



THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE  
TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION  
ON  
HUMAN RIGHTS

January 20, 1981

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

My deep respects and good wishes on your inauguration as our nation's President.

In accordance with established custom, I hereby tender my resignation as the United States Representative to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to become effective at your pleasure.

I took office on January 22, 1980 for a term of three years and have had the honor of serving as head of the United States Delegation at the 1980 Session of the Commission on Human Rights and in coordinating the United States human rights efforts at the 1980 Session of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and at the 1980 Third Committee meetings of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

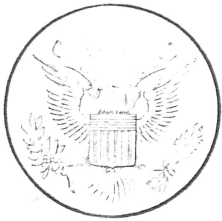
The United Nations Commission on Human Rights will convene for its 1981 Session on February 2 in Geneva for a period of six weeks. Accordingly, may I recommend that my successor be appointed prior to February 2 so that he or she may represent the United States at the Commission's forthcoming Session. I would, of course, be pleased to help prepare my successor to undertake the duties of this office.

It has been a high honor to further the United States commitment to human rights, a commitment which I deeply believe represents a most fortunate convergence of national interests and American ideals.

Respectfully yours,

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January 7, 1981

President Jimmy Carter  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

It has been just one year since you appointed me as the United States Representative on the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

As this period concludes, I have the honor to report that the human rights emphasis that you introduced into our foreign policy has continued to earn respect and friends for the United States and has materially advanced the human condition on many fronts.

At the 1980 session of the Commission on Human Rights there were more advances in strengthening the international human rights machinery than at any previous session. The firmness of our human rights policy was a key element in these achievements. We were instrumental in bringing about a unified human rights effort by the western nations and also in enlisting the support of many non-aligned nations.

At the United Nations General Assembly Third Committee meetings this fall I am pleased to report that the western nations remained unified in their human rights initiatives and many openly attributed this unity to the leadership of the United States. I had the privilege of giving our principal Basket III speech at the CSCE Conference in Madrid and there, too, we witnessed a high measure of respect for our human rights policy.

The cause of human rights, Mr. President, is not for the short-winded. The full appreciation of your policy by our citizenry and the world at large is yet to come. But there is no doubt that you have given human rights its deserved primacy on the global agenda, and that our human rights policy has saved many lives and has given new hope and courage to millions of oppressed. All who revere freedom and human dignity owe you their gratitude.

I am proud to have been associated with you and your Administration in the cause of human rights.

Respectfully yours,

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