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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
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REFERENCE:

28 March 2011

Dear Mr. Bernstein,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I wish to thank you for your letter dated 3 February 2011, inviting him to serve on the Honorary Committee of the National Tribute Dinner of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, to be held in Washington, D.C. on 16 May 2011.

Regrettably, I must inform you that, in keeping with United Nations rules and practices, the Secretary-General does not serve on the Honorary Committees of non-UN initiatives. As a result, he will be unable to accede to your request. I also regret to inform you that, owing to scheduling reasons, he will be unable to travel to Washington, D.C. to attend the dinner. However, given the importance of the event, I am pleased to inform you that the Secretary-General will be sending a brief written message of tribute to Professor Elie Wiesel, which could be read aloud at an appropriate juncture in the proceedings and/or included among any print materials you might be preparing.

I would be grateful if you could convey this response to the Vice Chairman, Mr. Joshua B. Bolten and the Director, Ms. Sara J. Bloomfield, who co-signed the invitation. Thank you again for the invitation, and please allow me to convey the best wishes of the Secretary-General for a successful event.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vijay Nambiar".

Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

Mr. Tom A. Bernstein
Chairman
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
Washington, D.C.



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**SG message needed for National Tribute Dinner of the United States
Holocaust Memorial Museum, 16 May 2011.**

Mudiwa Mapuranga to: Ruxandra Ferascu, Elizabeth Wanic

29/03/2011 02:32 PM

Cc: Richard Amdur, Alexandra Barahona Posada

Dear Colleagues,

As per the attached, an SG message is needed for the National Tribute Dinner of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, to be held in Washington, D.C. on 16 May 2011.

The corlog number is 11-01156.

Best,
mudiwa

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----- Forwarded by Mudiwa Mapuranga/NY/UNO on 29/03/2011 02:30 PM -----



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Fw: from the executive office of the un secretary-general

Richard Amdur to: Alexandra Barahona Posada, Mudiwa Mapuranga

24/03/2011 01:07 PM

this is the informal exchange i had with the museum.

----- Forwarded by Richard Amdur/NY/UNO on 24/03/2011 01:06 PM -----

From: "Black, Barri-Sue" <bblack@ushmm.org>
To: "Richard Amdur" <amdur@un.org>
Cc: "Elizabeth Wanic" <wanic@un.org>, "Ruxandra Ferascu" <ferascu@un.org>
Date: 18/03/2011 02:27 PM
Subject: RE: from the executive office of the un secretary-general

Dear Mr. Amdur,

My apologies for the delay in responding. Thank you very much for your message and kind offer to send a letter to be read at our Dinner on May 16, 2011.

The Museum would be pleased to receive a message of tribute to our founding chairman Elie Wiesel letter from Secretary General Ban-Ki moon. This will be a lovely surprise for him. Kindly mail the letter to my attention at the address below by the first week in May. I would be grateful if your office would not fold the letter, in the event that Professor Wiesel wishes to display it. If I can answer any questions or be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks, again, for your assistance. All my best.

Sincerely,
Barri-Sue Black

Barri-Sue Black, Director of Leadership Development
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-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Amdur [mailto:amdur@un.org]
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 5:47 PM
To: Black, Barri-Sue
Cc: Elizabeth Wanic; Ruxandra Ferascu
Subject: from the executive office of the un secretary-general

dear ms. black,
apologies for taking so long to come back to you following the phone messages we left for each other. as i explained, owing to long-standing un guidelines and the unique nature of his office, the secretary-general does not serve as honorary chair or in any other similar capacity.

Please
clear with
Richard Amdur.

while in practice this means declining invitations from many friends and supporters, i am sure you can appreciate the need for the secretary-general and the united nations in general to observe such restraint.

that said, we would be happy to provide a written message of tribute to elie wiesel, which could be read aloud at an appropriate moment in the evening's proceedings, should the organizers wish to have such a message.

grateful if you could let me know or whether i should address this piece of the picture to someone else.

sincerely,
richard

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Re: Draft reply to invitation to SG to serve on the Honorary Committee of the National Tribute Dinner of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Richard Amdur to: Mudiwa Mapuranga

22/03/2011 08:07 AM

Cc: Alexandra Barahona Posada, Richard Amdur

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mudiwa,
thanks. i discussed this with yy some weeks ago and had some informal contacts with the museum. we offered a brief message of tribute to elie wiesel, since that is the main focus of the evening, but i don't know if the person with whom i was in contact brought that info to the attention of her superiors. therefore i've adjusted the response to reflect this, as you will see. let me know if you have any questions. i can send you separately the exchanges i had with the museum so that your dossier is complete (but i may need to wait to do that until tomorrow since i'm working from home today and retrieving it might be too cumbersome).
best,
richard

-----Mudiwa Mapuranga/NY/UNO wrote: -----

To: Richard Amdur/NY/UNO@UNHQ

From: Mudiwa Mapuranga/NY/UNO

Date: 03/21/2011 06:01PM

Cc: Alexandra Barahona Posada/NY/UNO@UNHQ

Subject: Draft reply to invitation to SG to serve on the Honorary Committee of the National Tribute Dinner of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Dear Richard,

As requested, I am send you a copy of the draft reply to the invitation to SG to serve on the Honorary Committee of the National Tribute Dinner of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Thank you.

Best,
Mudiwa

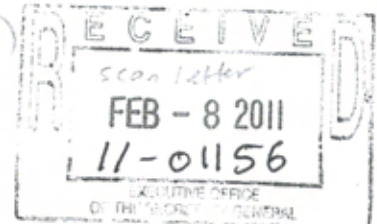
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February 3, 2011

His Excellency Ban Ki-moon
Secretary General of the United Nations
United Nations Plaza
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Secretary General:

On behalf of the Museum's presidentially-appointed governing Council, it is our privilege to invite you to serve on the Honorary Committee of our National Tribute Dinner on May 16, 2011 at which we will present our founding chairman Elie Wiesel with the Museum's highest honor.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Award has been established to annually recognize an internationally prominent individual whose actions have advanced the Museum's vision of creating a world where people confront hate, prevent genocide and promote human dignity.

The inaugural award will be presented to Professor Wiesel in recognition of his singular leadership of the cause of Holocaust remembrance. Exemplifying the ideals that our Museum encourages all to aspire to—that memory calls us to action—his extraordinary vision and moral stature not only created our institution but also inspired a worldwide movement to ensure the lessons of the Holocaust forever shape the human experience.

As part of the Honorary Committee, you will be recognized with other distinguished leaders on the invitation and in a commemorative tribute journal. We hope that you will join us in this special tribute to Elie Wiesel's inspirational leadership.

We have enclosed a reply form for your convenience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Barri-Sue Black at 202.488.0493 or bblack@ushmm.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tom A. Bernstein

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Chairman

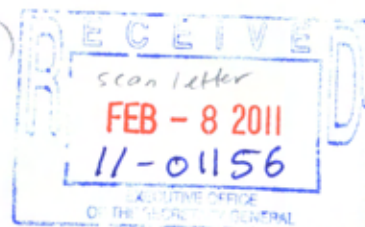
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2011 National Tribute Dinner

Honoring

Elie Wiesel

- ☐ Yes, I will serve on the Honorary Committee
- ☐ No, I cannot serve on the Honorary Committee

Please list my name as follows:

Name _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Signature _____

PLEASE FAX FORM BY FEBRUARY 21, 2011 TO:

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