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REMARKS FOR THE SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1988

-- THANK YOU VERY MUCH. RABBI HIER, SAM, ARNOLD, THANK YOU ALL.  
THIS IS A GREAT HONOR AND ONE THAT MEANS SO VERY MUCH TO ME PERSONALLY.

-- ARNOLD WAS KIND ENOUGH TO MENTION MY FATHER, WHO WAS A DOCTOR  
AND A VERY LOVING MAN, WHO SET A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF CARING FOR  
OTHERS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, BOTH MY PARENTS SET A VERY GOOD EXAMPLE  
FOR ME. AND FOR THE LAST EIGHT YEARS, I HAVE HAD A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY  
TO WITNESS THE EXTRAORDINARY COMPASSION OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, OF  
PEOPLE LIKE EACH OF YOU.

-- SO LET ME JUST SAY THAT REALLY, THIS AWARD BELONGS TO THE  
MILLIONS OF AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS, TO THE PARENTS AND CHILDREN INVOLVED  
IN THE 15,000 JUST SAY NO PROGRAMS AROUND THE COUNTRY, AND THE 24,000  
MEN AND WOMEN PARTICIPATING IN THE FOSTER GRANDPARENTS PROGRAM, TO  
THE DOCTORS AND OTHERS WORKING WITH THE GIFT OF LIFE PROGRAM, AND TO  
SO MANY, MANY GIVING AND GENEROUS PEOPLE. SO ON THEIR BEHALF, I  
GRATEFULLY ACCEPT THIS AWARD.

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