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**The Scowcroft Group regrets to announce the death of our friend and colleague,
Arnold Kanter**



It is with deep sadness we announce the passing of Arnold Kanter - a dear friend, colleague and great American. **All are welcome to join us for a celebration of Arnie's life at the Metropolitan Club on June 8th from 5:00-7:00pm.**

The country has truly lost a national treasure. Arnie was the arch-type of that relatively small group of people who make our system work. He was one of those people who give concreteness to the fuzzy policy notions of our political leadership. And then, turn these broad policy concepts into operational strategy which gives our vast governmental machinery the ability to turn ideas into action and policy into implementation.

Even in this special role, Arnie was unique. The scope of his reach was extraordinary. Most people tend to be either broad conceptual types or those who focus on details of implementation. Arnie's talents, however, ran from true strategic thinking to the most excruciating details of execution.

The strategic talents Arnie possessed were widely recognized, resulting in many of the positions he held—Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, Special Assistant to the President, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, Defense Policy Board, and intelligence community boards, to mention a few.

Arnie was a policy wonk's wonk. It was what he loved, helping his country and his compatriots do the best in every circumstance. He constantly had the welfare of his country in mind, but never on his sleeve. He rose through hard work and the power of his intellect and worked for results, not glory or personal recognition.

People come to Washington to change the world. Few have the talent and careful unselfish persistence to do so for the better. Arnie did, and we are all in his debt. Arnie has not gone. He lives on in our hearts, in the many ways he made our country and our world a better place, and in the example he was for us all.