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It was a particular pleasure receiving your kind letter of 25 August informing me that the recipients of this year's Appeal of Conscience Award are President Carlos Salinas de Gortari and Edwin L. Artzt. Their achievements are indeed most outstanding.

President Salinas de Gortari has led Mexico to a vigorous economic development. His domestic and foreign policies have mobilized the enormous potential of his great nation in a way that is exemplary for Latin America. Moreover, President Salinas has taken courageous initiatives in the social and educational field as well as in favour of human rights. By his leadership he is providing orientation and confidence to his own people and to the community of nations. All of us have every reason to be grateful for his contributions to international stability and peace.

Mr. Edwin L. Artzt did not limit himself to a highly successful and meaningful career in corporate business. His valuable contributions to public causes, especially in the field of international cooperation, are so eminent that I shall make special mention only of his significant involvement in the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies. He sets an example for what we need most in our democratic societies: he is a great civic leader.

My sincere congratulations go out to President Carlos Salinas de Gortari and to Mr. Edwin L. Artzt as well as to the Appeal of Conscience Foundation for its excellent choice.

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