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Dear Warren:

I was born in Poland in 1931, the youngest of eight children. Incarcerated in 1940, liberated in 1945 from Dachau, came to America, as an orphan in 1948.

A few years ago I completed a speaking engagement at the Reunion of the 191st Tank Battalion in Louisville, KY. Being there with these men, who were so closely connected to my past, rekindled the very strong feelings I have for the American Soldier. This great group of veterans granted me the privilege of becoming a member of their association. 111

I would like to express appreciation & gratitude to do non of do 45th, & 42nd Infantry Divisions of the U.S. 7th Army & the 191st Tank Battalion for your valiant effort leading to the Liberation of the Dachau Death Camp April 29, 1945 & other slave labor camps.

You deserve so much praise & credit for ending the war & for all your sacrifices during World War II. As our liberators, you will always be remembered by the camp survivors for your gallantry & for the hope, compassion & care you provided to us in such a tragic time in our lives.

I hate to think of what would have happened to us if you had not come at the time you did. You the GI Joe's spoke the first kind words to us in years. You held in your arms our living skeletons, too weak to walk, too weak to eat, & too weak to live. You gave us our first bites of decent food. You provided medical help as best you could. You reached out to us with no reservations. To the camp survivors, GI Joe came from heaven. You were a divine Ewe of mercy. You left your homes & families & at times you were also hungry, cold & disillusioned. We owe you all our gratitude, recognition & acknowledgement for setting us free & for rekindling our spirit for life.

I always envisioned in my mind the way you were 56 years ago. I can see your dirty faces, your helmets, your uniforms, your boots & your weapons hanging on your body. You looked rough & tough & yet you showed so much empathy. You left an indelible mark on a fourteen-year-old boy that can never be erased. You were the pride of your nation, you preserved the Republic, your civilization, your religious freedom & you set free a suffering humanity. You fought bravely & defeated the most vicious & evil empires the world has never known. History will remember you as the heroes of the 20th century.

"LEST WE FORGET" You & I, who saw it all, must forever be willing to bare witness to the authenticity of the Holocaust, the darkest chapter in history & the horrors of war, which were perpetrated by so-called civilized nations. I will forever be grateful each & every one of you for saving my life, the life of my brother & the lives of fellow camp victims.

Due to my tragic past I developed a sensitivity to human suffering which led me to a career as a Health Service provider in Psychology with the City of Boston, counseling inner city underprivileged youth & families.

You gave me an opportunity to become an American & a productive human being in this great country of ours.

**GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
THE GREATEST LAND OF ALL**

Best Personal Regards



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