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February 6, 1991

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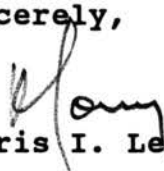
Dear Max:

Mary and I will always treasure your
being with us on February 1st and your most
meaningful remarks.

You have been a great friend and a
superb inspiration for many, many years. You
are still our #1 guru and represent what we
really believe.

Best love to you and Maggie from Mary
and me.

Sincerely,


Morris I. Leibman

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Morry Leibman
80th Birthday
Luncheon--February 9, 1991

Eighty years ago this week, two babies were born in Illinois. One baby grew up to become President of the United States. 70 years later, President Reagan gave the other Illinois baby the Presidential Medal of Freedom, with the following citation:

"Attorney, teacher, scholar and philanthropist, Morris Leibman is living proof that a full career in the private sector can flourish hand in hand with civic and humanitarian duties. As a generous patron of the arts and charities, as a legal scholar as well as practitioner, as a founding member of the Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Studies and as chairman of the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Law and National Security, Morris Leibman has served selflessly to make America a just, healthy society within, and a strong, secure nation without."

Five years after receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Morry was honored on his 75th birthday by the American Bar Association. This unique ABA fifty year award is given to a lawyer, who during more than fifty years of practice, has adhered to the highest principles and traditions of the legal profession.

Today, five years later, we give Morry on his 80th birthday an even more enduring gift--the Morris I. Leibman Freedom Endowment.

This Endowment means that, in perpetuity, Morry's work and ideas will continue for generations to come.

As one who has known Morry for forty years and who has been his partner for more than twenty-five years, I ask one question today. Who among us better deserves the creation of this Endowment?

For Morry did it the hard way.

Morry was a poor youngster from a struggling immigrant family in Chicago. True to the American dream, he worked his way through the University of Chicago by spending half the day as an office boy at the law firm of Taylor, Miller, Busch & Boyden. A senior partner, Francis X. Busch, liking the young man who carried his briefcase, paid Morry's way through law school at the University of Chicago. Upon his graduation, Morry joined the firm.

After World War II, he participated in creating a new firm, Carney, Crowell & Leibman (sometimes called an Irishman, a Jew and an American), which brought new and exciting and progressive ideas to the practice of law. In 1972, Morry had the imagination to propose combining his firm with Sidley & Austin. Today he still serves, with undiminished vigor, as a senior partner and active practitioner giving wise counsel to all.

Known as the "Jewish Jesuit" for long service to both Georgetown and Loyola universities, Morry is a deep legal and social philosopher. To him the Law Society is man's greatest achievement and the triumph of our American constitutional system. As he often says:

"We are free men and women. We are that one percent that have the privilege of kings--individual liberty, freedom of expression, complete access to the wonders of the world, and the right to achieve whatever we want.

The uniqueness of America is that it was founded by people who came here looking for something they had been denied elsewhere.

It was the noblest of human ideas, a breakthrough far greater than cracking the atom."

Last week in Washington, Morry's friends in the nation's capital celebrated Morry's birthday. Ambassador Max Kampelman gave an exquisite talk, and I share a few paragraphs with you now because they so perfectly describe Morry's spirit and heart:

"Few of us like to think of growing old until we think of not growing old. The fact of the matter, however, is that we must not permit Morry to use the excuse of presumably growing older as a reason to diminish his energy or his activity. Sophocles, after all, lived to about 90 and wrote Oepidus when he was past 82. Benjamin Franklin negotiated our Constitution at age 82. Konrad Adenauer was West German chancellor from age 73 to 87. Pablo Picasso, who lived to age 91, never quit painting. Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes kept winking at lovely young ladies when he was 90...

"People grow old only by deserting their sense of purpose and mission. It is not the years in one's life, but the life in one's years that count. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to lose interest wrinkles the soul. A man or woman is not old until regrets take the place of dreams...

"A man is old only if he has lost interest in tomorrow and you have not. It is indeed magnificent to grow old if one keeps young and you have kept young in spirit and in enthusiasm. You have understood that you cannot control the length of your life, but you can control the width and depth of your life."

Max hit it right on the nose.

A final word. Morry's biggest impact is on young people. Young men and women in all parts of our nation revere him because he cares about them, helps them, stimulates them and guides them. My own three daughters are good examples of the devotion--and love--young people have for Morry. The younger lawyers in our firm treasure Morry as their mentor and teacher. As do we all.

Today, I speak for our partners. As we raise our glasses on your 80th birthday, we say: L'chaim, Morry. To Life!



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Our colleague, Morris I. Leibman, has been devoted to the cause of freedom, peace, and a strong America. In 1981, President Ronald Reagan acknowledged Morry's extraordinary contribution to the nation by awarding him America's highest civilian honor — the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Five years later, the American Bar Foundation singled him out as the outstanding lawyer in America commemorating his 50th year of legal practice.

Almost 30 years ago, ABA President and later Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell, Morry Leibman, Bill Mott and several of their colleagues established a committee within the ABA dedicated to the furtherance of democratic principles, the rule of law, and the struggle against all forms of totalitarianism. The vision of these founders has been fulfilled in many ways. The work of the ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security continues to flourish, and stands as a pillar of legal scholarship on national security issues.

We hope you will join us to celebrate Morry's 80th birthday.

