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1. Telegramm

Der Präsident der
Bundesrepublik Deutschland

Rabbi Arthur Schneier
President
Appeal of Conscience Foundation
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New York, N.Y. 10009
USA

Mr. President,
Dear Rabbi Schneier,

I am delighted to learn that the First Lady of the United States, Mrs. Barbara Bush, will be the forthcoming Appeal of Conscience Award winner together with Chingiz Aitmatov and Roger B. Smith, to be honoured in your midst on October 18, 1989.

Mrs. Bush in her commitment to serve faith, individual liberties and family ties has set a superb example of human warmth and radiating friendliness. She is the very personification of what we perceive as America's traditional virtues of decency and honesty. She is contributing in a spirited way to rededicating ourselves to the values on which our societies rest.

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Both are to be congratulated:

- Barbara Bush whom we in Germany greatly and affectionately admire and
- the Appeal of Conscience Foundation for making such an excellent choice for the recipients of its award. Let me also warmly greet Chingiz Aitmatov whom I have the privilege of knowing and Roger B. Smith. The achievements of both are wellknown and widely appreciated.

I remain proud to have been among you in the Foundation in June this year.

Richard von Weizsäcker
President of the Federal Republic of Germany