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Dear Ms. Glasberg Gold,

I am pleased to invite you to speak at the annual observance of the International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on 27 January 2009, in the General Assembly Hall at United Nations Headquarters. The theme of the memorial ceremony will be "An Authentic Basis for Hope: Holocaust Remembrance and Education.

We would like you to share the story of your survival, including your experiences at the camp at Bershad and your struggle to bring the plight of the Jews of Transnistria to light. Your remarks should last approximately 15 minutes. The ceremony will also feature brief statements from the President of the General Assembly; the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations; a WWII veteran; as well as musical performances. The "Remembrance and Beyond" lecture will be delivered by Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, Chairman of the Yad Vashem Council and Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv-Yaffo.

The United Nations will cover the cost of travel to New York and provide a stipend for accommodations. Ms. Kimberly Mann, manager of the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, will contact you to make these arrangements. She can also be reached at mann@un.org or at 1-212-963-6835.

Sincerely yours,

Eric Falt

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