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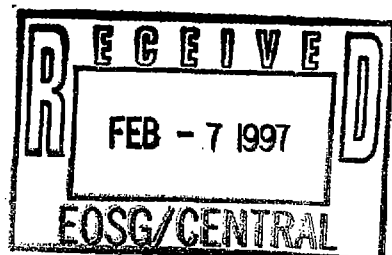
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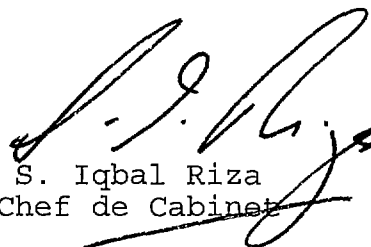
Dear Governor Aoshima,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I wish to acknowledge your letter of 22 January and to thank you for your kind words and congratulations on his election.

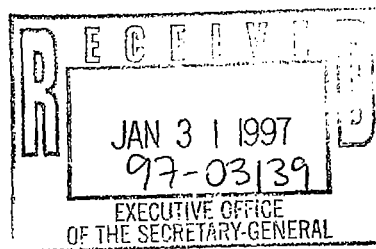
The Secretary-General is well aware of the cooperation of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government with the United Nations University and with other United Nations undertakings in Japan. He has asked me to extend his thanks to you and your staff for your work in this area. Your efforts are much appreciated in this office, and we look forward to continuing our work together.

Yours sincerely,




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Note for the Secretary-General


Re: Relationship with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government (TMG)

On 29 January 1997, I received Mr. Watanabe, Executive Director of the New York Representative Office of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government at his request. Mr. Watanabe conveyed to me a message from the Governor of Toyko, H.E. Mr. Yukio Aoshima, addressed to you.

In view of the special relationship that has developed over the past years with the Governor of Tokyo and TMG, in the larger framework of the relationship between the United Nations and Japan, I warmly recommend this message for your consideration.

May I also draw your attention to the project of a joint United Nations-TMG conference on international urban issues to be held in May 1998, for which preparations are under way now. In the Secretariat, the focal point for the project is Under-Secretary-General, Mr. Jin, Department for Development Support and Management Services. My office has also been involved in the project.

In view of the importance of this conference project for the ongoing relationship between the Secretariat and TMG and of the subject matter of the conference, I highly recommend continued attention of your Office to this project.


Joseph Verner Reed
30 January 1997