

It will be recalled that the <u>Secretary-General agreed</u> to <u>present a gift</u> to the <u>participants</u> in the <u>Summit</u> - an album of the United Nations stamps with his signature.

Presently the gift is ready for distribution.

Mr. Miles Stoby made a recommendation that a bottom line for the recipients of the Secretary-General's gift be Deputy Prime Ministers.

A due notice of Mr. Stoby's recommendation was taken, although up to now a well-established criterion for presentation of gifts or other materials in connection with a given event, was participation in it, regardless of the level.

Thus, your final recommendation in this matter will help Protocol expedite this process.

I would also like to use this opportunity and invite your attention the fact that the Protocol and Liaison Service is receiving queries as to when it will be possible for the Permanent Missions to obtain copies of the group portrait of the participants in the Summit signed by the Secretary-General. This is how the photograph taken in the course of the Special Commemorative Meeting in 1995 was distributed by Protocol.

2 October 2000

Igor Novichenko Acting Chief of Protocol

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On the occasion of the Millennium Summit, it gives me great pleasure to present to you an album of stamps illustrating the work of our United Nations.

The United Nations Postal Administration has been issuing stamps for nearly 50 years. Also known as "messengers of peace", these stamps seek to focus attention on the many challenges and activities undertaken by the United Nations and its Member States.

Stamps are many things at once: objects of great beauty; effective vehicles for communication about the issues, events and personalities of our times; and rich symbols that remind us of the diversity of life on earth. It is not at all surprising that stamp collecting is the universal hobby.

The United Nations rosal Administration maintains close relations with many national postal administrations. I very much hope that this new issue of stamps will further that cooperation in the 21st century.

Please accept, «Field3», the assurances of my highest consideration.

Kofi A. Annan

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