

Ambassador Stuart E. Eizenstat's role as Special Representative of the President and Secretary of State on Holocaust-Era Issues under the Clinton Administration provided the platform for Eizenstat to pursue issues of belated justice for victims of the Holocaust and other victims of Nazi tyranny during World War II. He successfully negotiated major agreements with the Swiss, Germans, Austrian and French, and other European countries, covering restitution of property, payment for slave and forced laborers, recovery of looted art, bank accounts, and payment of insurance policies.

Author of "Imperfect Justice: Looted Assets, Slave Labor, and the Unfinished Business of World War II" Eizenstat has received numerous awards for his work, including the *Courage and Conscience Award* from the Government of Israel, the *Knight Commander's Cross* (Badge and Star) of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, the *French Legion of Honor* from the Government of France, and the *International Advocate for Peace Award* from the Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution.

Eizenstat speaks about the importance of restitution, while also noting that it is "remembrance of the suffering of millions, of the murdered family members and the struggling survivors—that matters most." Describing the new eight-country international task force dedicated to promoting Holocaust education worldwide that he helped organize, Eizenstat says: "It is very important that the last word on the Holocaust not be about money, but about memory." Ambassador Eizenstat retains his title and responsibilities as Special Envoy for Property Claims in Central and Eastern Europe.