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MAX M. KAMPELMAN

TO THE

75TH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF HADASSAH

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The name of Henrietta Szold brings to mind qualities of [heroic] leadership and dedicated perseverance in behalf of the humane and civilized values that are at the essence of our beliefs and faith. The fact that we are today at the 75th National Convention of Hadassah, created to carry out those religious values, is testimony not only to their nobility, but also to their enduring strength. I accept and shall cherish your award and the citation that bear her name. I do so, however, conscious of the Talmudical teaching that when the Lord comes to judge us on the day of our reckoning, the awards we have received during our lifetime will not weigh as decisively as the scars we have earned in the continuing battle for our values. I accept your award, therefore, in full recognition of the fact that I have still to earn it.

It has been six months since I left government service with its different, exciting and enriching challenges. My appearance before you this evening provides me with the opportunity to stand back and evaluate the dramatic world changes I have had the privilege of observing and experiencing.

The fundamental fact is that the world is changing so fast and so dramatically that we can barely see its details let alone its scope. The changes are beyond calculation, probably greater than have taken place in all of mankind's previous history combined, with newer, greater scientific and technological developments on the horizon that will probably make the awesome discoveries of our time dwarf by comparison.

During my lifetime, medical knowledge available to physicians has increased conservatively more than ten-fold. I am told that more than 80% of all scientists who ever lived are alive today. The average life span is now nearly twice as great as it was when my grandparents were born. The average world standard of living has, by one estimate, quadrupled in the past century. Advanced computers, new materials, new bio-technological processes are altering every phase of our lives, deaths, even reproduction. These developments are stretching our minds and our grasp of reality to the outermost dimensions of our capacity to understand them. Moreover, as we

look ahead, we must agree that we have only the minutest glimpse of what our universe really is. Our science is indeed a drop, our ignorance an ocean.

We are brought up to believe that necessity is the mother of invention. I suggest the corollary is also true: invention is the mother of necessity. Technology and communication have made the world smaller. There is no escaping the fact that the sound of a whisper or a whimper in one part of the world can immediately be heard in all parts of the world - we have seen ample evidence of that in the Middle East. And yet the world body politic is not consistently keeping pace with those realities.

What we have instead been observing is an intense fractionalization, as large numbers of peoples have had their emotions inflamed by nationality and religious appeals. It is as if a part of us is saying: "Not so fast. Stop the world. We want to get off. We are not ready. We are not prepared for this new world we are being dragged into. We will resist the pressures by holding on tight and with a determined frenzy to the familiar, the tribal, the traditional!"

But the inevitable tomorrow is appearing. Developments in science and technology are fundamentally altering our material lives; and our social and political relationships as well.

There are new dominant sounds and among those most clearly and loudly heard are the sounds of freedom and democracy. The striving for human dignity is universal because it is an integral part of our human character. We see it in China, Burma, Korea, the Philippines, South Africa, Chile, Paraguay, the Soviet Union, Hungary, Poland -- different cultures, different parts of the world. A larger part of the world's population is today living in relative freedom than ever before in the history of the world. I suggest, my friends, that the Middle East -- Libya, Saudi Arabia, Syria -- will not be exempt from this rapidly growing phenomenon. Today, it is only in Israel that Arabs may freely vote. Tomorrow, the Arabs of the West Bank and Gaza may freely vote. On the day after tomorrow, who knows?

This development is of special significance to those of us who try to carry forward the values of our Jewish traditions so that we may have the right to be called "The People of the Book." If there is any meaning to the term "chosen people" and if there is any justification for the inexplicable survival of the Jewish people over the ages, when they could have been just a footnote in the pages of history, it must be in our identification with the lessons and values of the Book. The ancient Hebrew tribes made their historic contribution to civilization by proclaiming to their neighbors that there was only one God. The immense significance of that insight was in

the concept that if there is only one God, then all of us are His children and, thus, brothers and sisters to one another. Thus, the Talmud question: "Why did God create only one man?" And the response: in order that all men would have the same ancestor, and no man could claim superiority over another.

