Thank you for the copies of your letters to Dr. Milos Bartina and Mr. Gary Albert. I have received them from about your previous offer to help Czech and Slovakians. I would like to express my gratitude for your donation.

With best regards,

Yours truly,



Jiri Dienstbier
Ambassador



July 12, 1992

Dear Mr Bader,

I am glad I can send you a preliminary fomulation of the offer of your Foundation for the Baroque researchers from Czechoslovakia (Bohemia).

The English text is a meticulous translation of the Czech one. Feel free to make any changes in the text, I will translate them into the Czech version and then send it out.

I hope your travels in Europe were pleasant and that you feel well coming home. My best regards to your chaming wife,
sincerely yours



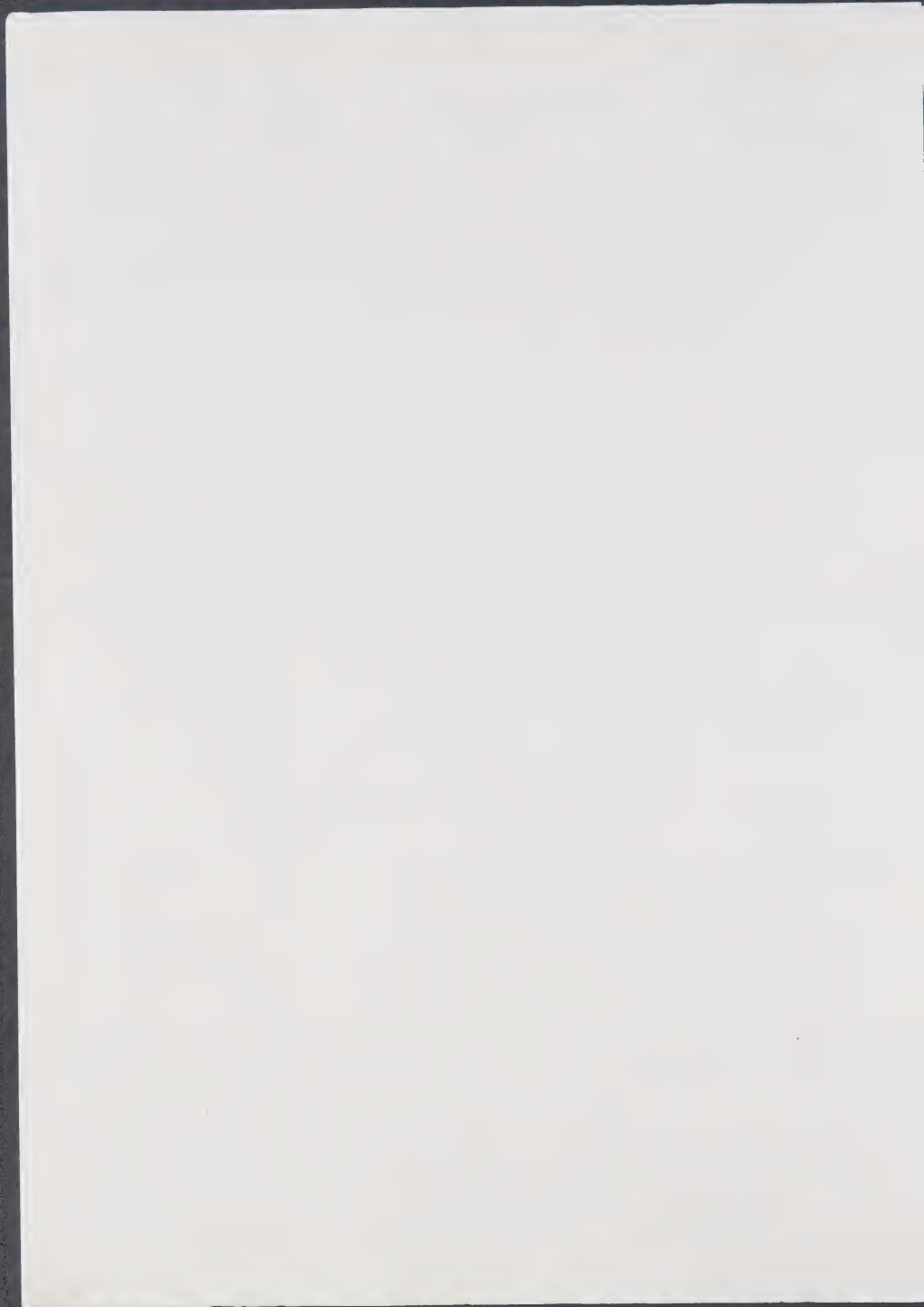
Milena Bartlová

Institute of Art History
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P.S. I found out I do not have your home address. I hope the latter will be forwarded to you.

M.P.



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Dear Mr. Cigler:

Per your advice in our telephone conversation of April 1, 1992, I have sent a check for \$2,000.00 to Fidelity Federal Bank in Simi Valley, California, to be deposited in AISE's account. As you know, this check is specifically designated for Ms. Lenka Pospisilova to enable her to attend high school in the United States during the 1992-1993 academic year.

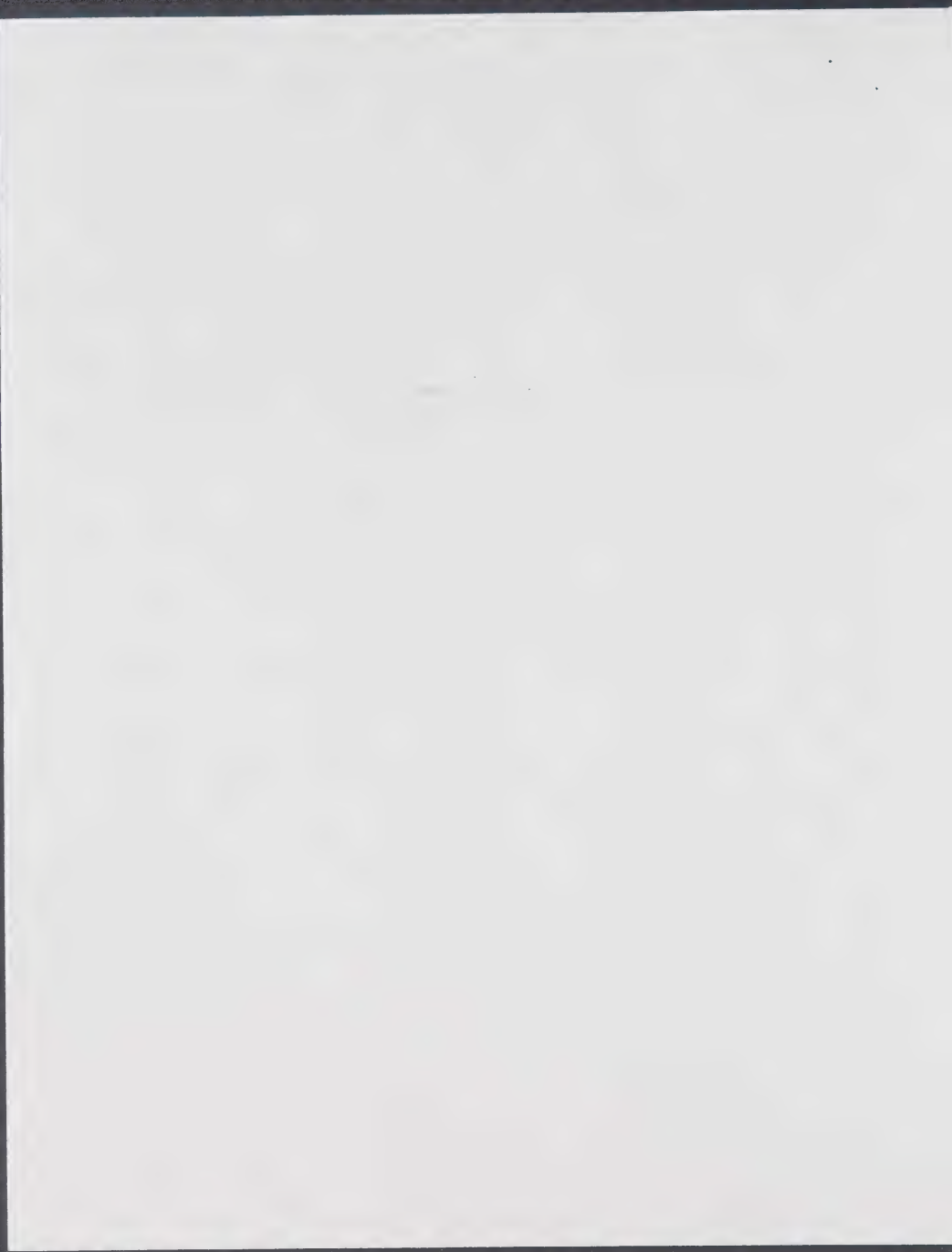
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Sincerely,



Mary Albon
Program Officer

cc: Alfred Bader



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Dear Mr. Bader:

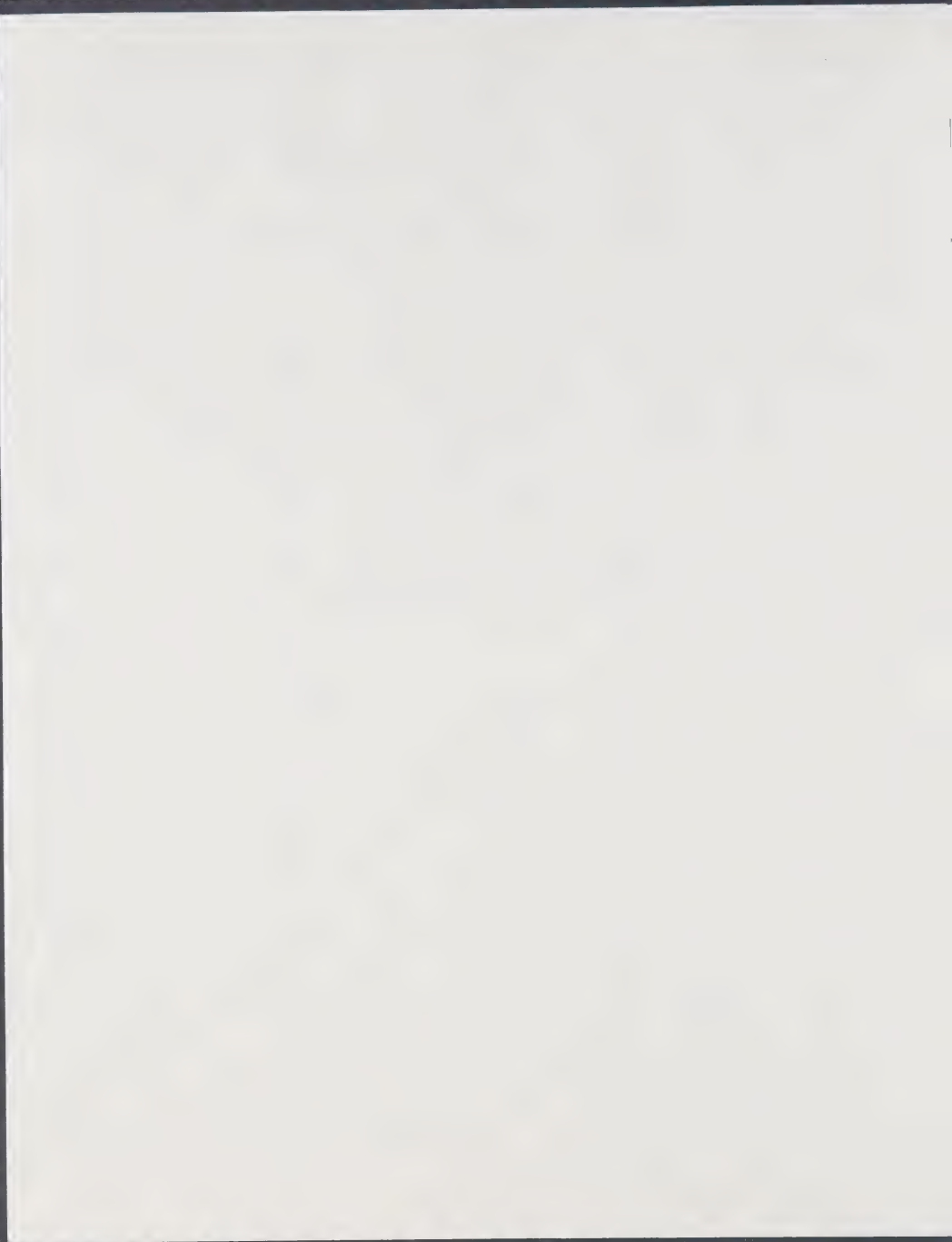
I just wanted to let you know that we have taken care of your \$2,000.00 contribution to enable Ms. Lenka Pospisilova of Pardubice, Czechoslovakia, to attend high school in the United States during the 1992-1993 academic year. I have enclosed copies of the check the Foundation issued and my correspondence for your records.

Please let me know if I can help you in any way with your other activities in Czechoslovakia.

With best regards,



Mary Albon
Program Officer



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April 2, 1992

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please deposit the enclosed check for \$2,000.00 to account # [REDACTED], which belongs to the American Intercultural Student Exchange (AISE). If possible, please send me an acknowledgement that the check has been deposited to this account.

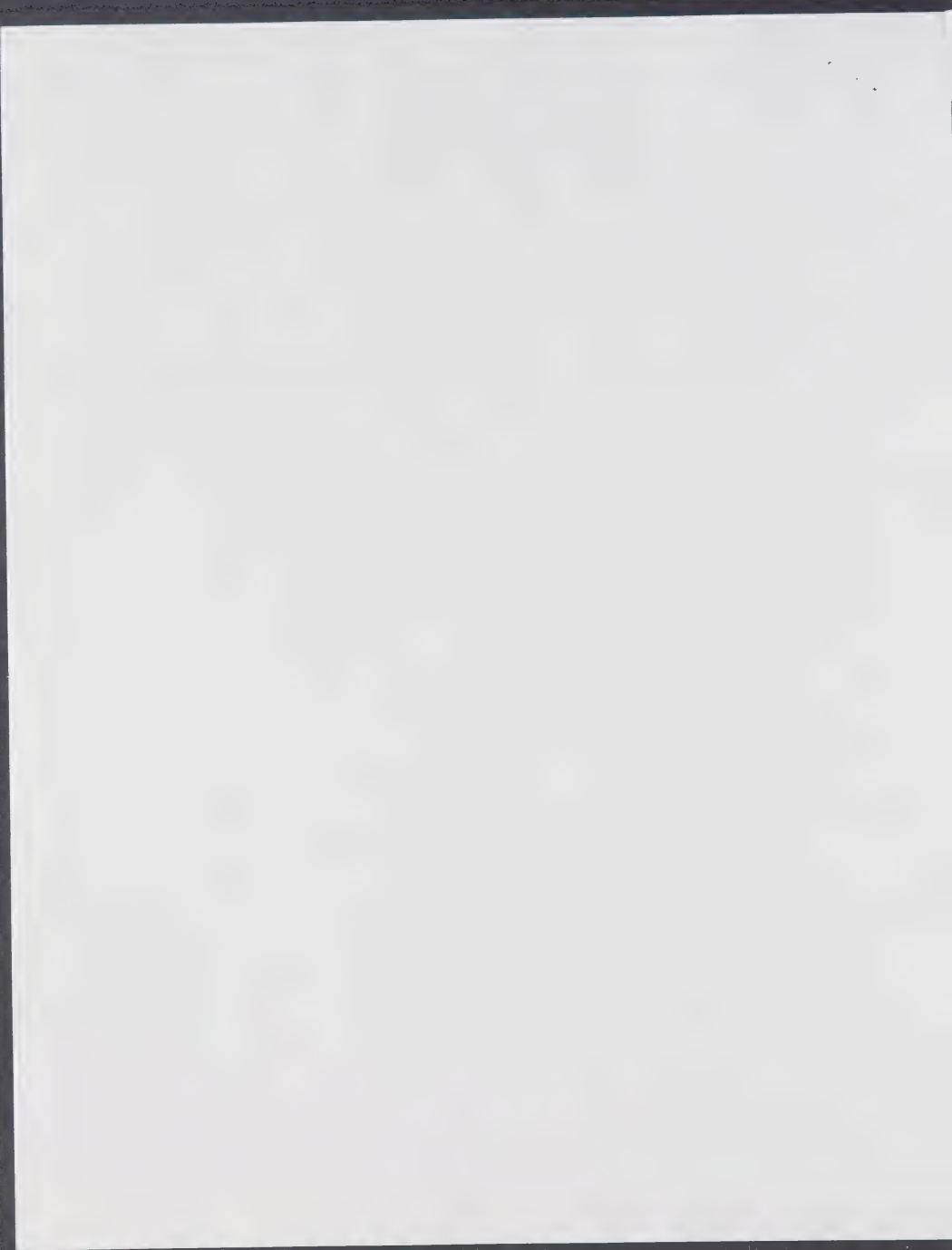
Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Mary Albon
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cc: ✓ Alfred Bader
Jaromir Cigler



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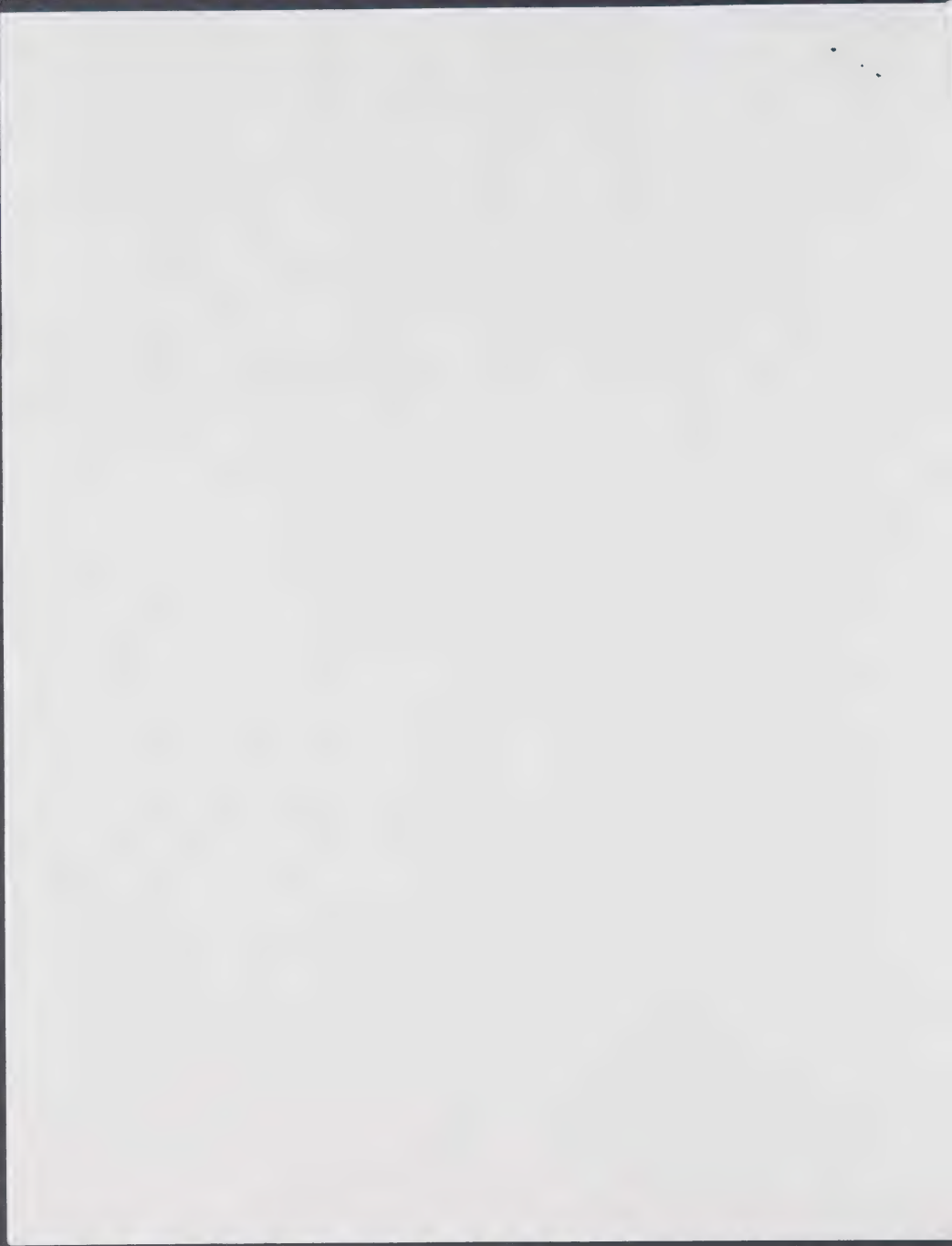
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Dr. Alfred Bader
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Milwaukee, WI 53201

Dear Dr. Bader:

It was a pleasure to meet you and your wife at the Foundation on Monday. Your commitment to Czechoslovakia is admirable, and I hope that the Foundation can help you in your efforts to extend assistance to the country.

I have been in touch with the American Intercultural Student Exchange about the Czechoslovak high school student you are helping to sponsor. I will let you know how all that turns out.

During our meeting I mentioned that you might like to talk to Dr. Jiri Setlik, Cultural Attache at the Czechoslovak Embassy in Washington. Dr. Setlik is an art historian who served as the director of the Museum of Decorative Arts in Prague until the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia when he was removed from his post. He subsequently worked as a curator at the same museum. After the communist regime fell in Czechoslovakia, Dr. Setlik was sent to Washington, where he has served as Cultural Attache for two years. I have written to Dr. Setlik about you and your interest in art history and in helping Czechoslovak art historians. If you would like to contact him, here is his information:

Dr. Jiri Setlik
Cultural Attache
Embassy of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic
3900 Linnean Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

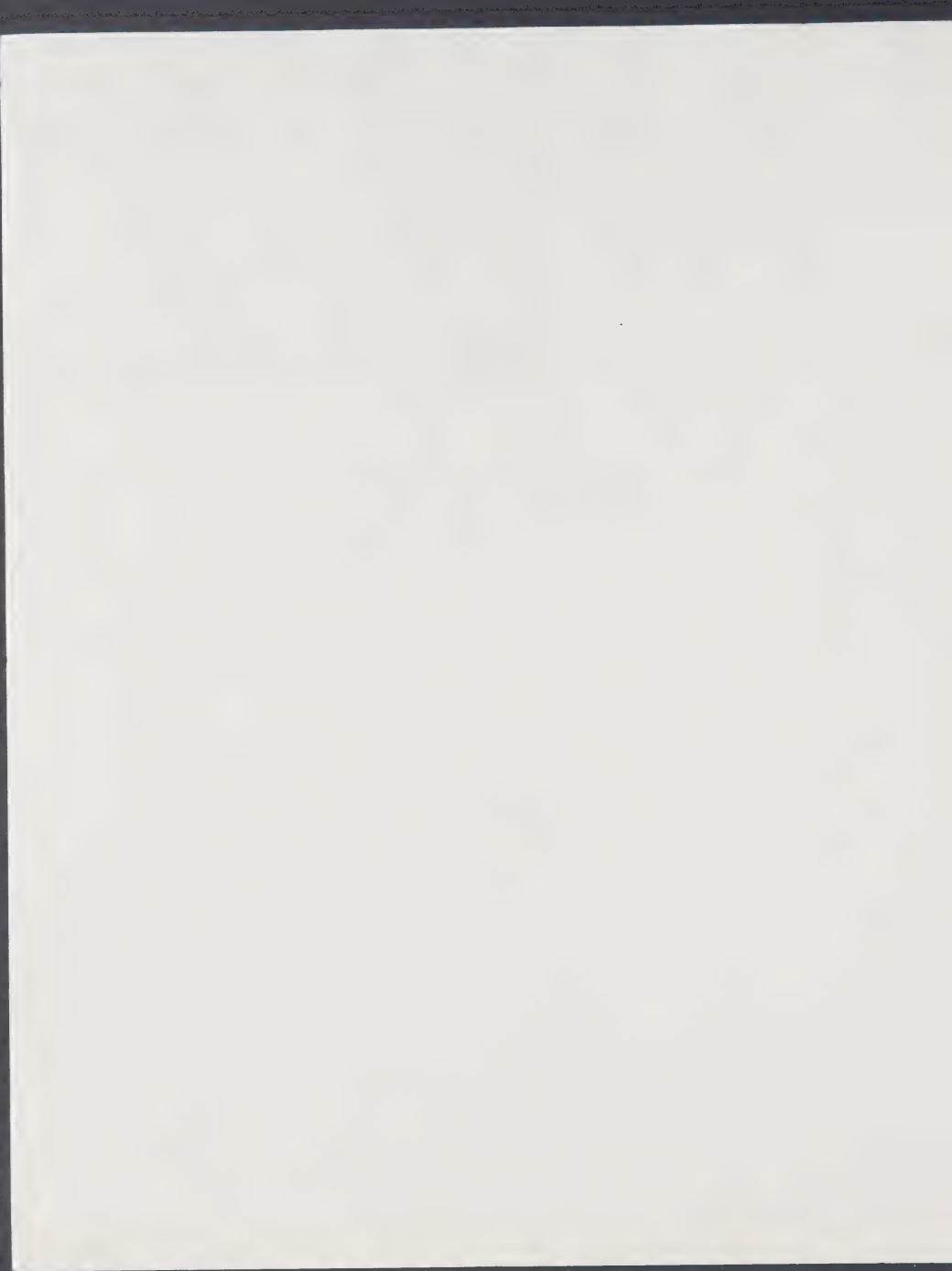
phone: (202) 363-6319

Again, I am glad to have had an opportunity to talk with you and your wife, and I hope we will be able to help you in your efforts to assist Czechoslovakia.

With warm regards,



Mary Albon
Program Officer



THE CHARTER SEVENTY SEVEN FOUNDATION—NEW YORK

TO: [REDACTED]

FROM: [REDACTED]

DATE: [REDACTED]

RE: [REDACTED]

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In response to your request, I am providing some information on the Charter 77 Foundation - our July 20, 1981, by Bill, a list of the activities of our members in the foundation's activities in the New York area and the foundation's history to date.

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About The Charter 77 Foundation

The Charter 77 Foundation was founded in 1978 in response to support the human rights and fundamental freedoms activities of the Charter 77 movement in Czechoslovakia. In 1984 the Charter 77 Foundation of New York was established to foster and coordinate such activities.

The mission of the Foundation of New York is to promote and support human rights activities through raising funds in Czechoslovakia. In order to realize this purpose, the Foundation, with the support of foundations, corporations and individuals, has a maximum flexibility to use all legal and financial resources to support projects that develop and strengthen the human community, civil society, the rule of law and a free market economy in Czechoslovakia.

The Charter 77 Foundation would like to receive donations, services, financial and technical assistance, and to be included in your newsletter, or to participate in your projects.

- 1. The Charter 77 Foundation would like to receive your contributions to our projects.
- 2. The Charter 77 Foundation would like to receive your contributions to our projects, including your expertise and knowledge in your professional and business fields.
- 3. The Charter 77 Foundation will provide to you a complimentary gift worth \$1000.00 in our newsletter, including information on our current and future projects.

As part of our activities, the Charter 77 Foundation of New York is engaged in a project to raise funds for the Charter 77 movement in Czechoslovakia. The Charter 77 Foundation of New York is committed to a wide range of activities, including: raising funds, providing technical assistance, and providing information to the public. The Charter 77 Foundation of New York is committed to a wide range of activities, including: raising funds, providing technical assistance, and providing information to the public. The Charter 77 Foundation of New York is committed to a wide range of activities, including: raising funds, providing technical assistance, and providing information to the public.

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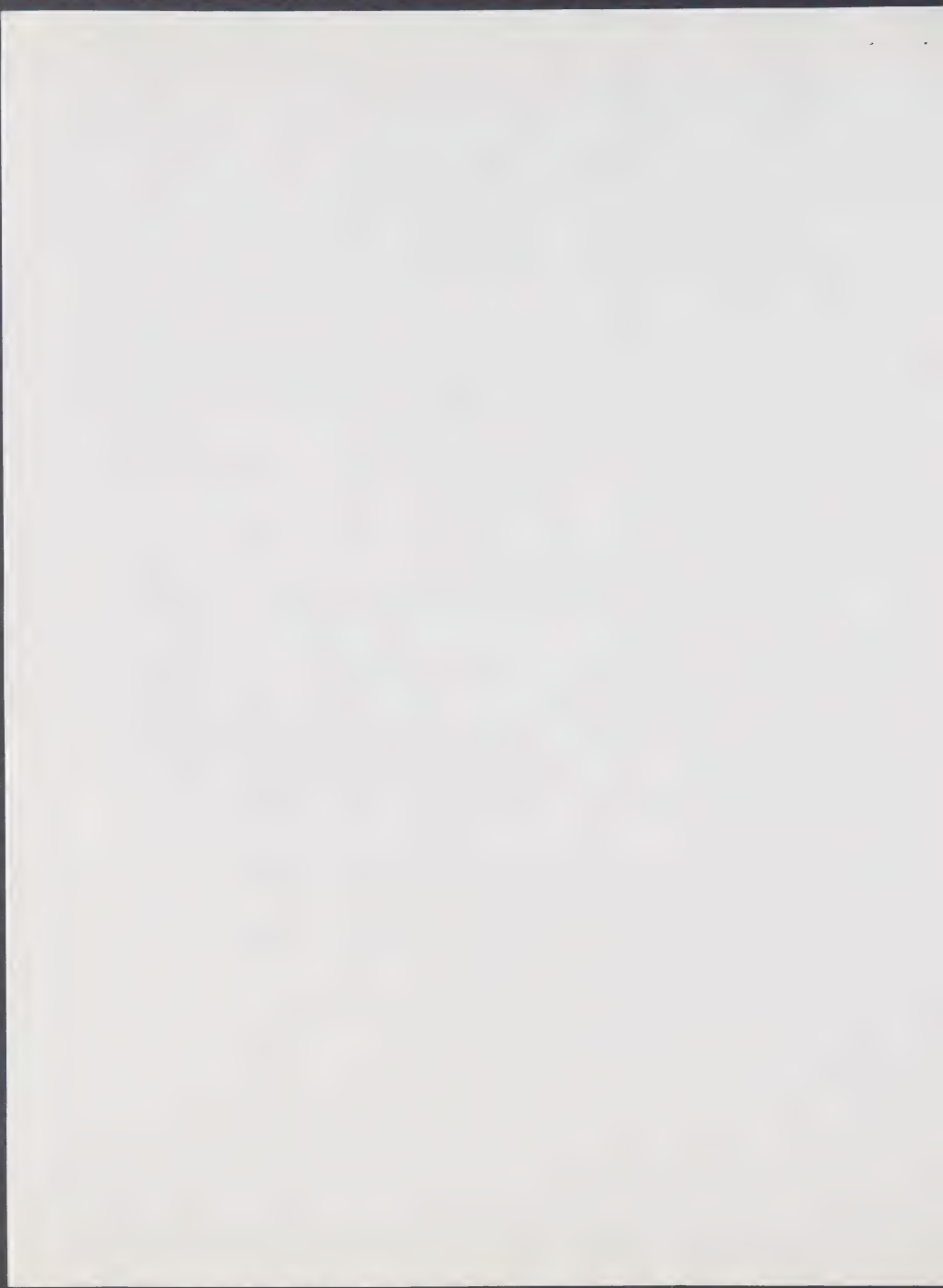
If you'd like to join the Charter 77 Foundation of New York, please contact us at the address below. We will be happy to provide you with more information about our work and how you can help.

