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New York, NY 10013

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Re: ANNE FRANK: The 75th Birthday Concert

Dear Elisabeth, and dear Mr. Clark,

I was privileged to have known Anne Frank and her family, and to have counted them all as close, dear friends. Thus, I believe that Anne is perfectly suited to carry a message of tolerance and understanding to the youth of the world, as she did in her diary. In her short life, she promoted tolerance and respect for others, regardless of race, color or creed.

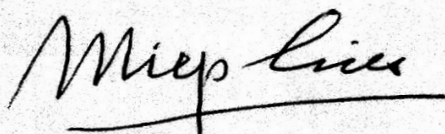
I'm both pleased and honored to serve as an Honorary Chairperson for Anne's 75th Birthday commemoration, and, knowing her, I think she would have appreciated such a grand celebration. It is indeed important that on her 75th birthday we celebrate the ideals she held and recorded in her diary. People need to remember that Anne is not just a distant historical figure and a victim of the holocaust, but that she was also a lively, talented girl, whose appeal to fight racism and anti-Semitism is still relevant today.

Sadly, our world is still infected by continuing inhumanity towards one another. Too often, discrimination and hatred go unchallenged, but it should not. Through this event, I join you in your goal to inspire people with tolerance and understanding of each other. If we convince but one person of the importance of this, we will have succeeded, and if like Anne, we influence tens of millions of people, we shall be especially privileged.

It is my hope that people will feel as strongly about promoting Anne's ideals of tolerance as I do, and that they will join us on June 12th to ensure that Anne's birthday celebration is commensurate with the legacy that she left behind. With my personal good wishes for a successful celebration,

Sincerely,

Miep Gies

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