Democracy is the political expression of that religious ethic. The notion that human beings are the children of God and that they thus have the potential for developing that which is God-like within them is clearly anathema to any political system which does not respect the human being. The development of democracy as a political philosophy and system of governance was an inevitable outgrowth of the belief in the integrity of the human being.

There is one other related ingredient of religious belief. It is that the human being is not only capable of reaching God-like dimensions through the process of growth, experience, performance and faith, but that there is also a baser and lesser part of the human being. The ancient Jewish Rabbis referred to that in the soul which was good and that in the soul which was evil, "Yaitzer Hatov" and "Yaitzer Harah." Reinhold Niebuhr, the great Christian theologian, called it "Children of Light and Children of Darkness." We have here as well the root of modern psychiatry. This dichotomy in the human being is understandably also found in the societies which

the human being creates. Thus, just as democracy is the political expression of the religious notion of human brotherhood, so is dictatorship an expression of the destructive side of us. This explains the horrors of the Nazi phenomenon, as well as the brutalities of the Soviet system.

Throughout the ages, forces have arisen determined to resist and turn back the forward movement of civilization. But history has demonstrated that the power of Man to stretch himself into a more God-like form of self cannot be permanently denied. Within every age the drive for human dignity is dominant.

The trend toward freedom and democracy is prompted not only by a deep inner drive for human dignity, but by the growing realization that democracy works best. Governments and societies everywhere are discovering that keeping up with change requires openness to information, new ideas, and the freedom which enables ingenuity to germinate and flourish. A closed tightly-controlled society cannot compete in a world experiencing an information explosion that knows no national boundaries.

We are in a time when no society can isolate itself or its people from new ideas and new information anymore than one can escape the winds whose currents affect us all. National

boundaries can keep out vaccines, but those boundaries cannot keep out germs or ideas or broadcasts. This suggests, among many other implications, the need to reappraise our traditional definitions of sovereignty. The Government of Bangladesh, for example, cannot prevent tragic floods without active cooperation from Nepal and India. Canada cannot protect its water from acid rain without collaborating with the United States. The Mediterranean is polluted by 18 different countries. One essential geo-political consequence of this new reality is that there can be no true security for any one country in isolation. Unilateral security will not come from either withdrawing from the world or attempting national impregnability. Instead, we must learn to accept in each of our countries a mutual responsibility for the peoples in other countries.

In this world of increasing interdependence, the lessons for the United States and the Soviet Union -- the most important security relationship in the present era -- are evident. On a smaller scale, the lessons for Israel and its Arab neighbors are also becoming increasingly evident. We cannot escape from one another. We are bound together in an equation that makes the security of each of us dependent on that of the other.



We are told by Soviet leaders that through the process of internal transformation that is demanded by the new technologies, they comprehend that repressive societies in our day cannot achieve inner stability or true security; that it is in their best interest to permit a humanizing process to take place; and that their domestic requirements are their highest priority.

Without doubt, that leadership faces the urgent need for drastic internal changes if the Soviet Union is to be a significant part of the 21st Century. The Soviet economy is working poorly, although it does provide a fully functioning military machine. Massive military power has provided the Soviets with a presence that reaches all parts of the world, but this military superpower cannot hide the fact that its economic and social weaknesses are deep. The Soviet's awesome internal police force has provided continuity to its system of governance, but a Russia which during Czarist days exported food cannot today feed its own people. The new leaders of the Soviet Union are fully aware of its problems. They are also aware of our strengths, reflecting the vitality of our values and the healthy dynamism of our system.

We hear the Soviet words with hope that the deeds and reality will indeed follow the rhetoric. We hope the time is at hand when Soviet authorities, looking at the energy of the

West, comprehend the systemic weakness that corrodes their society. We hope Soviet leadership today realizes that its historic aim of achieving Communism through violence has no place in this nuclear age. We hope Soviet authorities will join us in making the commitment that our survival as a civilization depends on the mutual realization that we must live under rules of responsible international behavior. We hope -- and there are encouraging signs to bolster that hope. But as yet, we, regrettably, cannot trust.

