

Sample of UN-Archives-SG-Electronic-Records-mention Sri Chinmoy or Meditation Group at UN.

This Draft Informal Finding aid, is sorted by scan image order for each Folder.

The original Word Doc can also be in date of item order.

Note: Not All scan images are listed separately. Some items with multiple pages, only describe the first scan image. However, the content column may include indication for following images scanned. E.g.:

- “Devoted Report” of (1977) has contents of many pages.
- A response content description may include an excerpt from an incoming request or transmittal memo.

Some items appear more than once in the 221 scanned images. (e.g. in S-0910-0015-07-000001.pdf)

- One document may have been attached, annotated or referenced multiple times within correspondence.

Hopefully this **informal aid** will make the images on the pdf easier to understand by date while still having represented the original scan image order:

AG-006* Summary of AG-006 Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim (1972-1981)

* AG = Archive Group; S - Series

S-0910 United Nations specialized agencies and other bodies 1972-1981

S-0910-0015-07 Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations (Folder)

S-0910-0015-07-00001 Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations (221 scan images)

S-0972 Secretary-General's correspondence with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations 1971-1981

S-0972-0011-08 Sri Chinmoy Mediation at the United Nations - (Folder)

S-0972-0011-08-00001 Items-in-Sri Chinmoy Mediation at the United Nations (021 Scan images)

S-0972-0013-08 United Nations Mediation Group (Sri Chinmoy) (Folder)

S-0972-0013-08-00001 Items-in-United Nations Mediation Group (Sri Chinmoy) (077 scan images)

Note: on other (Sub-)Series included in list: S-0974, S-0985 and S-0990

- ***Two (sub-) Series of S-0974 (Correspondence) have some mention of Sri Chinmoy in folder title. Would need to physically see file or item list since individual items do not appear to be scanned as of Jun 2021***

Reference	Title or condensed description	Dates	image	Content or expanded description
S-0974-0001-14-00001?	SG-organizations and individuals 1971-1982 [Correspondence] - Sri Chinmoy	1975-1977	?	-Records-SG-Waldheim-Folder Correspondence-Sri-Chinmoy-1975-77-one-item-originally-classification -Personal. See snip-description – May need item list
S-0974-0010-05	SG-organizations and individuals 1971-1982 [Correspondence] - Sri Chinmoy	1978-1981	?	-SG-Waldheim-1978-1981-Folder-Correspondance-Sri-Chinmoy-need-item-list

- ***Three (sub-) Series of S-0985 (Statements) and S-0990 (Emergency Relief) with other folder titles also include scanned items that mention of Sri Chinmoy or Meditation Group at UN***

Reference	Title or condensed description	Dates	image	Content or expanded description
S-0985-0005-05-00001	Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim (1972-1981) - Statements	1975-10-24	040/162	-SG-Waldheim-Messages-incoming -mention-SC-in-letterhead-of-Planetary-citizens
S-0985-0007-12-00001	Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim (1972-1981) - Statements	1979-12	015/044	-sg-waldheim-statements-mentions-SC-in-Secretariat-news-1976-dec-16-scan-image-15-of-44
S-0985-0007-12-00001	Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim (1972-1981) - Statements	1979-12	007 to 033/044	-sg-Waldheim-statements-full Secretariat-news-Dec-1976-images-07-33. Med-Group-is at image-15
S-0990-0001-04-00001	Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim (1972-1981) - Emergency and Relief Operations- UNICEF	1975-10	001/151 to 014/151	-SG-Waldheim-relief-ops-UNICEF-image 001-to-014-of-151-mention-SC-Med-Group-at-un-co-sponsor-30th-GA-Event and Sri Chinmoy Participation with a Silent Meditation and short talk, SG sent statement for event

Sort by Reference Number:

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AG-006 1972 -81	Summary of AG-006 Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim (1972-1981) *AG = Archive Group	Active Dates 1945-1983 Administrative History: Kurt Waldheim of Austria was elected Secretary-General of the United Nations on 22 December 1971; he took office 1 January 1972	1972-1981		<p>https://search.archives.un.org/downloads/secretary-general-kurt-waldheim-1972-1981.pdf</p> <p>Scope and Content: Fonds consists of records of Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, relating to his responsibilities as chief administrative officer of the Secretariat and as chief coordinator of the legislative, political, socio-economic, and military bodies of the United Nations. Fonds is arranged in the following record series.</p> <p>UN. SECRETARY-GENERAL (1972-1981 : WALDHEIM)</p> <p>Administrative and management matters 1970-1981 S-0897</p> <p>Peacekeeping - Africa 1963-1981 S-0902</p> <p>Peacekeeping - code cables 1972-1981 S-0898</p> <p>Peacekeeping - Cyprus 1971-1981 S-0903</p> <p>Peacekeeping - India/Pakistan/Bangladesh 1971-1977 S-0900</p> <p>Peacekeeping - Middle East 1945-1981 S-0899</p> <p>Peacekeeping - Vietnam and Indo-China 1954-1981 S-0901</p> <p>Political matters - country files 1963-1981 S-0904</p> <p>Political matters - disarmament 1972-1981 S-0905</p> <p>Political matters - miscellaneous records 1972-1981 S-0906</p> <p>Press matters and public relations 1971-1981 S-0973</p> <p>Secretary-General's correspondence with heads-of-state, governments, and representatives/observers to the United Nations 1965-1981 S-0907</p> <p>Secretary-General's correspondence with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations 1971-1981 S-0972</p> <p>Secretary-General's correspondence with outside organizations and individuals 1971-1982 S-0974</p> <p>Secretary-General's correspondence with United Nations associations 1971-1981 S-0988</p> <p>Secretary-General's meetings 1973-1975</p> <p>S-0984 Secretary-General's messages and statements 1971-1981 S-0985</p> <p>Secretary-General's personal files 1971-1983 S-0986</p> <p>Secretary-General's trips 1972-1981 S-0987</p>

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					United Nations celebrations, concerts, and other events 1972-1981 S-0989 United Nations commissions, committees, and conferences 1971-1981 S-0913 United Nations emergency and relief operations 1972-1981 S-0990 United Nations General Assembly 1972-1981 S-0908 United Nations Secretariat departments 1968-1981 S-0983 United Nations Security Council and other organs 1971-1981 S-0909 United Nations special programmes 1971-1981 S-0971 United Nations specialized agencies and other bodies 1972-1981 S-0910 United Nations subsidiary bodies 1971-1981 S-0911
S-0910	Specialized Agencies	1972-1982	1972-1982		Scope and Content: Series documents the liaison of the Secretary-General with the specialized agencies of the United Nations: the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Universal Postal Union (UPU), the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank), the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). Records include correspondence, handwritten notes, news clippings, etc. Arranged alphabetically by organization
S-0910-0015	Specialized Agencies	Sub Series of Specialized Agencies 1975-1981	1975-01-30 to 1981-11-09		
S-0910-0015-07	Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations Folder Level : Unclassified (spell Chonmoy)	SG Waldheim (1972-1981) - Specialized Agencies - Sri Chonmoy Meditation at UN (spelling Chinmoy)	1975-09-11 to 1979-12-18		Folder Level : Unclassified
S-0910-0015-07-00000	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations	Part 1 of scanned items dated Dec 1979 – April 1978 order	1979-12-31	000/221	https://search.archives.un.org/uploads/r/united-nations-archives/b/2/7/b27a40d6887fb9c0ce6ab84a0d5a514ff8d15fde0a43d13e32966647ef38484e/S-0910-0015-07-00001.PDF S-0910-0015-07-00001.PDF
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1979-12-14	002/221	1979 dec 14 – S-G to Sri Chinmoy: Book: 40 Gratitude Flowers – thank you for good wishes and book dedication. “Thank you for your, good wishes on my birthday and for sending me an inscribed copy of your book “Four Hundred 400 Gratitude - Flower – Hearts”. You may be sure that I greatly appreciated the very kind words you addressed to me both in the dedication to your book and in the card which accompanied it. With kind regards
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1979-12-12	002/221	1979 -dec-12 – S-G to Sri Chinmoy: thank you flowers

