

PREZIDENT
ČESKÉ A SLOVENSKÉ FEDERATIVNÍ REPUBLIKY

21st May, 1990

Dear Mr. Smith,

I write to congratulate the Jan Hus Foundation on its tenth anniversary, and to say how very much I appreciate the work of your group over the last ten years. Thank to your generosity many of our people were given new hope and encouragement during difficult times. I know that my friends in university and cultural circles are warmly appreciative of what you have done; so too are those who have been working for the health of our environment, and who have benefited from all the contacts and support that you were able to offer them. And I am sure that I speak for all decent citizens of my country, in thanking you for the help offered to those who were unjustly imprisoned or persecuted as a result of their moral stance.

The years ahead are difficult, and wish to express my hope that you will continue to work with us. The former Communist rulers have left us with a great task of renewal. The devastation of our educational institutions was as great as the devastation of our environment and natural resources. But the opportunity has come at last to restore both our educational heritage and our countryside. We need to draw on your expertise and good will in both

of these vital tasks. And we hope that you will help us to rebuild our universities, especially in such fields as law, education, ecology, management, literature and the arts. Please continue to lend us the helping hand that you have lent in the past. We need it, for the moment, just as much as ever.

I send you my warm thanks and good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Vaclav Havel". The signature is written in dark ink and extends across the width of the page.

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