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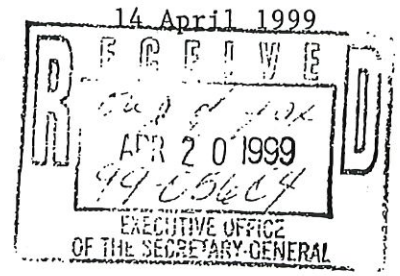
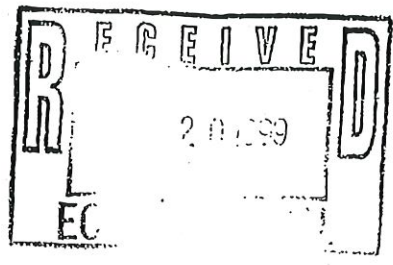
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Dear Mr. Secretary-General, *dear Kofi,*

It was a great pleasure to participate in the ACC and in the Retreat which followed at Mont Pelerin. I found our discussions highly interesting and enjoyed them very much.

The discussions in the Retreat have shown that we can do a lot together in building the new architecture which reflects the reality of a multipolar world and the emergence of new developing-country powers.

In my last public address, which I sent to you under separate cover, to the Institut des Hautes Etudes Internationales in Geneva, I referred to the need of a new forum for the management of the complex issues we are facing and indicated that the Millennium Summit could be the appropriate occasion to respond to the challenges before us with the same vision and imagination that inspired the post-war architects fifty years ago.

I am very pleased that the United Nations and the WTO have strengthened their cooperation and would like to take this opportunity, before leaving my tenure of office, to thank you most warmly for your generous words in the ACC and above all for the support and friendship you gave me over all these years.

With my best personal regards.

Yours sincerely,
best personal regards
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