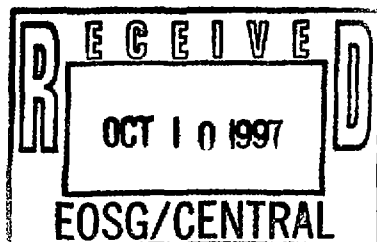


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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Italy
Venice Trip (8/97)



30 September 1997

Dear Mr. Vattani,

It was indeed a great pleasure for my wife Nane and me to meet you on the occasion of the International Film Festival in Venice. I am most thankful for the warm Italian hospitality so graciously accorded to us.

The unprecedented participation of the United Nations at the Festival was particularly gratifying to me, as it allowed me to meet and open a dialogue with many distinguished personalities from the motion picture industry.

I am truly appreciative of how your Ministry did everything possible to make my third visit in nine months another success.

I learned that at the last moment you could not come to New York with Minister Dini to attend the 52nd session of the General Assembly. I do, however, hope to see you very soon.

Yours sincerely,

Kofi A. Annan

Mr. Umberto Vattani
Secretary-General
Foreign Ministry of Italy
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2 October 1997

Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to Mr. Umberto Vattani, Secretary-General at the Foreign Ministry of Italy.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'S. Iqbal Riza'.

S. Iqbal Riza
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
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Permanent Representative of Italy
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