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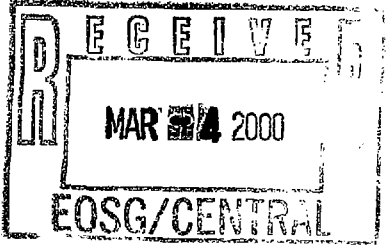
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1 March, 2000

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Aziz,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I should like to thank you for your letter dated 7 February 2000 in which you request a good will message to carry with you during your round the world Journey of Peace beginning on 1 July 2000.

The Secretary-General has a great interest in promoting world peace and working towards the betterment of humankind and welcomes the efforts towards the achievement of such important goals. Your efforts are needed and appreciated. I am glad to enclose the Secretary-General's Message for the New Millennium.

I have been asked by the Secretary-General to convey to you and your family his best wishes for a successful journey and for all your future endeavours.

Yours sincerely

Gillian Martin Sorensen
Assistant Secretary-General
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Mr. and Mrs. Fakhrul Aziz
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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
MESSAGE FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

31 December 1999

Dear friends,

As we move into a new Millennium, many of us have much to be thankful for. Most of the world is at peace. Most of us are better educated than our parents or grandparents, and can expect to live longer lives, with greater freedom and a wider range of choices.

A new century brings new hope, but can also bring new dangers - or old ones in a new and alarming form.

Some of us fear seeing our jobs and our way of life destroyed by economic change. Others fear the spread of bigotry, violence or disease. Others still are more worried that human activities may be ruining the global environment on which our life depends.

No one knows for sure how serious each of these dangers will be. But one thing they have in common: they do not respect state frontiers.

Even the strongest state, acting alone, may be unable to protect its citizens against them.

More than ever before in human history, we share a common destiny. We can master it only if we face it together.

And that, my friends, is why we have the United Nations.

Through the United Nations, we are working together to preserve peace; to outlaw weapons that kill and maim indiscriminately; to bring mass murderers and war criminals to justice.

Through the United Nations, we are working together to defeat AIDS and other epidemics; to control climate change; to make clean air and water available to everyone.

Through the United Nations, we are working together to ensure that the global market benefits all of us, allowing the poor to lift themselves out of poverty.

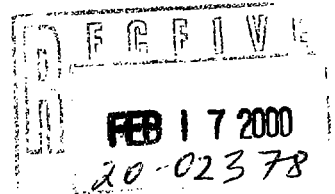
Through the United Nations, we are working together to make human rights a reality for everyone – to give all human beings real choices in life, and a real say in decisions that affect their lives.

In all these areas and more, the United Nations is working for you. But it can do little without you. After all, it belongs to you – you, the peoples of the world. And therefore it can work much better with your help and your ideas.

My friends, the new millennium need not be a time of fear or anxiety. If we work together and have faith in our own abilities, it can be a time of hope and opportunity. It's up to us to make it so.

To His Excellency
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*- Letter for GMS signature
- SG Millennium message*

Your Excellency,

We take with immense pleasure the great opportunity of addressing you. Please accept our highest regards. We are sure that you are quite engaged with your duties as Secretary General. We are extremely sorry to have diverted your mind at this hour of your business.

We, Fakhru and Masnuda Aziz (both Bangladeshi American) and our two sons Abesh, age 8 and Aumio, age 6 will begin our round the world Journey for Peace on July 1, 2000.

The objectives of our Journey for peace are to carry the message of peace and friendship, appeal for building a heart to heart relationship between nations and races. To propagate new human values, uphold the cause of truth and justice, benevolence and magnanimity, tolerance and respect to other's opinion and views. To help create a planet of harmony, free from the onslaught of terrorism and destruction of war, suicidal march of drug addiction, irrational use of chemicals and chemical weapons, indiscriminate atomic and nuclear tests. To protect nature and environment. Quest for the best possible use and best possible means for exploitation of nature and natural resources without inflicting any damage to the balance of the nature. To encourage self respect, sacrifice, affection for the mankind, love for the nature, best hope for the future. To fight poverty and misery, indignity and malice hypocrisy and selfishness. Love for mankind, love for our planet and love for life alone can help us to promote a lasting peace.

We would earnestly request your good self to give us a good will message which we will carry with us during a round the world Journey for Peace. We are sure, a few words from a person of your standing will help us in mastering public awareness and promote international understanding, peace and harmony.

Yours in Peace,

Fakhru Aziz Masnuda Aziz
Fakhru and Masnuda Aziz.

Tuesday, February 7, 2000.