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					“Thanks for the delightful flower arrangement which you so kindly sent to me on Human Rights Day. You may be sure that this thoughtful gesture and your words in support of my endeavors were highly appreciated”
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1979-10-16	005/221	1979-oct-16 Prog Invitation In in honor of the Federal Republic of Germany Joining the United Nations (18 Sep 1973) – Perm Rep of Germany and visual presentation on the Federal Republic of Germany Sponsored by Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1979-10-17	006/221	1979-oct-17 E.Suy on honorary title MG request and response
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1979-10-15	013/221	1979-oct-15 Mrs. Waldheim invite to luncheon from R. Tooker. OSG Regrets: “Mrs. Waldheim has asked me to express to you her appreciation for your kind invitation to be present at this luncheon. However, she regrets. that a longstanding previous engagement will prevent her from attending. May I take this opportunity to wish you a most enjoyable luncheon.” - From invitation:” This fall, the Meditation Group is pleased to host, a luncheon and concert honouring women in the international community who are present in New York during the 34 th General Assembly. This is our third annual event, and we hope this year's programme will again be successful in providing an opportunity for professional women and the wives of delegation members to meet and enjoy an informal atmosphere, a buffet luncheon and an esraj concert. As the "First Lady" of the United Nations, you are most cordially invited to attend, and we would be deeply grateful if you would offer some brief introductory remarks to greet the ladies who will be present. The programme will also include readings from famous women in the United Nations' history and a slide presentation.
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1979-03-27	018/221	1979-mar-27 to 19 78-dec-15 remarks Mr. Mayrhofer-Grunbuhel On Austria Joining UN prog 15 dec 1978 and on SG birthday - glad I am to be here with you today...commemoration of Joining the United Nations, which indeed for Austria was a very important event. And as an Austrian I am very glad to have been here on this occasion. Of course, my present allegiance is only to the United Nations, which I serve now. But I can confess to you that at times I still feel homesick for Austria, and maybe some of you will understand that after having seen these beautiful slides which were Just shown to us. -“The other part of the programme, of course, deals with our Secretary-General and his forthcoming 60th birthday. He has asked me to thank all of you, and in particular the members of the Meditation Group, for this programme. He has asked me to convey his sincere and very best greetings and wishes to all of you. -“Dr. Ortner has already spoken about the beautiful. music here today. I must say that I liked the most recent song ("Congratulation") especially. - “I have been working for the Secretary-General for almost six years~ now, two years when he was Foreign Minister in Austria and almost four years now here in New York, and I can only tell you that it certainly is worth working for him.
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1979-03-26	021/221	1979-mar-26 book “Einstein: Scientist – Sage” office acknowledge

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					<p>“absence of the Secretary-General on official business abroad, I wish to acknowledge receipt. of your letter of 20 March 1979 enclosing a copy of Sri Chinmoy’s book "Einstein: Scientist - Sage".</p> <p>You may be assured that I shall bring this book to the attention of the Secretary-General upon his return to Headquarters. I know that the Secretary-General would wish me to convey to Sri Chinmoy his appreciation of this kind gesture.</p> <p>1979 March 20- Transmittal Letter incoming: “Dear Mr. Waldheim, United Nations Ambassadors as well as colleagues of Albert Einstein offered very moving tributes to the scientist-humanitarian in our programme today, "Einstein and World Peace." It is in this spirit and with this inspiration that I am very happy to forward to you Sri Chinmoy’s recently published book, Einstein: Scientist-Sage, which Sri Chinmoy sends with his deepest respect and gratitude.”</p>
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-12-20	O23/221	<p>1978 -Dec 20 – SG to Sri Chinmoy: Thank you for 60 birthday celebration</p> <p>“thank you for the kind wishes which you extended to me in connection with my 60th birthday and for the beautiful flower you sent me for this occasion. I very much regret that official commitments related to the General Assembly made it impossible for me to join you for ,oar Group’s gathering on 15 December, but I greatly appreciated the invitation to take part in this programme...told me of the activities that had so kindly been arranged, for which I am indeed grateful.</p>
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-11-02	025/221	<p>1978- Nov-02 To SG. Thank you from Sri Chinmoy for meeting 24 oct, UN day with SG.</p> <p>“am so grateful that you were able to take time from your busy schedule to see me on U,N. Day. It was an unparalleled privilege and honour for me to be able to meet with you and offer you my soulful homage. Dear Secretary-General, you are the Supreme Pilot of the United Nations Boat, guiding the world to a new illumination-dawn, and all peace-loving human beings are your oarsmen. Those who are blessed with inner aspiration and vision are indeed happy and proud to have you as their Boatman. Once more I wish to offer you my heart’s garland of gratitude for saving our Meditation Group and granting us the supreme opportunity to continue serving you through our devoted activities at the United Nations. Yours in the Supreme”</p>
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-08-01	026/221 to 043/221	<p>1978 Aug – Press coverage (including NY Newsday)</p> <p>from various locations on Sri Chinmoy 47th Birthday and events including e.g. City of NY, Mayor Koch; Proclamations from all NY City Boroughs, NY Newsday, Greenwich Times, 47 mile marathon. and Consul General Mehrotra’s Tribute 1978 Sep 27 in California Concert San Francisco, SF Mayor Welcome, Sacramento, Runners World Magazine, Honorary Visiting Scholar at Pacific School of Religion, Associated Students and Department of Music of Stanford University</p>
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-10-13	044/221	<p>1978 Oct 13 To FMG-OSG from MG Peck/Keefe</p> <p>-Thank you to FMG “on behalf of the Meditation Group for your long efforts on our behalf. Please accept the flowers as a small token of our appreciation</p> <p>“ We have received a copy of the Secretary-General’s letter through Ambassador Rossides, and as we understand it we now are at liberty to request and receive meeting rooms. We intend to proceed in this today unless we hear otherwise from you</p>

