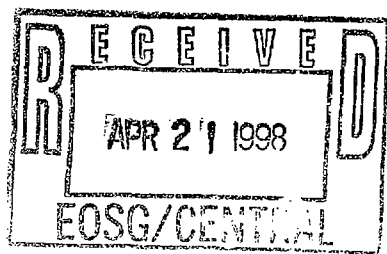


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Wishes / birthday



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL



17 April 1998

My dear Maya,

I am writing to convey, belatedly, my warm congratulations on the occasion of your 70th birthday.

I remember vividly the evening we shared at the Studio Museum of Harlem last November. The grace and energy you displayed then and always has made you an inspiration to people all over the world. May you have a wonderful year of creativity and peace.

With my very best wishes,

Life is only beginning!! Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Kofi A. Annan, consisting of stylized letters "Kofi".  
Kofi A. Annan

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