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Central and Eastern Europe**Czech Republic****Journalism and Public Affairs**

— a part of the Czechoslovak independence movement constitutional experts from the United States, Canada and Western Europe (including Czech and Slovak national and public leaders) are drafting new federal and republic constitutions and a Bill of Rights. The project has been implemented in collaboration with a fund based in Philadelphia as far away as Missouri.

Journalism Institute in Times of Transition

The Center for Journalism - New York, in cooperation with the State Department, is sponsoring a two-year program to address the needs of journalists in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, Asia, Africa, and Oceania. The Center sponsors workshops bringing together high-ranking politicians, well-known and returning journalists from throughout the world, and young doctors of law, etc. Workshops include in-country follow-up seminars, consultations and public education efforts. Initial funding has been provided by the Jerome M. Kohl Fund of the United States and other foundations.

Civil Education Project

Over one hundred economists and advanced graduate students will be brought to the U.S. in the next high school grades of the Czech Republic and Republic of Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary. The program will be directed in Poland, Hungary, Romania and the former USSR. The Center's foundation - New York provides grants to teachers to cover travel, housing, course materials, etc.

Journalism Training Program

This program is offered in the summer of 1984 with 21 American students participating over a two-week period in Poland. In 1985, the program was repeated in educational form, teaching 500 students. The Journal Training program will take place again in 1986.

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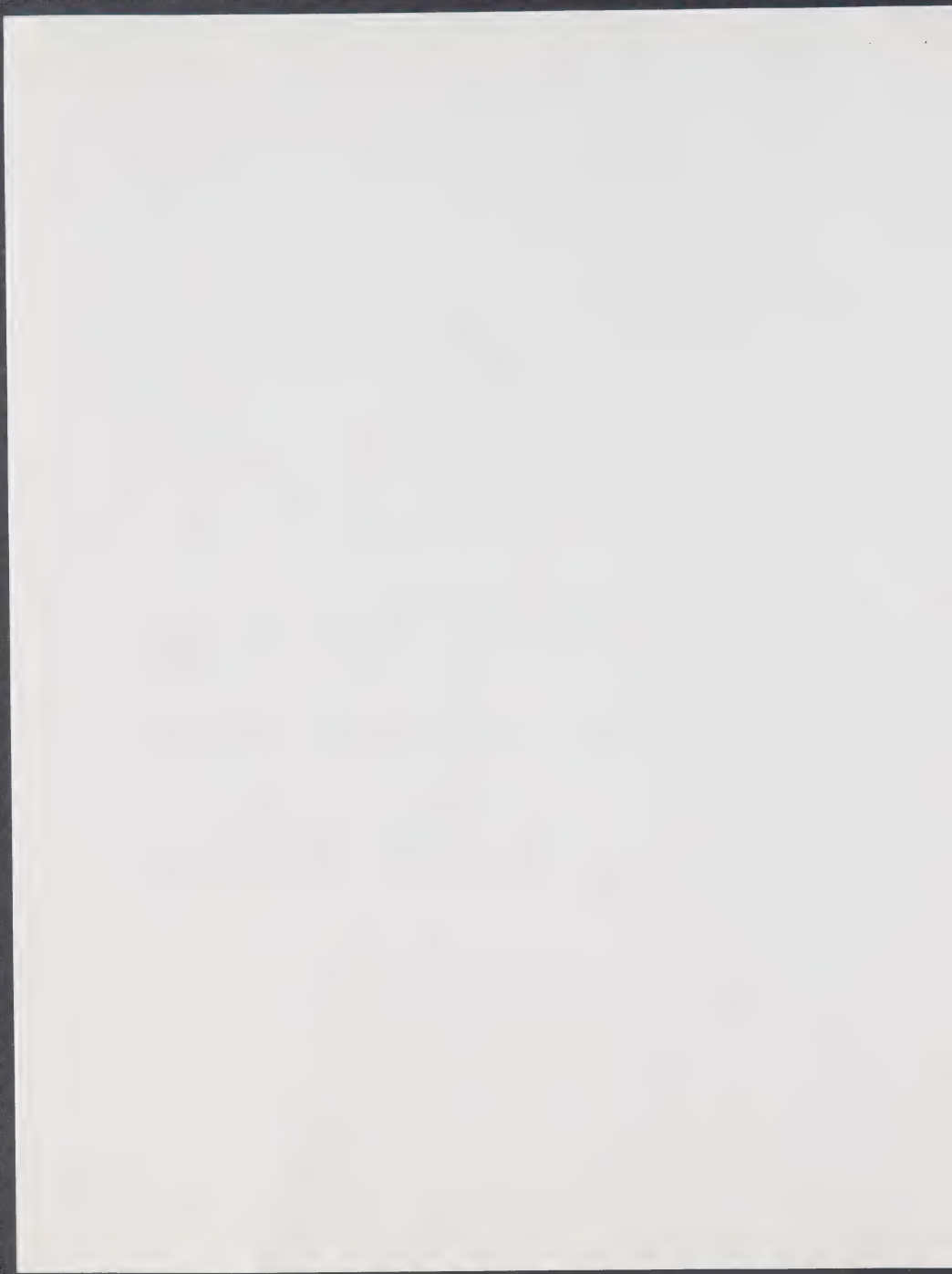
(a) Participants: members of the press and other national contacts were invited to the United States for four weeks of journalism training. A study visit of the U.S. government in Washington, D.C. and two-week intensive workshops were conducted. Arrangements around the country program developed in conjunction with the International and the Czech and Slovak relations program. The Foundation currently seeks funding to repeat the program after the June 1985 summit in the United States-Leningrad Agreement.

Independent Journalism Institute

Established as independent press center in Prague with initial support from several media foundations. In conjunction with the Columbia University School of Journalism, the center has developed a new journalism curriculum for Charles University in Prague; efforts are being made to duplicate this program in Slovakia. The press center's modern facilities host hands-on workshops conducted by American media experts teaching television and video production techniques, editing, publishing, newspaper design and management, and special reporting along with others. Directed by James L. Greenwald, Editorial Board of the New York Times.

PIBWAICH Training Programs for Publishers and Booksellers

In conjunction with the non-profit organization PIBWAICH, the Foundation plans to sponsor a workshop on coordinating information for a changing book trade. A short course on reviewing the



book distribution system to Czechoslovakia and establishing a resource library of Western publishing information in Prague.

Library Preservation efforts

Acquiring and preservation of unique Russian-language holdings of the National Library, St. A. Academy in Prague. With funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the directors of 5 Czechoslovak libraries were brought to the United States to meet with representatives from the Library of Congress and the New York Public Library to develop a plan of action for library preservation in Czechoslovakia. The Foundation is also developing other projects in this area.

Secondary School Scholarship Program

Following an extensive competition among Czech and Slovak high school students administered by the Charter 77 Foundation - Prague, and being funded by the Charter 77 Foundation - New York, 10 students were chosen to receive full scholarships and spend the 1991-1992 academic year in public and private high schools throughout the United States. This program will take place in dispersed locations during the 1991-1992 school year, with as many as 20 high schools expected to host.

German Language and Travel Grants

Drawing on grants totaling \$48,000 secured by the Charter 77 Foundation - New York, funds are being given to eligible Czech and Slovak leaders in the political, economic and environmental areas for short-term study stays in the United States to further economic transformation, strengthen environmental institutions and improve the government in East Germany.

1-44 University Study - Challenge Scholarship Fund

A \$2,000 U.S. Information Agency award to the Charter 77 Foundation - Prague, facilitated by the Charter 77 Foundation - New York, intended for Czechs and Slovaks who have already received a diploma and financial support for university study in the United States and need small extra

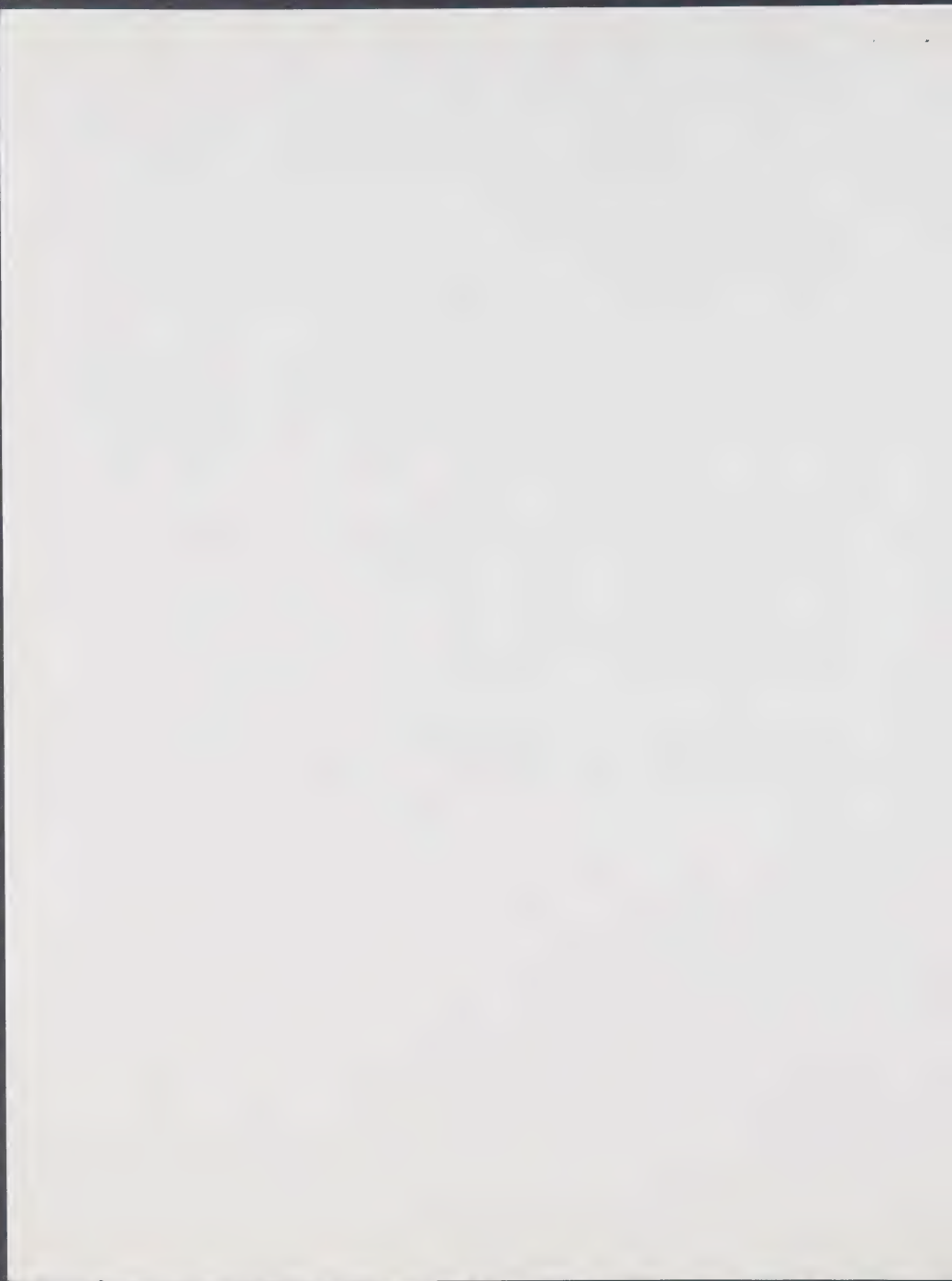
Expert Advisory Program

The Foundation will send Western experts to the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic as independent advisers on aspects of economic and political reform, transforming social services and other critical areas of need. (This project is in formation)

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FROM: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

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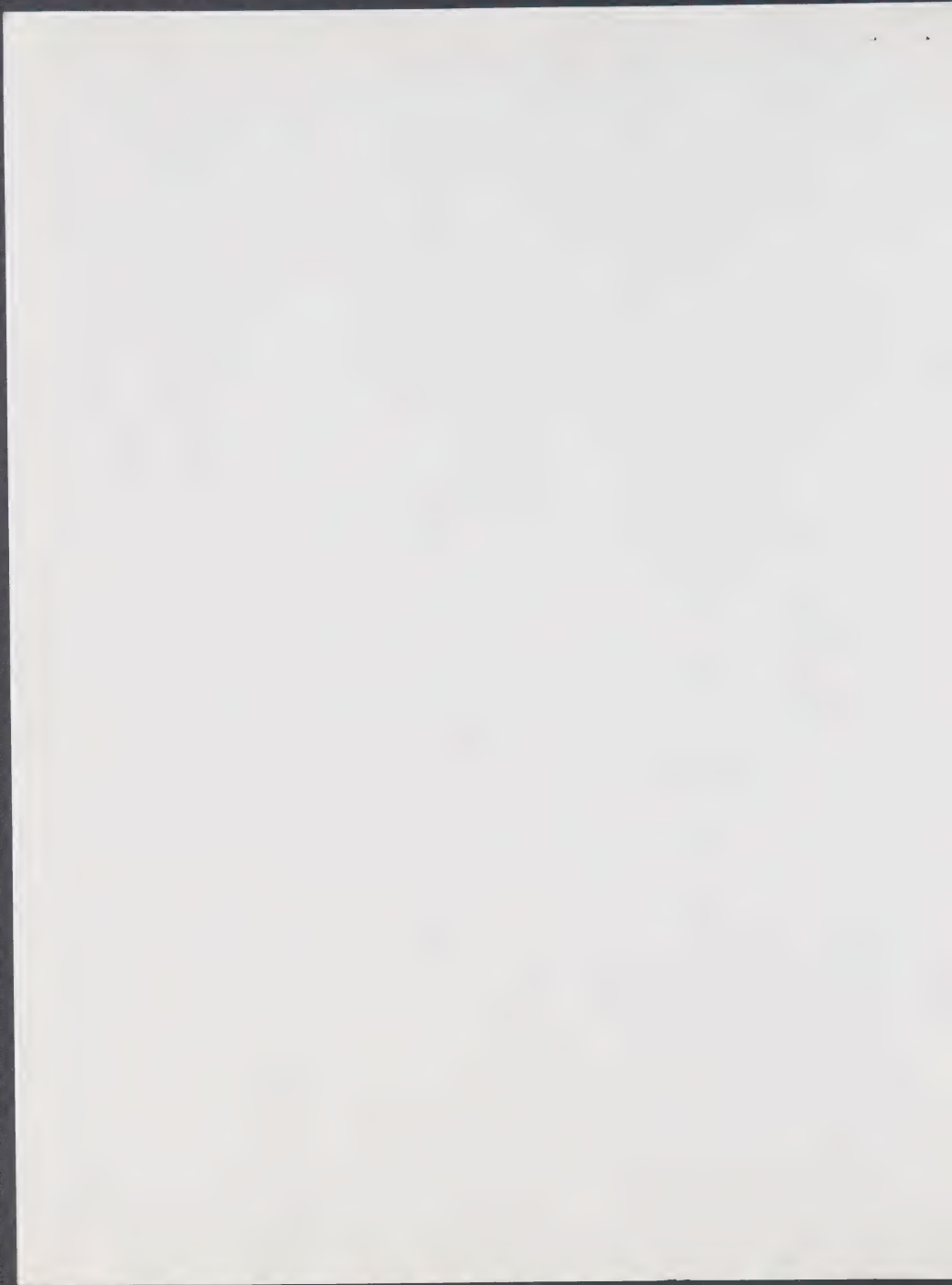
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Dr. Alfred Bader
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March 2, 1992

Via Fax 212 974 0367

Ms. Mary Albert
Charter 77 Foundation
Suite 1901
888 - 7th Avenue
New York, New York 10106

Dear Ms. Albert:

I enjoyed meeting you by telephone to discuss that very odd problem of how to help a really able student in Pardubice.

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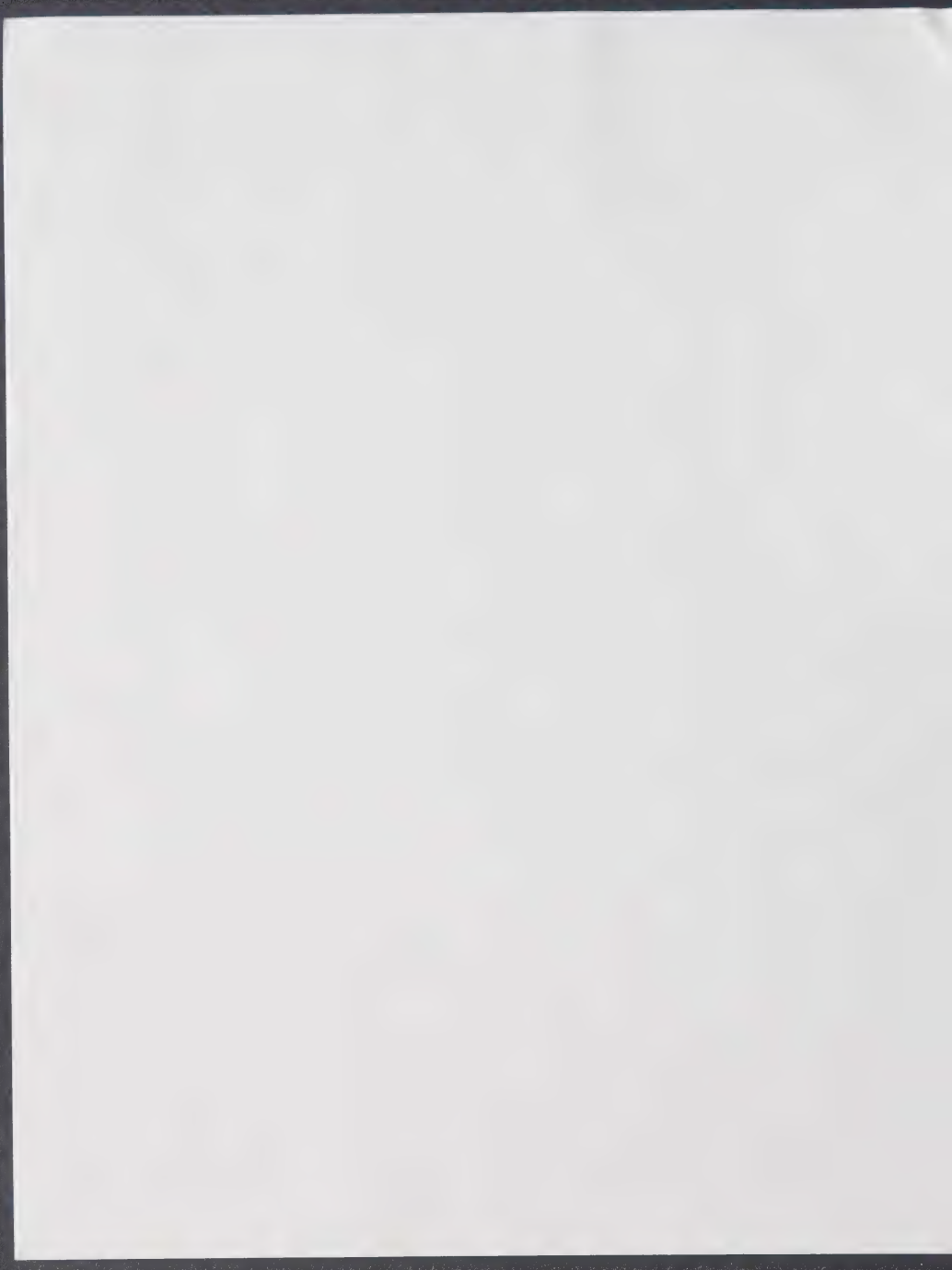
Many thanks for your help.

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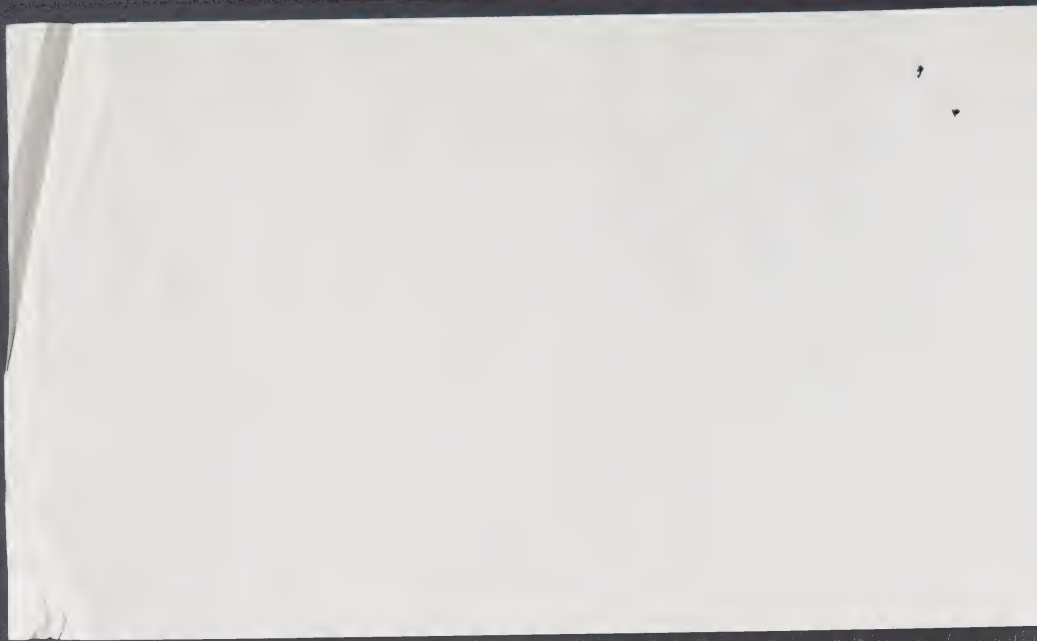
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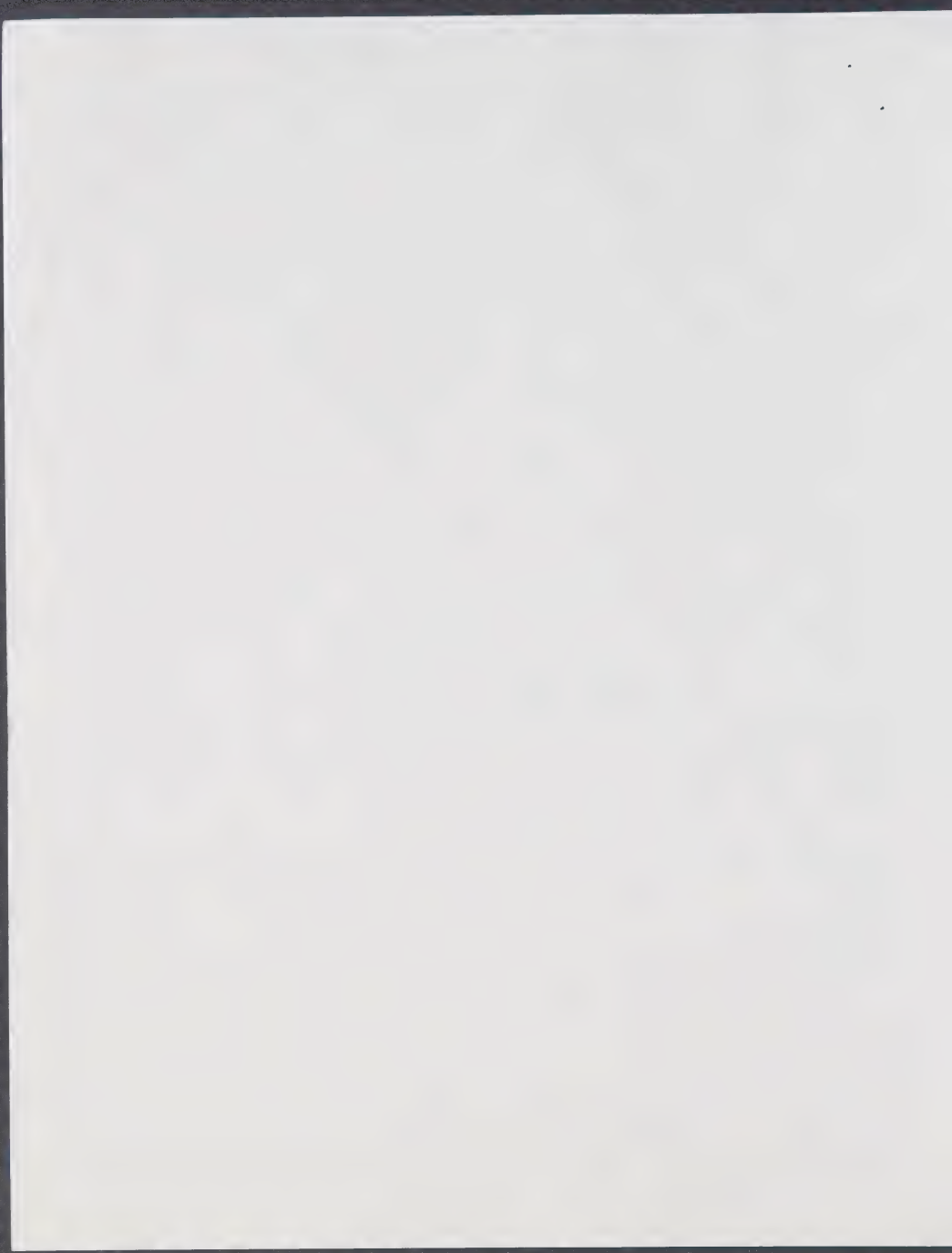
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March 2, 1992

Via Fax 42 40 40682
Confirmation via Air Mail

Ing. Vladimír Matouš
Managing Director
VUOS
Research Institute for Organic Synthesis
CS 532 18 Pardubice, Rybitví, Czechoslovakia

Dear Vladimír:

I have to come to you today with a very strange story. As you know I promised to help the organization that wants to bring that able young student, Lenka, to the United States. I called that organization in La Jolla and spoke to their president, Mr. Klaus Bergmann, and he told me that his organization simply does not accept contributions from anyone!

Isabel and I always prefer to send our funds to organizations that help, rather than to individual students. Thus, for instance, we gave the funds for the Bader fellowships to Columbia University, University of Pennsylvania and Imperial College, and not directly to the students who are brought over for study.

I immediately called the best known Czech foundation, the Charta 77 Foundation, whose telephone number in Prague is 2 221 242. I called their New York office to inquire whether I could send the check for \$2000 to the Charta 77 Foundation and then have them make certain that Lenka receives the money wherever she needs it. I was told that they would give me their reply within a day or two, but in the meantime, you might like to call the Charta 77 Foundation in Prague and see if they can help.

I have never heard of an organization like that in La Jolla who absolutely refused to accept any contributions, even though I explained that I have no personal relationship to this student, but have only learned that she is very able and in need of help.

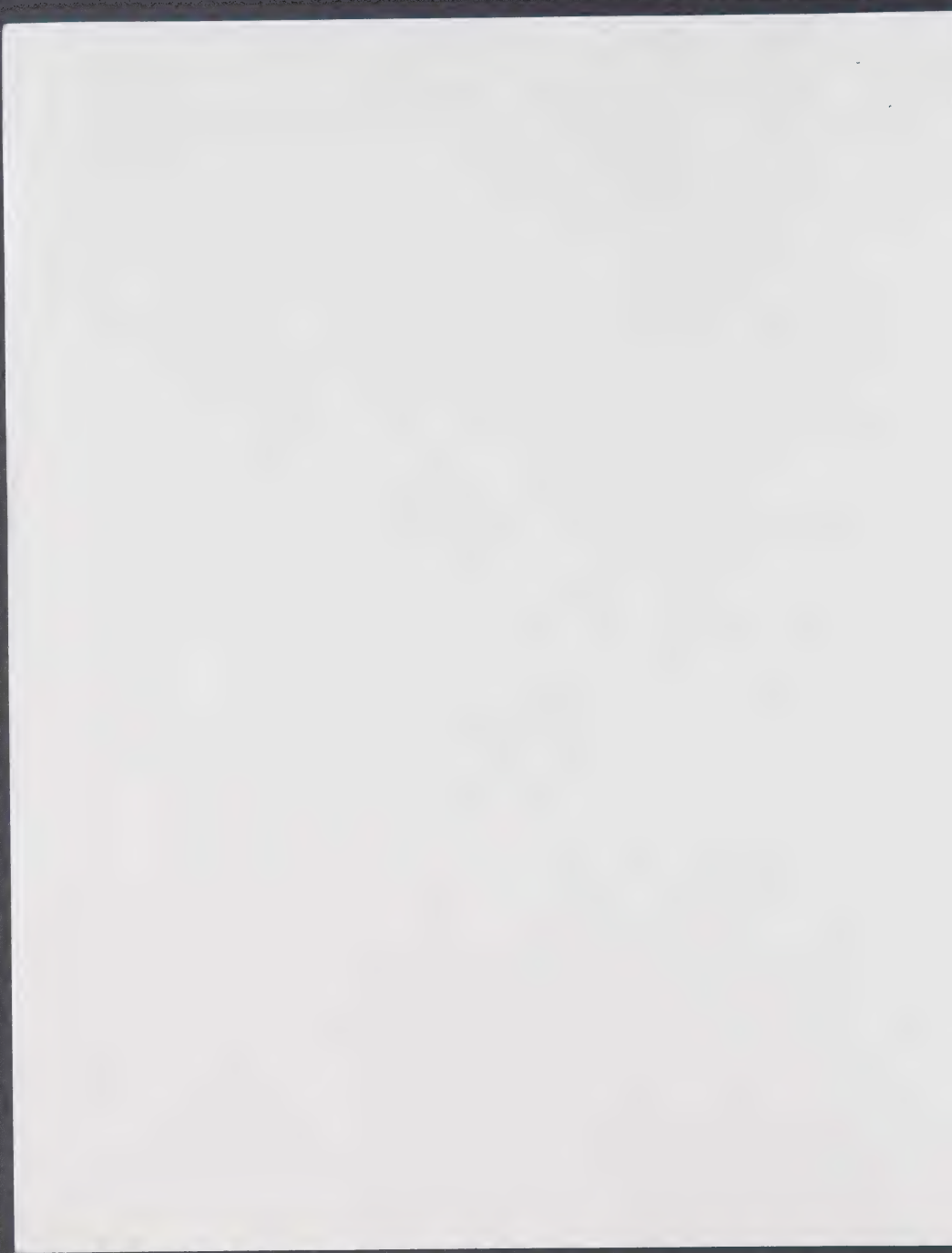
I hope that you have received copies of my correspondence with Rita Klimova. I don't want to impose on her for help in such a trifling matter as our help for one student, but if all else fails I will call her to ask what she suggests.

