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Dear Governor Aoshima,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I should like to thank you for your letter dated 22 January, in which you offered him your congratulations upon his inauguration.

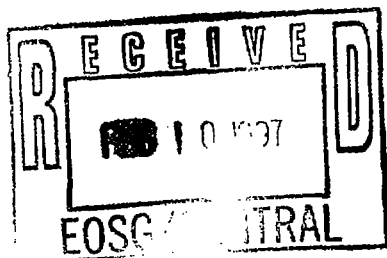
The Secretary-General is most appreciative of your kind thoughts. He looks forward greatly to cooperating closely with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government in the years to come.

The Secretary-General has asked me to send his personal thanks for the most gracious hospitality that the Tokyo Metropolitan Government has extended to the United Nations, together with his best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gillian Martin Sorensen".

Gillian Martin Sorensen
Assistant Secretary-General for
External Relations



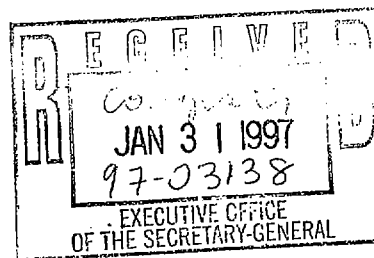
Mr. Yukio Aoshima
Governor
Tokyo Metropolitan Government
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From J.V. Reed



YUKIO AOSHIMA
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January 22, 1997

H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan
United Nations Secretary-General

Dear Mr. Kofi Annan,

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my heartiest congratulations on your recent inauguration as the 7th Secretary General of the United Nations.

Your recent inauguration is proof of the great confidence each government as well as the world holds both in your ability and in the experience and merits you have earned over long years of service in the United Nations. I am optimistic that your exceptional capacity for intricate coordination and pioneering leadership will continue to advance the goals of the world peace and sustainable global development in the years to come.

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government has maintained close ties with the United Nations not only by supporting the U.N. University located in Tokyo, but also by cooperating with the United Nations to host and participate in various international conferences. We, Tokyo Metropolitan Government look forward to working closely together with the U.N. for the realization of world peace and the improvement of our citizen's lives. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation and understanding in these endeavors.

In closing I wish you the best for your continued health, prosperity and success in your new duties.

Sincerely yours,

Yukio Aoshima
Yukio AOSHIMA
Governor



JOSEPH VERNER REED
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

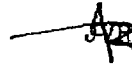
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7 February 1997

Dear Iqbal,

Among the many things we discussed, was the relationship with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and Governor Aoshima. This connection was important for the former Secretaries-General, and I am sure it will be important for this Secretary-General. May I again recommend it for your attention.

Regards,



Mr. S. Iqbal Riza
Chef de Cabinet

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JOSEPH VERNER REED
UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Dear Governor Aoshima and Special Friend,

I was most appreciative of being the recipient addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations personally conveyed this message to the Secretary-General for a continued productive working relationship between Tokyo Metropolitan Government, in the larger framework of Nations and your noble Nation.

As I had already communicated to your Office, the time has come for me to move on with energy and hope to new horizons. In this spirit, I have submitted my resignation to Secretary-General Kofi Annan which has been accepted, with regret, effective 31 January 1997.

"Early retirement" for now will not mean, however, that I withdraw from public life. I will continue to be in the arena and pursue a number of projects including activities in the New York Sister City program. Therefore, I hope and pray that our paths will continue to cross.

Your dedication, Governor Aoshima, to the goals and principles of the United Nations, your initiatives for supporting the work of our World Organization, and your efforts to make the capital of your noble Nation a truly international metropolis are highly appreciated and recognized here at the United Nations Secretariat.

Regarding the most important initiative of a joint UN-TMG international conference on urban issues to be held in May 1998, I take pleasure in informing you that in the United Nations Secretariat Under-Secretary-General Mr. Jin Yongjian, Department for Development Support and Management Services, will continue to be the focal point for the substantive preparations of the project. In addition, the Office of the Secretary-General will, in due course, designate a high-level representative of the Secretary-General for the Conference.

I am confident, dear Governor Aoshima, that your relationship with the United Nations will continue and prosper, and I will continue to be available, within my modest possibilities, to help foster that relationship.

Please accept my best wishes for continued success in your endeavours, good health and good fortunes.

Aloha!
(not good-bye)

cc.: Mr. S. Iqbal Riza

Honorable Yukio Aoshima
Governor of Tokyo

*Mr. Sorensen,
Mr. Riza has not seen
this letter. You may
wish to see & follow-up.
Thank you,
Riza 10/2*



JOSEPH VERNER REED
UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

31 January 1997

Dear Governor Aoshima and Special Friend,

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