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Dear Elie:

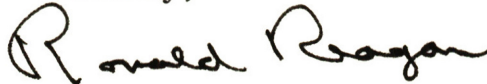
Nancy and I are proud to join with all your fellow Americans in congratulating you on winning the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize.

Yours has been a living witness to the truth of a mighty proposition: If future generations are to live in peace, we must never forget the lessons history has taught us. By devoting your life to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust, victims who included members of your own dear family, and by keeping before the world the reality of this most unspeakable of unspeakable crimes, you have helped us see through a veil of profound sorrow a vista of more perfect hope. You have shown us the need for vigilance against the great capacity for evil within the human heart, and, by your deeds as well as by your words, you have shown us the still greater capacity of humanity to resist, to survive, to remember, and to prevail.

This award speaks of the life you have lain down for others, for the Jewish victims of the Holocaust and for all mankind, that our children, and our children's children, might live in freedom without fear and dignity without despair. Humbly you take this award not for yourself, I know, but for the many, the silent ones whose plea to us to hear and recall has found voice in you.

Congratulations on this fitting recognition of your service to humanity and to the cause of peace.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R".

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