



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

20 July 2009

Dear Nancy, Kathy and Chip,

I write to convey my sincere condolences to you and your family on the death of your father.

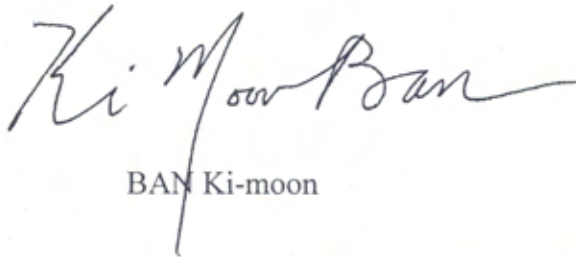
I join countless others around the world in mourning the passing of this great individual, who shaped both his times and our world.

We at the United Nations have an acute sense of loss, since your father did so much to support our work. Through his principled approach to covering international news, he shone a powerful media spotlight on issues that are among the highest on our agenda. He also lent us his voice and encouragement on a more personal level, most recently in October 2001, when he moderated a nationwide town hall meeting with my predecessor and participants from across the United States.

On that occasion, he said the United Nations “stands at the center of an unprecedented global coalition”, and he wished the Secretary-General “all the luck in the world” in his efforts for peace. Coming from someone so schooled in world affairs, and who was such a model of professional integrity, his solidarity was deeply appreciated.

At this time of sorrow, I hope you can draw comfort in knowing that his wide influence and powerful legacy will inspire people for generations to come. I wish you strength and courage in coping with this painful loss.

Yours sincerely,


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