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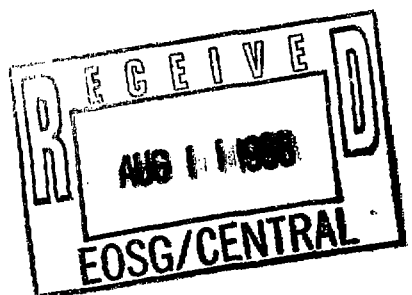
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Dear Mayor Brown,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I would like to thank you for your letter of 3 August 1998, in which you invited the Secretary-General to be the keynote speaker at the 27th IAHS World Congress on Housing in San Francisco in June of 1999.

I regret to inform you, that much as the Secretary-General would have liked to address the audience of the IAHS World Congress on Housing, his very heavy official duties will prevent him *accepting your kind invitation.*

It was a great pleasure to see you in San Francisco earlier this year when I travelled there with the Secretary-General and had the pleasure of being seated next to you at the Charlotte Mailliard Shultz and George Shultz dinner. Congratulations on your leadership and thank you for your interest and support in the United Nations. Do let us know if you will be in New York City in the future.



Yours sincerely,

Gillian Martin Sorensen
Assistant-Secretary-General
for External Relations

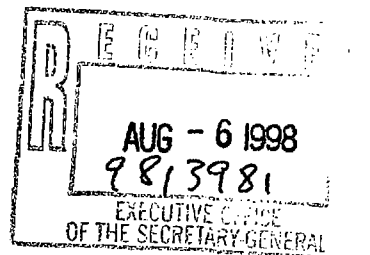
Mayor Willie Lewis Brown
Office of the Mayor
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H.E. Kofi Annan
Secretary General
United Nations
Room 3802-D
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Dear Mr. Annan:

It is with great honor and pleasure that we cordially invite you to be our honorary guest and keynote speaker at the XXVIIth IAHS World Congress on Housing in San Francisco in June of 1999.

The conference hosts will be the International Association of Housing Science (IAHS) and the College of Environmental Design at the University of California-Berkeley. We feel that the conference will be a successful one given that it is being held in San Francisco, a "World Class City." Our goal is to bring 400 delegates from around the world. Conference delegates will include engineers, architects, housing developers, financiers, contractors, government officials, scholars, chairpersons and department heads from all the leading world universities, leaders from international governmental institutions, and other non-governmental organizations associated with all the aspects of housing and infrastructure related to housing. We expect delegates from most of the continents of the world: Asia, Europe, Australia, India, Africa, and North and South America.

The official program will begin with our opening ceremony on Tuesday, June 1, 1999, and will end Friday afternoon, June 4, 1999. Technical sessions and technical visits, scheduled throughout the week, will provide a forum for our keynote speakers. The College of Environmental Design of the University of California-Berkeley will be hosting a symposium on Wednesday, June 2, 1999, with a morning and an afternoon session. The symposium aims to challenge architects and engineers of the world to reinsert themselves into the contemporary housing debate. The morning session will evaluate this issue from an international perspective and the afternoon session will be from an American point-of-view. Additionally, our program also includes a gala banquet, which is scheduled for Thursday, June 3, 1999. We would like to have you as a keynote speaker at either the gala banquet or at the symposium lunch. If your schedule does not allow you to be at either the gala banquet or at the symposium lunch, we would like to have you as a keynote speaker at the opening ceremony on June 1, 1999. Please note that as our honorary guest you are welcome to attend all of the technical sessions, visits and activities of the conference.

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We have enclosed a poster and a preliminary brochure, which outline the conference's theme, sub-themes and topics. As you will note, the sub-themes and topics center on housing as a central part of society's infrastructure and on the issues and challenges magnified by these problems in the new millennium. Our sub-themes and topics will look at how the world moves towards decent, safe housing and on how we will face the issues and challenges before us by looking at housing in its wider economic, political and social context.

By accepting our invitation to be a special honorary guest, you will be joining our three other honorary guests: California's United States Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, and Nancy Pelosi, San Francisco's Congressional Representative. It is important to note that U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer are both from San Francisco, and Dianne Feinstein is a former San Francisco Mayor. Barbara Boxer is a former Congresswoman from San Francisco.


During previous IAHS Conferences, IAHS has had the honor of having many famous and important speakers and guests such as Dr. Kurt Waldheim in Salzburg, Dr. Ramachandran in Miami, and Dr. Wally N'Dow in Ankara.


We hope that you will accept our invitation and will inform us of your decision as soon as possible so that we can begin listing your name in our conference correspondence and outreach materials. We plan a major mailing campaign within the next thirty days.

Your visit to San Francisco this past April was a great success and we anticipate working together with the World Affairs Council on this conference. The IAHS World Congress on Housing would be an ideal venue to announce and discuss new projects related to the UN-African Continent Initiative, specifically in the area of housing. In the alternative, we will be happy to work closely with you to define a suitable topic for your discussion; for example, China will embark upon a revolutionary new housing program that will transfer all the current housing stock now owned by the state to the private sector.

We look forward to hearing from you and to having you as our honorary guest and keynote speaker at the XXVIIth World Congress on Housing in San Francisco.

Respectfully,


Willie L. Brown, Jr.
Mayor
Conference Honorary Chair


Al Borvice, Esq.
Conference Co-Chair

cc: Mr. Shashi Tharoor
Executive Assistant to the Secretary General