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S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-10-10	048/221	1978 Oct 10 Eric Suy, Legal Counsel to FMG-OSC ,Sri Chinmoy Meditation Group “two questions raised in your memorandum of 8 September 1978 in connection with the above mentioned Meditation Group: (1) As regards the name of the Group, either the first alternative suggested by Mr. Keefe or the name suggested in my memorandum of 12 May 1978 would be acceptable to us; (2) As regards the use of meeting room, we agree with the attached letter dated 29 September 1978 from the Secretary-General to Ambassador Rossides. - Hand written note on Bottom of copy that is scanned: "Mr. Keefe called on behalf of the Meditation Group and inquired about par (1). I explained to him that the Legal Counsel had not found any objection with regard to the name Mr. Keefe requested. As to a written statement in this matter I referred him to the Legal Counsel.
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-09-08	049/221	1978-Sep-08 FMG-OSG to E-Suy, Legal Counsel ; Meditation Group 1. Name, Meditation Group suggested following wording: Alternatives: Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the UN (preferred); Meditation at the UN; Oneness Meditation at the UN. In your memo of 12 May you suggested a title such as "Sri Chinmoy Meditation Group in the UN Community"...provide better and clearer identification of the Group. 2. Use of meeting rooms: "Conference Services, who told me that they cannot take the Responsibility for deciding who is entitled. to use UN meeting rooms and that rooms have to be requested through either of the following channels: - Delegation (through the Chief of Protocol) - Recreation Council (for member groups) - Staff Council or - Visitors Service The Meditation Group has informed me that for the time being they will make their requests through Delegations of Member States, pending a decision which channel should be used in future. Your advice would be appreciated.
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-08-31	050/221	1978 Aug 31 To Mr. Mayrhofer from Keefe – Meditation Group: A. As discussed, Possible wording for name of Group: 1. Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the UN (preferred); 2. Meditation at the UN; 3. Oneness Meditation at the UN. *(name of group) is an association, of U.N. delegates, staff, NGO representatives and accredited press correspondents, B. Sri Chinmoy's schedule permits him to be in New York on the following dates in September: September 1-2; September 21-26
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-09-29	051/221	1978 Sep 29, Letter to Amb. Rossides, Cyprus from SG. Cc: Amb of Liberia, Amb. of Panama Re: Rooms for Meditation Group. “ acknowledge with thanks your letter of 12 September, which was also signed by the Permanent Representatives of Panama and Liberia.” “let me assure you that I am aware of the esteem in which the Meditation Group is held by many staff members and members of diplomatic missions.

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					<p>“according to the established practices, a Mission to the United Nations may request facilities for such use as it deems appropriate, thereby assuming the responsibility for the event or events in question. In view of your request, therefore, I have asked the departments concerned to grant appropriate facilities to the Meditation Group subject to their availability in terms of the needs of the Organization and the member states. The detailed arrangements will be worked out by the relevant departments.”</p>
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-09-12	053/221	<p>1978-Sep-12-leter from Illueca, Panama; Rossides, Cyprus; Thomas, Liberia; to SG-Rooms for Med Group.</p> <p>“We are writing to you to express our strong support for the Meditation Group and the type of meaningful and fruitful programmes which over the years this group has come to represent.</p> <p>“Having participated in some of these programmes, we are concerned--upon-discovering that this worthwhile group is encountering inexplicable difficulty in obtaining use of the facilities at United Nations Headquarters.</p> <p>“We therefore request your assurances that in the future the Meditation Group will be granted use of the meeting rooms on a permanent basis, so that their activities in the spirit of service to the international community will add inner glory to the United Nations. Accept, sir, the assurances of our highest consideration, (Signed) Jorge E. Illueca, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Panama Zenon Rossides Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Cyprus David M. Thomas, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Liberia”</p>
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-08-10	055/221	<p>1978-Aug-10 Sri Chinmoy to Mr. Mayrhofer, Office of SG, Situation regarding room denial.</p> <p>“The memorandum referred to your letter of 27 June 1978 addressed to me in which you stated, "In view of the Meditation Group's long affiliation with UN staff members and delegates, the group could be granted the use of meeting rooms on a discretionary basis, depending of course, on the official needs of the Organization and of the delegations."</p> <p>“When he was advised that your letter gave the advice of the Office of 'the Secretary-General in this regard, he consented to read the relevant parts of your letter. However, we were shocked and unbelieving when he announced that your decisions were not binding on him. When we expressed our disbelief, he flatly stated . _ that he was under instructions not to grant rooms. to the Meditation Group. He then consulted with his superior ,, who agreed with his actions. The motive for denying rooms to our Group is extremely curious if not blatantly obvious when it is noted that ...is head of both Conference Services and the UN Staff Recreation Council.</p> <p>We suggested that the whole matter be deferred until your return but requested that a room be made available on a one-time-only basis so that this programme of special meaning to the UN community could take place.</p> <p>This request too was denied by Mr. Figueroa saying that he would not let a precedent be set. Yet he clearly was establishing new precedents in callousness and lack of regard</p> <p>.(It should be noted that this programme did eventually take place in a rented hall across the Plaza with a capacity crowd of approximately 150 UN people.)</p>

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					This kind of action is something we have long feared since it speaks so poorly of the high Organization that we are all trying to foster. ...this behaviour and these actions, ...certainly cannot be in anyone's best interests, and we ask for your concern in resolving this impasse.
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-07-18	059/221	1978-Jul-18 OSG thank for flowers. 2 yr. anniversary of meeting with SG . "On behalf of the Secretary-General who is at present on official business abroad, I wish to thank you for the flower arrangement and the card which you sent to him today. I know that the secretary-General will very much appreciate this thoughtful gesture. - Incoming Transmittal card: "Sri Chinmoy and the members of the Meditation Group offer the Secretary-General their soulful gratitude for his granting them the first short interview two years ago, 16 July, and for allowing them to .sing the song "O Kurt Waldheim."
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-06-27	061/221	1978-Jun-27 OSG Mayrhofer to SC 3 pages "In view of the Meditation Group's long affiliation with UN staff members and delegates, the group could be granted the use of meeting rooms on a discretionary basis, depending of course, on the official needs of the Organization and of the delegations."... " our main concern is to resolve this matter in a way which takes into account the best interests of the Meditation Group as well as of our organization."
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations	Part 1 of scanned items dated Dec 1979 – April 1978 order	1978-04-20	064/221 Also scanned at 104/221; 110/220; 118/221; and 120/221	1978-apr-20- SC letter to SG – use of rooms, - "kind letter of March 21 in which he assured me that your good office is considering a request by the Meditation Group. More specifically we are requesting your assurance that if we fail to continue to be a part of the U.N. Staff Recreation Council, we will still be able to use the meeting rooms here at Headquarters for our weekly meditation meetings. I understand that there are a number of other groups...(mention of other groups also meeting outside recreation council.) are granted us of U.N. facilities. - The members of the Meditation Group wish to be of service to the United Nations by furthering the tradition of meditation and offering the renewed dedication to UN ideals that meditation brings. The tradition as you know began at San Francisco in 1945 and continues at the opening and closing of each Session of the General Assembly. The "light and the rock" of the Meditation Room bears permanent testimony to the need for a room of quiet in the midst of the debates, successes and failures in the daily work of the organization. It is our hope that the Meditation Group can continue to be of service to the U.N. community through its regular meditation meetings and its special programmes of an inspirational nature. We sincerely wish that we shall each year be able to present to you a devoted Report of our collective activities as we did in 1977...., o we hope that you will look favourably upon our request and grant that we may continue to meet and offer our humble service to you and the United Nations family."
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations	Part 2 Here a few 1979 items appear again in scan	1979-06-15	069/221	1979 Jun 15 OSG Acknowledge 1978 Devoted Report to SG "The Secretary-General has asked me to convey his sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness in sending him this report and for the kind words which you addressed to him"

