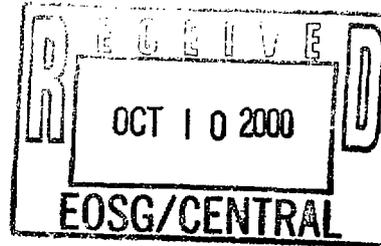
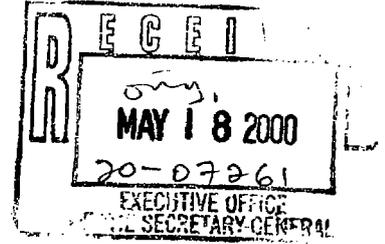


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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I would like to thank you for accepting my invitation to join the members of the Advisory Board of the Dean of Harvard Law School at the occasion of their autumn meeting in New York. As discussed with your Secretariat the meeting has been fixed for September 28, 2000.

If this is agreeable to you I would like to invite you and Mrs. Annan for dinner that evening at the United Nations Delegates' Dining room. Besides the Dean of Harvard Law School and the members of the Advisory Board and their wives I intend to invite the following guests (and their spouses):

- President of Harvard University,*
- A certain number of Professors of Harvard Law School,*
- A certain number of Professors of other Harvard Faculties.*

The Dean of Harvard Law School has suggested that I also invite Graduates of Harvard Law School who serve in the US Congress and in the Cabinet of President Clinton as well as the five Supreme Court Judges who are Harvard Law School alumni. This group could be enlarged by prominent Harvard Law School alumni of the New York business community.

For my part I would like to invite also members of your Executive Office and of the Office of Legal Affairs as well as those among my colleagues who have a Harvard connection and/or a special interest in international law.

In order to add substance to a hopefully pleasant social event it would be greatly appreciated if you could agree to participate in a discussion of a topic of common interest. The role and the importance of the rule of law in international relations could be such a topic. Your ideas on what an institution like Harvard can contribute to the work of the UN would certainly meet with great interest.

I would be grateful for your reaction to these suggestions so that I can proceed with the preparations for the evening. Also, please let me know the name of the person with whom I could discuss further details.

My hope is that this event will contribute to a better understanding of the role of the United Nations among a group of people who play a leading role in US society and to a stronger commitment of Harvard in the work of the Organization.

Please accept, dear Mr. Secretary General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours



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