But even as we cannot yet trust, we have a responsibility to observe developments in the Soviet Union carefully and to do so with open eyes and an open mind. It will not be easy for many of us to change the prism of our accustomed spectacles for clearer viewing. President Gorbachev has shown himself in a dramatic way willing to reconsider past views. The words glasnost and perestroika have been repeated so extensively that the ideas they represent, may well take on a meaning and dynamism of their own which could become internally irreversible. We must contribute to that process, because, as we have learned from recent tragic developments in China, the process is not inevitable.

When I began negotiating with the Soviet Union in 1980, under President Carter, human rights was beginning to be injected as a major item of our country's international

agenda. The Soviet Union insisted that the discussion of the subject was an improper interference in their internal affairs. When President Reagan asked me in 1985 to return to government service as head of our nuclear arms reduction negotiating team, an extraordinary change soon became apparent. Under the leadership of President Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz, a previous recipient of your most distinguished award, the United States enlarged upon what President Carter initiated, and incorporated the concept of human rights as a necessary and ever-present ingredient in the totality of our relations with the Soviet Union.

We have faith in our principles as we intensify our efforts, through our negotiations, to find a basis for understanding, security, stability, and peace with dignity.

To negotiate is risky. It is, in the words of my dear friend, Hubert Humphrey, something like crossing a river while walking on slippery rocks. The possibility of disaster is on every side, but it is the way - sometimes the only way - to get across. The object of our diplomacy and the supreme achievement of statesmanship is patiently, through negotiation, to pursue the peace with dignity we seek, always recognizing the threat to that peace, and always protecting our vital national interests and values. I respectfully suggest to you that the same principle is applicable to Israel as it searches

for a context within which to pursue the peace with dignity that it seeks for itself and its neighbors.

The United States and the Soviet Union have begun a historic process. We are still much nearer to the beginning than to the end of that process. The process, furthermore, is likely to be a difficult and murky one. The fundamental nature of the Soviet system is the reality that they and we must still face. Their problems are real and overwhelming. Ethnic nationalism at times appears to be tearing at the fiber of the Soviet empire. There is violence, demonstrations, curfews, and the recurring question: "How tolerant can Moscow afford to be?" Can the Soviet Union, with more than 100 nationalities and widely disparate cultures living in 15 Republics, contain the demands for local sovereignty?

Just as the strains must not blind us to the changes, so should the changes not blind us to the difficulties that still remain. Yes, the changes are stunning -- Soviet troops out of Afghanistan; Solidarity legally recognized in Poland, permitted to declare overwhelming electoral victory, and Lech Walesa invited to a seat of honor in the new legislature; the prospect of Cuban troop withdrawal from Angola; Vietnam's agreement to withdraw from Cambodia; Communist Party officials challenged and defeated in Soviet elections; the beginning of a two party

system in Hungary; interesting Soviet proposals to reduce conventional arms along lines proposed by the West.

But, of course, the basis for skepticism also remains as we look at Cuba, Soviet military assistance to Nicaragua, the awesome Soviet military budget, the Soviet's missile sale to Libya of bomber aircraft capable of threatening and further destabilizing the Middle East. We could go on.

The great challenge to our diplomacy is how to adjust to a rapidly changing Soviet Union in a rapidly changing world without endangering our security and our values. As we do so, we must at the same time be sensitive to the judgment of history and take heed lest future generations condemn us for having missed a decisive opportunity for peace with dignity.

Alexis de Tocqueville wrote in the nineteenth century that "It is especially in the conduct of their foreign relations that democracies appear to be decidedly inferior to other governments." We have had reason to take that warning seriously. Israel is today facing the consequences of that warning. With that perceptive, de Tocqueville observation in mind, our task is to achieve the firm sense of purpose, readiness, steadiness, and strength that is indispensable for effective and timely foreign policy decision-making. Our political community must resist the temptation of partisan

politics and institutional rivalry as we develop the consensus adequate to meet the challenge of de Tocqueville's criticism.

