



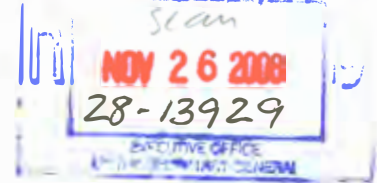
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Excellency:

I am deeply grateful that you were able to make the time to join us for the kick-off events for our campaign to endow the Mason Program. As the Program's most illustrious alumnus, you have a unique perspective on its enduring mission of training public leaders, and I'm delighted that you were able to share your perspective with such a distinguished gathering despite the pressing issues that awaited you following the event.

I have been watching the news from Africa and, in particular, Congo in the full knowledge of your personal efforts to deal with such a daunting challenge. The situation is incredibly complex, and the dangers of neighboring countries again becoming militarily involved in the conflict are of special concern. Your efforts have been courageous and wise, and I wish you every possible success. If we at the Harvard Kennedy School can be of assistance, please let me know.

Again, thank you for being with us for the Mason Program anniversary celebration. I hope to see you again soon.

Sincerely,

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