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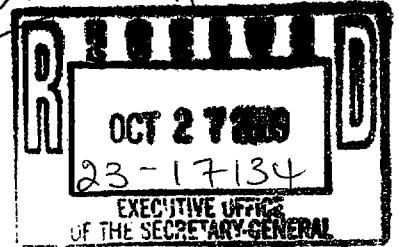
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THE PRESIDENT
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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I have the honour to transmit my heartfelt congratulations to you and all the staff of the United Nations on being awarded the 2003 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought by the European Parliament "in special memory of Sergio Vieira de Mello and many other United Nations officials who have lost their lives in carrying out their work for peace in the world". The award is further acknowledgement of and testament to the incomparable work done by the United Nations in the defence and promotion of human rights and democracy.

It is indeed fitting that the announcement of the award of the Sakharov Prize should take place on the eve of your unveiling of a Memorial dedicated to the United Nations staff who gave their lives in the noble service of peace and humanitarian relief.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Julian R. Hunte

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