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REMARKS OF  
THE HONORABLE HENRY A. KISSINGER  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GRENVILLE CLARK AWARD  
TO JEAN MONNET  
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SECRETARY KISSINGER: Mr. Monnet and distinguished guests. There are few individuals whose lives can be said to have made a difference in their time. And there are even fewer who rise above administering the day to day affairs to having a vision and then implementing it. I think we can safely say that there is no individual who has made a greater difference and who has changed political life more than the man we are honoring today.

The great things in history have all been dreams before they became reality. At the end of the war, Mr. Monnet, out of the wreckage of the war, had a dream that Europe should be united and that a united Europe would work together with the United States independently but cooperatively, for the greater benefit of all free people. That was an absurd idea in 1946 and is today a reality.

For all of us whom Mr. Monnet has cajoled, criticized, inspired and moved along because our imagination was not quite up to his, this is a very proud occasion.

I want to say to you, who have moved so many of your contemporary generations, that the generations that are now conducting policy consider your dream as valid and it is on the verge of realization as it was when first conceived. A united Europe seems to be imminent. The United States strongly supports it. The close cooperation between Europe and the United States which your life has epitomized will be built on that basis. And all of us are grateful to you not only for what you have done in political life but for your human qualities, and for the wisdom and patience you have always exhibited. And if you sometimes have sent us grades that were less than A, that just impelled us to work a little harder.

So I want to say on behalf of everybody that this meeting of the Economic Summit, which also owes a great deal to ideas you have had before is a very happy occasion for us because it gives us the opportunity for the first presentation of this award. Congratulations.

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