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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH

NOVEMBER 22, 1974

Mrs Grace Wheeler

GOOD AFTERNOON. I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
INVITATION TODAY, AND I BRING YOU GREETINGS FROM MY HUSBAND
AS WELL. I ASSUME HE'S ASLEEP IN SEOUL, KOREA ABOUT NOW

I'M DELIGHTED TO BE HERE TODAY AND ESPECIALLY TO BE SERVING
AS YOUR NATIONAL HONORARY CHAIRPERSON.

IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO EXPAND PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE
MEANING OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND TO WORK ON IMPROVED ASSISTANCE FOR
OUR MENTALLY ILL. YOU HAVE MADE GREAT STRIDES IN THE PAST FEW YEARS,
AND I AM GRATEFUL TO HAVE BEEN INVITED TO MEET WITH YOU TODAY.

MENTAL WELL-BEING IS EVERY BIT AS IMPORTANT TO ONE'S HEALTH
AS ONE'S PHYSICAL WELL-BEING. IT IS VITAL THAT WE PAY AS MUCH
ATTENTION TO THE HEALTH OF OUR MINDS AS TO THE CONDITION OF OUR
BODIES,

I CONSIDER THIS A RED LETTER DAY FOR MYSELF, AND AM GRATEFUL
TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO WHAT I CAN FOR MENTAL HEALTH IN

OUR COUNTRY: *Good luck on this important project!*

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