

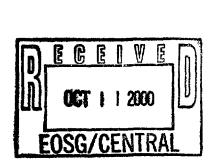
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

22 September 2000

Dear Sri Chinmoy,

I am pleased to join the many friends and well-wishers from around the world who have conveyed to you their birthday greetings as you enter your 70th year. Let me also take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your 30 years of dedication to the United Nations. Through your prayers, meditations, concerts and global "Peace Run", your work has linked peace-lovers in more than 100 countries and complemented that of the world Organization. I encourage you to continue in this creative and dynamic service.

Sincerely yours,



- Kofi A. Annan

Sri Chinmoy New York

				
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MESSAGE:

Dear Shashi,

Thank you for taking the time during the hectic Millennium Summit to advise me about the possibility of a meeting between the Secretary-General and Sri Chinmoy this fall. (My advice uses negative *)

Given the Secretary-General's busy schedule during the Assembly, instead of a meeting, perhaps the Secretary-General could join others from around the world who have been offering birthday greetings to Sri Chinmoy as he enters his 70th year. Well-wishers include Nelson Mandela, Mikhail Gorbachev, Atal B. Vajpayee, Al Gore and Vladimir Petrovsky, a dear friend who thanked him for his efforts in support of the UN.

If you think it appropriate, perhaps the Secretary-General could send Sri Chinmoy a one or twoline note of encouragement for his 30 years of service to the UN. I know this would mean so much to him.

With gratitude for your continued kindness,

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