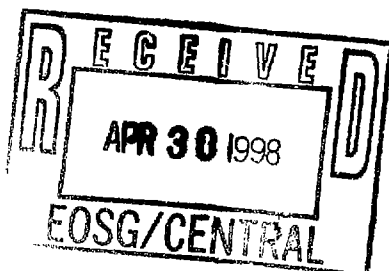


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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

VIP "B"
Texas Trip (4/98)



27 April 1998

Dear President Bush,

I wish to thank you and Mrs. Bush for your cordial hospitality during our brief visit in Houston last week. Nane and I enjoyed visiting your new home and I welcomed the chance to discuss with you some of the most pressing current matters before the United Nations, especially Iraq and the Middle East.

I am grateful for your continuing interest and support particularly on the impasse in Congress over payment of United States dues to the United Nations. As you know, this has created a deep dilemma for the Organization and for all who look to the United States for leadership.

It would be a pleasure to meet with you again when you are in New York.

Again, my thanks and best regards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Annan".

Kofi A. Annan

His Excellency
President George Bush
Houston