Our country is today the oldest democracy in the world. Our forefathers said that "America is the last great hope of mankind." It still is! Our political values have helped us build the most dynamic and open society in recorded history, a source of inspiration to most of the world. It is a promise of a better tomorrow for the hundreds of millions of people who have never known the gifts of human freedom. The future lies with liberty, human dignity, and democracy. To preserve and expand these values, the fulfillment of our religious ethic, is our special responsibility. We should look upon it as an exciting opportunity.

Thank you

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Dear Ms. Dardine:

I am pleased to enclose Hadassah's check #92699 in the sum of \$668.00 which represents reimbursement of Mr. Kampelman's personal expenses in connection with his attendance at the Hadassah Convention in July.

With best wishes.

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Dear Ms. Kalmanson:

In connection with Ambassador Kampelman's attendance at your National Convention in Atlanta on July 18, 1989, following are incidental expenses:

Round trip airfare	\$632.00
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I am sorry for the delay in submitting these expenses and trust this is not an inconvenience.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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August 10, 1989

Ambassador Max M. Kampelman  
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Dear Ambassador Kampelman:

It was truly an honor for us to have you attend our recent Convention which took place in Atlanta, Georgia. We thank you for taking the time from your very busy schedule to join us to accept the Henrietta Szold award. All those who were privileged to hear you remarked on your erudite and thought-provoking presentation. Our delegates were impressed with your words and were further motivated to continue their work in behalf of Soviet Jewry and Human Rights for all mankind.

We thank you again for being with us and we hope that you enjoyed your participation in the Hadassah Convention as much as we enjoyed having you there.

Sincerely yours,

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May 5, 1989

Ambassador Max Kampelman  
3154 Highland Place, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20008

Dear Ambassador Kampelman:

On behalf of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, we are pleased to inform you that you have been unanimously nominated as one of three recipients of Hadassah's highest honor, the Henrietta Szold Award and Citation, for your outstanding commitment and achievements in the field of human rights.

The Award will be made during Hadassah's 75th National Convention which will take place in Atlanta, Georgia, July 1989. The actual presentation is scheduled for the Banquet Session taking place on Tuesday evening, July 18, 1989, at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel.

This Award is named for Hadassah's founder, Henrietta Szold. Through this Award we seek to honor men and women who embody the highest values of human conduct, and who inspire, through their achievement and character, the elevation of the values we cherish for all mankind. Among the previous recipients have been: Eleanor Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, David Ben Gurion, Dr. Albert Sabin, Simon Wiesenthal, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, Golda Meir, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, Ambassador Arthur Goldberg, Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, Elie Wiesel and Secretary of State George P. Shultz.

The granting of the Henrietta Szold Award, which is always a highlight of our Annual Convention, takes on special meaning this year for you have been nominated together with Edgar Bronfman, President of the World Jewish Congress, and Rene Epelbaum of Argentina, creator of the "Mothers of the Plaza." We feel it is especially appropriate that you receive this Award for your humanity and your work for the Jewish people. You have made a tremendous impact throughout the world as head of the American delegation to the Helsinki Review Talks, and as Ambassador heading the United States Delegation to the Geneva Negotiations on Nuclear Space Arms with the Soviet Union, as well as your work on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

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May 5, 1989

We wish to honor you as a courageous fighter and a caring human being. We earnestly hope that you will honor us by accepting this Award, and that you will find the date of our Convention session compatible with your schedule, since personal acceptance is a prerequisite of the Award.

We look forward to your addressing the more than 2500 Hadassah delegates and guests who gather annually at this event. We await your acceptance with great anticipation and hope to hear from you by May 22, 1989, so that we may make all preparations and give adequate advance publicity to this honor.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Muriel Berman, Chairman  
Henrietta Szold Award Committee



Carmela E. Kalmanson  
National President



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June 1, 1989

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THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, INC.

