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Dear Ion Tudor:

I am pleased to respond to a request from Mr. Cornel Rosca of Richmond Hill, New York, to address the dissident group "Romania Libera" in Budapest.

I send you greetings from those of us in the United States who admire and appreciate your activities in the name of freedom and human dignity. You have made extraordinary sacrifices to flee from Ceausescu's tyrannical rule, and you have paid a great price to search for freedom and a measure of happiness. Many of you are still without a home and without a country, stranded in exile. You are not forgotten even though it may seem that the wheels of justice and concern in the Western world move slowly. Above all, keep your faith in God and your courage to find freedom and fight for freedom.

Your courageous fight for freedom and human dignity is important for us in the West, where most people take freedom for granted, and where we need reminders of what life is like without freedom. Sometimes Americans and other Westerners are too preoccupied with material acquisitions, with making money, and lose sight of the fact that what is in our hearts and minds and souls is the essence of life, liberty and humanity. Those of you in Romania who are fighting for a better life for the noble Romanian people and to preserve the great history and culture of the Romanian people before the alien Soviet communism arrived, are to be commended. You in Romania deserve our thanks and gratitude because you have paid a high price for being active in the cause of freedom. I admire what you are doing, and pray that you will have the courage and faith to continue. With your example, the world will come to know the reality of life inside Ceausescu's Romania, and the world or at least the freedom lovers of the world will do something. Because there can never be real peace in the world and we can never rest until there is again "Romania Libera".
May God bless you always!

Your friend for freedom,

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