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S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations	Part 2 Here a few 1979 items appear again in scan	1979-06-12	070/221	1979 Jun 12 Sri Chinmoy on behalf of MG presents 1978 Devoted Report. “On behalf of the members of the Meditation Group, I am happy to present to you our annual Devoted Report, covering our activities during 1978. It was our heart's desire to soulfully and devotedly serve the United Nations community with more activities, but as you know, last year the Group unfortunately met with some inclement weather. In this respect we are eternally grateful to you, our dear Secretary-General, for so graciously and generously saving us from our painful difficulties. It is all due to your kindness and compassion that our Meditation Group exists today and is able to continue to offer the U.N. its inner good will and outer service. So it is with our deepest gratitude and appreciation that we again dedicate this Report to you for your untiring, constant and unconditional work for mankind and the supreme cause of world peace. We can never adequately express how thankful we are for your superb guidance and .inspiration, -especially during this last year, but we do hope that you feel our heart's most sincere and unending gratitude. “ thankful we are for your superb guidance and inspiration” ...”feel our heart’s most sincere and unending gratitude.” (the above two 1979 items may have been a misfile when referenced and refiled in office or during scanning process)
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-06-16	071/221	1978 Jun 16 MG-routing slip AKK to OSG-FMG points of concern with copies of original and revised Rec Council constitution. “grateful for sincere concern” - 1978 May 10 Copy of revised STAFF RC constitution circulated –(with new sections marked) - 1966 Jan 31 UN Recreation Council revision (in Effect till 12 April 1978)
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-06-16	087/221 Repeated at 089/221	1978 Jun 16 – MG-AKK to OSG -FMG “Points of concern in UN Staff Recreation Council Constitution: - Name of Club “ambassadors concern is best voiced by Ambassador Illueca of Panama: "I note with some concern the effort to change the name of this Group to one which includes the words ‘Staff Recreation Council'. I find this unadvisable in that it does not reflect the real nature of the Group and it tends to discourage participation of delegations through the terms ‘staff Recreation’." We are extremely sorry that the Executive Committee chose to deliberately ignore this and similar entreaties by several other noted ambassadors. - Financial report Since the Meditation Group has always relied on voluntary contributions from within its membership to defray costs of programmes and has never sought funding of any kind from the Recreation Council, we feel that the finances of the Group do not need the approval of any authority from the Executive Committee of the Council ... - Review of activities and publications It is simply impossible for us to accept any rule that could lead to the role of Steering Committee or Censorship Board for the Executive Committee of the Council. As staff members we have a right to pursue our common interest--meditation--and to seek to inspire others in a more meaningful and thoughtful commitment to the U.N. Not only does the Executive Committee criticise our activities, but they also have deliberately attacked our

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					<p>teacher, Sri Chinmoy.. The Executive Committee's repeatedly questioning attitude toward the high-minded teacher of our Group is an all too-ready example of their misuse of authority and one which we find totally incredible and painfully shocking, Our late Secretary-General U Thant was kind enough to have Sri Chinmoy as his dear friend and he once remarked to him:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"Whoever speaks to me about you is all appreciation and admiration, and I personally feel that you have been doing a most significant task for the United Nations."</p> <p>- In all sincerity we feel compelled to state our hesitancy to have any further dealings with the Executive Committee of the Staff Recreation Council. Our relationship with this Committee has been poisoned by what we see as inordinate actions and completely illogical allegations directed at the Meditation Group. ... But the height of affrontery was reached when, in replying to ambassadors who had written in our support, the Executive Committee questioned the very motives of the Meditation Group and vaguely alluded to some kind of financial improprieties. We can only refer to this as baseless and uncomely behavior, particularly in that it occurred within the United Nations.</p>
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-05-12	111/221	<p>1978-may-12 -From Eric Suy, Legal Council to FMG-OSG, Re MG Name and Use of facilities.</p> <p>2. “ the Meditation Group could be allowed on a discretionary basis to use UN facilities....as a matter of policy first preference for facilities must be reserved for the official needs of the Organization and the delegations.”</p> <p>3. use of the UN name, emblem or flag are reserved both by law and custom exclusive for the use of the Organization. The United Nations has always sought to protect these as its own and to avoid any unfavourable confusion</p> <p>4. Of course, exceptions to this policy can and had been made. Within the Secretariat, the UN Women's Guild and the UN Blood Drive are two examples. Outside activities may also be granted such use. For example, UN We Believe has been permitted the use of an abbreviated form of the name and a modified form of the emblem. <i>This permission is granted only if the requesting group clearly supports the principles and goals of the United Nations.</i></p> <p>5. The Meditation Group has had a long-term affiliation with the Organization and many UN staff members and delegates of the Permanent Missions participate in its activities. As such, there may be some basis for granting the Group use of the term "United Nations" in its title. However, it must also be remembered that within the United Nations staff Recreation Council there are several other religious or philosophical groups composed of staff members and delegates. The Transcendental Meditation group, the Mystics Round Table and the Pacem in Terris group are but three. In permitting the Meditation Group to use the United Nations' name, care should be taken not to give the impression that it alone or predominantly represents staff and delegates in this type of activity. Therefore, if the Meditation Group, as an unaffiliated organization, is to be granted its request, care should be taken to avoid any misconception as to the scope of its representation. We suggest that a title such as "Sri Chinmoy Meditation Group in the United Nations Community" should satisfy that Group's request as well as protect the status of other groups such as those mentioned. Of course, the</p>

