

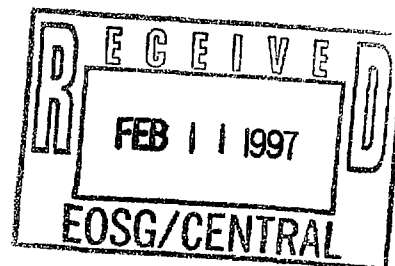


THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Dear Sir,

As I assume the leadership of the United Nations and seek to make the Organization leaner, more efficient and more effective, I am reaching out to colleagues and friends who have earlier expressed interest. Remembering the very interesting Aspen Institute Conference we attended and the fruitful discussion at that time, I write to seek your support and counsel.

I have just returned from my first visit to Washington, D.C. as Secretary-General, where I received a warm welcome. Leaders of both parties expressed a readiness to resolve differences and eagerness to put United States-United Nations relations on a new road.

I confirmed my commitment to reform and heard in return expressions of support and a resolve to address the matter of arrearages. I know that this constructive dialogue will continue.

I welcome your advice and seek your assistance to this end and look forward to working with you in the months to come.

With many thanks and best regards.

Yours sincerely,

- Kofi A. Annan

The Honourable Butler Derrick
Washington, D.C.