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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

Dear Brothers:

In the early morning hours of April 1, 7, and 8, 1951, thousands of Jehovah's Witnesses from Ukraine, Moldavia, and the Baltic lands—men, women, and children—were loaded into boxcars and exiled to Siberia. This mass deportation marked a critical moment in an ideological attack that spanned much of the 20th century. Why did the powerful Soviet government regard the Witnesses as a threat? How did the Witnesses survive and prosper despite decades of unrelenting persecution?

Our brothers in the former Soviet Union have established an outstanding record of faithfulness in the face of monumental opposition. As announced at the 2001 district convention, a documentary video based on the history of Jehovah's Witnesses in that country has been produced. The video is entitled, *Faithful Under Trials—Jehovah's Witnesses in the Soviet Union*. The Russian edition of this video was released in Russia in April of this year to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the deportation of our brothers to Siberia.

We are happy to announce the availability of the English edition of this enlightening and inspiring program. Congregations may submit their requests for the English and Russian editions at the time of their next literature order. Other language editions will be announced as they become available.

We trust that this video will strengthen the faith of all who watch it. Additionally, we take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donations to the furtherance of our worldwide preaching work. We send you our Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers and fellow servants,

Watch Tower B. & T. Society
OF PENNSYLVANIA

Attachment

PS: Please note that only the English and Russian editions are available at this time. As other foreign-language editions become available, you will be notified in the usual manner.

Please have this letter read to the congregation at the first Service Meeting after its receipt. Then post it and the printed sample on the information board.