May 23, 1989

Ambassador Max Kampelman  
3154 Highland Place, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20008

Dear Ambassador Kampelman:

We were delighted to hear that you have agreed to accept Hadassah's prestigious Henrietta Szold Award. We look forward to presenting it to you at the Banquet Session of our National Convention on Tuesday evening, July 18, 1989, in the Marquis Ballroom of the Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel.

We know that the more than 2,500 Hadassah delegates and guests who will gather for this event will be most honored by your presence and will consider your participation in this program one of the highlights of the Convention. The program for this evening will be finalized very shortly. As soon as we know all of the details, we will be in touch with you. We hope that you will share with us your efforts expended on behalf of free men everywhere at the Helsinki review talks, your feelings on human rights during the Geneva peace talks and your work with Soviet Jewry.

Hadassah will be pleased to reimburse you for your travel expenses incurred in connection with your participation in the Convention. We will also make hotel room reservations for you at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis for the night of Tuesday, July 18th. We would appreciate it if you would let us know your travel plans as quickly as possible so that we may make the proper arrangements for you.

All of us look forward with great anticipation to the honor of meeting you and greeting you in Atlanta.

Sincerely yours,

*Muriel Berman*

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Friday, July 21, 1989-

A copy of the Atlanta speech  
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July 21, 1989

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Dear Muriel:

It was a great introduction.

Thanks.

All my best to you and to  
Phil.

MMK

Encl.

TONIGHT WE WILL PRESENT THE HENRIETTA SZOLD AWARD, HADASSAH'S HIGHEST HONOR--WHICH IS BESTOWED ANNUALLY ON THE WOMAN OR MAN WHOSE LIFE AND WORK EXEMPLIFIES THE BRILLIANT HUMANITARIAN VALUES OF HADASSAH'S FOUNDER. PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS OF THIS AWARD INCLUDE SUCH NOTABLES AS SECRETARY OF STATE, GEORGE SCHULTZ/, NOBEL LAUREATE, ELIE WEISEL/, FORMER UNITED NATIONS AMBASSADOR, JEANE KIRKPATRIC/, AND IN YEARS LONG PAST, ELEANOR ROOSEVELT AND PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN. THERE HAVE EVEN BEEN A FEW YEARS--WHEN NOBODY DESERVING ENOUGH, CAME ON THE HORIZON AND THE AWARD WAS PASSED. HOW WONDERFUL, THAT TONIGHT WE HONOR NOT ONE, BUT TWO RECIPIENTS WITH THIS AWARD.

BUT WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS HENRIETTA SZOLD AWARD. IT IS ALMOST PRESUMPTUOUS TO TELL THIS AUDIENCE ABOUT HENRIETTA SZOLD, ABOUT HER LIFE IN BALTIMORE WHERE SHE GREW UP. HER FATHER, THE FAMOUS AND LEARNED RABBI, HAVING NO SONS, TRAINED HER IN YIDDISH AND HEBREW, THE TALMUD, RASHI'S COMMENTARIES, HEBREW LITERATURE AND HISTORY, AND YIDDISH FOLK LORE.

AS A YOUNG WOMAN IN BALTIMORE, SHE HELPED CREATE A NIGHT SCHOOL FOR YOUNG IMMIGRANTS WHO WERE FLEEING EASTERN EUROPE--SO THEY COULD LEARN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE--BUT ALONG WITH THIS SHE QUIETLY BEGAN TO INSTILL IN THEM THE ZIONIST IDEAL--THE LOVE OF A JEWISH HOMELAND.

