Dear Dr. Chkheidze,

I am happy to unveil your nomination for an impacting and significant honor.

During my Presidential tenure at the American Biographical Institute—perhaps the finest institution of its kind—I have enjoyed the honor of recognizing remarkable individuals and their achievements. In some ways, however, the bestowal of the *World Medal of Freedom* seems one of my most important duties.

In the present day we need constant reminders of good and wholesome individuals who are characterized by their exceptional deeds--both to their immediate spheres of influence and to society as a whole. *The World Medal of Freedom* will be offered to a short-list selection of men and women internationally, who act as the very fiber of society by binding us together in progression and dedication. Men and women whose daily lives remind us that good deeds prevail; that we can indeed strive for freedom. Dr. Chkheidze, you are a recognized and significant part of that. I thank and congratulate you.

After scrutinizing the archives and records of the Institute, which contain over two-million biographical entries, I have personally selected the worthiest candidates for this honor. Significant contributions to society and life have been my primary points of reference, though I have considered dedication on its many levels.

The medal itself is two-inches in diameter and stamped from one solid piece of metal using a singularly crafted die. The die, created by a renowned medal-artisan, ensures a quality second to none. It must be stated that only 50 of the *World Medal of Freedom* will be struck in succession for this year. Obviously this places your

selection in extremely high regard. The medal is finished in a radiant gold tone and will be deeply etched on the reverse with your name and year of selection. To finish this beautiful and striking presentation the medal will be completed with a fine neck ribbon and presentation case. You can see an image of this powerful accolade on the reverse of this document.

To further emphasize your selection, you will receive an 8-1/2 by 11 inch certificate printed in two colors on fine, parchment-style paper and personalized with your name, and chosen citation denoting your sphere of influence, before being signed and sealed by myself and the ABI Registrar.

Dr. Chkheidze, on behalf of the ABI I congratulate you on this nomination and do so hope you will accept this distinction, which I consider to be one of the most important of my career. I look forward to honoring your accomplishments, which I firmly believe make the world a better place.

As my selection list is limited, as are the actual quantity of medals struck, I must have your acceptance by <u>October 22, 2006.</u> I want you to be a figurehead of peace, freedom, and hope for the world as a whole. Please be so by accepting the *World Medal of Freedom*—a distinction you truly deserve.

Sincerely,

J. M. Evans

Director, Board of International Research