April 30, 1917

Prof. H. P. Judson
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

The Russian Revolution has freed a people and a race and has made more secure the foundation of liberty for all men. It is an event whose magnitude can hardly yet be estimated.

The birth of FREE RUSSIA has been celebrated throughout the United States and many messages of rejoicing and congratulations have been sent to those directing the course of the new government. But generous, liberty-loving Americans will welcome, we are sure, the opportunity now to encourage in some more substantial form those who in Russia are today facing the difficulties of making sure which has been gained.

Accordingly, The Society of The Friends of Russian Freedom proposes to raise, as speedily as possible, a fund for those political exiles who, returning by thousands from Siberia, find themselves in temporary but pressing need of financial assistance.

Professor Paul M. Miliukoff, Minister of Foreign Affairs, to our offer to raise such a fund to be administered by a committee in Petrograd to be appointed by him, has cabled: "Thanks for the suggestion. Accept most heartily."

We believe that this plan will meet with immediate and generous response from a very large number of Americans and that thus may be shown some small measure of the great esteem in which we in America, hold the survivors of that host of men and women who have sacrificed their all for the cause that has at last triumphed.

Checks and money orders payable to Hamilton Holt, Treasurer, should be sent to Paul Kennaday, Secretary, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Secretary
April 30, 1917

Rev. H. F. Judson
Office, II

Dear Sir:

The Russian Revolution has thrilled a people and a race once
the courage of which was based on a too narrow conception of
freedom. The spirit of Russia is not yet entirely reconciled to
the new government. But, northeast of Siberia, the new
revolutionary movement is unflagging in its progress.

Accordingly, The Society of Friends of Russian Freedom,
the body of which is composed of subscribers to your
work, feels the need of expressing to you its sympathy
in the present moment of distress.

Professor Paul N. Miliukoff, Minister of Foreign Affairs,
has offered to raise a fund to be administered by
the American Friends Society in connection with
the Russian Relief Committee.

We are placing at your disposal a sum of $5000 as a
contribution to this cause. We hope that our efforts may
be but a beginning of the help that should be given.

Yours ever truly,

[Signature]

Secretary

10 Fifth Avenue, New York
May 7, 1917.

Miss Inez Lapham,
President's Office,
Faculty Exchange,

My dear Miss Lapham:

This society has been in existence for many years. It now proposes to assist the political exiles returning from Siberia. Milyoukov seems to approve of the idea. I therefore think its aims deserve support. Very prominent people are members of the National Committee. In the case of some of them, I am inclined to think that they might better organize a Society of "Friends of German Freedom".

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Samuel N. Harper
Chicago, May 9, 1917

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 30th of April is received. I appreciate the purposes of the Society, but I am so more than absorbed in existing activities that I could not take on anything else.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

H. F. J. - L.

Mr. Paul Kennaday
The Society of The Friends of Russian Freedom
70 Fifth Avenue, New York City
Office, May 9, 1934

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 20th of April is received.

I appreciate the purpose of the Society, but I am so more than occupied in existing activities that I cannot take on anything else.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

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Mr. Pety Kornakoff
The Society of the Friends of Russian Freedom
40 Fifth Avenue, New York City