All good wishes.

Alfred Bader

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January 29, 1992

Via Fax 42 40 40682

Ing. Vladimir Matous
Managing Director
VUOS
Research Institute for Organic Synthesis
CS532 18 Pardubice, Rybitvi, Czechoslovakia

Dear Vladimir:

It was a pleasure chatting with you today.

This is just a note to confirm that Isabel and I will be happy to donate \$2,000.00 to that American organization helping Czechoslovak high school students to come to the United States, of course with the understanding that this particularly excellent student will be the one chosen.

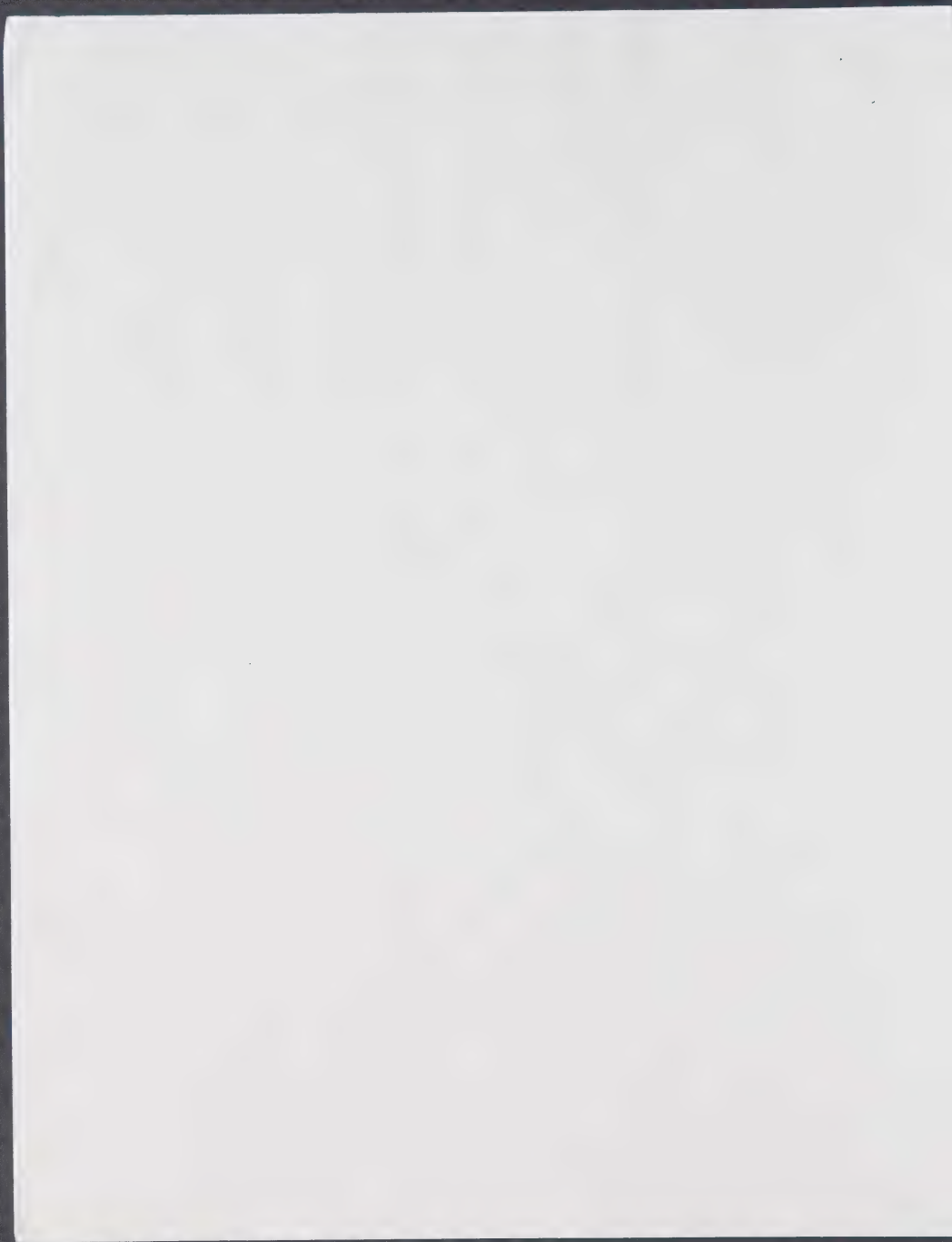
At your convenience, please let me have the exact name, address and telephone number of the American organization handling this matter.

Many thanks for all your help with Lawsons and the Apollo flasks.

Best regards.

As always,

Alfred Bader





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001-414-273-3215

Dr. Alfred BADER
Sigma-Aldrich
940 W. St. Paul Av.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
53233 USA

YOUR REF.

OUR REF.
20/12/Ing.Mš/Kr

PARDUBICE - RYBITVÍ
16. 1. 1992

Dear Dr. Bader,

this time I dare to trouble you with an exceptional problem and this is why I beg you for understanding in advance.

Since last school year I have been teaching organic chemistry and basic English at High School of Industrial Chemistry (4 years study) in Pardubice. For two of my students-girls I have got an extraordinary offer for one-year study in the USA, organized by AISE (American Intercultural Student Exchange) - see enclosure.

These students may study one year in some American High School, living in "adoptive American family". It was my dream when I was young, which did not come true.

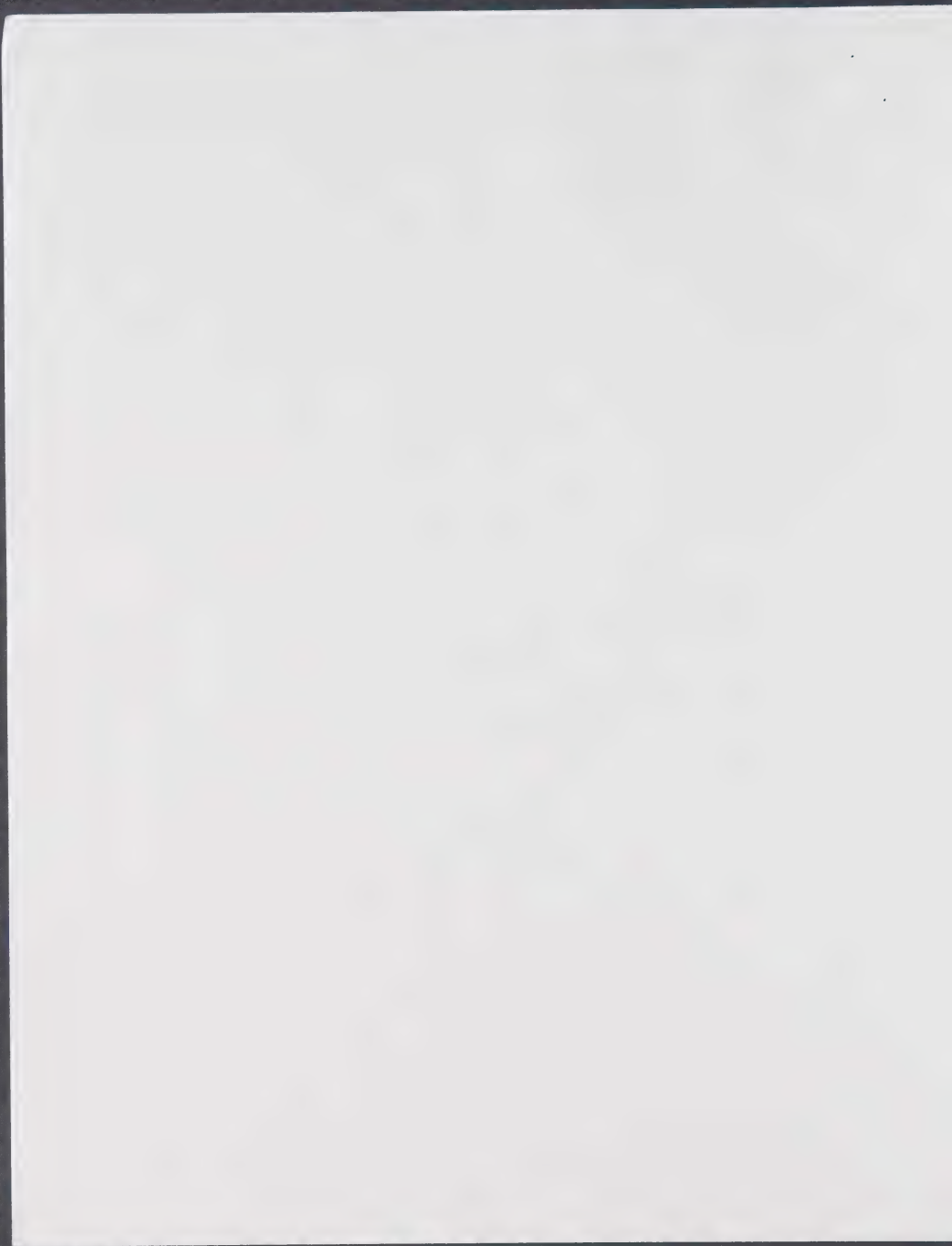
This study is most attractive, of course, but very expensive for us, due to the vast difference in currencies. The necessary sum represents USD 4700-5870 (AISE data), including USD 2770 for accommodation, insurance etc., USD 800-1300 for air-ticket and USD 100-150 for month pocket-money.

One girl is well furnished with money, already, because her uncle, living in Germany, sold his car and gave her an appropriate sum of dollars.

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FAX:040/40682
TELEGRAM
Vyzkum Rybitvi



But I have troubles with the second girl, who is more intelligent and capable, with very good knowledge of English and with great endeavour to be successful. This is why I recommended her. And now comes the problem - money. The above mentioned sum of dollars expressed in Czech currency, represents ca 136-170 thousand Kčs and is equal to two years' income of her parents. Father works in the local oil-refinery as a leading worker, mother works in the school-kitchen. It is quite excluded to pay the whole stay of their daughter in the USA. For several months we are trying to collect necessary money, but, including my personal support, it is quiet insufficient. We try to find some local official sponsor, but without any success. I invaded also Ministry of Culture and Education, but in vain.

Dear dr.Bader, as time is running and the deadline of payment is reaching, I dare to ask you for your kind help how to get some support. Every your advice will be appreciated. I did not dare to ask sponsors of AISE, yet. I am very sorry to say that such an attractive and most useful one-year study in USA is not acceptable for plain people in Czechoslovakia, having no background in abroad.

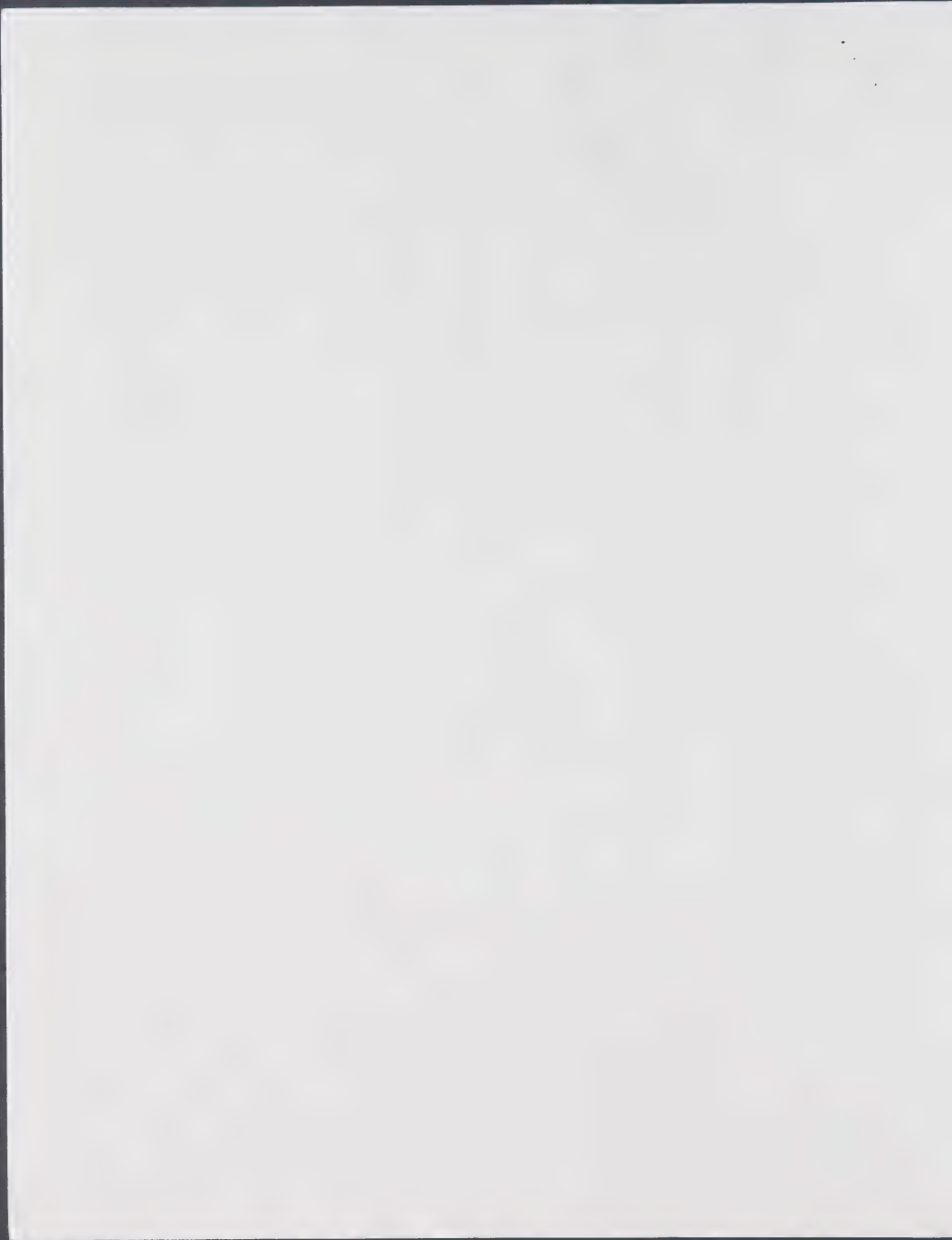
Again I stress that I am very sorry to trouble you with such a demand, but I have nobody closer to advise me. The name of this student-girl is Lenka Pospíšilová (her photo enclosed). If you will consider my letter too cheeky, please, throw it away.

Sincerely yours



Vladimír Matouš

This letter goes by mail, too.



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La Jolla, California 92037



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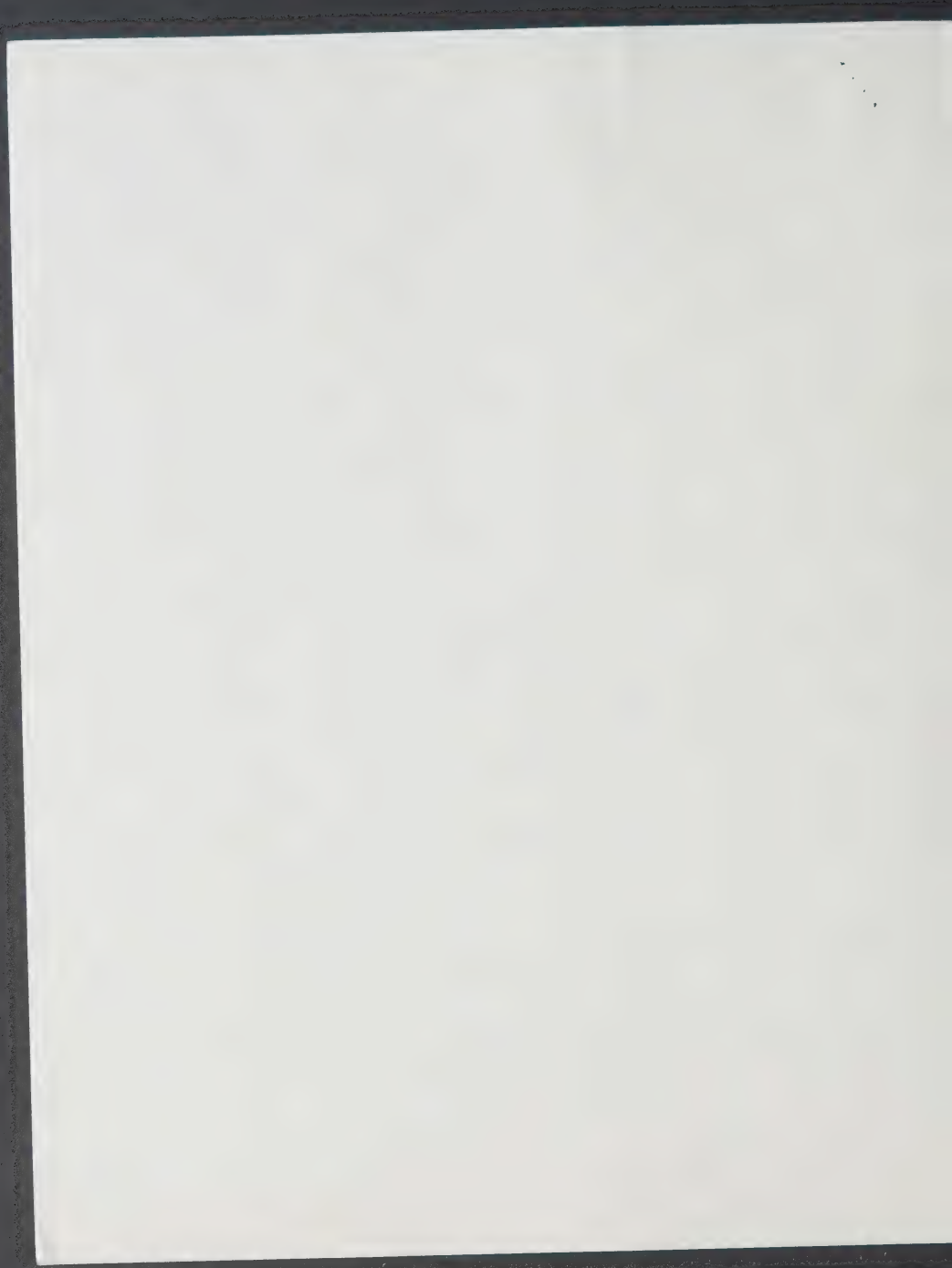
Střeđoškolské studium v USA na jeden školní rok

Letos v srpnu odcestovali první čeští a slovenští střeđoškoláci do USA, aby strávili jeden školní rok na americké střeđní škole (high school) a žili v "adoptivní americké rodině". Pro školní rok 1991-92 odcestovalo 160 studentů a pravděpodobně někteří z nich byli vaši spolužáci nebo spolužačky. V následujících odstavcích byste měli být stručně seznámeni se základními informacemi o naší organizaci s tím, jaká jsou kritéria pro přijetí, finanční podmínky a jiné obecné informace pro školní rok 1992-93.

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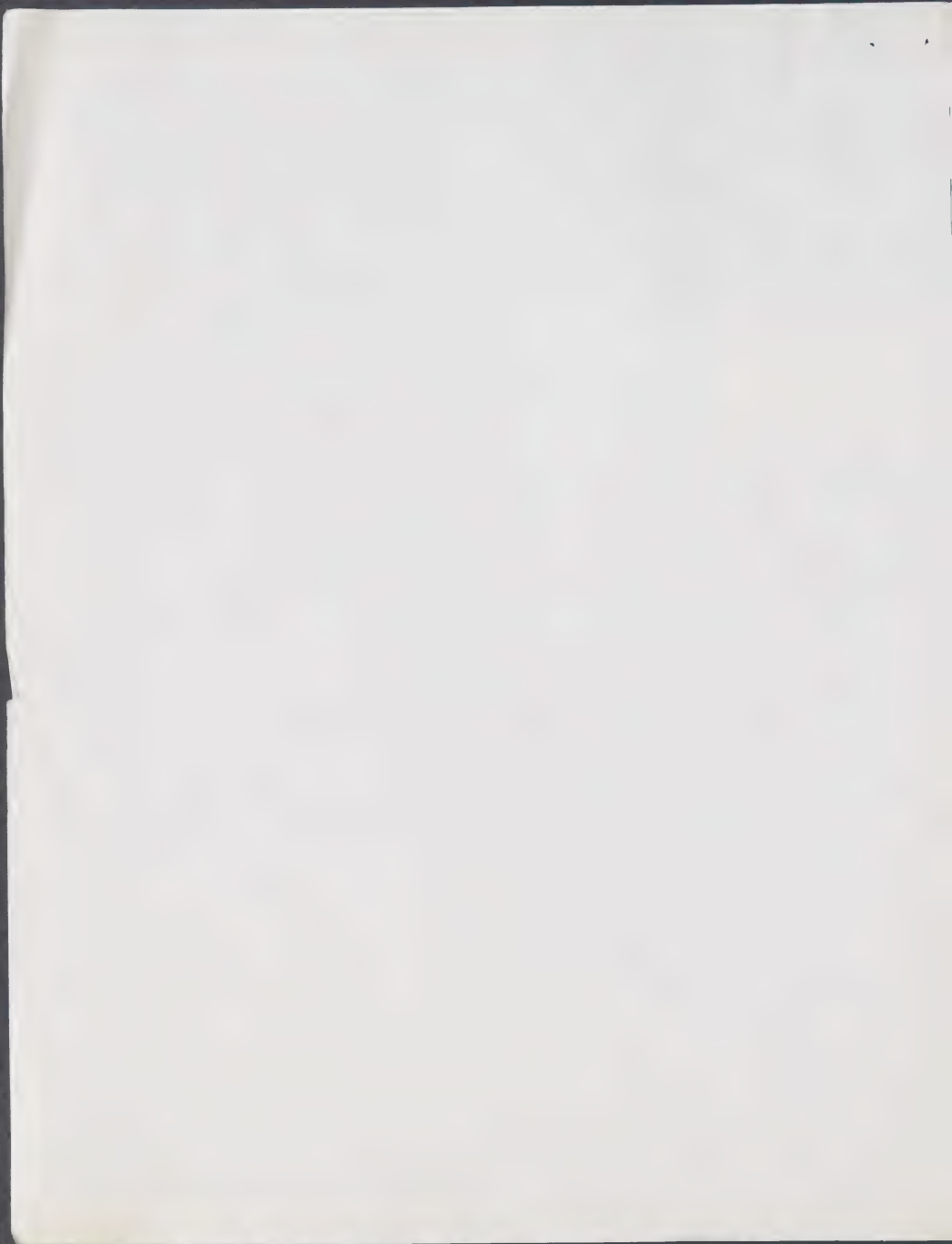
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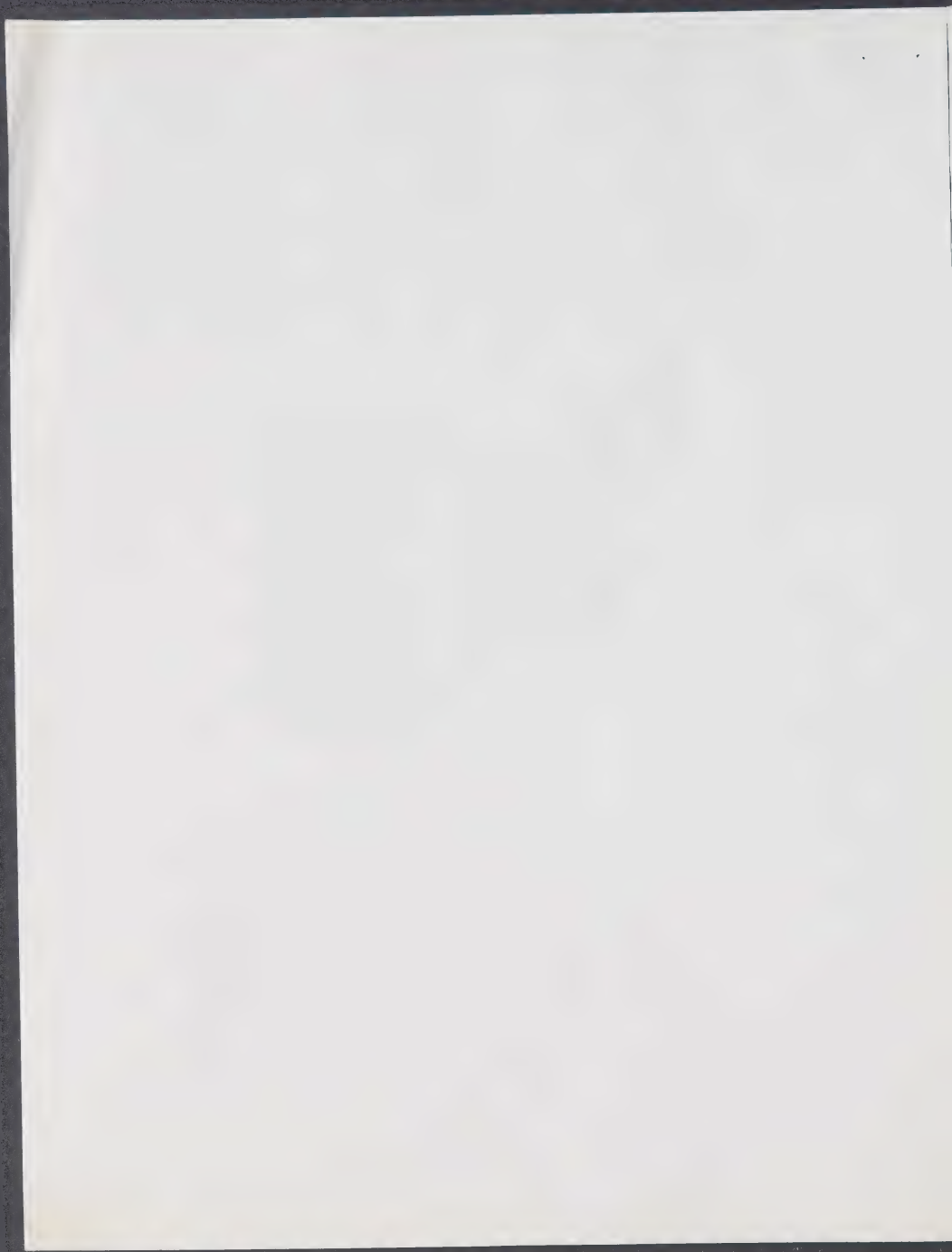
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Churches Offer Health Care. Study Finds

More than three quarters of American churches provide health care services to their members, and the government, according to a new report.

Comprehensive health care programs, including a variety of counseling, referral services, and educational services, are provided by churches, according to a survey conducted last year by the National Center for Charitable Giving and the National Center for Charitable Philanthropy.

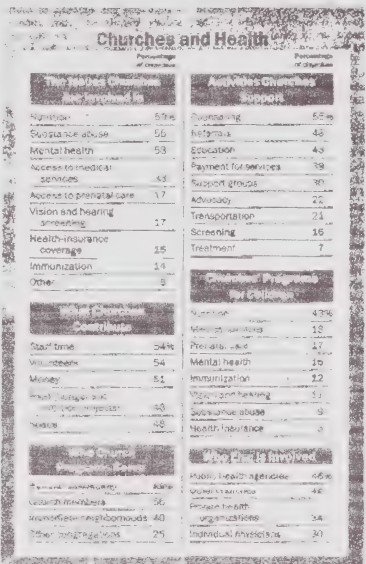
Churches receive considerable aid for people seeking to deal with health problems, said Edward B. Cowart, program director for health issues at the National Center of Charities.

Government aid for health care programs has declined in the last few years, and a growing number of people are turning to churches for help, he said. "It is a very important part of the health care system," he said.

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New Gifts: Former Farm Worker Gives \$10-Million

and a history of giving to charity are among the reasons why a former farm worker has given \$10 million to charity.

The gift from Willie E. Carter, a personal trainer, gives him the university's Board of Trustees the largest sum through N.C. education has received from an individual donor.

Richard L. Brown, N.C. vice president for institutional advancement and planning, said the money would be used to fund a new center for the study of the history of the state's role in the development of the state's economy and the state's role in the development of the state's economy.

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Ambivalent Philanthropist Spends

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Promoting Democracy

Meaning work to him these days is helping to promote a wide network of people working to promote democracy and pluralism in Soviet and Eastern European countries, and setting up foundations and setting up foundations and setting up foundations.

The foundations, although managed autonomously, all support non-governmental activities that occasionally promote such activities—those where, in Mr. Soros's words, no single person or institution has a monopoly on the truth.

In general, that has meant doing everything from helping dissidents travel abroad, to equipping independent journalists with television cameras and computers, to translating sensitive works by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, James Burnham, and Bert Brecht.

Each of the foundations is governed by people in that respective country, supported by staff members from the Soros Foundation office in New York. Most grants go directly to people and organizations in the region rather than to support non-profit U.S. intermediaries.

The foundation in each country is free to make grants however it wishes—but Mr. Soros retains the right to withhold his support should it be used in a way that he considers to be against his interests.

By establishing separate foundations in each country rather than making grants through a single fund, Mr. Soros hopes to nurture independence and a benevolent form of nationalism.

By also establishing programs and institutions like the Civic Education Program, the Soros Foundation hopes to promote the development of a new generation of leaders who will be able to lead their countries into the future.

Foundations and organizations, some of which are government-run, are also being established in the former communist bloc, and the Soros Foundation hopes to be able to help them to develop.

