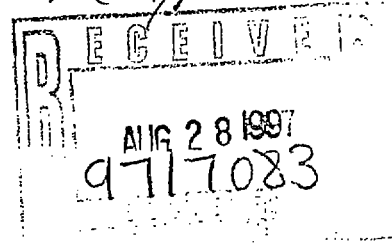


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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

We are delighted that the exhibition "Mechanical Marvels - Invention in the Age of Leonardo" is coming to New York's World Financial Center this autumn.

Geniuses like Leonardo do not come along every day. His artistry and invention have influenced the world as we know it for five hundred years. The models and reproductions showed in the exhibition were crafted from his original drawings.

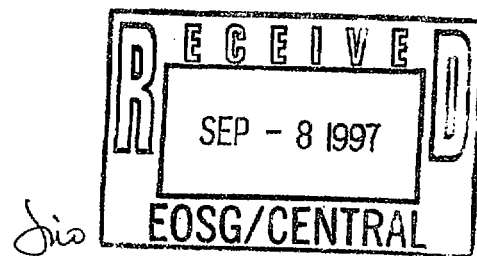
The exhibition was seen by over 750.000 visitors in Paris and Florence, and will continue to tour internationally following the New York showing -the only one in North America.

I will be in New York for the inauguration, on October 23, and look forward to sharing the celebration with you. If your schedule does not allow your presence at the inauguration, I would be honored if you could receive me, at any time on any date might be convenient for you around October 23. For any further contact, do not hesitate to have your offices contact me or my office.

I thank you in advance, and I am

Sincerely Yours,

From Palazzo Vecchio, August 21, 1997



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