



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

6 July 2015

Dear Ms. Winton,

I write on the occasion of the passing of your father to offer my condolences and to join the international chorus of deserved praise for a man who embodied quiet yet immense courage in saving the lives of hundreds of Jewish children and many others just prior to the Second World War.

You have spoken movingly about how your father eschewed the label 'hero' to underscore that his extraordinary actions could be taken by ordinary people. I understand that Sir Nicholas saw himself simply as an ethical individual who responded as anyone should to the terrible events unfolding around him.

This powerful exercise of personal responsibility during societal calamity can inspire us all as we confront the many crises in our world.

The United Nations is honoured to have been associated with your father through his work with our International Refugee Organization in 1947.

In 2012 in New York and again in 2014 in Nairobi, the United Nations organized screenings of the film *Nicky's Family* as part of our efforts to inform new audiences about Sir Nicholas and all that he represented. Our Holocaust Outreach Programme will continue to keep his legacy alive into the future.

At this time of sadness, I hope you can take comfort from knowing that thousands of people are alive today thanks to your father, who left our world a timeless example of truly brave humanism.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ban Ki-moon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

BAN Ki-moon

Ms. Barbara Winton  
Leominster