A FEW YEARS LATER MISS SZOLD LEFT THE SECURITY OF HER HOME, MOVED TO PHILADELPHIA TO BECOME THE FIRST EDITOR OF THE JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY, A PRESTIGIOUS POSITION, RARE FOR A WOMAN, FOR IN 1893 IT WAS A MAN'S WORLD. THIS BRILLIANT CREATIVE WOMAN SOON BECAME INVOLVED IN EVERY FACET OF THE SOCIETY--SET UP THE OFFICE, DID PROOF READING, WAS COPY/EDITOR, DESIGNED THE BOOK COVERS--BUT MOST OF ALL, HER MASTERFUL JUDAIC EDUCATION ENABLED HER TO BE THE TRANSLATOR OF MANY BRILLIANT SCHOLARS' BOOKS. FOR 22 YEARS SHE MAINTAINED THE POSITION AND IN 1915 WENT ON A TRIP TO EUROPE AND PALESTINE--AND THE REST IS HISTORY. SHE FOUNDED HADASSAH, SHE ALSO FOUNDED YOUTH ALIYAH, RESCUING THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN FROM THE HOLOCAUST DURING THE WAR. SHE WAS A COMMITTED WOMAN, DETERMINED TO PURSUE HER GOALS AND SERVICE TO HUMANITY. TODAY HER ORGANIZATION IS WORLD WIDE, COMMITTED TO HEALTH SERVICES--AND MEDICAL RESEARCH, TO ZIONISM, AND JEWISH EDUCATION.

TONIGHT AS WE CELEBRATE HENRIETTA SZOLD, WE ALSO CELEBRATE AND HONOR, A BRILLIANT MAN WHO IS THE EPITOME OF HER VALUES. MAX KAMPELMAN IS A LAWYER, A DIPLOMAT, AN EDUCATOR AND A WRITER. HE WAS A COUNSELOR OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT, AND SINCE 1985, AMBASSADOR, AND HEAD OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, TO THE VERY IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS ON NUCLEAR AND SPACE ARMS IN GENEVA. HE RETURNED FROM GENEVA AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSIONS THIS YEAR IN JANUARY. HE IS A PARTNER IN THE VERY PRESTIGIOUS LAW FIRM OF FRIED, FRANK, HARRIS, SHRIVER AND JACOBSON--WITH OFFICES IN WASHINGTON, NEW YORK, LOS ANGELES AND LONDON.

SOME YEARS AGO IN 1982, I WAS IN JERUSALEM AT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY GRADUATION, WHERE BOTH OF US, AMONG OTHERS, HAD THE HONOR OF HAVING HONORARY DEGREES CONFERRED ON US. MAX WAS THE SPEAKER THE PREVIOUS EVENING, AND AS AN ASIDE FROM HIS MORE FORMAL REMARKS, HE MENTIONED THAT UPON BEING INTRODUCED AS AMBASSADOR KAMPELMAN IT REMINDED HIM OF A STORY ABOUT HIS LATE AUNT ROSE, AND I QUOTE HIM, "I CAN IMAGINE MY COMING TO HER WITH THE INFORMATION THAT I HAD JUST BEEN APPOINTED AN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR. THERE WOULD BE A MOMENT OF INCREDULOUS SILENCE, A QUICK GESTURE OF SKEPTICISM, AND THEN AS THE MESSAGE WOULD SINK IN, I CAN HEAR HER SAY, 'MAXIE, GOOD. BY ME, YOU ARE AN AMBASSADOR. BY YOU, YOU ARE AN AMBASSADOR. BY MOMMA, YOU ARE AN AMBASSADOR. BUT, TELL ME MAXIE, BY AN AMBASSADOR ARE YOU AN AMBASSADOR?' AND THEN HE CONTINUED--I AM AFRAID, MY FRIENDS, THAT BY THAT CRITERION, THE QUESTION REMAINS AN OPEN ONE." (END OF QUOTE) WELL, MY FRIENDS, MAX HAS PROVED TO BE AN EXTRAORDINARY AMBASSADOR--A SKILLED NEGOTIATOR.

