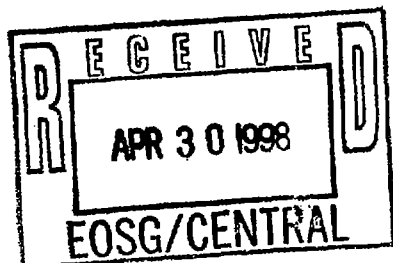


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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL



24 April 1998

Dear Countess du Boisrouvray,

Thank you for your kind letter and information about the noble and inspirational activities of the François-Xavier Bagnoud Foundation in Rwanda. Nane and I were delighted to meet you in Geneva, and were both moved by the account of your work to rebuild homes in Gitarama and thereby to foster reconciliation among the people of Rwanda.

I will forward copies of your letter and material to Mr. James Gustave Speth, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, and Mr. Klaus Töpfer, who heads the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) in Nairobi. I will ask them to be in contact with you if they can help with your request for assistance in your project.

Nane joins me in sending you our best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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

Kofi A. Annan

Countess Albina du Boisrouvray
New York

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