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					<p>permission for the use of even this title may carry conditions and be made subject to revocation for cause.</p> <p>6. A final determination in the request of the Meditation Group for use of facilities and the name or emblem of the United Nations should be made on the basis of the above considerations. We, therefore, recommend that the Secretary-General's decision with regard to the request of the Group be made on the basis of the general policy of the Organization together with due consideration for the interests of the Meditation Group as well as other staff groups already established within the United Nations community.</p>
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-05-05	113/221	<p>1978-May-05 MG conveys SC extremely grateful for letter of 03 may 1978 “consideration you have been giving this matter.” “Sri Chinmoy wishes me to convey to you that he is extremely grateful for your letter of 3 May 1978 and for the kind consideration you have been giving this matter.”</p>
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-05-03	114/221	<p>1978 May 03 BL-USG conference services to FMG=OSG-Request of MG. “group will have to get the approval of the Secretary-General to conduct its activities on United Nations premises with the assistance of United Nations personnel. Secondly, - use of the united Nations name, logo and flag. ... advisable to seek the opinion of our Office of Legal Affairs on these questions. If and when the Secretary-General recognizes this group, as indicated in paragraph 2 above, our Department of Conference Services, the Office of General Services and Security will treat them in accordance with their new status.</p>
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-05-03	115/221	<p>1978 May 03 FMG-OSG to Sri Chinmoy “on behalf of the Secretary-General I would like to acknowledge with thanks your letter of 20 April . I wish to assure you that the questions raised therein will receive the most careful consideration and we will of course keep you informed in this regard.”</p>
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-03-23	119/221	<p>1978 mar 23 SC-MG to FMG-OSG “Gratitude for your kind letter – value your concern in our present, tiring difficulties.. “request to an-arrange an appointment at a more distant and hopefully less occupied date, as in late May or June?”</p>
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-04-20	120/221? Also scanned at 064/221 And 104/221 and 110/220 And 118/221	<p>1978-apr-20- SC letter to SG – use of rooms, - “kind letter of March 21 in which he assured me that your good office is considering a request by the Meditation Group. More specifically we are requesting your assurance that if we fail to continue to be a part of the U.N. Staff Recreation Council, we will still be able to use the meeting rooms here at Headquarters for our weekly meditation meetings. I understand that there are a number of other groups...(mention of other groups also meeting outside recreation council.) are granted us of U.N. facilities. - The members of the Meditation Group wish to be of service to the United Nations by furthering the tradition of meditation and offering the renewed dedication to UN ideals that meditation brings. The tradition as you know began at San Francisco in 1945 and continues at the opening and closing of each Session of the General Assembly.</p>

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					<p>The "light and the rock" of the Meditation Room bears permanent testimony to the need for a room of quiet in the midst of the debates, successes and failures in the daily work of the organization.</p> <p>It is our hope that the Meditation Group can continue to be of service to the U.N. community through its regular meditation meetings and its special programmes of an inspirational nature.</p> <p>We sincerely wish that we shall each year be able to present to you a devoted Report of our collective activities as we did in 1977....., we hope that you will look favourably upon our request and grant that we may continue to meet and offer our humble service to you and the United Nations family."</p>
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-04-13-18	121/221	<p>1978-apr-18 -routing to OSG-FMG from USG-BL -fyi</p> <p>1978-apr-13 to USG-BL from J. Kaman Personal</p> <p>"Shocked by behaviour" "If, in fact, you. have been misled, I pray you will have the integrity to discover the source mid reverse your position."</p>
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-04-10	123/221	<p>1978-apr-10 USG-BL to J. Kamen</p> <p>"possibility is of course always open .to members of the United Nations staff or of delegations or associated groups of organizing activities outside the framework of the United Nations Staff Recreation Council. The rules and restrictions of the Council would. not. then apply to them, and such groups would be free to find their own legal framework, either with the assistance of the Office of Legal Affairs..."</p>
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-03-13	125/221	<p>1978-Mar-13 to USG-BL from J. Kaman, Newsperson Personal.</p> <p>I have become familiar with the activities of the UN Meditation Group which has earned my deep respect, admiration and even participation. I have personally heard praises of · the Group's work from such distinguished persons as Meguid of Egypt, Soffer of Israel, Lowenstein of the US and Mhlambiso of the African National Congress to name a few.</p> <p>Usually, as you know, local t.v. stations tend to cover the U.N. on a purely crisis/episode basis. That was essentially true for me. However, this last year I have put so- much time into covering U.N. matters and getting them out to our 10 affiliated stations that --Messrs. Stadjuhar and Powell have thanked me for my concern and. commitment. Truly, this concern and commitment was heightened by my participation in the Meditation Group activities which always seem to capture the ·essence of the U-N' s role.</p> <p>UN Meditation Group publications have won high praise from diplomats such as Andrew Young, Andrew Young had just returned from Atlanta where Mrs. King showed him her copy of the UN Meditation · Group's "Martin Luther King," program. The Ambassador described the booklet as "a beautifully produced and moving keepsake that made Coretta and a -lot of other -people feel very good. A good Piece of work." I have known Mr. Young well for the past thirteen years. He is not loose with his praise.</p> <p>The Meditation Group has earned a fine name and changing it would surely damage its credibility and its capacity to serve all people of all faiths of all political persuasions. The UN Meditation Group was a friend of U Thant and he of it. In its own humble way, the Meditation Group is heir to his legacy of peace-in-quiet. Shouldn't its good name be preserved unchanged?</p>

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S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-03-23	127/221	1978-mar-23 K. Peck to B.L. Chair Rec. Council; cc: FMG – OSG, About Publications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “ on our publications, along with the approved phrase denoting the character and composition of our Group, will be included the following line: "The views expressed herein are presented as a service by the Meditation Group and are not intended to represent the official views of the United Nations or its Agencies.” (This Phrase was slightly changed to reflect further Legal Office observation to: ‘This information is presented as a service, and does not necessarily represent the official views of the United Nations or its Agencies’ – this revision more accurately reflected that content might also contain official views or statements - ...will delete the words "United Nations -New York" from the covers oof our publications as it seemed to cause you some concern.... - ...henceforth refer to Sri Chinmoy not as our Director, but as a teacher of our Group who leads meditation”, (in practice henceforth referred to as teacher, leader or founder of Meditation Group)
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations	Part 2 Here a few 1979 items appear again in scan	1978-03-21	128/221	1978 Mar-21 FMG-OSG to Sri Chinmoy acknowledge letter 17 Mar 1978 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -use of rooms by the Meditation Group is being carefully reviewed and I assure you it will receive all due consideration - SG away good deal of April and “heavily occupied with the special session of the General Assembly on Namibia”
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-03-17	130/221	1978-Mar-17 Sri Chinmoy to Secretary-General, Devoted Report, Meeting Rooms, Future meeting with S-G. <p>“I am very happy that by this time you have received our <u>Devoted Report to the Secretary-General</u> covering the activities of our Meditation Group during the year 1977. It is my hope that we may be able to offer you this report on our efforts each year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May I request your kind assurance in a certain regard. I would likr you to grant that our Meditation Group will still be able to use the rooms here in the building to conduct meetings even if we fail to continue to be a part of the U.N. Staff Recreation Council. The Meditation Group and I shall be eternally grateful to you if you could help us in this predicament. - I feel that this arrangement would also be most satisfactory to the ambassadors of the United States, Tanzania, Panama, Cyprus, Liberia, Italy and the Dominican Republic who were so kind as to write letters of deep appreciation and support for us in our unending difficulties (copies of these letters were forwarded to Mr. Mayrhofer) “. - May I also at this time make another humble request. I promised you last year while presenting you with a copy of my book on U Thant that I would also write a book on you. I recently completed work on this book and I expect it will soon be back from the publisher. Would it be possible at some time in April for me to briefly meet with you and present you with my devoted offering? - Again, I am extremely grateful to your assistant Mr. Mayrhofer, for supplying me "with much needed information as well as his own personal feelings toward you.

