



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

17 December 2011

Dear Ms. Lederer,

Happy 100th Birthday!

Although I have never had the pleasure of meeting you, I feel as though I know you through your daughter, Edith. She brings more than outstanding journalism to the United Nations, she is an inspiration to all of her friends and colleagues.

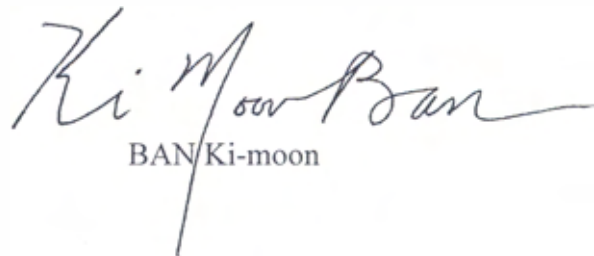
Edie's kind and caring nature reflects your love and warmth, as well as your vibrant example.

Although I could not be with you to personally celebrate your birthday, I am sending all of my best wishes.

Should you ever have the chance to visit New York, please come to my home. You have an open invitation, and Edie is welcome to join us – as long as she does not ask me too many tough political questions!

Please accept my congratulations on this wonderful personal milestone, as well as my best wishes for the holiday season.

Yours sincerely,


BAN Ki-moon

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