



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Dear Mr. Massaquoi,

I wanted to write to you personally to convey my sincerest gratitude and admiration for your fortitude and courage and that of your family. The ordeal of your kidnapping in Yemen just over a year ago is a testament to the risks facing humanitarian personnel, men and women worldwide who, despite the very real risks, remain steadfastly committed to dedicating their knowledge and investing their lives to improve those of the world's most vulnerable populations.

Your work in helping to provide vital clean water in communities across Yemen to improve the health of local children stands as the highest example of that commitment.

Throughout this ordeal, I and the entire United Nations family have stood with you and your loved ones working to ensure your safe return. On this happy occasion of your safe release and reunion with your family, I wanted to assure you that we, as the United Nations family, stand with you and value what your dedication and bravery represent – the noblest commitment to improving the world through ensuring better living conditions for children and their families.

*Wishing you continued
good health and best wishes!*

Yours sincerely,

Ban Ki-moon
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