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					Thank you for your kind consideration in these respects. With warm and devoted regards,
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S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-03-11	132/221	1978-mar-11 Ambassador Piero Vinci, Italy to Sri Chinmoy RE Book on S-G "congratulate you for the initiative of compiling a book on the Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and his work at the United Nations. I am very glad to contribute with my personal memories to the realisation of the book which, I am sure, will be as successful as the previous one you published on the late U Thant.
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-03-02	133/221	1978-Mar-02 From Ms. Lilian Carter to Meditation Group; Handwritten note from US Pres. Carter's mother. Subscription to "Meditation at the UN" Periodic Bulletin "Thank you very much for the subscription to the bulletin, I'm sure I will enjoy every one. With kindest regards to Sri Chinmoy and all the gang. Sincerely (signed)
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-03-02	134/221	1978 Jan 25 From Monsignor Cheli, Holy See, to Meditation Group – World Day of Peace "We are writing to thank you for participating in the World Day of Peace and for the contribution of your presence among us as well as the pamphlet. It was so perfectly appropriate to have the picture of the Pope in everyone's hands as we reflected on his message and prayed with him for peace. Thank you for responding to the inspiration to share your beautiful hand-work and the inspiring thoughts of Sri Chinmoy and the other contributors. With our warmest good wishes and our most sincere prayers that God will continue to bless you "
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-03-02	136/221	1978-Mar-13 MG to Ferdinand Marhofer-Grunbuhel Special Assistant to the Secretary-General "Thank you so much for your kind letter of 10 March ~ acknowledging our programmes report on behalf' of the Secretary-General. These activities represent

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					<p>our aspirations to serve the United Nations in whatever -way we can. We are also very appreciative of your assurance that the Secretary-General's office is considering our appeal to be able to retain our name as it has stood for the past eight years. We are very moved and encouraged by a number of letters of support from those very persons whom we have endeavored to serve: ambassadors, delegates and staff members. I have attached Just some of the many letters that have been submitted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It has been suggested to us that one possibility would be that ... rule on club names ...exceptions may be made after review by ...Office of Legal Affairs where it is deemed appropriate." Or perhaps names of clubs could be non-retroactive... - clubs that need variation in the use of the seal and the approval of certain phrasing on their letterhead could be directed to the legal office. - We remain indebted to you for the kindness and interest you showed in helping with the book Sri Chinmoy is 'Writing on the Secretary-General. It is inspiring to us that you would give so generously of your time ...
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-03-06	137/221 Scan also at 214/221	<p>1978-Mar-06 Director of the General Legal Division to Keefe-MG - Request for approval of name</p> <p>"In reply to your memorandum of 28 February 1978 I am pleased to inform you that we see no legal objection to your group continuing to use the name "United Nations Meditation Group" together with the descriptive phrase referred .to in my memorandum to you of 22 February 1978. I understand that you will be in consultation with the United Nations Recreation Council on this matter.</p>
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-02-22	138/221 scan also at 213/221	<p>1978-Feb-22 Director of the General Legal Division to Keefe-MG - Request for approval of letterhead</p> <p>With reference to- your memorandum of 16 February 1978, I am pleased to inform you that we see no objection to your adding on the printed face of your correspondence and on your publications the phrase "The United Nations Meditation Group is an association of UN delegates, staff, NGO representatives and accredited press correspondents" as it accurately describes the membership of your group and does not imply official United Nations endorsement of your group or its .publications. I appreciate your having consulted us on this matter .</p>
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-03-13	139/221	<p>1978-Mar-13 TO-BL-DCS- From Salim Ahmed Salim, Perm Rep Tanzania – Name Meditation Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - My attention has been drawn to the fact that efforts have been made to change the title of the United Nations Meditation Group. As one of those who is familiar with the excellent work of the Group, I am writing to express my personal concern at the adverse effects- that such a change of title would have. At the same time, I am writing to solicit your support so that the United Nations Meditation Group retains its original name. - It is my conviction that only with its present title can the Group provide for a cross section of participants in its activities from the United Nations diplomatic corps as well as members of the Secretariat. I myself had the opportunity to take part in one of the United Nations Meditation Group's programmes. I did so last month when the Group organized a commemoration to honour Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I need hardly point out the unique nature of this Group and the need for all of us to give such a Group all the support and encouragement. It is therefore in this spirit. that I have decided to write this communication to you in the confident belief of your co-operation. With my best wishes.
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-03-07	140/221	<p>1978-mar-07 TO-BL-DCS- from Allard K. Lowenstein, US Ambassador for Special Political Affairs</p> <p>I am writing to seek your support for the UN Meditation Group's retention of their name. As you are aware, there has been some interest in changing the title of this worthwhile organization. I would only say that the name of the United Nations Meditation Group has, over the years, become associated with a variety of activities and programs where delegates and staff members come together to share a special vision of the United Nations. I was able to participate in the UN Meditation Group's program last month honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and experienced then the dedication and good work of this Group. Groups such as this are a distinct asset to the United Nations, and I, as well as others at this Mission who have joined their efforts with the United Nations Meditation Group, would hope that their name can remain unchanged. With best regards, Sincerely yours, Allard K. Lowenstein, Ambassador for Special Political Affairs</p>
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-03-07	141/221	<p>1978-mar-07 TO-BL-DCS- from Jorge E. Illueca, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Panama</p> <p>The name of the United Nations Meditation Group has over the years become associated with programmes of a very positive nature where delegates and staff members gather to share and reinforce their spiritual vision of the United Nations. As a member of the diplomatic community who has participated in the meetings of this Group, I would like to extend my appreciation and support for their meaningful work. Their programmes help to bring us in touch with the founding spirit of the United Nations and inspire renewed dedication to its ideals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I note with some concern the effort to change the name of this group to one which includes the words "Staff Recreation Council". I find this unadvisable in that it does not reflect the real nature -of the Group and it tends to discourage participation of delegations through the terms "Staff Recreation". - It is my hope that "The United Nations Meditation Group" name will be maintained to allow Delegations to continue participation with this Group. Accept, Mr. Lewandowski, the assurances to my highest consideration.
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-03-10	142/221	<p>1978 March 10 To Sri Chinmoy from Amb. Zenon Rossides, Permanent Representative of Cyprus to UN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dear Sri Chinmoy, This is to reiterate my view that the name "United Nations Meditation Group" should be retained not only for the popularity it has earned, but more so as a symbol of what it stands for. The group has always been known for its many-faceted activities and whatever name is now proposed cannot compete with its original symbolic and historical name. The suggested name of "Staff Recreation Council-Meditation Group" in its literal meaning is hardly appropriate to the functions of the Meditation Group. I therefore, believe that the original name should stand. Yours sincerely,

