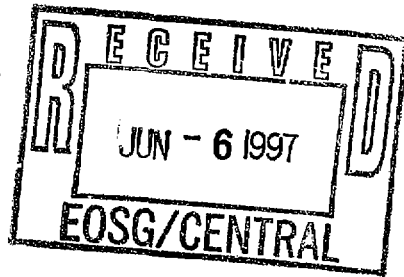




THE SECRETARY-GENERAL



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Dear Mr. Reich,

Thank you for your letter of 19 May regarding your fine efforts toward increasing support for the United Nations World Programme of Action Concerning Disabled Persons.

It has given me particular pleasure to learn of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt International Disability Award. In spirit and in deed, Franklin Delano Roosevelt remains an example of courage, grace and wisdom.

At the United Nations, we feel a particular affection and pride for President Roosevelt, our founding father. In all our work, we seek to fulfil his vision of a peaceful and prosperous world where no one is left behind.

Your care for the disabled and your concern for their future is of vital importance to our struggle for a world that can match the mission of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

I applaud your efforts and pledge the continued commitment of the United Nations to the cause of disabled persons around the world.

Yours sincerely,

Kofi A. Annan

Mr. Alan A. Reich
Chairman
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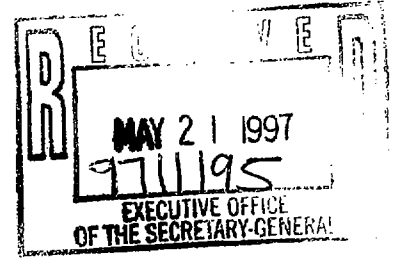
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Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

You may recall conversations with Ambassador William vanden Heuvel, President of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, World Committee on Disability Vice Chairman Dick Thornburgh, and myself regarding the Franklin D. Roosevelt International Disability Award. We all are most pleased to cooperate with you and the United Nations in furthering the U.N. World Programme of Action Concerning Disabled Persons on behalf of the world's half-billion persons with disabilities through this Award process.

I write now to request respectfully that you provide a letter of support for the FDR Award to be used in increasing the commitment of governments, organizations and individuals throughout the world to the goal of the U.N. World Programme of Action. Your words of encouragement regarding the Award would provide inspiration in the nomination and publicity processes. In particular, we now are preparing an illustrated booklet about the Award, in which we hope to be able to include your statement.

For your information, I am enclosing sample letters from several chiefs of state and from former Secretary-General Boutros-Ghali.

Thank you, Mr. Secretary-General for your continuing leadership in advancing the goal of the U.N. World Programme of Action.

Sincerely yours,

Alan A. Reich
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