*This occasion is made possible through the generosity of the
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The ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security
is honored to celebrate
the 80th birthday
of our

Chairman Emeritus and Counselor

Morris I. Leibman

Friday, February 1, 1991

8 a.m.

Grand Hyatt Washington

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RSVP Card Enclosed

Reservations Required

For further information contact

Mrs. Mary Lee 202-543-5445

7:45 a.m. Assemble

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:40 a.m. Adjourn

*For your
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REMARKS BY

MAX M. KAMPELMAN

80TH BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST FOR

MORRIS I. LEIBMAN

Grand Hyatt Hotel
Washington, D.C.

February 1, 1991

The first time I accepted an invitation from Morry Leibman to say a few words at an 8:00 a.m. breakfast was during his tenure as Chairman of the American Bar Association's Committee on National Security. This was many years ago. I assumed that ten or fifteen of us would gather at that early hour for a pleasant, informal conversation about the Madrid CSCE meeting. Instead, when I groggily arrived at the hotel, I found a few hundred members of the American Bar Association in a large room with C-SPAN television cameras recording every unprepared and unrehearsed word that would come to my lips. You can, therefore, appreciate why I have decided to prepare a text in response to this morning's invitation.

This is a solemn event and I shall participate accordingly. The tone of my remarks will reflect that solemnity. I realize that some people like to be frivolous about growing old. They might, for example, quote Mark Twain who reportedly asked his physician, "Doc, if I give up wine, women and song will I live longer?" The doctor replied, "No, but it will seem longer." They might even give us the definition of an old timer as one who recalls when a bureau was a piece of furniture.

Not me. I would like to keep away from that sort of frivolity. I want Morry to understand that for us noting his 80th birthday is a serious event. I realize that few of us like to think of growing old until we think of not growing old. The fact of the matter, however, is that we must not permit Morry to use the excuse of presumably growing older as a reason to diminish his energy or his activity. Sophocles, after all, lived to about 90 and wrote Oepidus when he was past 82. Benjamin Franklin negotiated our Constitution at age 82. Konrad Adenauer was West German chancellor from age 73 to 87. Pablo Picasso, who lived to age 91, never quit painting. Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes kept winking at lovely young ladies when he was 90. Henry Ford didn't retire until he was past 82. And we recall Plutarch's statement that the elder Cato began to learn Greek at the age of 90.

I don't know whether its Greek or Hebrew or Russian that I would like Morry to learn and master, but this is the time, Morry, for you to undertake tasks you had been shirking all your life because it would take too long.

I have been seriously engaged in reading on the subject of aging since I passed my seventieth birthday a few days ago (all right, weeks ago -- so what if it was a few months ago?). I learned certain scientific facts proving that people grow old only by deserting their sense of purpose and mission. I learned

that it is not the years in one's life, but the life in one's years that count. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to lose interest wrinkles the soul. I learned that a man or woman is not old until regrets take the place of dreams. I refer to both "man" and "woman" because, as a member of the Democratic Party, I was brought up properly, and to recognize these sensitivities; although since working for Ronald Reagan, I learned there was at least one difference. When a man has a birthday, he takes a day off. When a woman has a birthday, she takes a year off!

Morry, as I look at you and review your life and your contribution to the lives of all of us, I think that if you subtract the hours which you have given to other people's lives from your own age we would all find that we are this morning celebrating the birthday of a infant prodigy.

There is an old Yiddish saying to the effect: "May you live to be 120 years of age." The rabbis asked why that age was selected and concluded that it was because Moses lived to be 120. The question then arises as to why we wish to be like Moses. The answer provided is that according to the Bible, Moses' figure did not abate and his eye did not dim. Dear Morry, I cannot in good conscience state here that your figure has not abated, but I can say that your eyes continue to focus sharply on your values and on long term aspirations without diminution and with great enthusiasm.

A man is old only if he has lost interest in tomorrow and you have not. It is indeed magnificent to grow old if one keeps young and you have kept young in spirit and in enthusiasm. You have understood that you cannot control the length of your life, but you can control the width and depth of your life.

I attended a 90th birthday celebration a few months ago and heard the birthday boy say, when asked how it felt to be 90, that he was starting his second 90 years much stronger than he had started his first 90 years. Let that be a source of encouragement for all of us. In that connection, Morry, let me say, don't let it go to your head. I'm not impressed that you have reached 80. It's not that great an accomplishment. It's at your 90th birthday celebration that I will acknowledge being impressed.

You have been a dear friend, Morry and an inspiration to me and to all of us who are here. You have caused the birth of many new ideas and many new movements. You have demonstrated the essence of patriotism and citizen responsibility. You have been a distinguished business leader and a credit to the legal profession. I am proud of our friendship and I know that pride is shared by thousands living in all parts of our country.

On this, your birthday, we wish for you and Mary many more years of happiness, satisfaction, love, energy and community service. With Bernard Baruch, who stated as he reached his 85th birthday, we say: "To me, old age is always 15 years older than I am." With Robert Browning we say: "Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be."

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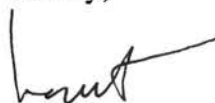
February 14, 1991

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Dear Max:

I stole most of your speech last Saturday, but I did give you full credit.
Enclosed is a copy for you. Your speech was exquisite, and all of us are much in your
debt.

Sincerely,



Newton N. Minow

All the best

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Enclosure

Copy to: Morris I. Leibman