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S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-02-21	147/221	<p>1978 Feb 21 To Helvi Sipila, ASG from Sri Chinmoy statement for book compiling about Secretary-General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In my recently published book about his predecessor, U Thant, many United Nations Ambassadors, Officials and others who knew the former Secretary-General well, submitted remarks, both personal anecdotes and more formal comments, and I would be deeply appreciative of any contribution you might wish to make to this humble undertaking for our dear Secretary-General
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-03-07	148/221 to 210/221	<p>1978-Mar-07 A DEVOTED REPORT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL 1977 This brochure offers a brief look at the various activities of the Meditation Group during the calendar year 1977, as excerpted from the Group's monthly bulletin, <i>Meditation at the United Nations</i>.</p> <p>We, the members of the Meditation Group, humbly dedicate these activities to our dear Secretary-General for his extraordinary and untiring service to the United Nations and to the whole world.</p> <p>TABLE OF CONTENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U Thant: Divinity's Smile and Humanity's Cry 1 Participation in President Carter's Inaugural Ceremonies 2 Announcement of Geneva Meditation Group 3 A Visit to the United Nations Gift Center 3 A Welcome to Dr. Robert Muller 4 Presentation of Mazzone's Sculpture 4 A Meeting with the Secretary-General 5 Receptions for U.N. Officials and International Women's Day 7 BBC Interview 7 Seventh Anniversary of the U.N. Meditation Group 8 Painting for World Peace Unveiled 9 A Circus Presentation for UNIS 10 A Salute to the Security and Safety Service 11 United Nations Represented in Independence Day Observance 12 A Concert by Sri Chinmoy on the Indian Esraj 12 Dag Hammarskjold Honoured 13 The U.N. Meditation Room: Prayer and Meditation at the United Nations 14 World Gratitude Day 16 U Thant Island Dedicated 17 Programme Marking the Opening of the 32nd Session of the General Assembly 19

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S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-03-10	211/221	1978-Mar-10 to MG from FMG – OSG Thanks for Devoted Report and issue with Recreation Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On behalf. of the Secretary-General I would take to acknowledge with thanks your letter of 7 March. - Your thoughtfulness in presenting the report covering the activities of the Meditation Group during 1977 was appreciated. - The request which you formulated in your letter has been taken up with the Recreation Council. I wish to assure your that the matter is receiving appropriate attention.
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-03-07	212/221	1978-Mar-07 To Secretary-General From MG-Sec <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The members of the United Nations Meditation Group have the honour of presenting to you the enclosed publication covering our various activities during 1977, which we humbly dedicate to you for your extraordinary and untiring service to the United Nations and the whole world. Your own example of dynamic activism and far-seeing diplomacy has always inspired us in our own attempts to serve the United Nations in whatever small way we can. - At this time I appeal to you on behalf of our membership--100 or so Secretariat staff and members of delegations—and also on behalf of the many hundreds more who have been participating in our meditations and activities. Since the Group's founding in 1970, the name of the United Nations Meditation Group has

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					<p>become associated with programmes of a very positive nature where ambassadors, Secretariat officials and staff, and other world-minded individuals can share and reinforce their inspirational vision of the United Nations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Now we appeal to you to allow us to continue our efforts to serve the United Nations family. All we ask is to be able to continue using the name we have built up gradually over the last eight years and to continue meeting in rooms here. Right now the Recreation Council is asking all clubs to use the same phrase in their names; however, the Legal Department has approved our using an alternative clause that appears on the bottom of this letterhead, clearly identifying our Group as an association and not implying official standing. We feel each situation should be considered individually, and we hope you will be able to help us. Again, as we do not ask for financial or other support from the Recreation Council, perhaps there is a way for us to continue our dedicated service which would not involve the Council. - As you see from this "Devoted Report to the Secretary-General," many ambassadors, other members of the diplomatic community and U.N. officials and staff have appreciated and , joined in our programmes to create an atmosphere reflective of the highest purposes of the world organisation. We do hope to be able to continue our work here, with your help and guidance. Sincerely, - enclosed: letters from the Legal Department <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The United Nations Meditation Group is an association of U.N. delegates, staff, NGO representatives and accredited press correspondents.</i></p>
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-02-22	213/221 scan also at 138/221	<p>1978-Feb-22 Director of the General Legal Division to Keefe-MG - Request for approval of letterhead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With reference to- your memorandum of 16 February 1978, I am pleased to inform you that we see no objection to your adding on the printed face of your correspondence and on your publications the phrase "The United Nations Meditation Group is an association of UN delegates, staff, NGO representatives and accredited press correspondents" as it accurately describes the membership of your group and does not imply official United Nations endorsement of your group or its publications. I appreciate your having consulted us on this matter .
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-03-06	214/221 Scan also at 137 /221	<p>1978-Mar-06 Director of the General Legal Division to Keefe-MG - Request for approval of name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "In reply to your memorandum of 28 February 1978 I am pleased to inform you that we see no legal objection to your group continuing to use the name "United Nations Meditation Group" together with the descriptive phrase referred .to in my memorandum to you of 22 February 1978. I understand that you will be in consultation with the United Nations Recreation Council on this matter.
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-02-21	215/221 Scan also at 217/221	<p>1978-Feb-21 Peace Corps-Vista to SG – Invite to Prog 15 Mar 1978</p> <p>-Programme to be co-sponsored by Peace Corps and Meditation Group to celebrate the Anniversary of Peace Corps by John F. Kennedy and "like the United Nations, endeavors, through technical assistance and goodwill, to demonstrate concern for the developing nations of the world"</p>