HE WORKED OUT A DIFFICULT AGREEMENT WITH THE RUSSIANS AT THE EAST WEST CONFERENCE IN MADRID IN 1983, A POSITION HE WAS APPOINTED TO BY PRESIDENT CARTER, AND RE-APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT REAGAN. THE NEW YORK TIMES SAYS HIS STYLE AS A NEGOTIATOR, WAS EXEMPLIFIED IN THAT MISSION IN WHICH HE FIRST MANAGED A COMPROMISE ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, IN NEGOTIATIONS THAT WERE AS DELICATE IN KEEPING THE ONE SIDE, THE WESTERN ALLIES IN BALANCE--AS IN FINDING COMMON GROUND WITH THE RUSSIANS. WITHIN DAYS, HOWEVER, MR. KAMPELMAN ALSO ISSUED A "WARNING AGAINST EUPHORIA", AND DENOUNCED THE RUSSIANS FOR CONTINUING VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

IN JANUARY, 1989 PRESIDENT REAGAN AWARDED HIM THE PRESIDENT  
CITIZENS MEDAL FOR EXEMPLARY DEEDS OF SERVICES FOR OUR COUNTRY  
AND OUR FELLOW CITIZENS/, AND HE HAS ALSO BEEN THE RECIPIENT OF  
THE KNIGHT COMMANDER'S CROSS OF THE ORDER OF MERIT BY THE FEDERAL  
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY--A TRULY INTERNATIONAL MAN.

SPEAKING OF WORLD RENOWN, HE IS THE RECIPIENT OF EIGHT HONORARY  
DEGREES AND A DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE FROM NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW  
SCHOOL, AS WELL AS A PHD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY  
OF MINNESOTA.

HIS PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS TOTAL MORE THAN 42, INCLUDING THE  
AMERICAN AND FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATIONS, BOARD OF KENNEDY INSTITUTE  
OF ETHICS, CHAIRMAN-NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN  
JEWISH COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN OF THE JERUSALEM FOUNDATION. HE HAS  
ALSO BEEN ON THE BOARD, AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH  
PUBLICATION SOCIETY, BOARD OF AMERICAN FRIENDS OF ISRAEL  
CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC, AMERICAN ISRAEL CULTURAL FOUNDATION,  
CHAIRMAN-MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL FOREST IN ISRAEL,  
CAPTAIN IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, ON THE FACULTY OF  
VARIOUS COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES; AND INCIDENTALLY, WAS CHAIRMAN  
OF THE CITY'S PUBLIC BROADCASTING STATION FROM 1963-1970 AND  
WOULD YOU BELIEVE--HE WAS THE FOUNDER AND MODERATOR OF THE LONG  
RUNNING--IN FACT, STILL RUNNING--PUBLIC AFFAIRS T.V. PROGRAM  
"WASHINGTON WEEK IN REVIEW", STILL ON YOUR TELEVISION EVERY  
FRIDAY NIGHT.

HE IS THE AUTHOR OF A MYRIAD OF MORE THAN 50 PUBLICATIONS ON MANY SUBJECTS/, SUCH AS HUMAN RIGHTS, ARMS CONTROL AND SOVIET RELATIONS, THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE, LAW AND NATIONAL SECURITY, FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND BELIEFS, LATIN AMERICA, LIMITATION OF NUCLEAR ARMS, AND THE LIST GOES ON AND ON.

BESIDES ALL THIS, AMBASSADOR KAMPELMAN IS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF FREEDOM HOUSE BASED IN NEW YORK, A NON-PARTISAN HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION (REALLY A THINK TANK GROUP) THAT HOLDS CONFERENCES BRINGING TOGETHER SCHOLARS, JOURNALISTS AND POLICY ANALYSTS TO EXAMINE PERTINENT AMERICAN INTERESTS AND POLICY OPTIONS.

AMBASSADOR KAMPELMAN, IT IS ESPECIALLY FITTING FOR YOU TO RECEIVE THIS HENRIETTA SZOLD AWARD FOR ALL YOUR SUPERB ACHIEVEMENTS, AND FOR CONSTANTLY STIMULATING AND STRENGTHENING AND INSPIRING US. WE HONOR YOU AS AN INDOMITABLE PURSUER OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN--AND A CARING HUMAN BEING. YOU INSPIRE THROUGH YOUR ACHIEVEMENT AND CHARACTER, THE ELEVATION OF VALUES WE CHERISH FOR ALL MANKIND.