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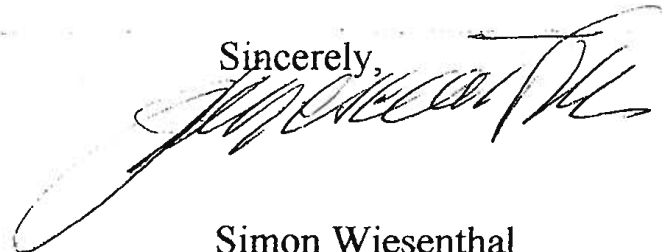
Dear Director Feerick,

Thank you very much for your kind invitation to participate as one of the Honorary Chairpersons in your commemoration of Anne Frank's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. From your project overview I see that you are planning quite an impressive event and am glad to note your cooperation with the Wiesenthal Center/Museum of Tolerance.

I would be pleased to serve as an Honorary Chairman for your celebration, but I must ask you to kindly understand that I can give only moral support in this function. At age 95 my condition is such that I cannot involve myself actively and – although I would like to participate in the special event personally – I am no longer able to undertake any travel. If these factors are no deterrent, I will be honored to be one of your Honorary Chairpersons. Enclosed I am sending you my personal statement of support.

With all best wishes for the success of your undertaking,

Sincerely,



Simon Wiesenthal

# STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

## ANNE FRANK 75TH BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE

*“Anne Frank was one of the millions of victims of the Nazi regime, a young girl who was not allowed to grow to adulthood, who had no right to live merely because she was Jewish. Had she escaped the Nazis’ horrible machinery of mass destruction, she would soon be turning 75. She would perhaps have become a mother, a grandmother and have passed on her experience of life and her acquired wisdom to her children and grandchildren.*

*From her diary, we have come to know Anne Frank as a teenager, much like today’s generation of grandchildren and great-grandchildren of those who perished in or survived the Shoah. This provides for possible identification, understanding and sympathy. Her fate reminds people - and particularly the world’s young - of the atrocities committed by a criminal regime. Thus, keeping her memory alive serves as a permanent warning and a call for the watchfulness of all first signs of emerging intolerance and unjust systems, in order to prevent a possible recurrence. If this commemoration bears fruit, her short life will have influenced the creation of peace in the world.”*

- Simon Wiesenthal