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“...let me say that I hope we keep our voice clear and strong on the central task of raising the health of the poor. I can be ‘realistic’ and ‘cynical’ with the best of them—giving all the reasons why things are too hard to change. We must dream a bit, not beyond the feasible but to the limits of the feasible, so that we inspire. I think that we are an important voice speaking on behalf of the world’s most voiceless people today—the sick and dying among the poorest of the poor. The stakes are high. Let’s therefore speak boldly so that we can feel confident that we have fulfilled our task as well as possible.”

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