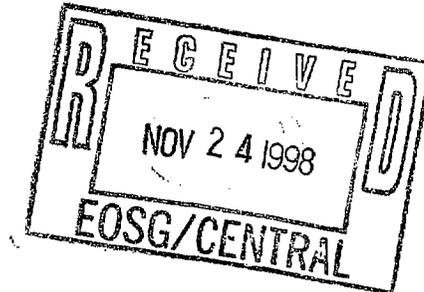


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Via Fax: 963 3511Mr. Kofi Anan
Secretary General
United Nations
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Secretary General:

It was a great pleasure to meet you last week at the Kissingers' dinner for Frank Wisner.

I would like to follow up on our conversation and formally invite you to come visit the Wall Street Journal at your earliest convenience for a discussion with editors and executives. The purpose of this meeting isn't so much to develop a particular story but to discuss a range of issues facing the world and the UN and get your views on them to guide our own coverage.

I realize your schedule is very full, so we obviously will accommodate you. If you are free for lunch, we'd be delighted to invite you. But if you have no free lunch in the next couple of months, I'd suggest we forego meals and focus on the pleasure of your company at any hour that you are available. (As foreign editor of the Journal in the mid-1980s I used to see Richard Nixon on foreign policy issues regularly at his New Jersey office. I once invited him into the Journal and he said he'd come only if no food was served.)

If you would be so kind as to pass this along to your schedulers and see if you could find some dates when we might be able to assemble our chairman, Peter Kann, whom you met at the Kissinger dinner, and our top editors, I would be deeply grateful.

I look forward to hearing from you. I will follow up in a few days and call your office to see if we can schedule a meeting with you.

With best regards,

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