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The Honorable Jimmy Carter and Mrs. Carter  
and  
Mrs. Dominique de Menil  
request the pleasure of your company  
at the presentation of  
the fourth annual  
Carter-Menil Human Rights Prize  
on Saturday, the ninth of December  
nineteen hundred and eighty-nine  
at six o'clock in the evening  
The Carter Center  
Atlanta, Georgia

Buffet reception to follow ceremony

During the twenty-two years of the occupation and administration of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Israel has had the responsibility of maintaining balance between its security concerns and the safeguarding of human rights. Since the outbreak of the *intifadah* in December 1987, Israel and the Occupied Territories have been plagued with violence and human rights violations unprecedented in the history of the occupation. This year, the Carter-Menil Human Rights Foundation honors two groups that have actively and courageously worked to protect and promote human rights in Israel and the Occupied Territories.

#### **Al-Haq/Law in the Service of Man, West Bank**

Al-Haq, which takes its name from an Arab word meaning truth, justice, fairness and duty, is the West Bank affiliate of the International Commission of Jurists headquartered in Ramallah. Since its inception in 1979, al-Haq has promoted the development and application of human rights and humanitarian law in the Occupied Territories. The core program of al-Haq is the identification, investigation, and documentation of human rights abuses coupled with intervention designed to prevent, reduce and redress these violations. Al-Haq also monitors military and civil legislation and judicial decisions, and conducts research aimed at clarifying policies that are considered violations of local and international law.

#### **B'Tselem/The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories**

The absence of organized debate on human rights violations among Israelis prompted the creation of B'Tselem in February 1989 by a group of well-known Israeli lawyers, intellectuals, journalists and Knesset members. "B'Tselem" means reflection and in its biblical context, "to keep human." B'Tselem documents violations of human rights in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and provides this information to policymakers and the general public. By highlighting human rights issues and enumerating human rights violations, B'Tselem hopes to encourage public debate in Israel about the impact of these violations on the democratic and humanitarian principles of the Israeli state.

#### **The Carter-Menil Human Rights Foundation**

The Carter-Menil Human Rights Foundation was established in 1986 by Jimmy Carter and Dominique de Menil to promote the protection of human rights throughout the world. Each year in December, to mark the anniversary of the United Nations proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the foundation presents a \$100,000 prize to one or two organizations or individuals for their outstanding contribution to the advancement of human rights. Past winners include Soviet physicist and dissident Yuri Orlov, the Group for Mutual Support (GAM) of Guatemala, La Vicaria de la Solidaridad of Chile, and the Sisulu family of South Africa. The Carter-Menil Human Rights Foundation also supports the activities of the Human Rights Program of The Carter Center of Emory University.

Please reply by November twenty-seventh

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the presentation