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Dear Friends:

In the midst of our own war effort, Americans are quite logically interested in the war efforts of our many allies. They have been in the fight longer than we, and we suddenly realize that even the smaller nations have made heroic contributions in destroying the enemy's forces and resources.

For instance, British figures credit Polish, Czechoslovak and Belgian aviators with bagging 571 (or 21%) of all German aircraft brought down from August 8, 1940, when the Battle of Britain began to December 1, 1940. That 21% may readily have been the margin between victory and possible defeat.

The thousand Czechoslovak airmen in Britain man their own squadrons, or are scattered in various units of the R.A.F. We Americans can now be as proud as they and the British are of their 700 bombing raids over enemy territory. Americans, too, honor their dead, who gave their lives for our liberty as well as for that of their own nations.

Czechoslovak troops in Tobruk and at Halfaya Pass, on the Scottish coast and the Russian steppes are fighting for the American cause just as truly and as courageously as the boys of Czechoslovak descent in our own United States forces.

Just as our men who fell at Pearl Harbor or in the Philippines served the cause of freedom, so did the Czechs who fought and fell in France. But since June 1940 the reward of hundreds of them who could not be evacuated in time has been vile internment camps or slave-labor and death on the Trans-Saharan railway.

Our office in Marseille has leased six abandoned farms and put 300 of these Czechs to work on them. It has taken eighty Czechoslovak children from camps to a country school on the Riviera, which we support. These are two of the most constructive rescue jobs being done today in France, and we need your help to support them.

Please make out a check to the AMERICAN FRIENDS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

Sincerely and gratefully yours,

*Wm Jay Schieffelin*

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P.S. Our administrative expense has been 16.8% of receipts, which compares favorably with percentages running up to 33% and even 44% among other war relief organizations registered with the State Department.

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