

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 14, 2004

His Excellency Kofi Annan
Secretary-General
The United Nations
871 United Nations Plaza
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

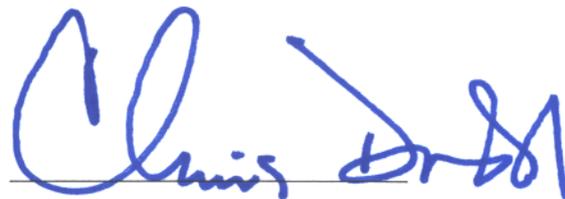
We were pleased to learn of your support for a Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly in January 2005 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps. We urge you to use your office to organize the necessary support among member nations to ensure the success of the Session.

As you are aware, the United Nations itself rose from the ruins of the Holocaust to stand for international peace, security and human rights. As you remarked on June 21, 2004, "The name 'United Nations' was coined to describe the alliance fighting to end that barbarous regime [the Nazis], and our Organization came into being when the world had just learned the full horror of the concentration and extermination camps. It is therefore rightly said that the United Nations emerged from the ashes of the Holocaust."

The end of the Holocaust, symbolized by the Auschwitz liberation, is a landmark event in world history. The 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps represents an important opportunity to commemorate a part of the past that must always be remembered. It would be appropriate that the United Nations acknowledge this chapter in history, in doing so honoring both the victims and the liberators of the Holocaust, and underscoring our commitment to the spread of peace, freedom, and human rights for all peoples.

Sincerely,


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