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Dear Ms. Claxton,

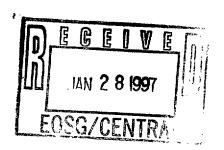
I am writing in reply to your letter of 7 January to the Secretary-General, in which you expressed the congratulations of the Sri Chinmoy Group on his election and requested him to receive Sri Chinmoy and a group of singers.

The Secretary-General has asked me to thank you and the Group for this letter and to convey his regrets at not being able to arrange a meeting. The requests for meetings are many, and his schedule simply does not permit a positive response.

Yours sincerely,

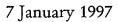
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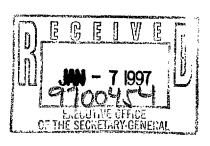
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Ms. Catherine V. Claxton Room DC2-404 United Nations New York, N.Y. 10017

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Your Excellency,

It is with great enthusiasm that I extend my sincere congratulations to you on your well deserved victory. I am so pleased that someone with your experience and understanding of the Organization is now in a position to make decisions based on actual knowledge.

I heard that you recently visited the Meditation Room. As Secretaries-General Hammarskjold and U Thant both valued meditation and were men of both vision and courage, I was gratified to find that you, too, value meditation. From my own experience, I have found it an invaluable source of inner strength.

While I have never discussed with you the "Sri Chinmoy: Peace Meditation at the United Nations" Group, I take this opportunity to share with you how happy the members are that you were elected. Sri Chinmoy has already written a song on your behalf and once he learned of your visiting the Meditation Room was so inspired, he put some of your inaugural speech to music. He would very much like to meet you and in honour of your election would ask a few singers from the Meditation Group to sing the songs to you. It would take just a few minutes of your time and I think that you would be pleased to see how your election, even your words have inspired so many.

Please accept this invitation as an expression of very best wishes for success in the formidable task ahead of you. I do hope that you will find time in your undoubtedly busy schedule to receive Sri Chinmoy and a small group of singers for a few minutes, perhaps during the first or second week of February. I will call your office next week to follow up.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration,

Catherine V/Claxton

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