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**On the Occasion of Your Retirement as the Director of the Committee on Human Rights.**

Dear Carol,

I am writing to thank you for your many decades of dedicated human rights leadership. In retrospect, it is amazing how much you have done to elevate the consideration of human rights issues among leading scientists and scientific organizations across the globe. Your unique contributions have accomplished much more than is obvious from the many individual lives rescued. You have broadened the horizons of scientists, engineers, and medical professionals everywhere by leading us to take responsibility for the fate of our colleagues. Through such efforts, you have made a major contribution to strengthening the international scientific community's efforts to spread science and scientific thinking to all of humanity.

Throughout my travels, I am frequently reminded of your efforts. As you know, at my last visit to Turkey at the home of the US Ambassador, I had the privilege of meeting two of the "criminals" for whom you have been advocating. Along with their family members, they could not stop telling me what a great difference you had made for them, while also spreading much good will for the United States and for science in Turkey.

I wish you much joy -- and at least some rest -- in your deeply earned retirement.

With my deep appreciation and warm best wishes,

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