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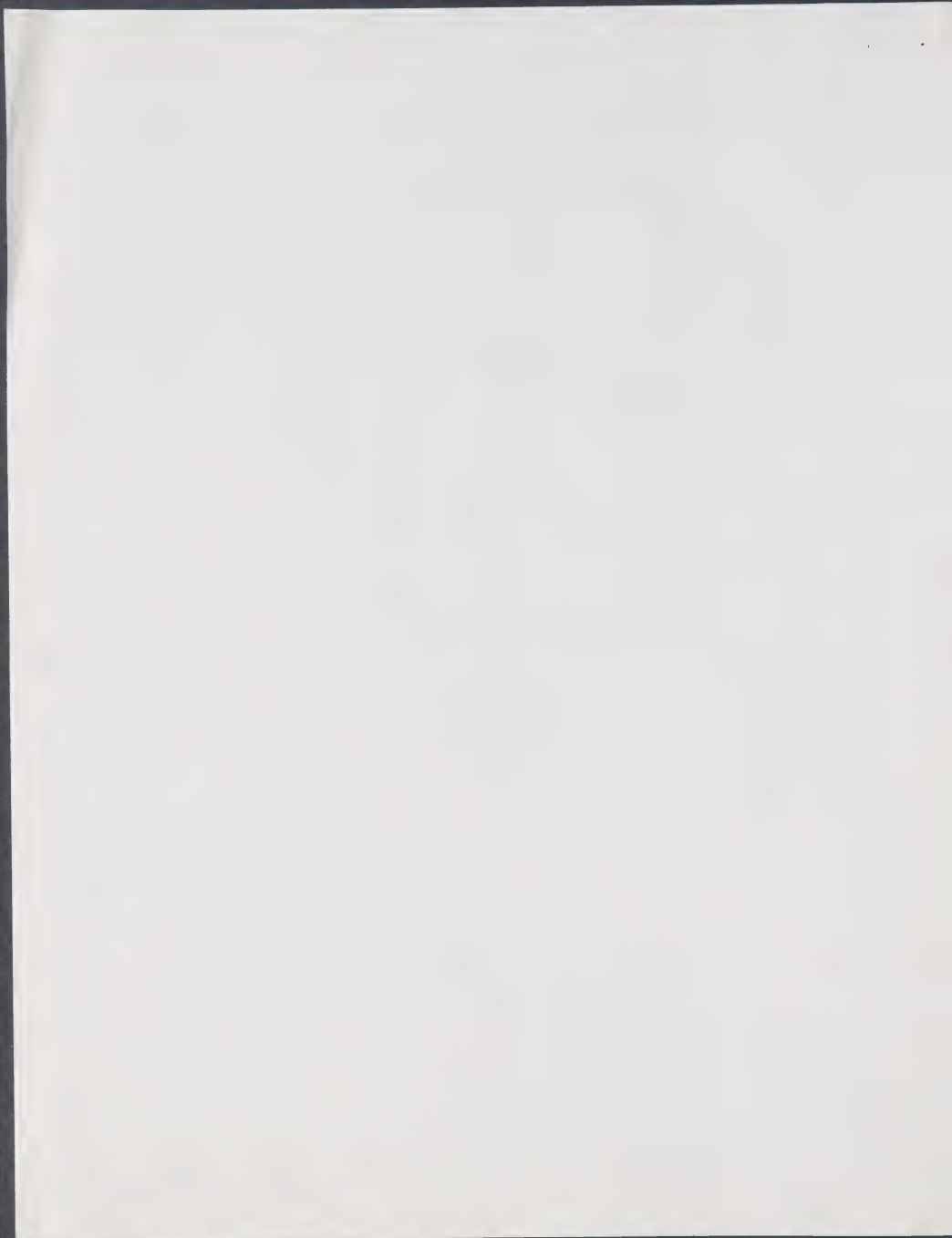
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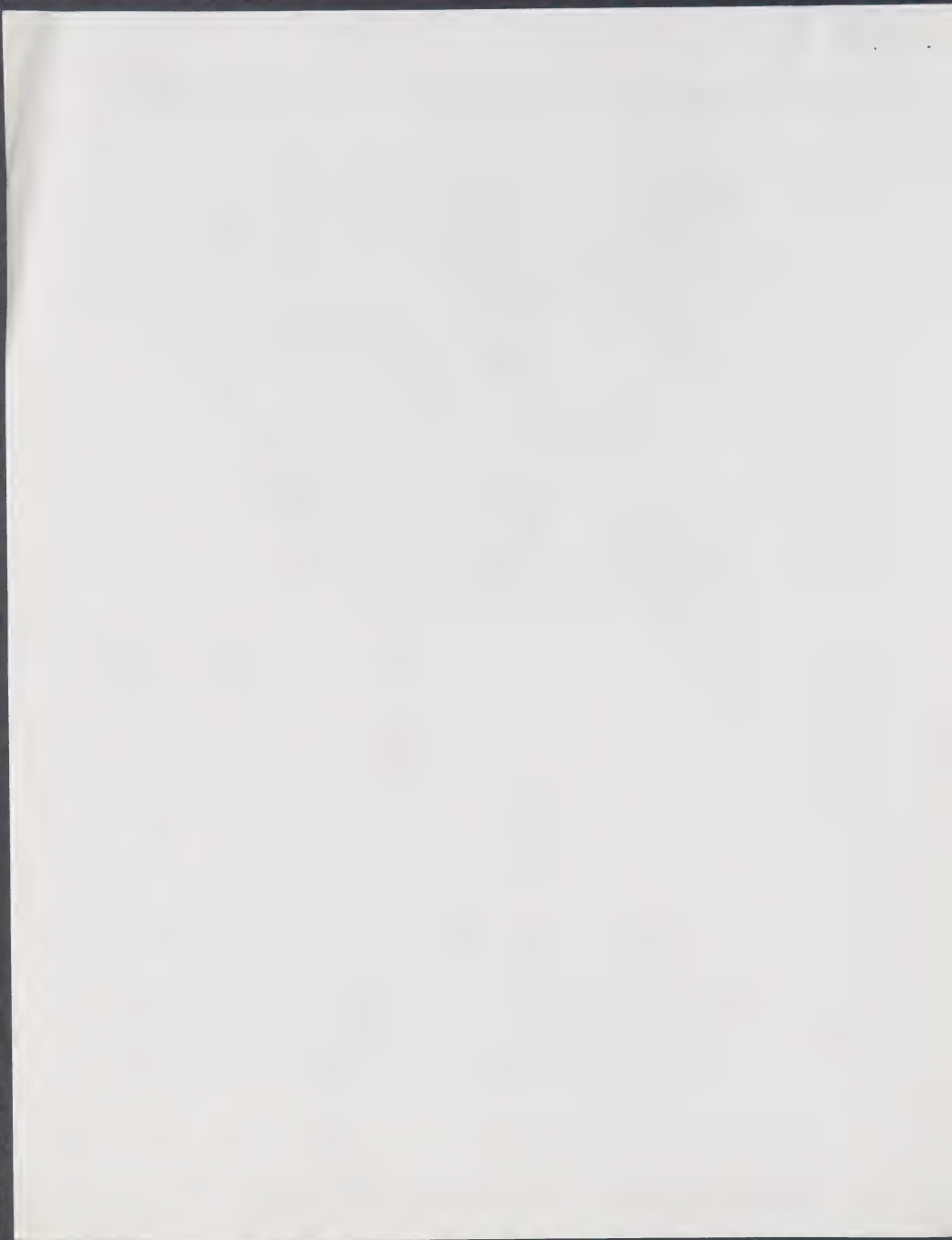
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Eastern Europe's Ambivalent Benefactor

Attuned to revolutionary changes, George Soros is spending millions to open closed societies in the former Soviet bloc

By STEPHEN LEVITSKY

George Soros, the Hungarian-born philanthropist, is spending millions of dollars to open up the former Soviet bloc to the West. He is doing so in a way that is both revolutionary and controversial.

Soros, who has made his fortune in the United States, is known for his role in the 1992 financial crisis. He is now using his wealth to fund a series of programs in Eastern Europe, including the Open Society Foundations. These programs are designed to promote democracy, human rights, and the rule of law.

Soros is a controversial figure in the West, and his efforts are not without critics. Some argue that his programs are too small and too slow to make a real difference.

Others, however, see Soros as a visionary who is helping to shape the future of Eastern Europe. They argue that his programs are essential for the region's development and for the spread of democratic values.

Soros's work is not without challenges. He faces opposition from some governments and groups in the region. He also faces criticism from some Western observers who see his work as a form of imperialism.

Despite these challenges, Soros remains committed to his work. He believes that the Open Society Foundations are essential for the region's future. He sees his work as a way to help the people of Eastern Europe to build a better life for themselves.

Soros's work is also being supported by many other people and organizations. This support is helping to make his programs more effective. It is also helping to raise the profile of his work in the West.

Soros's work is a testament to his vision and his commitment to the world. He is helping to shape the future of Eastern Europe, and he is doing so in a way that is both revolutionary and controversial.

His work is also a testament to the power of individual action. He is showing that one person can make a difference in the world.



George Soros: "People who are professional shrews suffer from the professional delirium that they are never told the truth."

of the Quantum Fund, initial investments in which have generated substantial returns, however.

"I greatly admire what you've done," says A. Peter S. White, president of the Charles and Johanna Raubold Foundation, a national foundation for the Open Society Foundations' sister network. "It was moving money in the 1990s, before the market crashed, to do for the people of Eastern Europe. It was a bold move. It was a great investment and a great thing."

A 'Vorsprung' and Ominous? Strategy

But Soros's strategy is also being criticized. Some see it as a form of imperialism, and others see it as a way to control the region.

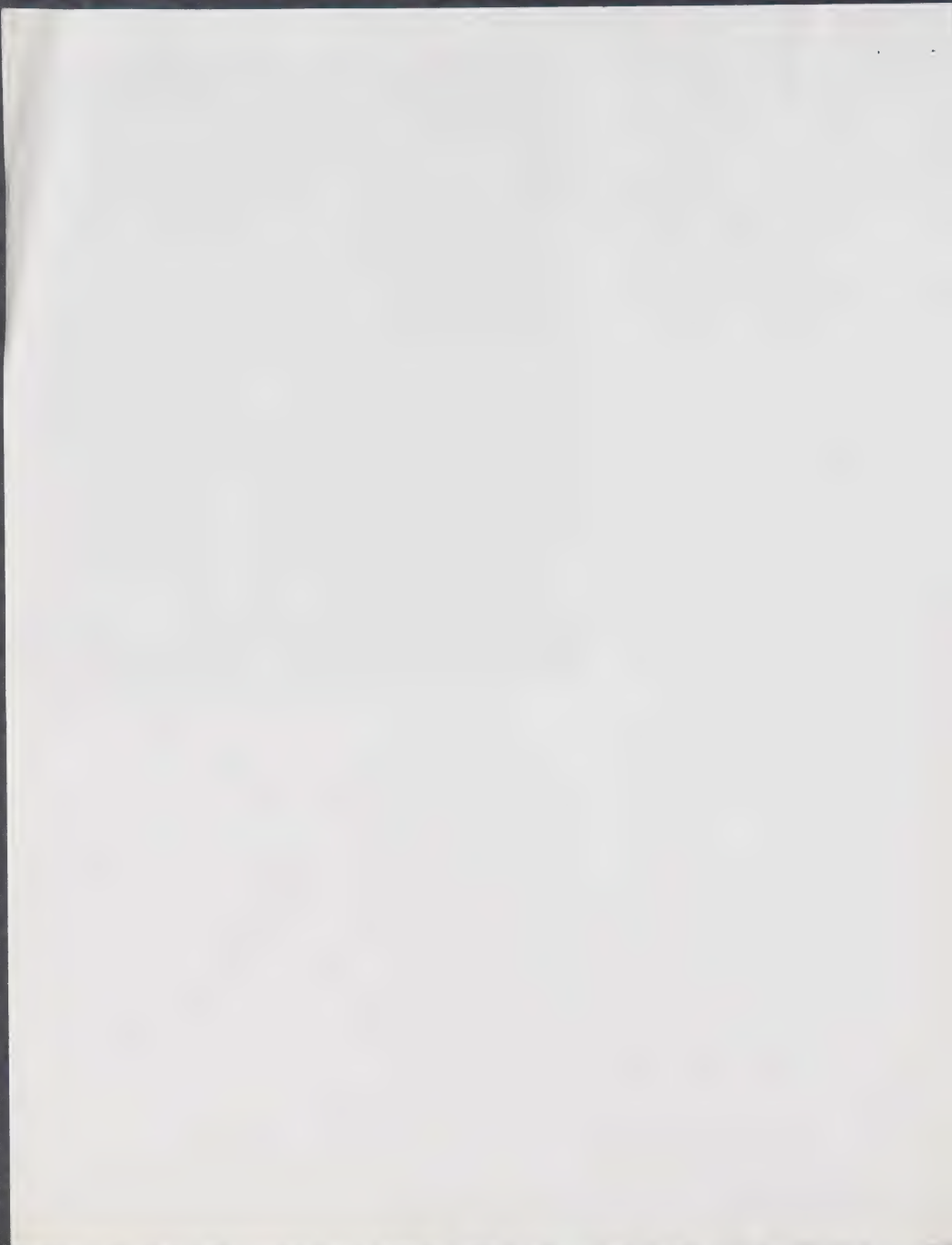
"We're being opportunistic, not using his brain to determine what's going on here, it's just the world we live in," says Robert J. Ruffin, director of the Hungarian Foundation for Democracy, a Soros-funded organization. "Soros is a great man, but he's not a democrat. He's a capitalist. He's a man who's been in the West, and he's trying to bring his ideas to the East. It's not a good thing."

regime, says M. Bodo, adding, "I've been very bold and courageous in the past."

But many Western governments have paid the former Soviet bloc a visit, and included the former bloc in their foreign policy agendas.

By the 1990s, a few who had Hungary and elsewhere in 1990, George Soros's Open Society Foundations had a reputation for being a form of imperialism. This reputation was based on the fact that Soros's Open Society Foundations were seen as a form of imperialism. They were seen as a way to control the region, and as a way to spread Western values. This reputation was also based on the fact that Soros's Open Society Foundations were seen as a form of imperialism. They were seen as a way to control the region, and as a way to spread Western values.

"I have had, once in a while, to be in unenviable situations, both as an opponent of the Communists and as a friend of the revolutionary changes," observed Mr. Soros. "But I think I made an honest effort to do the right thing, and I'm proud of it. I'm proud of the people I've helped, and I'm proud of the work I've done."



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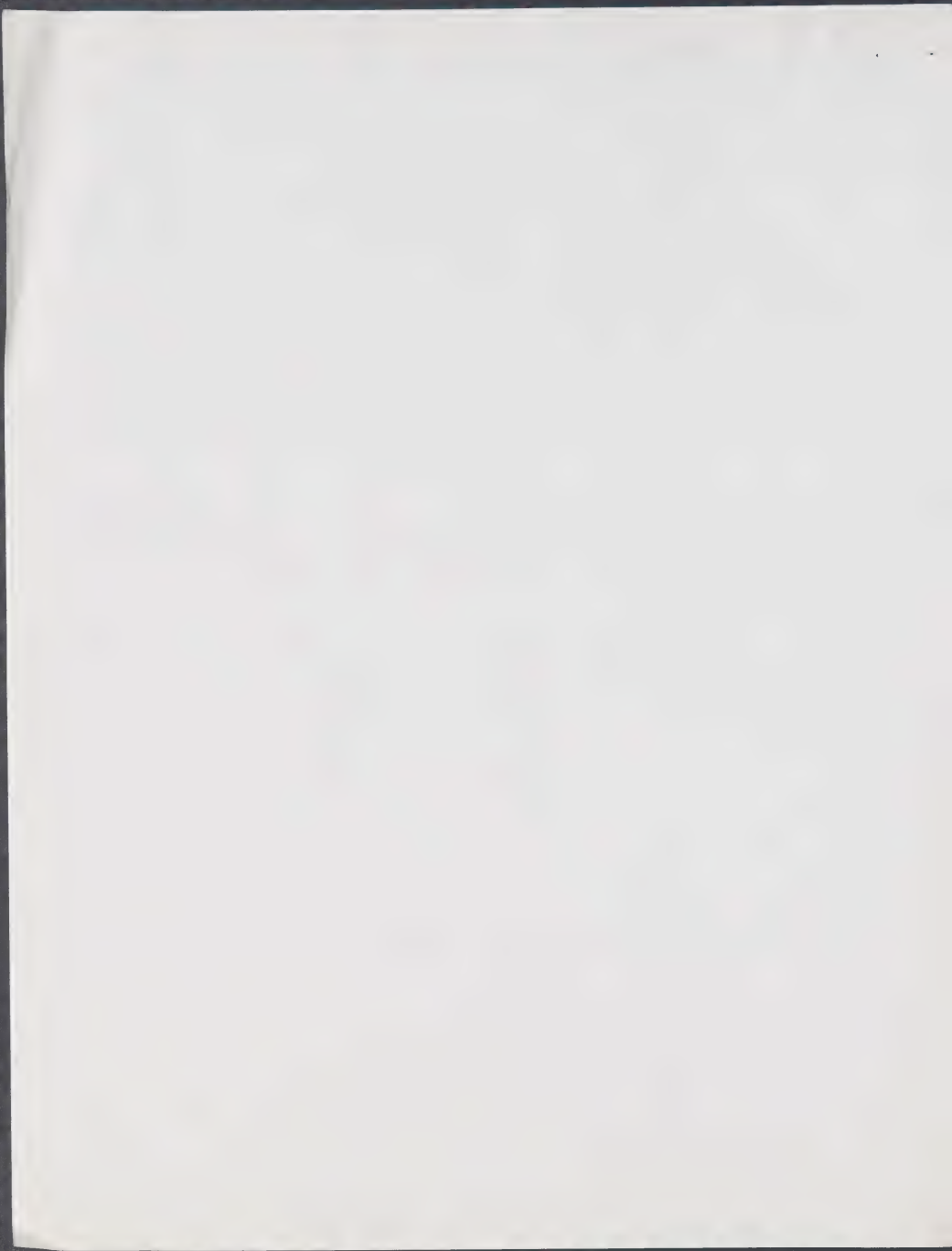
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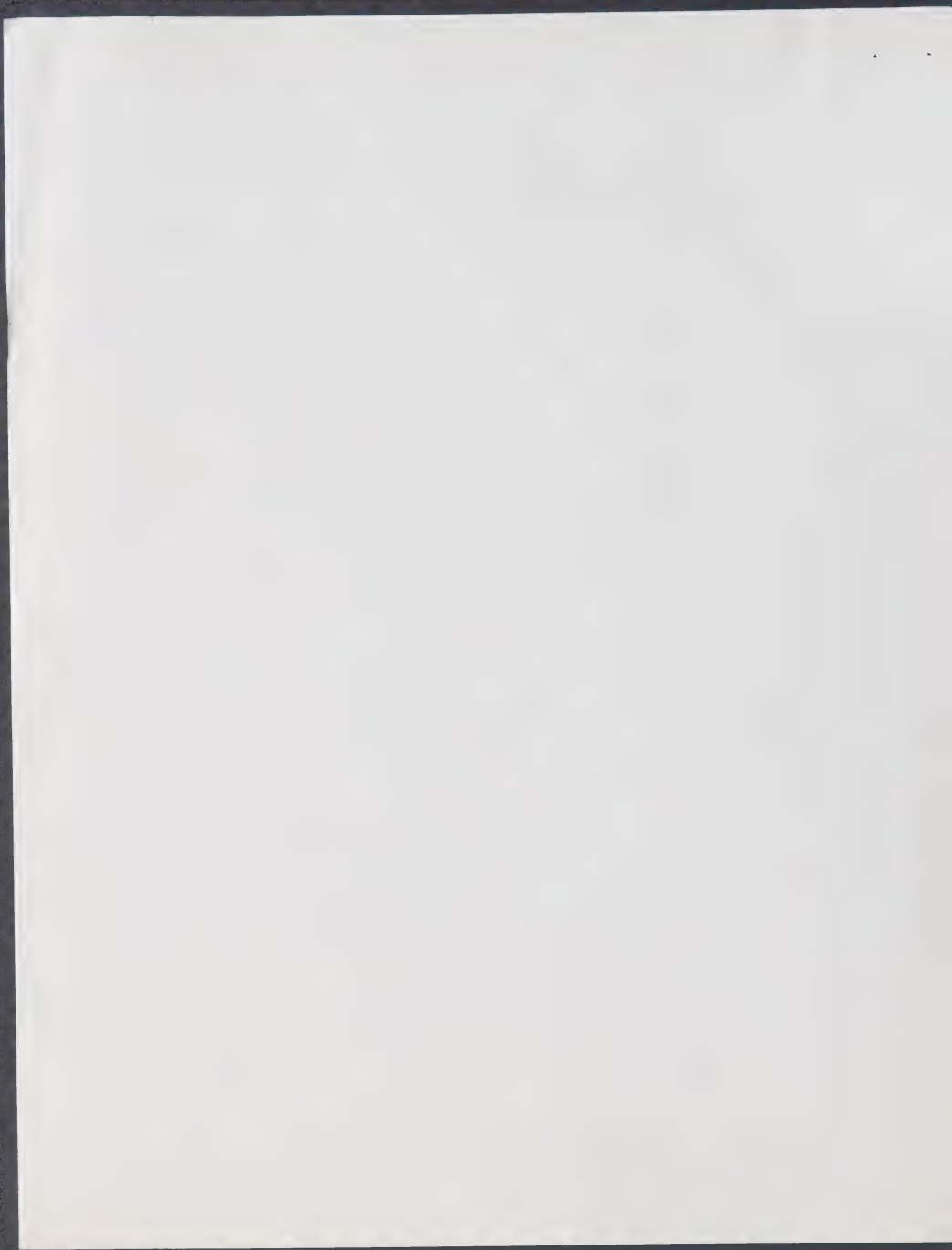
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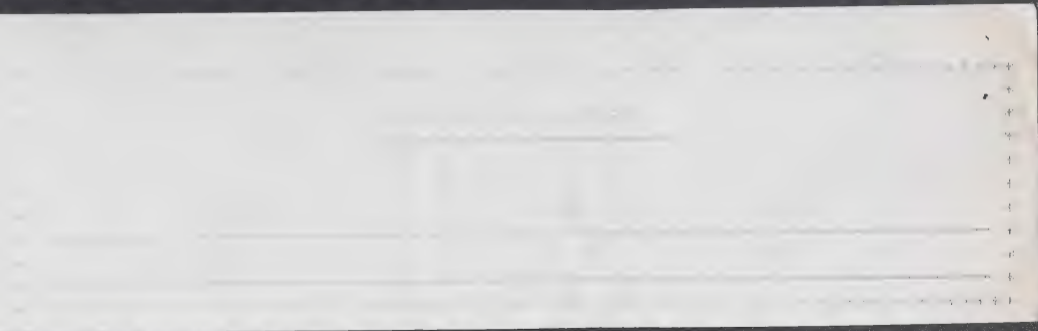
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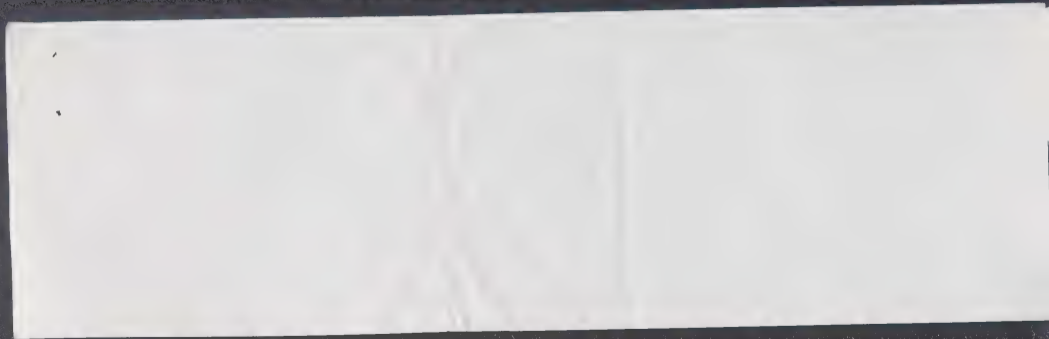
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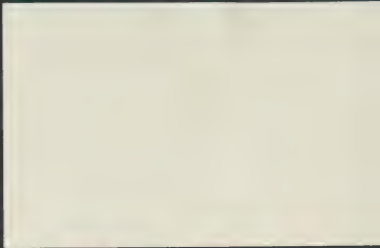




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"The enthusiasm, the resourcefulness and the knowledge of terrain exhibited by the Charter 77 Foundation - New York have been instrumental in promoting the values of democracy, human rights, and tolerance in Czechoslovakia."

VACLAV HAVEL
President of Czechoslovakia

"The Charter 77 Foundation - New York came to Czechoslovakia at the very beginning of the changes towards democratization. Its deep knowledge of the problems, close contacts with opinion makers in both parts of Czechoslovakia, as well as the high moral status and popularity it quickly acquired, make it among the leading and most important foreign non-governmental activities in Czechoslovakia."

JAN URBAN

Freelance Journalist and Former Dissident

"At a time of monumental change in Czechoslovakia, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York has been exceptionally effective at matching resources to our country's enormous needs. The Foundation has from the start recognized Czechoslovakia's greatest asset — our young people. Our youth made the 'velvet revolution' possible, and it will be our youth who will fulfill the promise of this revolution. The Foundation has provided many opportunities for Czech and Slovak students and young leaders to study and train abroad. These young men and women have returned to Czechoslovakia with new knowledge and expertise, and are now making a positive impact on our society."

MICHAEL ZANTOVSKY

Czechoslovak Ambassador to the United States

"The Charter 77 Foundation - New York is one of the key pieces of the jigsaw puzzle of U.S. government and privately funded aid and assistance to Czechoslovakia. Besides its regular, highly commendable programs, it also provides very special help when everything is hopeless because something is lacking to make things come together and happen. It thus has a very special place in our hearts and minds."

RITA KLIMOVA

Former Czechoslovak Ambassador to the United States

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

"The return of freedom...has turned out to be far more serious than anyone could have predicted: an enormous and blindingly visible explosion of every imaginable human vice...The authoritarian regime imposed a certain order [that] has now been broken down, but a new order that would limit rather than exploit these vices, an order based on a freely accepted responsibility to and for the whole of society, has not yet been built, nor could it have been, for such an order takes years to develop and cultivate."

VACLAV HAVEL

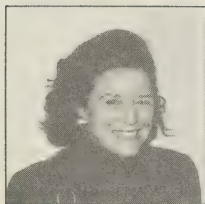
"Paradise Lost," *New York Review of Books*, April 9, 1992

When the Charter 77 Foundation - New York was formed in the euphoric atmosphere of "freedom at last" for Czechoslovakia in January 1990, we all honestly believed — or at least I did — that all we had to do was match the very best people from Czechoslovakia with the very best people from the U.S. and Western Europe and very soon — certainly within two years — the Foundation would no longer be needed. Czechoslovakia would be on its way and we would have worked our way out of a job.

We were convinced that the process of democratization and privatization would move quickly in Czechoslovakia. The role of the Charter 77 Foundation - New York was to help lay the base, to seed projects in Czechoslovakia that, once started and showing promise, would be supported by governments, international organizations and the large Western foundations. However, this did not happen. Why?

- Although the Charter 77 Foundation - New York became an important vehicle for Western assistance to Czechoslovakia, the level of this assistance remains meager. Czechoslovakia has had more problems absorbing this assistance than initially anticipated because of the lack of developed institutions.
- The disintegration of the Soviet Union diverted both Western attention and funds from the so-called "troika" of Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland. It also destroyed the economic relationship these countries had with the Soviet market for their manufactured goods at a crucial moment of economic reform and privatization.
- The level of psychological and moral decay in Czechoslovakia resulting from 40 years of communism was much more severe and debilitating than anyone had imagined. This created far greater needs and requires profound efforts to engage Czechoslovak society at so many different levels.

Thus the Charter 77 Foundation - New York finds itself playing a vital role in the post-communist development of Czechoslovakia, a role that has expanded, rather than diminished, over the last two years. The Foundation's



speed and flexibility in responding to Czechoslovakia's urgent needs, coupled with an intimate knowledge of the country and its culture, have enabled us to adjust our goals to meet this longer-term challenge and assume a far more substantial role than originally anticipated.

One of the Foundation's greatest strengths is its well-established credibility, both in Czechoslovakia and the United States. I came to know Czechoslovakia's political, economic and cultural leaders, past and present, when my husband Bill served as the U.S. Ambassador in Prague from 1983 to 1986. These people trust us and view the Foundation as a politically neutral force for positive change. We do not promise anything we cannot deliver. We have a credible team on the ground in Czechoslovakia, made up of our bilingual staff and the alumni of our programs — Czechs, Slovaks and Americans — who are not daunted by the moral decay and avoidance of decision-making that are part of the legacy of communism.

The countries of Eastern and Central Europe and the former Soviet Union have inherited many of the same problems from the communist period. As a foundation focused on one country, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York views many of its projects as pilots for the region, and in some cases has attempted to address compelling common problems. The Project on Justice in Times of Transition is one such effort.

We are proud of the achievements of all the Czechs and Slovaks the Foundation has supported through its various programs, such as the tremendously talented young people participating in our Secondary School Scholarship Program, who are earning top grades at some of the most demanding public and private high schools in the United States. We have also introduced hundreds of Americans, Canadians and West Europeans, both young and old, to Czechoslovakia through our Masaryk Fellowship Program and other projects, plugging them into the process of democratization and the move toward a market economy.

I will close with a note of thanks — none of the Foundation's work would have been possible without the enthusiastic support and cooperation of our dedicated staff and board of directors — particularly George Soros, who offered me "an office and a secretary" at the very beginning; of major U.S. foundations and corporations; and of all the individuals in both Czechoslovakia and the United States who have become engaged in our work.

We feel privileged to help Czechoslovakia, a country that has captured the imagination of the world. Though the impending split of the country saddens us, the Foundation will continue to assist both Czechs and Slovaks to the best of our ability. I invite you to read more about the Foundation and its activities in the pages that follow.

WENDY W. LUERS
President
September 1992

ABOUT THE CHARTER 77 FOUNDATION - NEW YORK

In its first two years of activity, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York has been extraordinarily successful in fulfilling its mandate to act as a networking center to facilitate and support projects that strengthen the forces of democracy, civil society, the rule of law and a market economy in Czechoslovakia. The Foundation's success in this regard is due to its special ability to connect qualified people with valuable projects and its flexibility in being able to offer crucial start-up and emergency funds on short notice.

The most telling evidence of the Foundation's success is that virtually anyone who wants to start a program in or for the benefit of Czechoslovakia is eventually directed to us — for advice, for support, for networking assistance. The Charter 77 Foundation - New York is the only major player functioning as a clearinghouse between the United States and Czechoslovakia, and often other parts of the East European region as well.

The original Charta 77 Foundation was founded in 1978 in Sweden to support the human

rights and underground publishing activities of the Charta 77 movement in Czechoslovakia. In 1984, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York was established to receive and coordinate aid to this movement from the United States.

The Charter 77 Foundation - New York was reorganized in January 1990 to respond to the extraordinary changes taking place in Czechoslovakia. The Foundation's main role is matching resources — human, financial and technological — to identified needs in the new Czechoslovakia. In offices provided by George Soros' Open Society Fund and with the support of foundations, corporations and individuals, the Foundation has effectively pursued its three primary functions:

- The Foundation acts as a *catalyst*, initiating and developing projects and finding resources to support them.
- The Foundation also serves as a *facilitator*, utilizing its extensive network of high-level contacts in both the United States and Czechoslovakia to foster projects by connecting funding sources with qualified institutions and individuals.
- Finally, the Foundation is a *partner* in many collaborative efforts with other organizations active in Czechoslovakia. In addition, the Foundation has successfully helped to regionalize certain programs by working with other organizations active in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, most notably the Soros Foundations.

Many of the projects in which the Charter 77 Foundation - New York is engaged have been initiated in Czechoslovakia. For some programs, the Foundation is the sole or primary funder, but it also works to channel aid from other sources to support worthy projects. The Foundation has consistently taken the lead in encouraging support for programs designed to help Czechoslovakia, and it is uniquely positioned to do so because of its extensive network of high-level contacts in both the United States and all sectors of Czechoslovak society.

