



*Embassy of the United States of America*

Moscow, Russia  
December 3, 1999

To Whom It May Concern:

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to draw your attention to an important U.S. Embassy-supported project, and to ask for your help in bringing this project to fruition. The U.S. Ambassador to Russia, James Collins, will host the internationally acclaimed Moscow Jewish choir, *Hasidic Capella*, for a concert and reception at his residence on February 8. The choir is also scheduled to perform at the Moscow Conservatory and the St. Petersburg Hall of Glinka Capella. These performances will feature the renowned American tenor, Joseph Malovany, Chief Cantor of the Conservative Synagogue of Fifth Avenue in New York.

The performance at Ambassador Collins's residence will be an important demonstration of America's openness to diverse religious and cultural traditions, and underscore our government's commitment to the struggle against anti-Semitism. The evening will also be of the highest artistic caliber; Mr. Malovany has been called "the Pavarotti of the synagogue." The evening will be covered by several TV news programs, and the TV channel "Culture" will broadcast a one-hour program of the concert.

We would be very grateful if your company would support this project by providing business class transportation for Mr. and Mrs. Malovany. Your support would be recognized on the concert programs and from the stage at the beginning of the performances. Your company representatives would be invited to all the events, including the concert and reception hosted by the Ambassador.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact me or my Senior Assistant, Mariya Shustina. We can be reached by telephone at (7-095) 956-4456, or by fax at (7-095) 255-9766. I thank you in advance for your consideration, and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Brown".

John H. Brown  
Cultural Attaché