

The President of the  
Federal Republic of Germany

Rabbi Arthur Schneier  
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Dear Rabbi Schneier,

thank you very much for your kind letter, informing me that on October 29 the Appeal of Conscience Award will be presented to Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, Secretary of State of the Vatican, and to Mr. Jay Pritzker, Chairman of the Hyatt Corporation.

Cardinal Casaroli has achieved world-fame as the architect of the Vatican's Ostpolitik. The recent developments in Eastern Europe have crowned his work and I am sure that the process of democratization now under way will in its wake bring about the religious freedom Cardinal Casaroli so relentlessly strived to regain for the peoples of Eastern Europe.

Mr. Pritzker as a leader in the business community has devoted his professional lifetime to the promotion of internal cooperation, thereby fostering mutual understanding and faith among the peoples.

Dear Rabbi Schneier, allow me to congratulate you on your excellent choice of this year's recipients of the Appeal of Conscience Award.

Yours sincerely

sgd. Richard von Weizsäcker