In its first two years of activity, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York raised over \$1.2 million and funded and/or facilitated hundreds of projects. In 1991, the Foundation expanded its activities in Czechoslovakia, and through increased cooperation with other foundations and organizations, it has extended the impact of its work in Czechoslovakia to the larger East European region.



Foundation briefing for the future U.S. Ambassador to Czechoslovakia, Adrian Basora. From left to right: Adrian Basora, Enid Schoettle (Council on Foreign Relations), Richard Lanier (Trust for Mutual Understanding), Aryeh Neier (Human Rights Watch and Foundation Board Member), Fernando Rodrigo (Fundacion Ortega y Gassett), Anthony Richter (Soros Foundations), Vratislav Pechota (Columbia University Law School and Foundation Board Member) and Pauline Barnes (author and wife of Adrian Basora).

PROGRAM SUMMARY

In 1991, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York awarded over \$45,000 in small grants to organizations and individuals, channeled over \$65,000 in additional grant monies, and spent over \$450,000 on its own programs. The Foundation prefers to use its own funds in as flexible a manner as possible, primarily offering small, selectively targeted seed grants and emergency funding in an effort to encourage the development of cost-effective projects.

Programs such as the Masaryk Fellowship, which provides volunteer English-language teachers to hundreds of Czech and Slovak students each summer at very little expense to the Foundation, have a considerable impact. In addition to the Program's direct benefit to Czechoslovakia's young people, it also provides entry for talented Americans into Czechoslovakia, many of whom have remained in the country to assist the democratization process in myriad ways.

In addition, in 1991 the Foundation expanded its assistance to Czechoslovak individuals who demonstrate considerable promise for progressive leadership. For example, thanks to the generous support of the German Marshall Fund of the United States, the Foundation has been

able to offer travel grants to Czechoslovak leaders in the fields of politics, economics and the environment. Through the beneficence of an anonymous donor, the Foundation established a Secondary School Scholarship Program which enables extraordinarily talented Czechoslovak students to spend an academic year at highly selective public and private high schools throughout the U.S. The Foundation views programs such as these as an investment in Czechoslovakia's future.

By tapping into its substantial human network, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York also facilitated funding for and in-kind contributions to many other valuable projects in Czechoslovakia during 1991. Cultivating other sources of support increases awareness of the country's needs, and contributes toward the realization of democracy, civil society, the rule of law and a market economy in Czechoslovakia.

In broad terms, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York is active in the following general areas (although in principle no area of need is excluded):

- Independent Media
- Justice and the Rule of Law
- Education
- Economic Development and Entrepreneurship
- Culture
- Environment and Health
- Development of the Non-Profit Sector

The Foundation's activities in these areas are listed in the pages that follow.

PROGRAMMATIC
SPENDING
1991

Independent Media	\$257,738.32	45%
Justice and the Rule of Law	\$84,199.61	15%
Education	\$75,692.63	13%
Economic Development and Entrepreneurship	\$51,745.71	9%
Culture	\$31,660.85	6%
Environment and Health	\$26,977.89	5%
Development of the Non-Profit Sector	\$25,342.96	4%
Other Activities	\$15,958.31	3%
<i>TOTALS:</i>	<i>\$569,316.28</i>	<i>100%</i>

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The Charter 77 Foundation - New York intends to continue to spread the net wide in its effort to support and facilitate the development of democratic pluralism, the rule of law, civil society and a market economy in Czechoslovakia. As Czechoslovakia faces yet another crossroads in its history, the Foundation will devote special attention to Slovakia, particularly in its support for independent media and the expansion of its educational and travel grant programs.

In 1992, the centerpieces of the Foundation's large-scale efforts include the Expert Advisors Program, the Project on Justice in Times of Transition, the Independent Journalists Initiative and the Constitutional Advisory Group. The Foundation has successfully institutionalized the Expert Advisors Program thanks to the generous support of the Ford Foundation and the Pew Charitable Trusts; it is hoped that this program will serve as a model for the larger East European region.

The Independent Journalists Initiative has been extremely successful, running numerous training sessions at its Center for Independent Journalism in Prague, and it plans to establish a similar center in Bratislava in late 1992. This program could also be duplicated in other East European countries and former Soviet republics.

The Project on Justice in Times of Transition, which was inaugurated in late 1991, and the Constitutional Advisory Group have an impact that extends beyond Czechoslovakia, as they address legal and other implications of the transition from communism to democracy.

In 1991 the Foundation expanded its staff based in Prague, and plans to send a permanent representative to Bratislava in the near future. The Foundation hopes to further increase its collaborative efforts with other organizations active in Czechoslovakia and Eastern Europe, and to extend the impact of its work to neighboring countries through increased regional cooperation.



MAJOR PROGRAMS
IN 1991

CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM

\$256,988.32

The Foundation has worked closely with the Independent Journalists Initiative to establish the Center for Independent Journalism in Prague, where prominent print and broadcast journalists provide practical assistance to Czechoslovak newspaper, radio and television reporters and technicians. The Center is headed by James Greenfield, former editor-in-chief of *The New York Times Sunday Magazine*, and Don Wilson, former senior vice president at *Time*. The Center sponsors workshops and lectures that address issues such as publication and broadcast management; advertising; broadcast regulation and control; design; video and broadcast technologies; and specialized areas of journalism, such as environmental, health, investigative and business reporting.

The Center, which is located in the Lucerna building just off Wenceslas Square in Prague, contains a large meeting room for workshops and exhibitions; a conference room; a library and periodicals room; a desktop publishing

center; and a radio and television studio for training purposes. Columbia University's School of Journalism conducts its journalism education program for Charles University students at the Center. The Center also sponsors an English-language program specifically designed to meet the needs of working journalists.

Computer research facilities available to journalists at the Center include the European Academic Research Network (EARN), which connects universities, research centers and other non-profit organizations; CompuServe, an information network linked with news wires, financial and business wires and specialized information banks around the world; and a CD-Rom machine that provides access to back issues of periodicals and to current reference materials. The Center and all its programs are open free of charge to all bona fide journalists. As such, the Center has quickly become the primary contact point for both Czechoslovak and foreign journalists in Prague.

The Center's major supporters include the New York Times Company Foundation, Time Warner, the Knight Foundation, the International Media Fund, the German Marshall Fund of the United States, the Rockefeller Family and Associates, the Correspondents Fund and the Columbia Broadcasting Corporation (CBS).

EXPERT
ADVISORS
PROGRAM

\$43,696.59

As the need for long-term advisors at the highest levels in Czechoslovakia has become increasingly urgent, the Foundation has initiated the Expert Advisors Program to provide Western specialists in the areas of economic, political and social-policy reform. Carefully selected advisors — ideally, highly qualified emigres or others with knowledge of the language and culture — provide consistent and sophisticated advice and guidance to key decision-makers and institutions over a period of six to 24 months. These advisors also engage in training mid-level officials in the techniques needed to implement complex programs.

Beginning in 1991, with the financial support of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the Kress Foundation and the United Nations Development Programme, the Foundation has supported long-term, high-level advisors to the Federal Ministry of the

Economy, the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic and the Chief Architect of the City of Prague and the Mayor of Brno.

Thanks to the generous support of the Ford Foundation and the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Expert Advisors Program has expanded significantly. With their funding, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York hopes to sponsor at least eight high-level advisors in Czechoslovakia each year for the next two years.

The Expert Advisors Program is governed by a committee of distinguished Americans and Czechoslovak citizens, and Rita Klimova, former Czechoslovak Ambassador to the United States, plays a major role in the process of matching advisors with identified needs.

"The Charter 77 Foundation - New York has helped our country since the Revolution and is adjusting its support to our changing needs. Their latest initiative is an Expert Advisors Program which provides Western experts as high-level advisors to the country's governments. As these advisors serve for an extended period of time, they therefore become well acquainted with our culture and needs and are able to build a good working relationship with key ministers and officials."

IVAN HAVEL
Director, Center for
Theoretical Studies

CONSTITUTIONAL ADVISORY GROUP

\$65,099.02

At the request of the Czechoslovak leadership in December 1989, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York assembled and funded a team of prominent constitutional experts from the United States, Canada and Western Europe to advise Czech and Slovak national and republic leaders on drafting new federal and republic constitutions and a federal Bill of Rights. Headed by Lloyd Cutler, former White House counsel to President

Carter, and Herman Schwartz, a human rights lawyer and professor of law at American University, this ongoing project — the Foundation's very first major program — is particularly important in a difficult time of major social ferment between the Czech and Slovak republics.

In addition to conducting workshops, seminars and individual consultations on key constitutional issues for Czech and Slovak policy makers in 1990 and 1991, members of the Advisory Group have assisted many other countries engaged in the transition from communism to democracy, including Albania, Poland, Russia, Ukraine and Mongolia, duplicating aspects of the project at the request of the political leadership in these countries.

The Constitutional Advisory Group has been made possible by the generous support of Mr. and Mrs. Sid R. Bass and the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

PROJECT ON JUSTICE IN TIMES OF TRANSITION

\$10,000.00

At the urging of President Havel of Czechoslovakia and President Goncz of Hungary, the Project on Justice in Times of Transition was inaugurated in late 1991 to inform and advise high-level East European decision-makers who are directly involved in dismantling the security apparatus of the former communist regimes and formulating policies to deal with implicated individuals.

The Project's inaugural conference, held in Salzburg, Austria, in March 1992, brought these senior political leaders together for the first time with their counterparts from Latin America, as well as human rights experts, legal scholars and leading journalists and writers from Western Europe and the United States. Together, they explored the ethical, legal and political issues surrounding transitional justice. They examined the fundamental question of whether to punish — or pardon — individuals who served the former regimes and who stand accused of human rights abuses. Participants from both Eastern Europe and Latin America requested a variety of sub-

sequent meetings and consultations to address the specific issues and challenges facing their respective countries.

Future plans for the Project include:

- organizing a workshop in Budapest with the Central European University on state security files and commissions of inquiry and reconciliation for East European policymakers;
- co-sponsoring a meeting in El Salvador with a new Salvadoran foundation called Centro DEMOS and with the enthusiastic support of both Salvadoran and American officials on the reconciliation process in times of transition; and
- organizing a workshop for East European policymakers on reintegrating former communist collaborators into post-communist society.

In addition, teams of experts from the Project will be available for further consultations and to facilitate discussion among both policymakers and the public in Eastern and Central Europe and the former Soviet Union.

The inaugural meeting and initial work of the Project on Justice in Times of Transition have been made possible thanks to the generous support of the German Marshall Fund of the United States, the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the National Endowment for Democracy, the Open Society Fund East-East Program, the Rockefeller Family & Associates and the Rockefeller Foundation, as well as the commitment of a portion of the Charter 77 Foundation - New York's Constitutional Advisory Group funds.

CIVIC
EDUCATION
PROJECT

\$9,382.20

Following years of restraint and neglect, Czechoslovakia's university departments lacked sufficient numbers of qualified social science instructors, and truthful textbooks did not exist. In an effort to accelerate the retraining of students and social science instructors in Czechoslovakia, the Foundation encouraged and worked closely with Steve Grand and Bill Antholis, two American Ph.D. candidates who established the Civic Education Project (CEP) in conjunction with Yale University's Institution for Social and Policy Studies and the Central European University.

Beginning in the 1991-1992 academic year, the Civic Education Project assisted the reform efforts in the social science departments of eight universities in Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia by sending 14 American assistant professors and advanced graduate students to teach vital courses in the long-neglected fields of economics, sociology, politics and international relations. Notwithstanding initial resistance from some of the Czech and Slovak professors in

these departments, each of the CEP courses is accredited and the participating universities provide housing and a local salary to the CEP instructors. Of the 14 CEP pioneers, five have decided to spend another year teaching in Czechoslovakia.

To further support the Civic Education Project, the Foundation's Masaryk Fellowship Program sent volunteer English-language teachers to each of the participating universities to conduct brush-up courses to help prepare the Czechoslovak students for their courses with CEP instructors.

The Civic Education Project's initial success prompted its principal sponsor, the Central European University, to request the expansion of the project to Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, Ukraine and the Baltic states. In 1992-1993, a total of 82 American instructors will teach in these countries under CEP auspices, including 20 instructors at nine Czechoslovak institutions.



Above: Jana Orac (Foundation Program Officer) and Lucie Hudecova (1991-1992 Secondary School Program Scholarship student) visit Wenceslas Square in Prague.

Below: Anthony "Chip" Caine, advisor to the Chief Architect of Prague and to the Mayor of Brno. Chip is one of the first participants in the Foundation's Expert Advisors Program.



1991-1992 Teachers of English as a Second Language meet in Prague for their orientation with Charter 77 Foundation-New York staff.

DEMOCRACY
TRAINING PROGRAM
FOR YOUNG CZECH
AND SLOVAK
LEGISLATORS

\$4,710.93

At the request of the Czech National Council, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York and CDS International, a non-profit organization that coordinates international professional exchange programs, developed the Democracy Training Program with the aim of strengthening democratic institutions at the republic level in Czechoslovakia. The Democracy Training Program was designed to develop the legislative and admin-

istrative capacities of young legislators from the Czech and Slovak National Councils by involving them in "job shadowing" programs with U.S. state governments.

In 1991, 11 Czech and Slovak republic-level legislators, representing both ruling coalition and opposition parties, spent ten weeks in the United States learning about the workings of democracy firsthand. After an intensive English-language refresher course and a week-long visit to Washington, DC, for meetings with U.S. policymakers, the young legislators spent four weeks in individualized internship programs with state legislatures in California, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts and Texas. Their internships gave them the opportunity to observe on an extended basis the daily operations of state government and its administrative offices. The program's participants returned to Czechoslovakia with new ideas and approaches to the challenges they face in their own legislative work.

Funding for the Democracy Training Program was provided by a U.S. Information Agency grant to CDS International, by the Charter 77 Foundation - New York, the Charta 77 Foundation - Bratislava, the Czech National Council and in-kind contributions from host communities.



Democracy Training Program participants visit Washington, DC

"...my stay in the U.S.A. was the greatest experience in my life. I am sure I will use all I have learned in my political practice."

ANNA ROESCHOVA, *Czech National Council*

"My experience with American federalism is very useful for me in the constitutional discussions in which I am taking part as a member of the Presidency of the Slovak National Council."

MILAN FTACNIK, *Slovak National Council*



Democracy Training Program participants discussing their experiences in the United States on Radio Free Europe. From left to right: Milan Ftacnik, Slovak National Council; Lenka Sepsova, Czech National Council; Miroslav Neovesky, Radio Free Europe; Libor Novak, Czech National Council; and Martin Krajcovic, Slovak National Council.

"...the Democracy Training Program [provided] an enriching of my political outlook and experience."

LENKA SEPSOVA, *Czech National Council*

"...the whole project was very interesting for myself, mainly my stay in the state of Indiana where I had an opportunity to observe not only American political life and its democratic institutions, but the life of normal American people too."

ANTON HRNKO, *Slovak National Council*

SECONDARY
SCHOOL
SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM

\$22,231.87

The Charter 77 Foundation—New York's Secondary School Scholarship Program, which was developed in late 1990 in response to a request by the Lawrenceville School for help in finding a scholarship student from Czechoslovakia, is the only national scholarship program in Czechoslovakia which awards full funding for study in the United States. This Foundation program sent ten outstanding Czech and Slovak teenagers to American independent and public high schools on full scholarship for the 1991-1992 academic year. Following a tremendously successful first year, the program will be expanded to offer 13 scholarships for the 1992-1993 academic year to schools such as Phillips Academy, Andover, the Lawrenceville School and the Taft School.

American schools participating in the Secondary School Scholarship Program contribute a scholarship consisting of tuition, room and board (in a dormitory or with a host family) while the Foundation provides students with

a roundtrip plane ticket, pocket money for the year, health insurance, an orientation program during the summer and continuous care throughout the year. Students are selected through a nationwide, merit-based competition; principals from all liberal arts high schools in Czechoslovakia are invited to select their best students to apply to the program.

Applications are meticulously reviewed by a ten-member committee composed of American and Czechoslovak professionals who have a thorough understanding of the demands of the educational systems in Czechoslovakia and the United States. Following interviews and language tests for outstanding applicants, the files of semifinalists are matched to profiles submitted by participating schools and sent to the United States. Each school then chooses its own student from among three to five candidates.

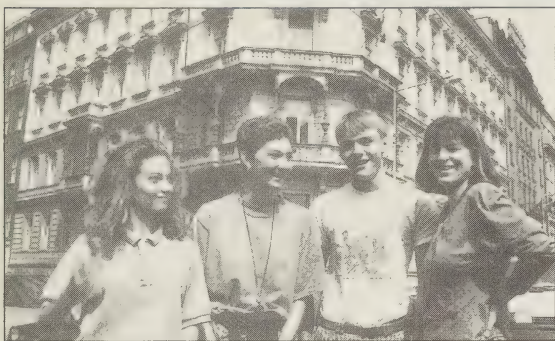
To ensure that the program continues to grow and develop in future years, the Foundation is working with the Federation of American Independent Schools and other groups with an interest in Czechoslovakia and international education. In Czechoslovakia, the program's alumni will serve as a support and information network for new scholarship recipients and others interested in studying in the United States, and will promote the program to schools and community groups around the country.

The Secondary School Scholarship Program has been made possible through the generous support of anonymous donors.

"...the year I spent [in the United States] has been the most valuable experience of my life.

"This is what I'm most happy about — that through my experiences, I've learned the value of an open mind. To put aside cultural, racial, and social differences and see people as people, without prejudice or discrimination, is the most important thing a person can do to understand the world around them. I wish every open-minded person, eager to learn, would have the same opportunity to have an experience like mine and, as a result, learn the things I've learned."

VLASTA POKLADNIKOVA, Svitavy, Czechoslovakia
1991-1992 at the Hawken School, Gates Mills, Ohio



1991-1992 Secondary School Scholarship students Vlasta Pokladnikova, Dana Steinmetzova and Jiri Tomek meet in Prague with Jana Orac, Foundation Program Officer, for their orientation before leaving for the United States.

"What fascinates me about America and especially about California is the variety of people whom I got to meet. Only here I really learned to respect and appreciate the other person's qualities, no matter how different we are. And this respect and appreciation are in my eyes the aspects of the proclaimed American ideal of freedom.

"I also learned much about American governmental and economic systems, but what I value most, my system of values and priorities changed completely as I was seeing and understanding many different perspectives.

"I have met many terrific people and made a couple of friendships that will probably last my whole life."

MIROSLA PASTRNAK, BRATISLAVA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA
1991-1992 at Tamalpais Public High School, Mill Valley, California

MASARYK
FELLOWSHIP
PROGRAM
\$12,744.23

The Masaryk Fellowship Program was initiated in the summer of 1990 as a way to address the great desire, as expressed by Czechoslovak student leaders, of Czechs and Slovaks to learn the English language. In its first year, the program, which was organized by Lisa Svejdova in Prague and the Civic Forum Foundation in the rest of the country, sent 95 American and Canadian volunteers to cities throughout Czechoslovakia to provide conversational English training to over 1,000 Czech and Slovak students. In 1991, the program was repeated in restructured form and based at the Philosophical Faculty at Charles University in Prague, reaching 600 students.

Since its inception, the Masaryk Fellowship Program has been enthusiastically received by its Czech and Slovak participants. The program offers its students an affordable opportunity to learn English from a native speaker and, at the same time, increase their understanding of American culture. Furthermore, the program

represents a significant departure from the rigid old style of teaching that characterized the Czechoslovak educational system for the last 40 years. Classes emphasize active student participation and the development of conversation skills.

The Masaryk Fellows who have taught through the program have universally praised the experience as an invaluable means of getting to know Czechoslovakia, its people and its history. An important aspect of the program is that the volunteer teachers live with Czechoslovak families and their students teach them about Czechoslovak history and culture. In

"In 1989, during the strikes, I showed Wendy Luers how the students of the Philosophical Faculty worked during the so-called 'velvet revolution.' She was very impressed and offered to help in organizing an English-teaching program which was, at that time, a first priority for us."

LISA SVEJDOVA

*Student Leader and Coordinator
of the Masaryk Program*

many cases, the American and Canadian teachers have remained in Czechoslovakia after the program ended to work in ministries, businesses, foundations, non-profit organizations and a variety of other newly formed institutions.

In 1992, the Foundation is sending 55 extremely qualified volunteer teachers to Czechoslovakia, and it is hoped that the Masaryk Fellowship Program can be expanded to include other parts of Czechoslovakia.

The Masaryk Fellowship Program has been made possible thanks to the generous support of the Rockefeller Family & Associates and individual

"The activities of the Charter 77 Foundation - New York are well known among young people in Czechoslovakia. Especially popular among those with whom I am in contact is the Masaryk Fellowship Program.

"Two years ago, Wendy Luers had the excellent idea of starting the Masaryk Fellowship Program. In the first year the Civic Forum Foundation participated in organizing language courses outside of Prague. Now the Program is very popular and has become an eagerly anticipated summer activity for many young students."

DASA HAVEL
*Executive Director
Czechoslovak Civic
Forum Foundation*



Lisa Svejnova, the main organizer of the Masaryk Fellowship Program in Czechoslovakia.

contributors. The program is organized in Prague and New York by Foundation staff and by the Glotta Language School, which was founded by the original Czechoslovak organizers of the Program.

ENVIRONMENTAL
MASARYK
FELLOWSHIP
PROGRAM

\$12,231.01

The disastrous state of Czechoslovakia's environment, caused by harmful industrial policies and general neglect during the communist era, is likely to have long-term negative effects on the health of the population. It is vital to increase awareness in Czecho-

slovakia of the problems of environmental pollution and neglect — particularly among young people — in order to begin to correct them and forestall further damage. Therefore, by expanding on its existing Masaryk Fellowship Program, the Foundation ran a pilot environmental version of the program during the summer of 1991.

Sixteen American volunteer Fellows were engaged in environmental education and training of Czech and Slovak youths, as well as English-language teaching, at camps run by Czechoslovak environmental organizations around the country. Camp activities ranged from reforestation projects to the renovation of old castles and general clean-up projects.

This pilot project was funded by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.



Czechoslovak and American participants in the Masaryk Program at their farewell party in Prague.

CHALUPECKY AWARD

\$6,200.00

The winner of the Chalupecky Award is presented with an honorary citation by the president of Czechoslovakia in a ceremony at the Prague Castle. The ceremony is accompanied by an exhibition of the work of the winning artist and two runners-up at the Spala Gallery in Prague, where Jindrich Chalupecky was the director from 1967 to 1970. The winner is also given a grant for travel and study abroad for a three-month period, the purpose of which is to stimulate the artist's creative growth and expand his or her contacts in the international arts community. The award's first recipient, Vladimir Kokolia, spent three months in 1991 at the Headlands Center for the Arts in San Francisco.

Mr. Kokolia's award was funded by a Charter 77 Foundation - New York discretionary grant. The next three awards will be funded through a generous grant to the Foundation from the Trust for Mutual Understanding.

In May 1990 President Vaclav Havel and Theodor Pistek, an acclaimed artist and Oscar-winning costume-designer, established a prestigious annual award for young Czechoslovak artists and sculptors in honor of Jindrich Chalupecky, Czechoslovakia's best-loved art critic. The award's creators wish to help raise the standards of Czechoslovak modern art and maintain the spiritual and intellectual heritage of a man whose mission in life was to foster and preserve Czechoslovak modern art, especially in the darkest days of communist oppression.

LIBRARY
PRESERVATION
PROGRAM

\$10,383.72

As a result of extreme neglect and international isolation during the communist period, Czechoslovakia's libraries are in shambles; they lack fundamental contemporary resources and the most basic facilities and equipment.

In 1991, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York sponsored a survey of Czechoslovak libraries conducted by Richard Kneeley, a Columbia University graduate student based in Prague, in order to have a comprehensive picture of the problems facing the entire Czechoslovak library community

and the interrelationships among the various libraries. This report was presented at a meeting in New York sponsored by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation with the assistance of the Charter 77 Foundation - New York on the serious problems facing the Czechoslovak library system and both long- and short-term approaches to solving them.

The Foundation sponsored the participation of five librarians from leading Czechoslovak libraries in this meeting with their American counterparts and representatives of interested philanthropic organizations. Although many advances in the state of Czechoslovakia's libraries have resulted from this first encounter, the situation remains critical.

All of these activities, as well as the purchase of a photocopy machine for the Slavic Library in Prague — its first and only copier — were made possible through the generous support of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

Organizations or individuals who would like to request support from the Charter 77 Foundation - New York are welcome to contact us. Letters of inquiry may be submitted at any time, and should include the following:

- 1) a brief (one to four pages) project description;
- 2) statement of need, including a detailed project budget;
- 3) resumes or curricula vitae of the key individuals involved in the project; and
- 4) any other relevant background information (please keep such materials to a minimum).

Projects are reviewed for sponsorship and/or funding on a case-by-case basis. Because the Foundation's staff is small, project proposals may not be evaluated immediately; if no response from the Foundation is received within two months, please send a follow-up letter of inquiry.

Applicants for support should be aware that in general the Charter 77 Foundation - New York must raise funds on a project-by-project basis. As a young organization, the Foundation has only minimal discretionary funds available for grants. However, the Foundation is often able to refer applicants to other potential sources of funding, or may be able to offer other sorts of assistance.

Proposals originating in Czechoslovakia should be submitted to the Foundation's Prague office. When its Bratislava office opens in early 1993, proposals may also be submitted there.

GRANTS AWARDED IN 1991

Independent Media

Grant to Kristina Zantovska for internship at *The Washington Post*
\$750.00

Education

Discretionary Fund for Dr. Josef Jarab, Rector of Palacky University
\$10,000.00

Economic Development and Entrepreneurship Book shipment to
Prague School of Economics
\$237.88

Membership in the International Students of History Association
for Charles University students
\$200.00

Students for Czechoslovakia general support
\$15,000.00

Support for Czech and Slovak Institute of Los Angeles English as
a Second Language Program
\$885.00

Support for Summer Economic Workshops at Charles University
\$198.57

Transport of books for Czechoslovakia to the Sabre Foundation
\$817.17

Culture

Assistance to the Andy Warhol Foundation in establishing the Andy
Warhol Museum in Medzilaborce, Czechoslovakia
\$878.33

Prague House of Photography general support
\$14,198.80

Environment and Health

Environmental medical study of birth defects in Czechoslovakia
\$1,000.00

Health Science Project for four Czechoslovak Ph.D. candidates
at the State University of New York
\$2,000.00

Support for two Czechoslovak students to participate in Legacy
International's summer environmental leadership program
\$2,500.00

Development of the Non-Profit Sector

Conference on developing the non-profit sector held
in Bratislava in 1990
\$5,104.24

New York liaison and books and supplies for the Charta 77
Foundation - Prague
\$5,114.89

Soros Foundations conference in Karlovy Vary in 1990
\$13,672.83

Other Activities

Central European University pass through grant
\$250.00

Charta 77 Foundation - Stockholm computer purchase
(pass through grant)
\$1,267.86

Czechoslovak Helsinki Committee general support
\$500.00

International Terezin Association general support
\$10,250.00

Participation of Czechoslovak soldiers in New York's
Desert Storm Parade
\$3,690.45

GERMAN MARSHALL FUND OF THE UNITED STATES TRAVEL GRANTS AWARDED IN 1991

\$19,080.00

Economic Leadership

Bohumir Houser, to participate in a seminar on "Liberty and Society" sponsored by the Institute for Humane Studies and the Human Studies Foundation and held in Belmont, CA

\$1,110.00

Vratislav Hlubecek, to participate in a management development program for Czechoslovak executives at Georgetown University's School of Business Administration

\$830.00

Koloman Ivanicka, to participate in a management development program for Czechoslovak executives at Georgetown University's School of Business Administration

\$830.00

Dagmar Marhoulova, to participate in a six-week management study-tour organized by Georgetown University's School of Business Administration

\$799.00

Miroslav Prikryl, to participate in an international conference on property taxation and land policy at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy in Boston

\$830.00

Ladislav Rasmich, to serve as senior visiting scientist at Cornell University and to participate in the Sixth International Scientific Conference of the International Association of the Economics of Self-Management

\$755.00

Pavla Stancikova, to participate in a management development program for Czechoslovak executives at Georgetown University's School of Business Administration

\$830.00

Petr Zahradnik, to participate in the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's annual conference and to visit the International Monetary Fund and the New York Stock Exchange

\$630.00

Environmental Leadership

Robert Gajdos, to participate in the Legacy International Youth for Environmental Service Program in Bedford, VA

\$804.00

Petr Podhajsky, to participate in the Legacy International Youth for Environmental Service Program in Bedford, VA

\$804.00

Jaromir Sibl, to participate in a six-week fellowship program on river conservation sponsored by the Atlantic Center for the Environment

\$803.00

Marek Suchomel, to participate in a six-month apprenticeship in ecological horticulture at the University of California, Santa Cruz

\$1,176.00

Lydia Varcekova, to participate in a six-week fellowship program on river conservation sponsored by the Atlantic Center for the Environment

\$803.00

Imrich Vasko, to present lectures and study at the Yale University Art and Architecture School and to lecture at the Pratt Institute in New York

\$500.00

Ivan Zika, to participate in an international forum on innovative technologies of hazardous waste disposal held in Dallas and sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and to visit large petrochemical facilities

\$1,189.00

Political Leadership

Olga Holubova, to participate in a leadership workshop and to visit state penitentiaries in California and Washington state

\$1,004.00

Jan Jirak, to serve as a visiting scholar at the Indiana School of Journalism

\$555.00

Martin Klimpl, to participate in a diplomat training program at the Hoover Institute

\$1,012.00

Kristina Zantovska, to intern at *The Washington Post*

\$820.00

OTHER TRAVEL GRANTS AWARDED IN 1991

Education

Darina Batkova, to participate in an agricultural training program at Miami University of Ohio

\$1,144.08

Juraj Boledovic, to participate in an agricultural training program at Miami University of Ohio

\$1,144.08

Petra Hofirkova, to attend high school in the United States

\$894.00

Open Society Fund travel grant to Robin Lester to establish an academic exchange program with PORG, a secondary school in Prague

\$500.00

Tereza Platzova, to study at Georgetown University

\$750.00

Environment and Health

Martin Barto, to attend a conference on air pollution control

\$991.00

Vaclav Trojan, to visit the Overbrook School for the Blind

\$78.00

Dr. Jan Zaloudnik, for two years of advanced training in cancer immunotherapy at the Wistar Institute

\$1,100.21

Development of the Non-Profit Sector

Milan Simecka, for a fundraising trip to the United States on behalf of the Charta 77 Foundation - Bratislava

\$1,451.00

SELECTED PROJECTS FACILITATED IN 1991

Independent Media

- Co-sponsored a workshop on "The Economics of Short-Run Book Production" with PUBWATCH, the Czech Literary Fund and the Institute for Culture and Politics in Central Europe
- International Media Fund grant to the Columbia School of Journalism
- International Women's Media Foundation seminar in Prague
- Briefings for both Czechoslovak and American journalists

Education

- Facilitated a TESOL program in Czechoslovakia which was originated and organized by the Soros Foundation - Hungary for the East European region
- U.S. Information Agency grant of \$25,000 to the Charta 77 Foundation - Prague for scholarship supplements for Czechoslovak students who had been offered scholarships for study at U.S. colleges and universities

Culture

- Fact-finding trip for the Andy Warhol Foundation to the new Andy Warhol Museum in Medzilaborce, Czechoslovakia
- Scholarship award to Jiri Bubenicka for an intensive summer course at the Alvin Ailey American Dance Center

Environment and Health

- Established contact between the Overbrook School for the Blind in Philadelphia and Charles University and the Czechoslovak Union of the Blind, resulting in two scholarships to Overbrook for Czechs and Slovaks
- Shipment of hospital beds for the Olga Havel Foundation

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Income	
Fundraising	
Programmatic	\$590,006
Discretionary	\$153,500
Open Society Fund	
Programmatic	\$28,670
Administrative	\$50,166
Interest	\$13,729
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<i>Total</i>	\$836,071
Expenses	
Programs	\$453,668
Grants	\$117,298
Administrative and Operating Expenses	\$159,604
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<i>Total</i>	\$730,570

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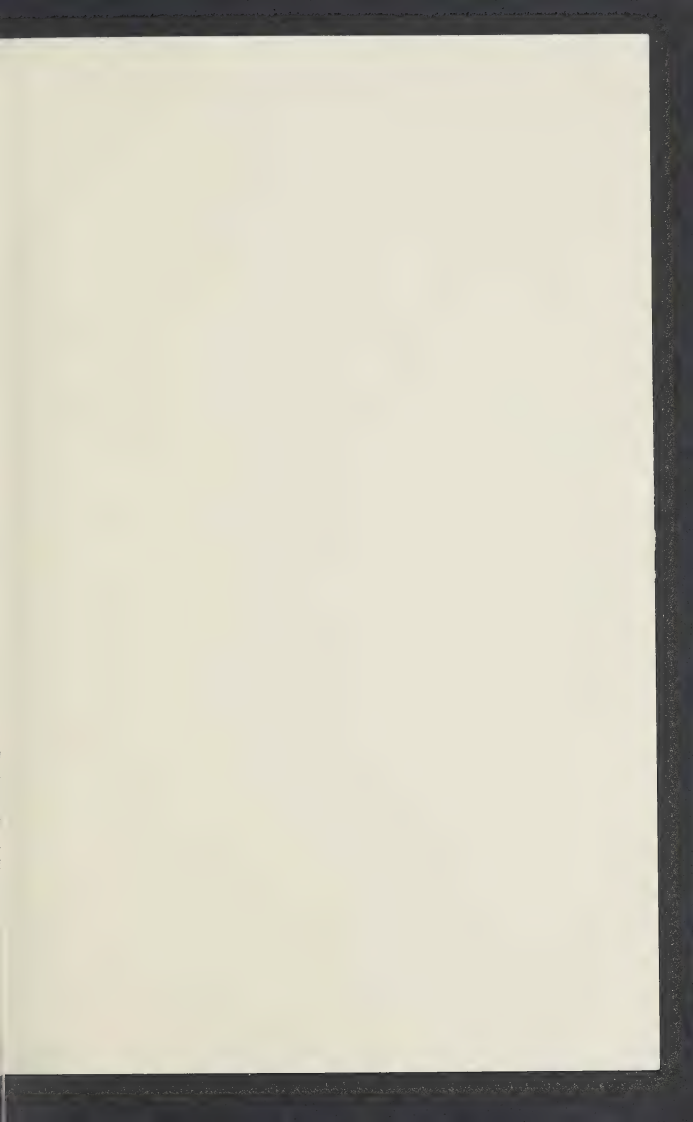
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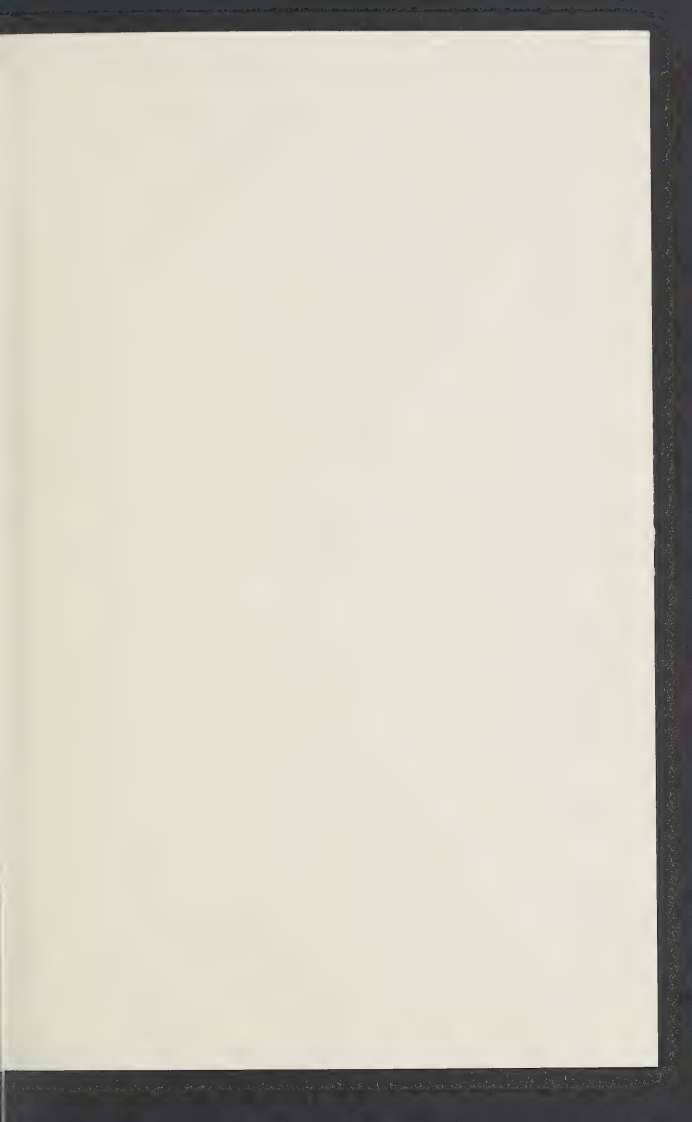
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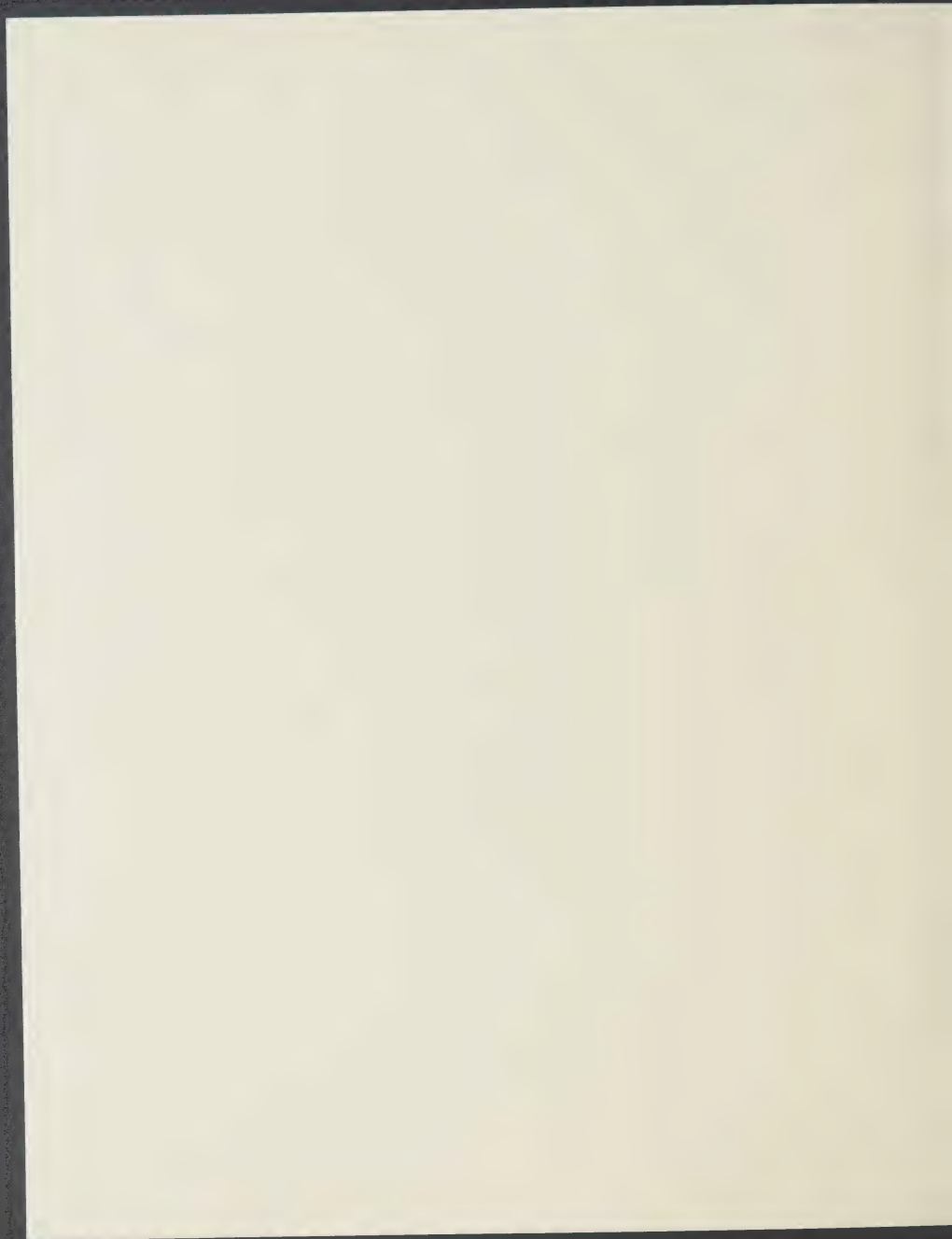
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Junkpile of communist symbols in the village of Bezpravi ("Injustice"), Czechoslovakia, 1989.

In November 1989 the sound of jangling keys ushered in the "velvet revolution" in Czechoslovakia when hundreds of thousands of people thronged the streets of Prague to demonstrate against the communist government. Thus began the peaceful transition from totalitarianism to nascent democracy in Czechoslovakia. The December 1989 election as president of Vaclav Havel, the dissident Czech playwright and one of the original spokespeople for Charta 77, the underground Czechoslovak human rights organization, exemplifies the scope of the transformation. The remarkable process of change now under way in Czechoslovakia and throughout Eastern and Central Europe is reshaping the face of the continent.

However, the transition from 40 years of totalitarianism to a pluralist democracy cannot be accomplished overnight; the influence of the communist system is deeply ingrained in institutions and attitudes in virtually all sectors of society. Despite Czechoslovakia's brief experience as an independent democracy between the two world wars, there are few indigenous models for the new leadership to follow in the effort to transform society at a fundamental level. Independent civil society was all but destroyed and the rule of law was only a theoretical concept under communism. Before World War II, Czechoslovakia was one of the world's leading industrial states, yet today it is mired in the disastrous legacy of the centrally planned economy and state ownership system that were put into place by the communists. To become a competitive member of the global economy, Czechoslovakia must overhaul its entire economic system and try to reshape it into a free market system.

To make a successful transformation, Czechoslovakia needs the support of the world community. The Charter 77 Foundation seeks to encourage and facilitate such support.



Prague's Wenceslas Square during the velvet revolution.

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From left to right: Wendy Luers, president of the Charter 77 Foundation - New York; Vaclav Havel, president of Czechoslovakia; Kvieta Dienstbierova; Petr Pithart, prime minister of the Czech Republic and deputy prime minister of Czechoslovakia; William Luers, president of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and former U.S. ambassador to Czechoslovakia; and Karel Schwarzenberg, chancellor of Czechoslovakia.

President's Letter

The accidents of history, timing, being in the right place at the right time.... Not an inkling did I have of what was in store for us when I accompanied my husband, Bill Luers, to Prague to take up his post as American ambassador to Czechoslovakia in 1983. My human rights and journalism background coupled with Bill's 25-year experience as a Soviet and East European specialist in the State Department accelerated our knowledge of, fascination with and affection for a society that--then--35 years of communism had effectively isolated and atomized. Fear and harassment had taken their toll--internal and external isolation had reduced contacts to a minimum between and within the most civilized of nations in Central Europe. This lack of relationships with the United States and even with its closest neighbors sets Czechoslovakia apart from Hungary and Poland and exacerbates its problems. Czechoslovakia's 40-year isolation presented the country with special problems, and us with a special mission.

Very quickly we came to know Masaryks, Havels, Dienstbiers, Urbaneks, Zantovskys, Klimas--not as presidents and foreign ministers, but as human beings who opened the windows and allowed us to look into the depths of their intellectuality, talent and creativity--and desperate situation. These people, who have so captured the world's imagination, we fed whiskey and brought fresh vegetables, medicines and--most important--American intellectuals, writers, painters, playwrights, even economists and politicians. They in turn fed us a sense of a society in rebirth.

It has become increasingly and painfully clear since Czechoslovakia's revolution in 1989 that the communists effectively reduced and prevented communication among the Czech and Slovak people, destroyed the work ethic and prevented anyone from having the tools of progress and initiative in their hands. As the initial euphoria accompanying the velvet revolution has worn off, the other, more troubled post-communist side of Czechoslovak society has dominated the public gaze: societal resistance to change, growing Czech and Slovak nationalist tensions, the dominance of political ambition over economic necessity, the difficulty of tough decision-making in a young democracy and a decline in the standard of living. But as the incapacities and obstacles have become more apparent, the role of the Charter 77 Foundation has become more defined.

In January 1990 the Charter 77 Foundation - New York was reconstituted and George Soros provided me with the opportunity to lead it with strong backing. The main thrust of the Foundation's efforts since that time has been to support Czech and Slovak citizens to participate in the world and with each other, and to help Czechoslovak society at all levels to discover and maximize opportunities and contacts with talented and influential Americans who are genuinely eager to be of assistance--and to be a part of the New Europe.

The Charter 77 Foundation - New York launched itself in February 1990 by arranging the dramatic New York visit of President Havel and his entourage of 65 ministers, cultural figures, university rectors, student leaders of the revolution and countless members of the press after his official visit to Washington and his unforgettable speech to the joint session of Congress.

The Charter 77 Foundation - New York is uniquely qualified to act as a bridge between Czechoslovakia and the United States. The enthusiasm for crossing the bridge in both directions is increasing, and Americans young and old are flocking to work in Czechoslovakia in programs organized by the Foundation and many other organizations. The Czechoslovak leadership is far too busy to experience the world in lengthy visits, but the country's enormously talented and intellectually hungry youth are being provided the opportunity. They return to participate in some of this century's most exciting moments. We are grateful for the opportunity to do so as well.

*Wendy W. Luers
President*



October 1989: protesters in Prague face riot police, shouting, "We have empty hands!"

About the Charter 77 Foundation

The original Charta 77 Foundation was established in 1978 in Sweden to support the human rights and underground publishing activities of the Charta 77 movement founded in 1977 in Czechoslovakia. The movement's first spokesmen were Vaclav Havel, Jan Patocka and Jiri Hajek. In 1984 the Charter 77 Foundation - New York was established to receive and coordinate aid to the movement from the United States.

In December 1989, in the wake of the velvet revolution, George Soros, long a key supporter of the Charta 77 Foundation - Sweden, gave the Charta 77 Foundation \$1 million to support the development of political pluralism and democratic institution-building in Czechoslovakia and to establish the Charta 77 Foundation - Czechoslovakia, with offices in Prague, Bratislava and Brno.

The Charter 77 Foundation - New York was reorganized in January 1990 to respond to the extraordinary changes taking place in Czechoslovakia. In offices provided by George Soros's Open Society Fund and with the support of foundations and individuals, the Foundation has rapidly mobilized both human and financial resources to support projects that develop and strengthen the forces of democracy, civil society, the rule of law and a free-market economy in Czechoslovakia.

The Charter 77 Foundation's main role is matching resources--human, financial and technological--to identified needs in the new Czechoslovakia. As such, the Foundation has three primary functions:

- o The Foundation acts as a *catalyst*, initiating and developing projects and finding resources to support them.
- o The Foundation also serves as a *facilitator*, utilizing its extensive network of high-level contacts in both the United States and Czechoslovakia to foster projects by connecting them with funding sources and qualified institutions and individuals.
- o Finally, the Foundation is a *partner* in many collaborative efforts with other organizations--particularly the Soros foundations--to regionalize certain programs.

The experience of the Soros Foundation - Hungary and other organizations active in both Hungary and Poland demonstrates that planning and coordination of projects in the United States is extremely helpful in identifying and engaging interested and reliable partners and in focusing projects to avoid duplication of efforts.

Many of the projects in which the Charter 77 Foundation - New York is engaged were initiated in Czechoslovakia, and the three Charter 77 foundations--New York, Czechoslovakia and Sweden--although separately constituted, work closely together toward the same goal. For many programs the Foundation is the sole or primary funder, but it also works to channel aid from other sources to support worthy projects. Generally, the Foundation prefers to provide seed grants and stopgap funding rather than ongoing support to Czechoslovak organizations. In its first year of activity, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York raised over \$500,000 and funded and/or facilitated over 100 projects.

The Charter 77 Foundation - New York also collaborates with Soros foundations in other East European countries and with other foundations and organizations to regionalize programs by developing and spreading model projects from one country to another, and to address problems, such as environmental concerns, that affect the region as a whole. In 1991, the Foundation hopes to expand its activities and, through increased cooperation with other foundations and organizations, extend the impact of its work in Czechoslovakia to the larger East European region.

Program Summary

In 1990, its first year of operation, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York funded and/or facilitated over 100 projects in a variety of areas. Utilizing its extensive network of contacts in both Czechoslovakia and the United States, the Foundation successfully matched human, financial and technological resources to identified needs in Czechoslovakia. The Foundation used its own funds primarily to offer small, selectively targeted seed grants and emergency funding in an effort to encourage the development of cost-effective projects. Programs such as the Masaryk Fellowship, which provided volunteer English teachers to over 1,000 Czech and Slovak students at a total cost of less than \$5,000, have a considerable impact, particularly in relation to their cost.

By tapping into its substantial human network, the Foundation also facilitated funding for and in-kind contributions to many other valuable projects in Czechoslovakia. Cultivating other sources of support increases awareness of the country's needs, and contributes toward the realization of democracy, civil society and a free-market economy in Czechoslovakia.

In broad terms, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York has been active in the following general areas (although in principle no area of need is excluded): Politics & Governance; Independent Media; Education; Business & Management Training; Culture; Environment & Health; and Volunteerism. The Foundation's activities in these areas will be discussed in detail in the pages that follow.

Looking to the Future

The Charter 77 Foundation - New York intends to continue to spread the net wide in its effort to support and facilitate the development of democratic pluralism, the rule of law, civil society and a free-market economy in Czechoslovakia. Thus the range of the Foundation's activities will remain broad. The Foundation hopes to increase its collaborative efforts with other organizations to strengthen the development of the new Czechoslovakia, and to extend the impact of its work to neighboring countries in Eastern Europe through increased regionalized cooperation.

Programmatic Spending, 1990

Politics & Governance	\$106,864.19	34%
Independent Media	\$62,373.20	20%
Education	\$30,170.52	9.4%
Business & Management Training	\$1,260.00	.4%
Culture	\$3,775.00	1.2%
Environment & Health	\$74,851.21	24%
Volunteerism	\$21,327.79	7%
Other Activities	\$12,320.00	4%
TOTAL	<hr/> \$312,941.91	<hr/> 100%

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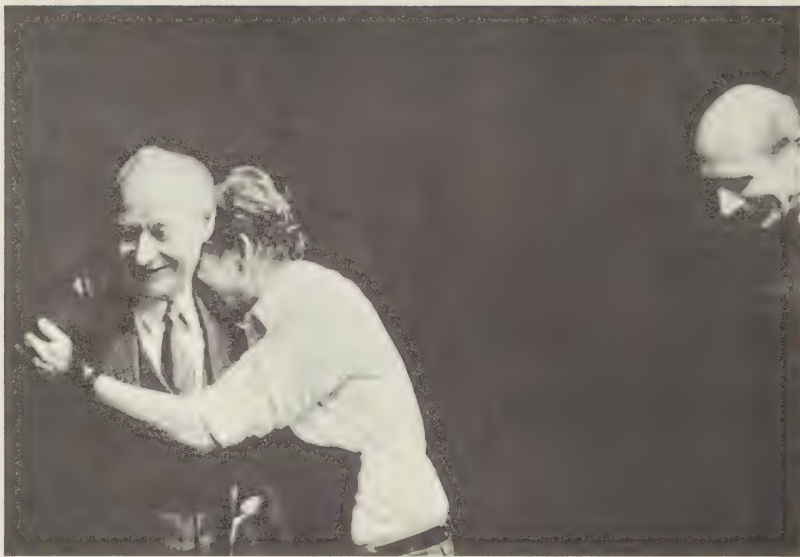
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Protest signs of the revolution.

PROGRAM AREAS

Grants & Projects



November 24, 1989: Milos Jakes, head of Czechoslovakia's communist leadership, resigns. Vaclav Havel embraces Alexander Dubcek, the country's leader during the Prague Spring who was ousted after the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968.

Politics & Governance

Czechoslovakia's political transition from a communist-dominated authoritarian state to a pluralist democracy calls for far more than merely ousting the old leaders and replacing them with former dissidents. Developing political parties, reorganizing government institutions and, above all, establishing the rule of law are necessary steps that need to be taken to firmly root democracy in Czechoslovakia.

The centerpiece of the Charter 77 Foundation's activities in the area of politics and governance is the *Advisory Group on the Revision of the Czechoslovak Federal Constitution*. Thanks to a \$200,000 grant from Mr. and Mrs. Sid R. Bass, in 1990 the Foundation sponsored a conference designed to acquaint Czechoslovak leaders with constitutional issues, techniques and developments of the past 50 years as they revise the federal Constitution to guarantee fundamental rights and freedoms and to protect the citizenry from totalitarian abuses. Leading constitutional experts from North America and Western Europe, including former Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and Professor Lawrence Tribe of Harvard, and Czech and Slovak scholars, judges and public officials such as Karol Plank, Chief Justice of the Slovak Supreme Court, and CSFR First Deputy Prime Minister Pavel Rychetsky first met in April 1990 in Salzburg and Prague at a seminar chaired by Lloyd Cutler, former counsel to the U.S. president, and Herman Schwartz, Professor of Law at American University. Because the current Federal Assembly has a mandate to present a new federal Constitution by the end of its two-year term in June 1992, this high-level advisory group has had a crucial impact on Czechoslovak decisions about issues of federalism and law. The Western experts returned to Czechoslovakia in November 1990 to discuss drafting a Czechoslovak Bill of Rights with the Czech and Slovak constitutional commissions. In 1991, the advisory group plans to meet three more times to discuss separation of powers in the federal government, the composition of the Federal Assembly, presidential powers and the question of Slovak power within the federal system.

The constitutional program is one of the Charter 77 Foundation's most significant projects, with implications for every citizen of Czechoslovakia. The impact of the meetings has mushroomed to include further consultations and workshops in Czechoslovakia sponsored by the *Central and Eastern European Law Initiative*, which is run under the auspices of the international law section of the American Bar Association, on topics such as human rights and criminal, environmental and privatization law. The Foundation also facilitated the donation of law texts to Czechoslovak institutions and law schools. Other outgrowths from the Constitutional Advisory Group have spread beyond the borders of Czechoslovakia: for example, similar groups have been established in Bulgaria and Poland, and considerable interest in the group's activities has arisen in Albania and Mongolia.

In 1990, the Foundation also awarded small stipends to two Czechoslovak students to work on an American political campaign for three months, and facilitated contacts for the American Bar Association to establish an internship program for Czech and Slovak law students. In 1991, the Foundation will continue its support of the Constitutional Advisory Group and the Central and Eastern European Law Initiative.

Projects Funded

Constitutional Conference Project	\$106,364.19
American Political Campaign Internship	\$500.00

Selected Projects Facilitated

State Visit of President Vaclav Havel to the United States
Congressional Delegation of Senator John Heinz to CSFR
American Bar Association Internship Program

Czechoslovak Charta 77 Foundation: 34 grants

Equipment value (in U.S. dollars):	\$108,000.00
Grants in U.S. dollars:	\$900.00
Grants in CSFR crowns:	5,995,000 Kcs

Independent Media

Although censorship and government restriction of the press virtually disappeared after the velvet revolution, the culture of the written word--one of the most powerful weapons against the forces of repression--is still at risk in Czechoslovakia. A free press is a fundamental feature of a democratic, civil society. Forty years of totalitarian control, obsolete equipment and technique, and current economic uncertainties all make it difficult to establish independent--both politically and financially--newspapers and publishing houses in Czechoslovakia.

In 1990 the Charter 77 Foundation - New York supported and facilitated a wide variety of initiatives designed to strengthen independent media in Czechoslovakia. One of the Foundation's central activities in this area was cosponsoring, with the Nieman Foundation of Harvard University and the Center for Foreign Journalists in Reston, Virginia, an *East-West Journalists Conference* in Prague in July. Leading journalists from the United States, including Benjamin C. Bradlee, executive editor of the Washington Post, Arthur Sulzberger, Jr., deputy publisher of The New York Times, and John Siegenthaler of USA Today and the Nashville Tennessean, met with their Central and East European and Soviet counterparts to discuss the role of the press in a democratic society. President Vaclav Havel opened the conference, which was cochaired by Bill Kovach of the Nieman Foundation and Tom Winship of the Center for Foreign Journalists. The keynote speech by Michael Zantovsky, President Havel's press secretary, stimulated intense debate, and numerous articles and op-eds on the conference were published in newspapers and journals in both Czechoslovakia and the United States, including The New York Times, the Washington Post, Newsday and the Gannett Center Journal.

The Foundation also helped to sponsor the participation of Czechoslovak journalists in an *American Society of Newspaper Editors Journalism Exchange Program*, which provided them with intensive exposure to journalism, management and business practices in the United States. The Foundation also facilitated

a donation of typesetting and computer equipment by Mr. and Mrs. William Brinton/Mercury House Publishers of San Francisco to Lidove Noviny, one of Czechoslovakia's leading daily newspapers. This was the first such installation in Czechoslovakia; Lidove Noviny has agreed to participate in the translation and publication of Czech, Slovak and English texts which are not currently available in either Czechoslovakia or the United States.

Recognizing the central role a free press plays in a democracy, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York intends to increase its activities in this area in 1991. The Foundation and the *Independent Journalists Initiative* are working together to establish an *Independent Press Center* in Prague. The Center would bring leading journalists and experts to Czechoslovakia for extended periods to conduct workshops on running a news organization and training programs on all aspects of journalism, as well as to participate in the work of Czechoslovak newspapers. The Independent Press Center will cooperate closely with the burgeoning independent newspaper and broadcast associations. The Charter 77 Foundation has received an initial commitment of \$25,000 from the New York Times Company Foundation, and other major donations are expected soon. The Foundation plans to set up offices for the Center by summer 1991.

The Foundation will also sponsor a *Circulation Marketing Workshop* for independent newspapers to help them develop plans for making the transition to profitable enterprises in Czechoslovakia's emerging competitive market. In addition, the Foundation plans to assist *PUBWATCH*, a New York-based nonprofit organization that coordinates Western aid to publishers in Eastern and Central Europe, in establishing a resource library for publishers in Prague.

Projects Funded

Equipment donation to <u>Lidove Noviny</u>	\$60,000.00
American Society of Newspaper Editors Exchange Program	\$2,373.20

Czechoslovak Charta 77 Foundation: 41 grants

Equipment (value in U.S. dollars):	\$364,844.00
Grants in U.S. dollars:	\$77,375.00
Grants in CSFR crowns:	6,160,000 Kcs

Selected Projects Facilitated

Independent Media Center, Prague

Internship of Kristina Zantovsky at the Washington Post

Numerous visits by U.S. media specialists to CSFR



Michael Zantovsky, President Havel's press secretary; Wendy Luers, president of the Charter 77 Foundation - New York; Jan Urban, correspondent for Lidove Noviny and former spokesman for the Civic Forum Coordinating Center; and William Luers, president of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and former U.S. ambassador to Czechoslovakia, examine an issue of The New York Review of Books focused on the revolutions sweeping Eastern Europe in 1989.

Education

One of the most devastating legacies of communism in Czechoslovakia is the distortion of the educational system. For decades, scholarship was skewed by ideology and information was presented selectively in schools and universities. Scholars were isolated from the global exchange of ideas and information. As a result, certain branches of knowledge--particularly the social sciences and economics--were severely restricted and neglected under the communist regime.

In the aftermath of the velvet revolution, renewed student interest in the social sciences has prompted the faculties of Czech and Slovak universities to seek the help of their colleagues abroad to fill the temporary gap in the number of qualified social science instructors. The Charter 77 Foundation - New York has responded quickly to this gaping need by establishing, in conjunction with Yale University's Institution for Social and Policy Studies, the *Charter 77 Civic Education Project*. Beginning in 1991, under the auspices of this program, American professors and advanced graduate students in the social sciences will go to Czechoslovakia to teach courses in the areas of economics, sociology, politics and international relations.

The Civic Education Project is an outgrowth of *Summer School Workshops* held in 1990 and cosponsored by the Foundation that were designed to introduce Czech and Slovak university instructors to current Western approaches to the social sciences and economics. Senior professors from U.S. universities spent four weeks conducting workshops for their Czech and Slovak colleagues on studying the social sciences at Palacky University in Olomouc and on economics at Charles University in Prague. Because of the program's success, it will be repeated in 1991.

Because English is rapidly becoming the global *lingua franca*, there is a great desire among Czechs and Slovaks to learn the language. In an effort to address this desire, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York established the *Masaryk Fellowship Program* in

1990. This program, which is coordinated in Prague through the philosophy faculty at Charles University, brought 95 American volunteers to Czechoslovakia for the summer of 1990 to provide conversational English-language training to students in Prague and in eight other locations in Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia. At least 1,000 Czechoslovak students benefitted from this program, which cost the Foundation less than \$5,000 to implement. The Foundation paid for teacher's manuals and materials; the volunteer teachers, who financed their own transportation to Czechoslovakia, were housed with local families and received small stipends which were raised through the course fee. This extremely cost-effective program organized in 1990 by Dasha Havel and Lisa Svejnova, a graduate student in the philosophy faculty of Charles University, will be repeated in 1991. The Foundation also sponsored the study of ten Czechs and Slovaks in an *English-language Summer Program* at the New School for Social Research in New York.

Other Foundation activities related to education include participation in the *Books for the World Program*, which is facilitated by the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Human Rights, to supply much needed educational texts and English-language books to schools and institutions in Czechoslovakia. With the help of the Czechoslovak Library Association, more than 28,000 books were distributed in 1990.

The Charter 77 Foundation - New York is also cooperating with the other Soros foundations in Central and Eastern Europe to facilitate the establishment of a *Central European University*, which will have modules in Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland. The University will offer high-level graduate training, instruction and fellowships to exceptional students from the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. The University is a private initiative with backing from governments in Central Europe and in the West. George Soros has underwritten a minimum annual budget of \$5 million for the next five years, for a total commitment of \$25 million.

Projects Funded

Prague Education Workshop	\$9,800.00
Aspect Foundation High School Exchange Program	\$6,971.62
Masaryk Fellowship Program	\$4,148.75
English Study for Czechoslovak Students	\$3,172.17
Personal Computer Program	\$2,485.00
AT&T Computer Grant	\$1,500.00
Students for Czechoslovakia	\$1,089.00
Civic Education Project	\$845.13
Central European University	\$158.85

Selected Projects Facilitated

1990-1991 Fulbright Fellowship for Dr. Zdenka Gabalova
Computer Networking (BITNET and EARN) with Dr. Steven Ruth and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
Numerous contacts and interventions with U.S. universities

Czechoslovak Charta 77 Foundation: 19 grants

Equipment (value in U.S. dollars):	\$29,257.00
Grants in U.S. dollars:	\$75,000.00
Grants in CSFR crowns:	389,340 Kcs



President Vaclav Havel in his study.

Business & Management Training

Because independent ownership, free-market competition and entrepreneurialism were anathema to the centrally planned economy and system of state ownership instituted during the period of communist leadership, the Czechoslovak business sector today is sadly underdeveloped. Even as the economy lurches toward a free market system, few in Czechoslovakia are adequately prepared to carry on business successfully and competitively in the new economic environment.

To facilitate the transition to a market economy, the business sector in Czechoslovakia needs an infusion of expertise and training in management and business skills. In an attempt to address this need, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York is working to develop programs that will impart competitive business practices and foster entrepreneurialism. The Foundation is collaborating with the East-West Management Institute to implement an *East-West Management Internship Program* for outstanding managers from Czechoslovakia, placing them with U.S. corporations for three to 12 months. This program provides practical training for talented future business leaders from Central and Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union who are anxious to learn modern management techniques. It also serves as an excellent vehicle for U.S. corporations to make useful contacts in the emerging markets of the region.

Because of the drastic economic changes that went into effect in Czechoslovakia as of January 1, 1991, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York intends to significantly expand its activities designed to ease the transition to a market economy. In 1990 the Foundation began to assist the *Czechoslovak Economic Association*, based at Charles University in Prague, to promote stock ownership schemes as part of the general plan for privatization of enterprises. The Foundation is also working with the U.S.-based *Junior Achievement Program* to provide young Czechs and Slovaks with practical experience in the competitive private enterprise system.

Projects Funded

Corporate Finance Training Program \$1,260.00

Selected Projects Facilitated

Czechoslovak Economics Association Stock Ownership Schemes

Junior Achievement Program



Czechoslovakia's joyous revolution.

Culture

For centuries, Prague was a thriving center of the arts at the heart of Europe. However, the postwar ascension of communism reduced Czechoslovakia to a cultural backwater in the new Soviet empire. Although in the 1960s Czech and Slovak culture once again began to bloom during the period that came to be known as the Prague Spring, this relaxation of cultural controls was effectively repressed after the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968. In the wake of the Soviet occupation, artists, writers, publishers, filmmakers and musicians were subject to strict governmental control. Many of the most talented were prohibited from practicing their professions and forced to perform menial labor or to emigrate. Access to foreign literature and art was severely restricted. Forbidden literature was circulated in secret as hand-typed samizdat manuscripts.

As a result of the velvet revolution, Czech and Slovak artists and writers are now free to create what they like, without fear of censorship or reprisal. Nevertheless, the vestiges of totalitarian control and the introduction of radical economic reforms hinder the renewed flowering of Czechoslovak culture. Production costs for virtually all goods and services have increased considerably, and people have less discretionary income to spend on books or theater tickets. At the same time, the government is under pressure to cut subsidies, including cultural subsidies, in an effort to reduce spending and push the economy toward a free market.

The Charter 77 Foundation - New York is well positioned to mobilize its contacts in the art world to facilitate cooperative efforts, artistic exchanges and other cultural endeavors in Czechoslovakia. In 1990, one of the Foundation's key projects in this area was funding a delegation from the *New York Public Library* to identify and ultimately to microfilm the unique Slavic collection of the National Library in Prague which has been virtually unknown to Western scholars for more than 40 years, and to catalog and assess the restoration needs of the deteriorating collections of several other libraries in Prague.

The Foundation also helped to fund the *Chalupecky Award*, which will be given annually by Vaclav Havel in memory of Czechoslovakia's most beloved art historian to a promising young graphic artist, painter or sculptor under the age of 35. The Foundation also serves as an umbrella organization for a new organization of photographers, the *Prague House of Photography*, facilitating its first contribution of \$10,000.

In addition, the Foundation facilitated the stays of Czech and Slovak artists and writers at creative centers in the United States and France; helped organize a Czechoslovak photography exhibit in the United States and an American theater exhibition in Prague; and helped organize a Czechoslovak literary conference at New York University. In 1991 the Foundation plans to assist many other cultural and artistic organizations and endeavors in Czechoslovakia, including dance troupes, a puppet theater, documentary film production and the Prague Spring Festival.

Projects Funded

Library Preservation Program	\$3,575.00
Jewish Community Grant	\$200.00

Selected Projects Facilitated

Artist's fellowship at La Napoule Artists Center, France

Artist's fellowship at Headlands Artists Colony

\$5,000 anonymous donation to publish a photojournal about the velvet revolution

FAMA Film School

Publication of The City Square by the Whitney Library of Design

Extended visit of Mr. Kulhanek to the Atlantic Center for the Arts

Czechoslovak Charta 77 Foundation: 44 grants

Equipment (in U.S. dollars): \$36,933.00

Grants in U.S. dollars: \$164,746.00

Grants in CSFR crowns: 1,747,000 Kcs

Environment & Health

One tragic revelation of the revolutions in Central and Eastern Europe was the extent of regional environmental damage and neglect. The level of pollution has seriously endangered the environment and the health of the citizens of the region. These adverse effects transcend national borders, as well as the former East-West divide.

The Charter 77 Foundation - New York has been working with organizations such as the *Institute for Resource Management* to assess environmental needs and plan strategies for environmental protection in Czechoslovakia. In 1990, the Foundation sponsored the participation of two Czechoslovak students in Legacy International's Youths for Environment and Service *Summer Environmental Training Program*. These two students, along with young people from 20 other countries, were trained to develop leadership and organizational skills, as well as an understanding of the relationship between local action and international events. They returned to their home communities to establish environmentally oriented community action projects.

Because environmental concerns do not observe national borders, the Foundation intends to become involved in regional initiatives to address the extensive environmental damage in Eastern and Central Europe and develop ways to prevent further destruction.

Another abomination of the communist era is the shameful neglect of health facilities, training and services in Czechoslovakia. Despite communist claims of providing subsidized health care to all citizens, the quality of this care was far from sufficient. Disabled people, for example, were forced into institutions where they were not provided with the health care equipment necessary to lead independent and dignified lives. The Charter 77 Foundation has served as an umbrella organization for fundraising for the *Olga Havel Foundation*, which was founded to provide humanitarian aid to the disabled in Czechoslovakia. The Charter Foundation - New York has facilitated contacts and funding for

this purpose. The Foundation has also arranged for the donation of hospital beds to Czechoslovakia. In 1991 the Foundation will continue to address health care issues in Czechoslovakia.

Projects Funded

Olga Havel Foundation	\$71,551.21
Legacy International	\$3,300.00

Selected Projects Facilitated

- Visit of Czech Minister of Health to the United States
- Institute for Resource Management
- Environmental Assessment Project
- Medical Conference in Prague



In a student office of Civic Forum: 1968 becomes...

Volunteerism

As Czechoslovakia begins to enter the free world, its citizens have been active in forming a nonprofit service sector to take care of humanitarian needs, environmental concerns, educational projects and health-related problems which were ignored by the previous government. In a newly free society, it is expected that groups will form spontaneously. However, after 40 years of totalitarian rule, there is an absence of knowledge about ways to organize this emerging sector in Czechoslovakia.

To encourage and facilitate the formation of charities and voluntary organizations in Czechoslovakia, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York worked with the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and the Czechoslovak federal government to organize a major *Conference on the Voluntary Sector* in North America. The conference, which was held in Bratislava in July 1990, familiarized Czechs and Slovaks with the purpose and function of the voluntary sector and with the legal structures within which voluntary organizations operate.

As a result of this conference, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund has funded a staff person to work with 4F, a nonprofit consortium made up of the Charta 77 Foundation - Czechoslovakia, the Czechoslovak Foundation of OF, the Olga Havel Foundation and the Czechoslovak Council for Humanitarian Cooperation. 4F is developing a database on Czechoslovakia's newly emerging nonprofit organizations and communicating their needs abroad.

The Charter 77 Foundation - New York also worked with RSVP International and the Jan Hus Foundation in Brno to try to find funding for *Elderly Volunteer Services*, which enlists people over the age of 60 as volunteers who help their communities meet critical social service needs.

Projects Funded

Conference on Voluntary Organizations, Bratislava	\$21,327.79
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Selected Projects Facilitated

Numerous visits by representatives of U.S. philanthropies to Czechoslovakia

Czechoslovak Charta 77 Foundation:

9 grants	
Equipment (value in U.S. dollars):	\$18,000.00
Grants in U.S. dollars:	\$120,007.00
Grants in CSFR crowns:	14,736 Kcs



... 1989.

Other Activities

Because of the breadth of the activities supported or facilitated by the Charter 77 Foundation - New York, not all of them can be easily categorized. The Foundation's numerous contacts in Czechoslovakia and in the West give it great flexibility, which allows the Foundation to address needs of all sorts and in myriad ways. No worthy project will be overlooked; the Foundation focuses its funding efforts and substantial contacts to assist as many projects it deems useful as possible. The Foundation does not intend to limit its activities to prescribed areas, but instead seeks to mobilize its financial resources and match its human network to meet identified needs in all sectors of Czechoslovak society.

Projects Funded

Soros Foundations Conference	\$10,699.25
Hungarian Independent Initiative	\$1,000.00
Charta 77 Foundation - Prague (office supplies)	\$620.75

Selected Projects Facilitated

Computers for Charta 77 Foundation - Sweden
German Marshall Fund Travel Fund for Czechs and Slovaks to Visit the United States



Confronting riot police with flowers. Prague, 1989.

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	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
<u>Programs</u>		
Fundraising	\$444,780	
George Soros/Fund for Free Expression	\$12,610	
Grants		\$312,942
<u>Administration</u>		
Fundraising	\$25,409	
George Soros/Fund for Free Expression	\$88,245	
Administrative & Operating Expenses		\$113,654
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TOTALS:	\$571,044	\$426,596
Balance remaining as of January 1, 1991:	\$144,448	

Charta 77 Foundation - Czechoslovakia

The Charta 77 Foundation - Czechoslovakia was established in December 1989 with a grant of \$1 million from George Soros to support unofficial and independent groups, publishing houses, periodicals and other incipient elements of civil society that arose in the aftermath of the velvet revolution. The Foundation has offices in Prague, Bratislava and Brno, and collaborates with the Charter 77 Foundation - New York and the Charta 77 Foundation - Sweden.

The Charta 77 Foundation - Czechoslovakia awards many grants on a republic-wide basis, but it also supports projects that are targeted for Bohemia, Moravia or Slovakia alone. The Foundation offers support in the form of cash and equipment in a variety of areas, including 1) independent media organizations; 2) newly created organizations and associations that are part of Czechoslovakia's developing civil society; 3) scientific projects; 4) conferences; 5) cultural projects; 6) projects with charitable, humanitarian aims; and 7) education and textbook publishing. In 1990 the Charta 77 Foundation - Czechoslovakia awarded 204 grants, whose total values are listed below:

- o U.S. \$646,400 in donated equipment;
- o U.S. \$512,300 in cash donations; and
- o 14,377,000 Czechoslovak crowns in cash donations.



From left to right: Frantisek Janouch, chairman of the Presidium of the Charta 77 Foundation - Czechoslovakia; Milan Simecka, advisor to President Havel and chairman of the Charta 77 Foundation committee in Bratislava [deceased September 1990]; and George Soros, president of Soros Fund Management, at a reception in Bratislava, February 1990.

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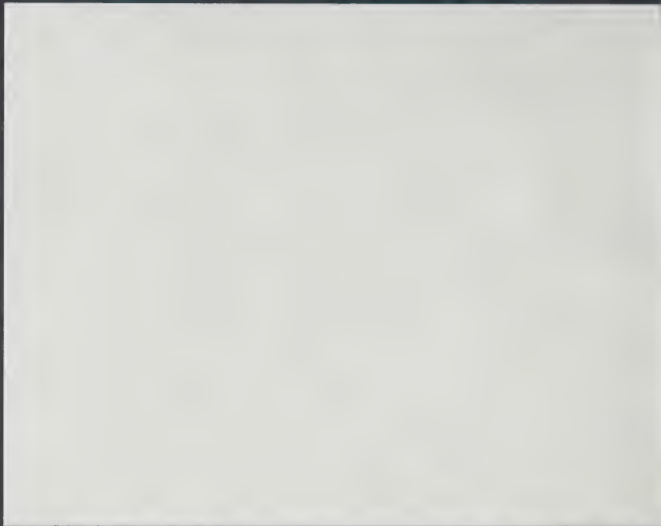
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meeting you next week.

Sincerely,
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Constitutional Advisory Group

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Civic Education Project

American assistant professors and advanced graduate students teaching vital courses in the long-neglected fields of the social sciences and economics at eight Czechoslovak universities. This project is now being developed in Poland as well.

Masaryk Fellowship Program

95 American volunteers teaching English during the summer of 1990, teaching well over 1,000 Czechs and Slovaks. This program will be repeated in 1991.

Independent Journalists Initiative

Establishment of an independent press center in Prague with initial support from the New York Times Foundation.

Environmental Masaryk Fellowship Program

American volunteers involved in environmental projects and teaching English to Czech and Slovak students during the summer of 1991 in cooperation with Czechoslovak environmental organizations.

National Library Slavic Archive

Evaluation and preservation of unique Russian-language holdings of the National Library's Slavic Archive in Prague.

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Photo: Wendy Watriss

In November 1989 the sound of jangling keys ushered in the "velvet revolution" in Czechoslovakia when hundreds of thousands of people thronged the streets of Prague to demonstrate against the communist government. Thus began the peaceful transformation of the country, from a totalitarian state to a pluralist democracy.

However, the transition from 40 years of totalitarianism to democracy and a free-market economy cannot be accomplished overnight. To achieve a successful transformation, Czechoslovakia needs the support of the world community. The Charter 77 Foundation seeks to encourage and facilitate such support.

About the Charter 77 Foundation

The original Charta 77 Foundation was founded in 1978 in Sweden to support the human rights and underground publishing activities of the Charta 77 movement in Czechoslovakia founded in 1977. The movement's first spokesmen were Vaclav Havel, Jan Patočka and Jiri Hajek. In 1984 the Charter 77 Foundation - New York was established to receive and coordinate aid to the movement from the United States.

In December 1989, in the wake of the velvet revolution, George Soros, long a key supporter of the Charta 77 Foundation - Sweden, gave the Charta 77 Foundation \$1 million to support the development of political pluralism and democratic institution-building in Czechoslovakia and to establish the Charta 77 Foundation - Czechoslovakia, with offices in Prague, Bratislava and Brno.

The Charter 77 Foundation - New York was reorganized in January 1990 to respond to the extraordinary changes taking place in Czechoslovakia. In offices provided by George Soros's Open Society Fund and with the support of foundations and individuals, the Foundation has rapidly mobilized both human and financial resources to support projects that develop and strengthen the forces of democracy, civil society, the rule of law and a free-market economy in Czechoslovakia.

The Charter 77 Foundation's main role is matching resources--human, financial and technological--to identified needs in the new Czechoslovakia. The Foundation has three primary functions:

- o The Foundation acts as a catalyst, initiating and developing projects and finding resources to support them.

- o The Foundation also serves as a facilitator, utilizing its extensive network of high-level contacts in both the United States and Czechoslovakia to foster projects by connecting them with funding sources and qualified institutions and individuals.

- o Finally, the Foundation is a partner in many collaborative efforts with other organizations--particularly the Soros foundations--to regionalize certain programs.

Many of the projects in which the Charter 77 Foundation - New York is engaged have been initiated in Czechoslovakia, and the three Charter 77 foundations--New York, Czechoslovakia and Sweden--although separately constituted, work closely together toward the same goal. For many programs the Foundation is the sole or primary funder, but it also works to channel aid from other sources to support worthy projects. Cultivating other sources of support increases awareness of Czechoslovakia's needs, and contributes to the realization of democracy, civil society and a free-market economy there.

Generally, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York prefers to provide seed grants and stop-gap funding rather than ongoing support to Czechoslovak organizations. In its first year of activity, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York raised over \$500,000 and funded and/or facilitated over 100 projects.

The Charter 77 Foundation - New York also collaborates with Soros foundations in other East European countries and with other foundations and organizations to regionalize programs by developing and spreading model projects from one country to another, and to address problems, such as environmental concerns, that affect the region as a whole. In

1991, the Foundation hopes to expand its activities and, through increased cooperation with other foundations and organizations, extend the impact of its work in Czechoslovakia to the larger East European region.

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- o Politics & Governance
- o Independent Media
- o Education
- o Business & Management Training
- o Culture
- o Environment & Health
- o Volunteerism

Looking to the Future

The Charter 77 Foundation - New York intends to continue to spread the net wide in its effort to support and facilitate the development of democratic pluralism, the rule of law, civil society and a free-market economy in Czechoslovakia. Thus the range of the Foundation's activities will remain broad. The Foundation hopes to increase its collaborative efforts with other organizations to strengthen the development of the new Czechoslovakia, and to extend the impact of its work to neighboring countries in Eastern Europe through increased regionalized cooperation.

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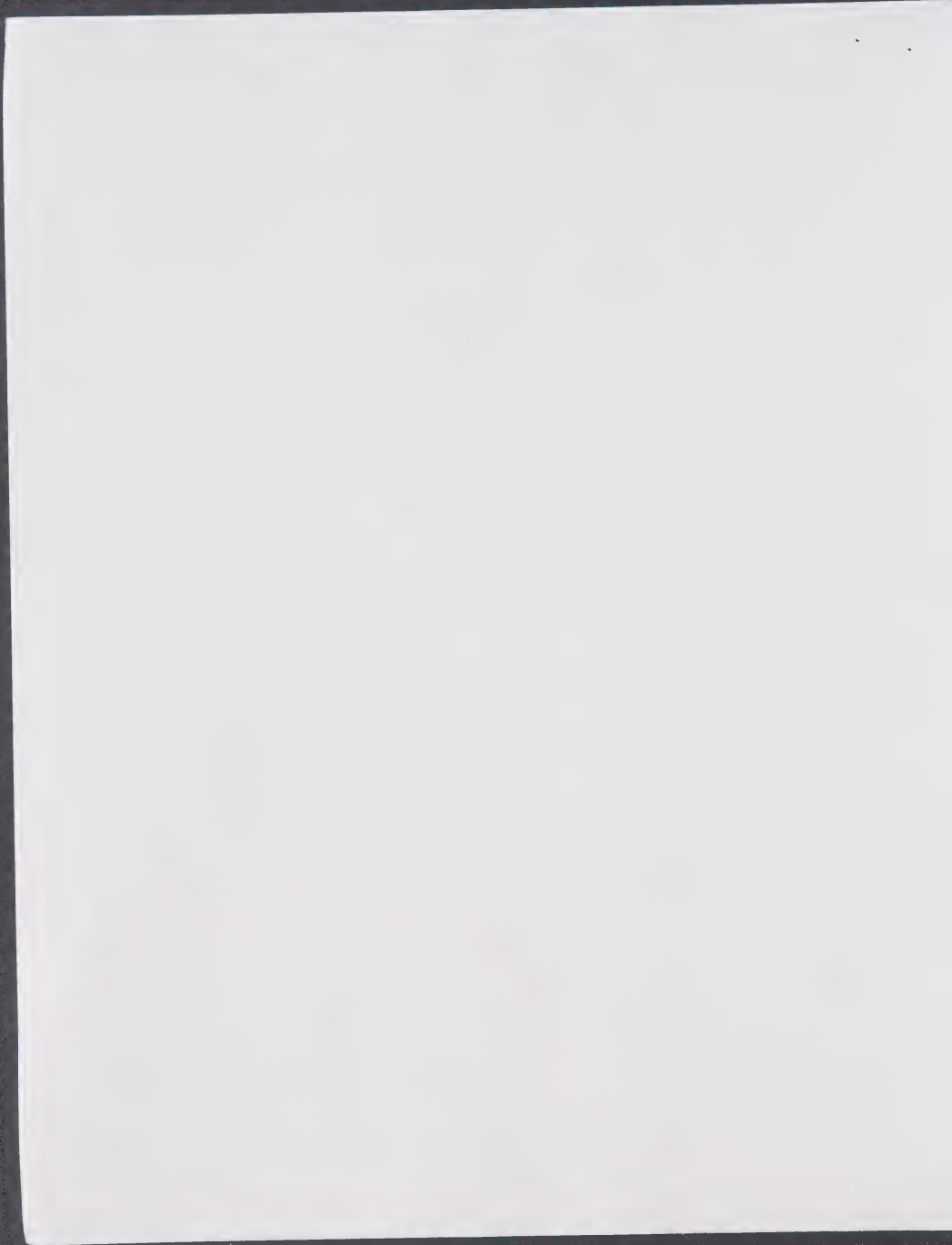
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Project on Justice in Times of Transition

The Charter 77 Foundation - New York, in conjunction with the Salzburg Seminar, is sponsoring an ongoing project intended to address the issue of transitional justice in light of the recent political transformations in Eastern and Central Europe, the former Soviet Union and Latin America. The Project's inaugural conference will bring together high-ranking politicians, academics and journalists from throughout the world in Salzburg during March 1992. Future plans include in-country follow-up seminars, consultations and public education efforts. Initial funding has been provided by the German Marshall Fund of the United States and other foundations.

Civic Education Project

American assistant professors and advanced graduate students will be teaching vital courses in the long-neglected fields of the social sciences and economics at eight Czechoslovak universities. This project is now being developed in Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania and the Baltic states. The Charter 77 Foundation - New York provides English teachers for specialized language courses during orientation.

Masaryk Fellowship Program

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Democracy Training Program

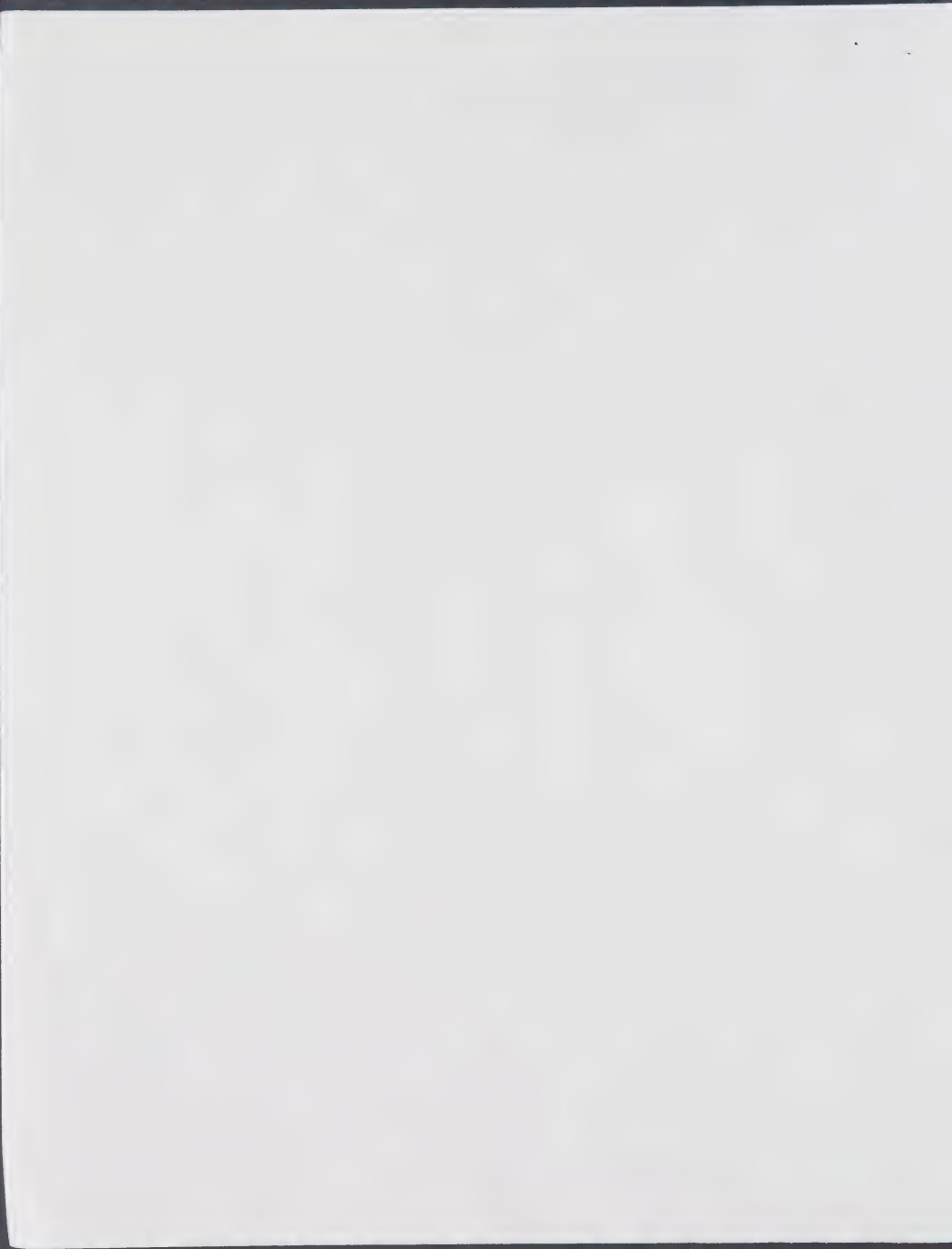
11 Parliamentarians, members of the Czech and Slovak national councils, were brought to the United States for four weeks of English-language study, a study tour of federal government offices in Washington, D.C. and four-week job-shadowing internships in state governments around the country. Program developed in conjunction with CDS International and the Czech and Slovak national councils. The Foundation is currently seeking funding to repeat the program after the June 1992 elections in the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic.

Independent Journalists Initiative

Established an independent press center in Prague with initial support from several media foundations. In conjunction with the Columbia University School of Journalism, the center has developed a new journalism curriculum for Charles University in Prague; efforts are being made to duplicate this program in Slovakia. The press center's modern facilities host hands-on workshops conducted by American media experts teaching television and radio broadcast techniques, desk-top publishing, newspaper design and management, and specialty reporting among other things. Directed by James L. Greenfield, Editorial Board of the New York Times.

PUBWATCH Training Programs for Publishers and Booksellers

In conjunction with the non-profit organization PUBWATCH, the Foundation plans to co-sponsor a workshop on coordinating information for a changing book trade, a study group on reforming the



book distribution system in Czechoslovakia and establishing a resource library of Western publishing information in Prague.

Library Preservation Efforts

Evaluation and preservation of unique Russian-language holdings of the National Library's Slavic Archive in Prague. With funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the directors of 5 Czechoslovak libraries were brought to the United States to meet with representatives from the Library of Congress and the New York Public Library to develop a plan of action for library preservation in Czechoslovakia. The Foundation is also developing other projects in this area.

Secondary School Scholarship Program

Following an extensive competition among Czech and Slovak high school students administered by the Charta 77 Foundation - Prague, and using funds raised by the Charter 77 Foundation - New York, 10 students were chosen to receive full scholarships and spend the 1991-1992 academic year in public and private high schools throughout the United States. This program will take place in expanded form during the 1992-1993 school year, with as many as 20 high schools expected to host students.

German Marshall Fund Travel Grants

Drawing on grants totaling \$48,000 secured by the Charter 77 Foundation - New York, funds are being given to eligible Czech and Slovak leaders in the political, economic and environmental spheres for short-term study stays in the United States to further economic transformation, strengthen democratic institutions and improve the environment in Czechoslovakia.

USIA University Top-up Scholarship Supplement Fund

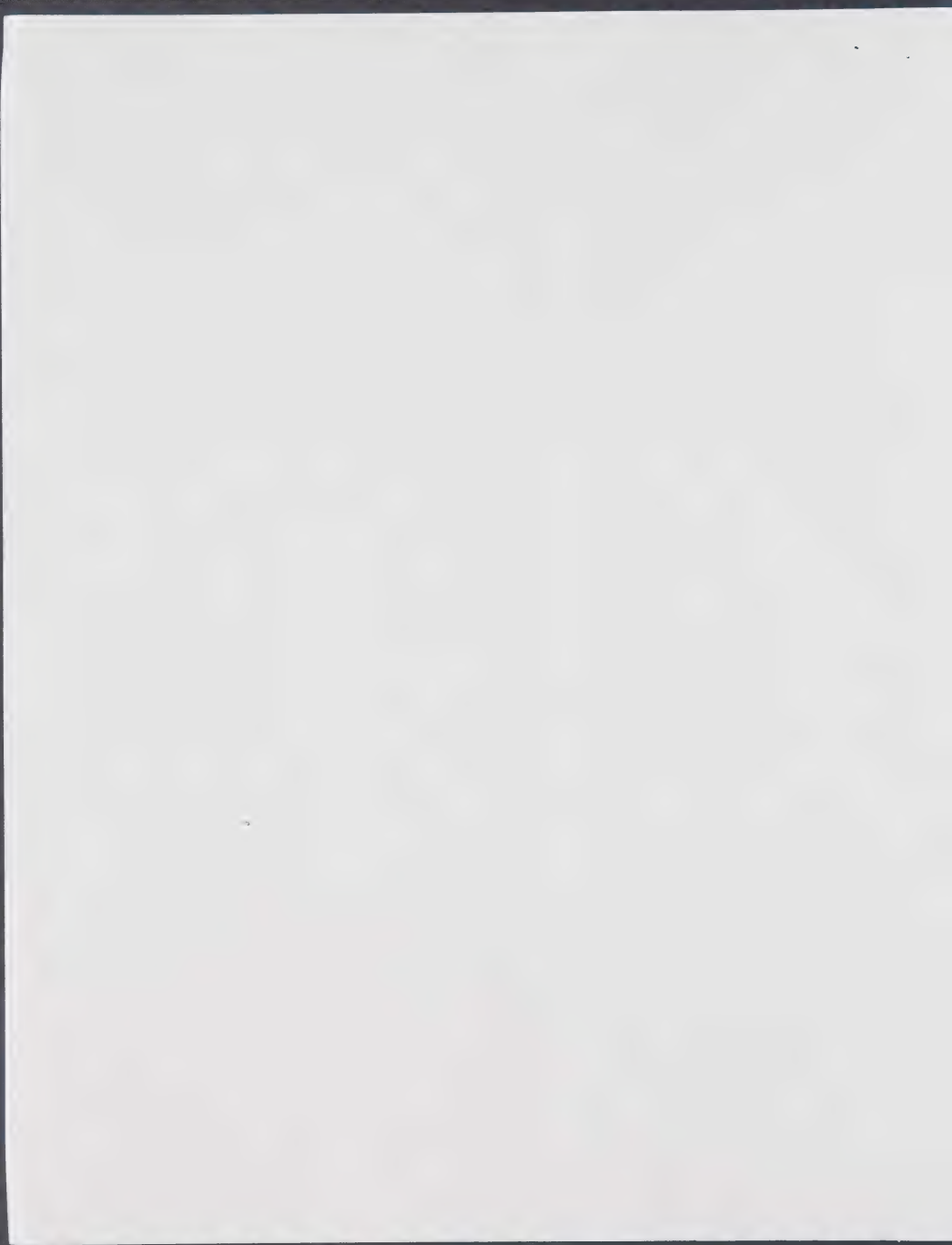
A \$25,000 U.S. Information Agency award to the Charta 77 Foundation - Prague, facilitated by the Charter 77 Foundation - New York, intended for Czechs and Slovaks who have already received scholarships and financial support for university study in the United States and need small extra funding.

Expert Advisors Program

The Foundation will send Western experts to the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic as long-term, high-level advisors on aspects of economic and political reform, transforming social services and other critical areas of need. (This project is in formation).

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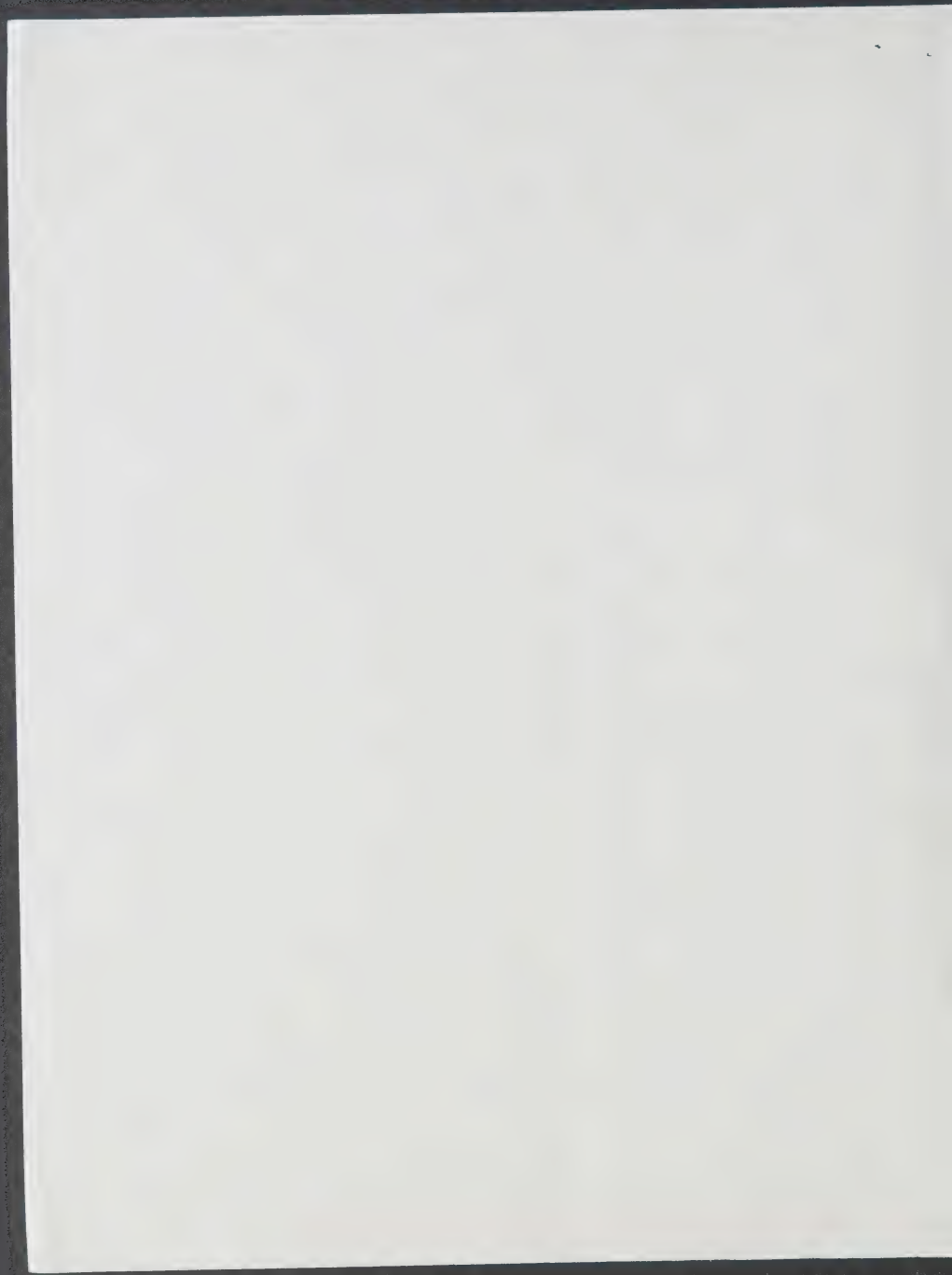
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Expert Advisors Program

The Charter 77 Foundation - New York Expert Advisors Program is an initiative designed to place high-caliber Western experts in influential long-term advisory positions in local and republic-level government organizations of the Czech and Slovak republics.

The program's purpose is to match senior experts in political, economic or social policy development and implementation with ministries and agencies that have well-defined needs. The initiative focuses on placing experts as high-level advisors who will live in-country and work with their host organizations on a day-to-day basis. Advisors' assignments generally last six months to two years, although the program also considers support for advisors on short-term, emergency missions.

Advisors are selected through a competitive process by an eight-member Executive Committee comprised of prominent Americans and Czechoslovaks. A list of Committee members is provided below.

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person are strongly urged to send a request for assistance, including a detailed job description, to the Foundation's contact person in Prague. The Foundation will then consult with the institution and provide further information about the program.

Potential advisors already located in Czechoslovakia, including those who desire support for a position they currently occupy, should contact the program's representative in Prague. Individuals in the United States who seek an application form or other information about this program should contact the Foundation's New York office.

In all cases, the Foundation will vigorously seek out the most qualified applicant for each position.

To obtain funding for an advisory position, potential advisors must submit the following: a completed application form a letter of invitation from the host institution (acquisition of this letter can be facilitated by the program) a detailed job description written or approved by the host institution (this can be facilitated by the program)

a curriculum vitae
a budget justifying the amount of support requested

The program gives preference to potential advisors with knowledge of Czech or Slovak, prior in-country experience and the recommendation of their potential host institutions.

Those selected will be required to participate in an orientation process to familiarize themselves with current conditions and become acquainted with other advisors in the country. They are expected to assist future advisors with this orientation. Advisors must also help to train middle- and lower-level Czech and Slovak colleagues in their host organizations. The program will review advisors' progress in their work at least twice annually.

The Foundation is prepared to meet all reasonable fixed costs that advisors incur in their countries of origin, such as those associated with mortgages, tuition, travel, and family expenses, should those expenses not be covered by other sources. The Foundation is not responsible for health care, in-country housing, or other in-country expenses. Host institutions are expected to provide funding to meet these additional costs.

How to Apply

Institutions that are seeking a senior Western expert but who have not yet identified such a

THE CHARTER SEVENTY SEVEN FOUNDATION—NEW YORK

About the Charter 77 Foundation:

The original Charta 77 Foundation was founded in 1978 in Sweden to support the human rights and underground publishing activities of the Charta 77 movement in Czechoslovakia. In 1984 the Charter 77 Foundation - New York was established to receive and coordinate aid to this movement from the United States.

The Charter 77 Foundation - New York was organized in January 1990 to respond to the extraordinary changes taking place in Czechoslovakia. In offices provided by George Soros's Open Society Fund and with the support of foundations, corporations and individuals, the Foundation has rapidly mobilized both human and financial resources to support projects that develop and strengthen the forces of democracy, civil society, the rule of law and a free-market economy in Czechoslovakia.

The Charter 77 Foundation's main role is matching resources--human, financial and technological--to identified needs in the new Czechoslovakia. The Foundation has three primary functions:

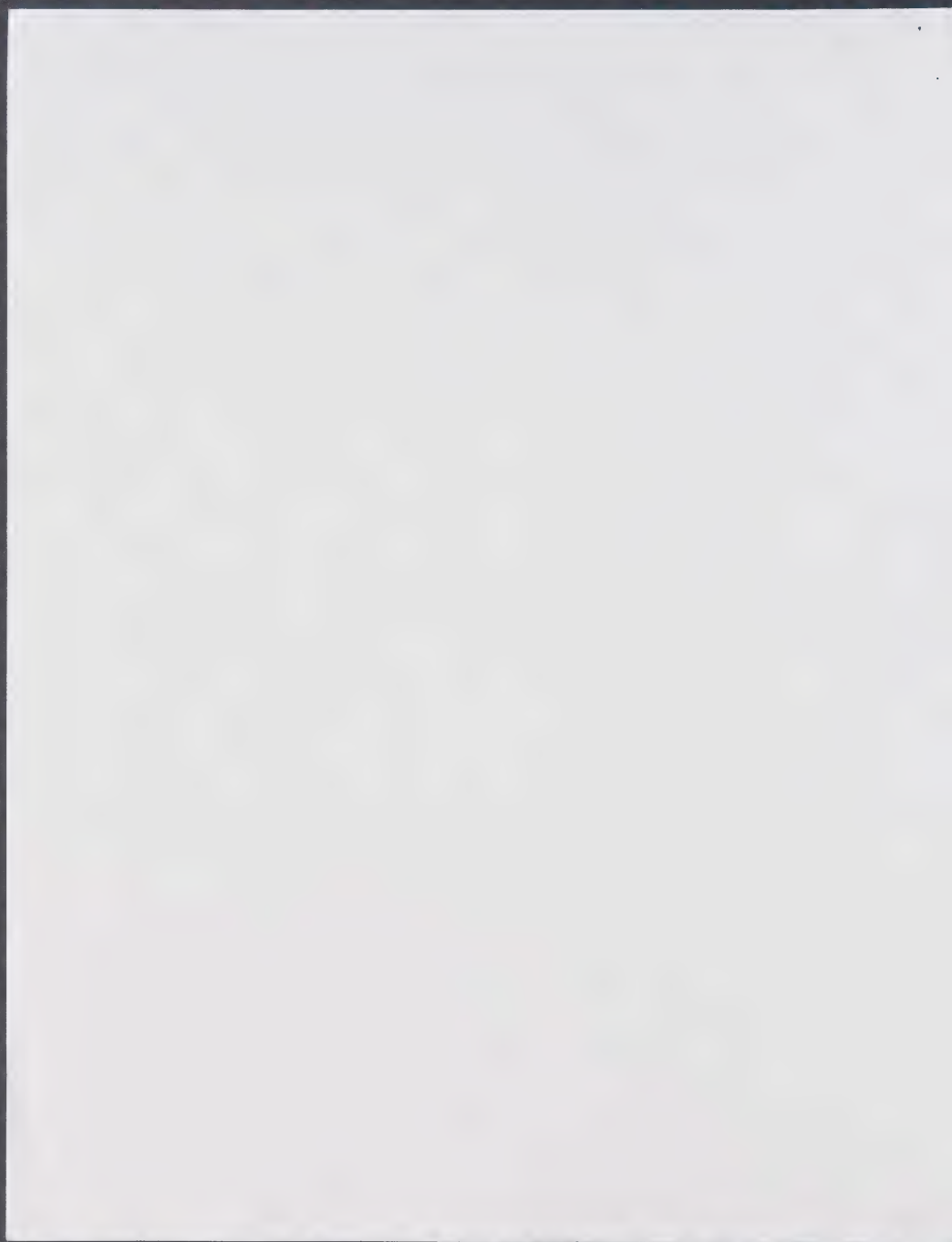
- The Foundation acts as a **catalyst**, initiating and developing projects and finding resources to support them.
- The Foundation also serves as a **facilitator**, utilizing its extensive network of high-level contacts in both the United States and Czechoslovakia to foster projects by connecting funding sources with qualified institutions and individuals.
- Finally, the Foundation is a **partner** in many collaborative efforts with other organizations--particularly the Soros foundations--to regionalize certain programs.

Many of the projects in which the Charter 77 Foundation - New York is engaged have been initiated in Czechoslovakia, and the Foundation works closely in many instances with its separately constituted sister organization, the Charta 77 Foundation -- Czechoslovakia. For many programs, the Foundation is the sole or primary funder, but it also works to channel aid from other sources to support worthy projects. Cultivating other sources of funding increases awareness of Czechoslovakia's needs and contributes to the realization of democracy, civil society and a free-market economy in that country.

The Charter 77 Foundation - New York is in the unique position of being a public non-profit foundation; it is a grant-giving and grant-receiving organization. Generally, the Foundation prefers to provide seed grants and stopgap funding rather than ongoing support to Czechoslovak organizations. Projects are reviewed for sponsorship and/or funding on a case-by-case basis. In its almost three years of activity, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York has raised over \$2,000,000 and funded and/or facilitated over 200 projects.

In broad terms, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York has been active in the following general areas (although in principle no area of need is excluded):

- Politics & Governance
- Independent Media
- Education
- Business & Management Training
- Culture
- Environment & Health



- Voluntarism

Major Projects:

Project on Justice in Times of Transition

The Charter 77 Foundation - New York is sponsoring an ongoing project intended to address the issue of transitional justice in light of the recent political transformations in Eastern and Central Europe, the former Soviet Union and Latin America. The Project's inaugural conference brought together high-ranking politicians, academics and journalists from throughout the world to Salzburg during March of 1992. Future plans include in-country follow-up seminars, consultations and public education efforts. Initial funding has been provided by the German Marshall Fund of the United States, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Rockefeller Family and Associates, the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the National Endowment for Democracy and George Soros's Open Society Fund.

Expert Advisors Program

The Foundation will send Western experts to the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic as long-term, high-level advisors in the areas of economic reform, political transformation, and the improvement of social services. This program has received funding from the Ford Foundation, The Pew Charitable Trusts, the Samuel H. Kress Foundation, the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, and the United Nations Development Programme.

Independent Journalists Initiative

The Foundation established the Center for Independent Journalism in Prague, with support from several media foundations. Cooperating with the Columbia University School of Journalism, the center has developed a new journalism curriculum for Prague's Charles University. Efforts are being made to duplicate this program in Slovakia. The press center's modern facilities host hands-on workshops conducted by American media experts teaching television and radio broadcast techniques, desk-top publishing, newspaper design and management, specialty reporting, and other relevant subjects. This project is directed by James L. Greenfield, a member of the Editorial Board of the New York Times.

German Marshall Fund Travel Grants

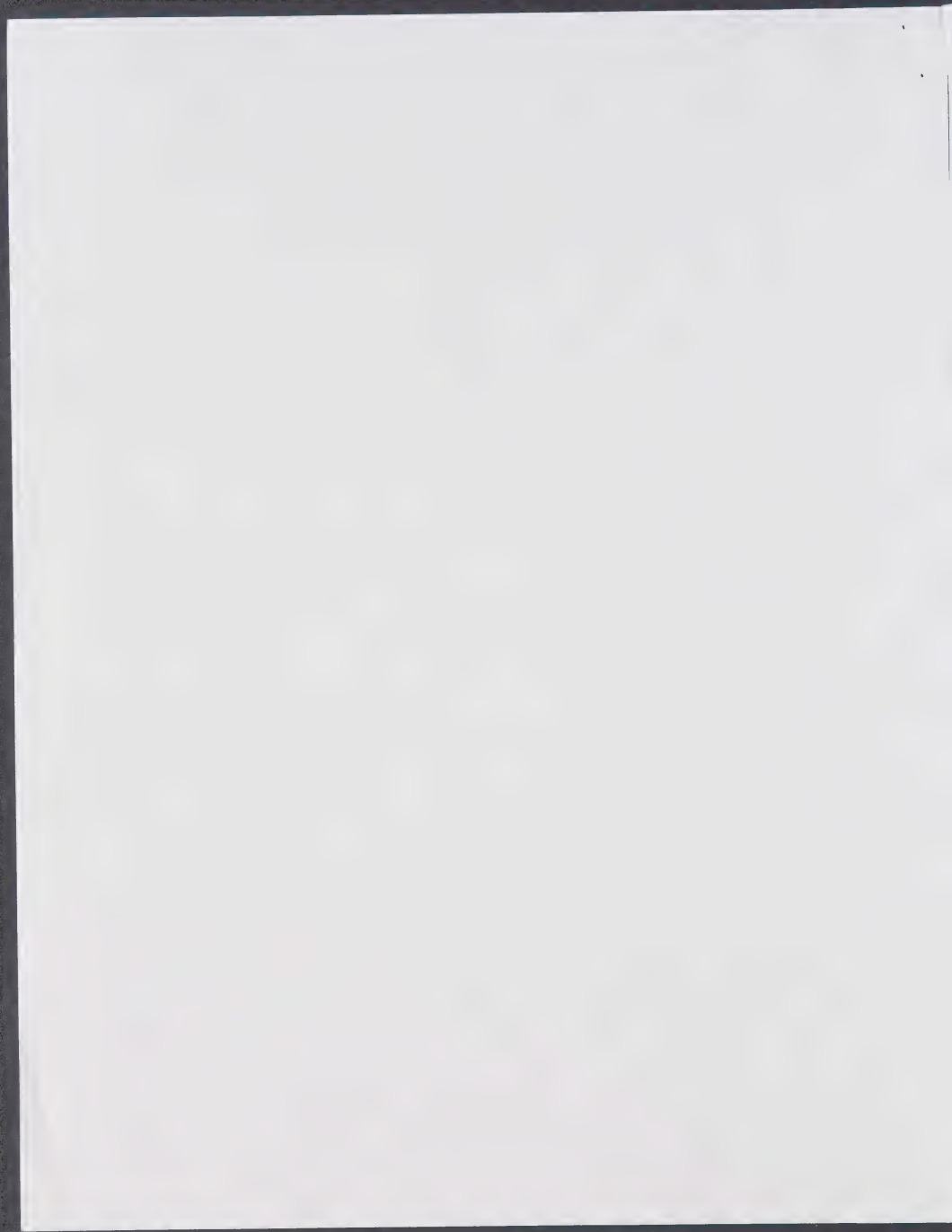
With \$48,000 in grants from the German Marshall Fund, funds are being given to eligible Czech and Slovak leaders in the political, economic and environmental spheres for short-term study stays in the United States to further economic transformation, strengthen democratic institutions and improve the environment.

Civic Education Project

American assistant professors and advanced graduate students will be teaching vital courses in the long-neglected fields of the social sciences and economics at eight Czechoslovak universities. This project, which is being developed in Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania and the Baltic states, is now receiving funding as a project of the Central European University Higher Education Support Program. The Charter 77 Foundation - New York provides English teachers for specialized language courses during the orientation phase of these courses.

Masaryk Fellowship Program

This program was initiated in the summer of 1990, with 95 American volunteers teaching English to over 1,000 Czech and Slovak students. In 1991, the program was repeated in restructured form, reaching 600 students. The Masaryk Fellowship program brought 55 Americans to the country to teach in 1992.



Secondary School Scholarship Program

Following an extensive competition among Czech and Slovak high school students administered by the Charta 77 Foundation - Prague and using funds raised by the Charter 77 Foundation - New York, ten students were chosen to receive full scholarships to spend the 1991-1992 academic year in public and private high schools throughout the United States. This program is taking place in expanded form during the 1992-1993 school year.

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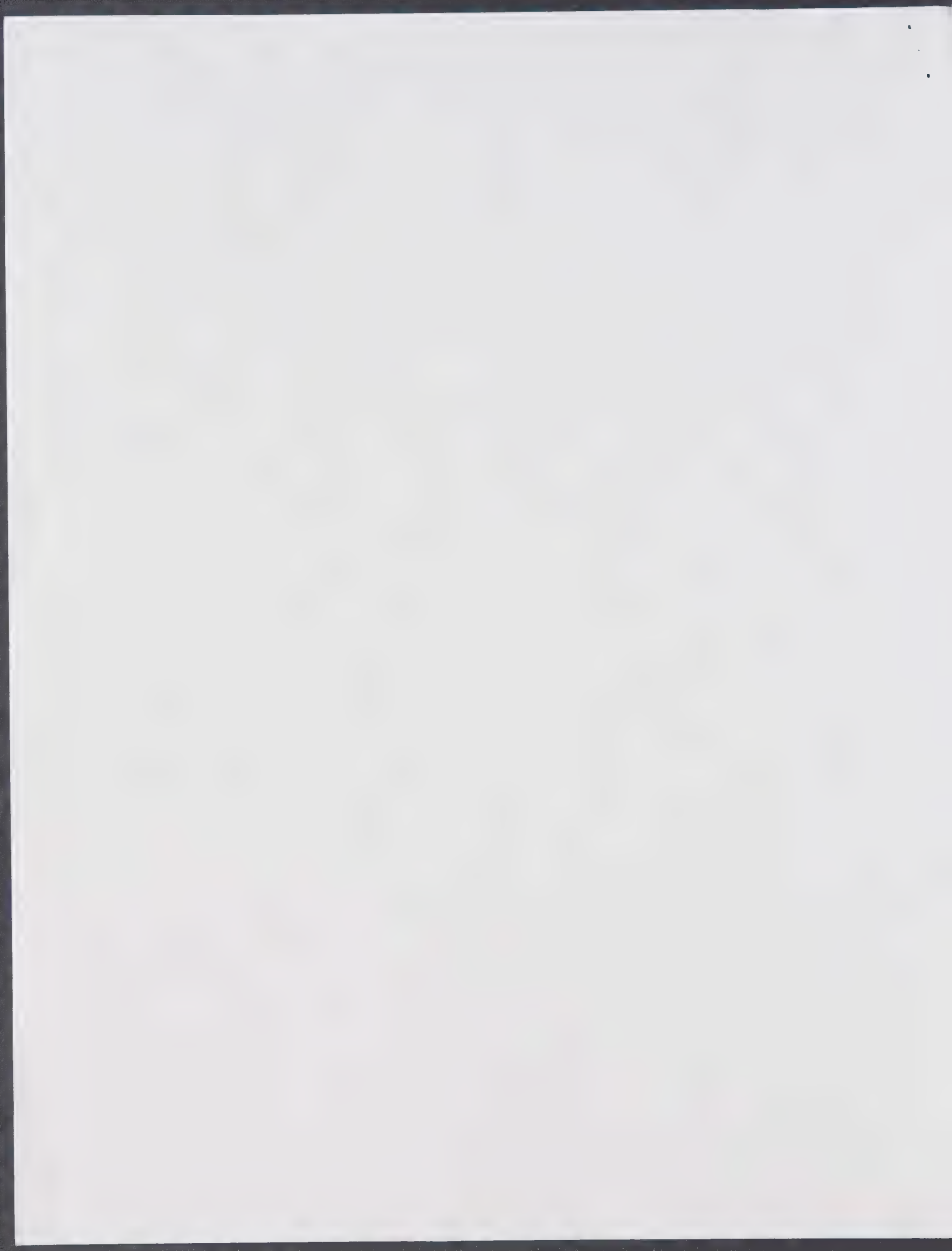
At the request of the Czechoslovak leadership, eminent constitutional experts from the United States, Canada and Western Europe are advising Czech and Slovak national and republic leaders on drafting new federal and republic constitutions and a Bill of Rights. This project has been duplicated in Poland and Bulgaria.

USIA University Top-up Scholarship Supplement Fund

A \$25,000 U.S. Information Agency award to the Charta 77 Foundation - Prague, facilitated by the Charter 77 Foundation - New York, will support Czechs and Slovaks who have already received scholarships and financial support for university study in the United States and who need small amounts of additional funding.

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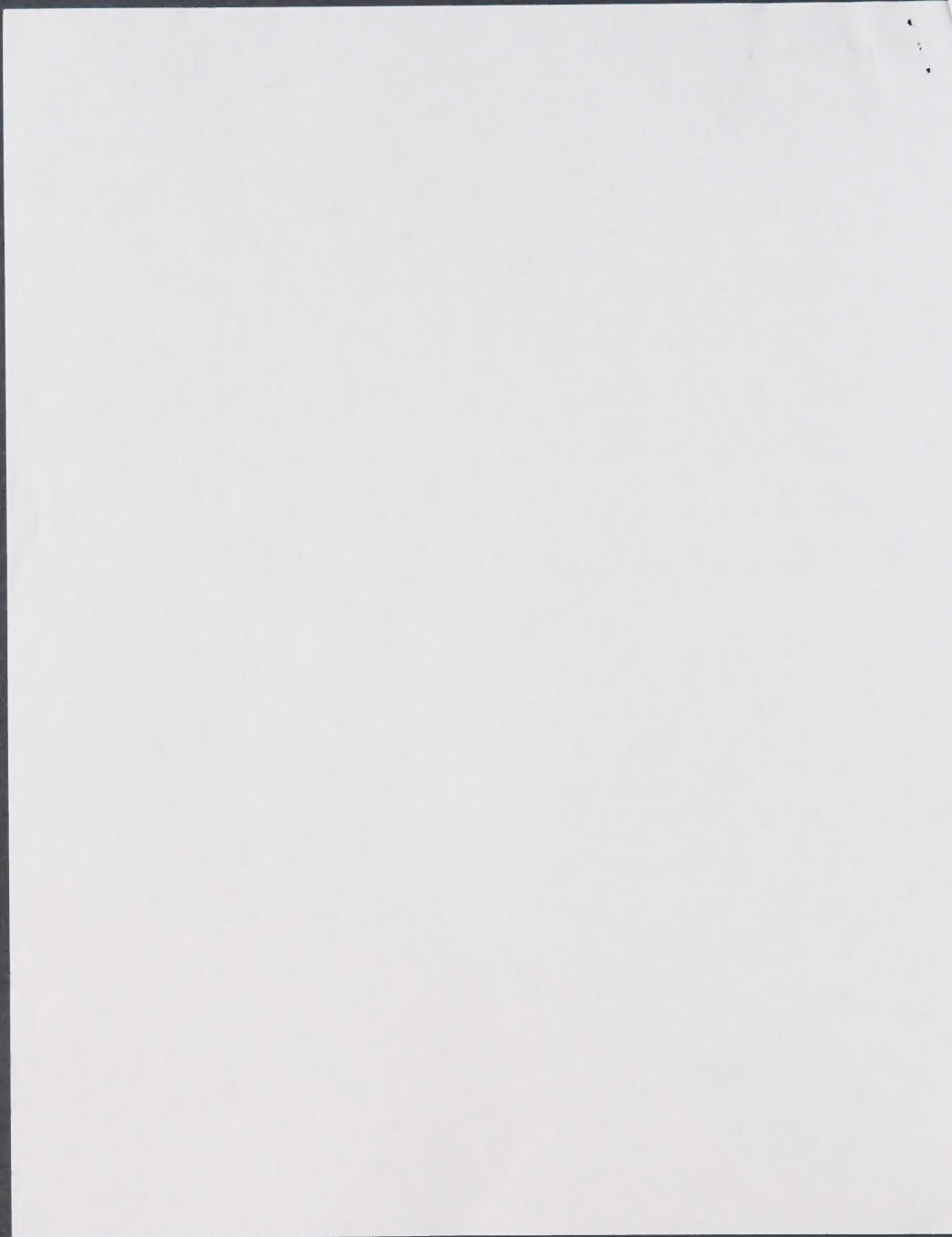
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The Secondary School Scholarship Program

The Secondary School Scholarship Program was developed in late 1990 when the Lawrenceville School approached the Charter 77 Foundation - New York for help in finding a scholarship student from Czechoslovakia. The Foundation seized the opportunity, creating a unique program which sent ten outstanding Czech and Slovak teenagers to American independent and public high schools on full scholarship in 1991-1992. Following a tremendously successful first year, the program has expanded to offer 13 scholarships for the 1992-1993 school year to schools such as the Phillips Academy Andover, the Lawrenceville School and the Taft School.

The Secondary School Scholarship Program is the only national scholarship program in Czechoslovakia which awards full funding for study in the United States. Participating schools in the U.S. contribute a scholarship consisting of tuition and room and board (in a dormitory or with a host family) while the Charter 77 Foundation - New York provides students with a round-trip plane ticket, pocket money for the year, health insurance, an orientation program during the summer and continuous care throughout the year.

The Secondary School Scholarship program is made possible through the generous support of anonymous funders.

Students are selected through a nationwide, merit-based competition; principals from all liberal arts high schools in Czechoslovakia are invited to select their best students to apply to the program. Applications are meticulously reviewed by a ten-member committee composed of American and Czechoslovak professionals with expertise in the fields of education, business, the non-profit sector and other fields; each member has a thorough understanding of the demands of the educational systems in Czechoslovakia and the United States. Following interviews and language tests for outstanding applicants, the files of semifinalists are matched to profiles submitted by participating schools and sent to the United States. Each school then chooses its own student from among three to five candidates.

The Charter 77 Foundation - New York Secondary School Scholarship Program has met with an overwhelmingly favorable response from all involved. It has generated great excitement in Czechoslovakia, where this year over 500 teenagers, almost double the number in the program's first year, applied. The American host schools have been impressed with the academic achievement, maturity and friendliness of their Czech and Slovak students, who not only excelled in class but also made a place for themselves in the school community, actively participating in school and community life and forming close friendships with fellow students and adults. An important secondary benefit of the program is that it provides an effective model for a merit-based competition in a country where, following decades of nepotism and corruption, suspicion is still the automatic response to success.

To ensure that the program continues to grow and develop in future years, the Foundation is working with the Federation of American Boarding Schools and other groups with an interest in Czechoslovakia and international education. In Czechoslovakia, the program's first group of alumni is already serving as a support and information network for new scholarship recipients and others interested in studying in the United States, as well as promoting the program to schools and community groups around the country.