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					<p>Speakers at the program will include representatives of the countries in which Peace Corps Volunteers serve, Mr. Sam Brown, Director of ACTION, and representatives from the United States</p> <p>Mission to the United Nations. We would be deeply honored if you could attend and offer some brief remarks to open the ceremonies. (Ed note see 1978 MG 'Devoted Report'" for highlights and 'Meditation at the UN' periodic bulletins for more details of completed event.)</p>
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-03-07	216/221 Response scan at 131 /221	<p>1978-Mar-07 To MG-Prog Coord-Peck from Meeting Services-Figueroa, Request for Conf Room 4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Memorandum dated 6 March 1978 on the above subject. And wish to bring to your attention the letter addressed to the Secretary General by Miss Patricia Reilly of the Peace Corps... - copy attached. - Requesting Conference Room 4, no mention is made of assuming responsibility for the cost involved in the use of Room 4 after working hours. Before approving use of Conference Room 4. as requested, ... appreciate receiving a written confirmation ...responsibility for the costs involved. <p>See also : Response from Meditation Group of 14 Mar "--confirm that the United Nations Meditation Group will assume responsibility for any costs involved in the use of Conference Room 4. (scan at 131//221)</p>
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1978-03-06	218/221 Follow up scan at 131 /221	<p>1978-Mar-06 To Meting Service from MG-Peck Request for Conf Room 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meditation Group wishes to request the use of Conference Room 4 on Wednesday, 15 Mar from 6:15-8:30 pm. - We understand that our use of the room cannot begin until the official meeting in the room adjourns. - We are planning a special programme that will involve the participation of several ambassadors in a salute to the UN Volunteers and the Peace Corps. - We would like to request the following services: portable lectern with microphone .Thank you for your kind attention
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1975-09-11	219/221	<p>1975-Sep-11 to Keefe ICPC and MG from OSG Transmit -Message of Secretary-General for Prog</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Secretary-General has asked me to tell you that he is most interested' to learn of your proposed meeting tomorrow, and I have much pleasure in sending you a message from him to be. read out on this occasion.
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1975-09-11	220/221	<p>1975-Sep-12 Message by the Secretary-General to the International Co-operation for Peace Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At the beginning of the 30th session of the General Assembly, we are given the opportunity to look back upon the achievements of the world Organization over the past thirty years. In spite of many difficulties and some disappointments, we have created a unique human institution, which is now approaching full universality of membership, and which has proved capable of change as well as of expansion. Today, it is more relevant than it has ever been to the challenges and opportunities of the world. - But this occasion also provides us with the opportunity of looking forward. We know that mankind faces many grave and complex problems. The issues of peace and war, of plenty and of poverty, of justice and. injustice, still confront us and must be resolved.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The potentiality of the United Nations is immense. What is required is a renewal of our common faith and determination that the advances of the past thirty years will be maintained and that we will, together, meet the challenges of our times. In this vital work, I ask for your support, encouragement, and assistance.
S-0910-0015-07-00001	Items in Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations		1975-09-11	221/221	<p>1975-sep-11 to OSG-Henning from T-Rothermel-Request for message from SG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Keefe of the UN Meditation Group was referred to me this morning. He requested a message or a representative of the SG to attend a meeting that the Group is holding tomorrow. If you feel it would be appropriate, this is a message prepared by Mr. James
S-0972	Intergovernmental and Nongovernmental Organizations 1971-1982	Record Series: 1971-1982	1971-1982		Scope and Content: Series documents Secretary- Geneal's correspondence with international organizations in various global regions including Africa, Latin America, Europe the Middle East, etc. Records include correspondence and reports. Arranged in general alphabetical sequence by region
S-0972-0011	Intergovernmental and Nongovernmental Organizations	Sub Series IG and NGO 02/10/1972 16/01/1982	1972-10-02 to 1982-01-16		
S-0972-0011-08	Sri Chinmoy Mediation at the United Nations - Folder Unclassified	SG – correspond with intergovernmental and non-governmental orgs 1971-1981	1980-02-08 to 1981-09-30 Unclassified	yes	office records-SG-Waldheim-SC-Med-at-un-1980-81-correspond-invite-responses -scanned
S-0972-0011-08-00001	Items-in-Sri Chinmoy Mediation at the United Nations Record Type Archival Item; Container s-0972-0011: External Relations - organizations	Scan - Date 19/06/2006 PMS-0972-0011-08-00001; Title Created 08/02/1980	1981-09-30 1981-09-25	000/021	https://search.archives.un.org/uploads/r/united-nations-archives/3/8/0/380ae9aa653b3258dd2662639913ccf7a7ab667ce38a143a67096822f0291e8c/S-0972-0011-08-00001.pdf
S-0972-0011-08-00001	Items-in-Sri Chinmoy Mediation at the United Nations		1981-09-30 1981-09-25	002/021; 003/021; and 004/021	<p>1981-Sep-30 OS-G to MG – Hogan: one-mile fun runs by meditation group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sorry to inform you ... therefore not be possible for him to join you. I hope that I can count on your understanding of the situation. May I take this opportunity to send you our best wishes for the success of this event. - Sep 25 Incoming: “series of one-mile fun runs for the U.N. community. Last April we had the enthusiastic participation of many delegates and staff, and we do hope that our fall races prove to be as successful as our spring series. - very honoured if you could participate in the awards ceremonies immediately following the races. Last time the event, including the awards presentation, was completed within a half hour of the announced start. ..your presence would be an inspiration to all participating members of the U.N. community..
S-0972-0011-08-00001	Items-in-Sri Chinmoy Mediation at the United Nations		1981-08-25 1981-08-08	005/021 and 006/021	<p>1981-Aug-25 OS-G-to Howard -Golden Jubilee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ...Golden Jubilee to honour Sri Chinmoy on his 50th birthday. On this happy occasion, we would ask you to convey to Sri Chinmoy our very best wishes. - From Incoming:.. message of spiritual wisdom and enlightenment at the U.N. and to people of all parts of the world. a lifetime of dedication, inspired leadership and a triumph of the spirit of love. The unfinished work to which we all contribute — the enrichment of life and the perfection of humanity which dedicated his life.

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					A humanitarian spreading a message of .peace and goodwill, ... received by heads of state, religious and government leaders, and prominent world luminaries. ...expected to attract people from three continents.27 August 1981. A commemorative brochure is enclosed.
S-0972-0011-08-00001	Items-in-Sri Chinmoy Mediation at the United Nations		1981-03-31 1981-03-25	007/021 and 008/021	1981-Mar-31 EOS-G to MG Apr -Fun Run regrets -SG event 02-05 Apr - "Secretary-General appreciated your invitation to present the awards for the races. In view of previous official commitments, it will, however, not be possible for him to join you on this occasion. ... our best wishes for the planned event " From Incoming 25 Mar Invitation: " keeping with the view that participatory activities of delegates and Secretariat and Mission Staff and their families are to the benefit of a highly motivated and unified United Nations in New York , we are pleased to invite you to present the awards at our first annual series of races - "fun runs" held by the meditation group...at the conclusion of each race."
S-0972-0011-08-00001	Items-in-Sri Chinmoy Mediation at the United Nations		1981-01-20 1981-01-19	009/021 and 010/021	1981-Jan-20 EOS-G to MG Thanksgiving -Release of Hostages, SG statement to read . - "behalf of the Secretary-General I should like to thank you for your letter of 19 January 1981 concerning the programme of thanksgiving that the Sri Chinmoy Meditation group is holding at 11:00 am, on 21 January., for the release of the American hostages in Iran.. - Unfortunately. a previous engagement will prevent the Secretary-General from joining you on this occasion. He has asked me however to send you the attached statement he has issued today on the release of the American hostages, which you might wish to read out at the meeting. " - From incoming 19 Jan invitation: "meeting is in keeping with the tireless efforts of yourself, the President of the General Assembly and the Security Council members for the release of the hostages. We would be deeply grateful if you could offer some brief remarks ... - Enclosed are excerpts from a special prayer meeting held for the hostages in November 1979.
S-0972-0011-08-00001	Items-in-Sri Chinmoy Mediation at the United Nations		1980-10-21	011/021 And 013/021	1980- Oct -21 EOS-G to MG: UN Day "Inner -Role of UN" - "...programme which the Sri Chinmoy Meditation Group planned to mark United Nations Day... the Secretary-General appreciated the kind invitation you extended to him to deliver an address on that occasion. ... previous engagement will prevent him from joining you ...our best wishes for a most successful meeting." - From incoming Oct 10 invitation: "United Nations has, a dual role to play ...where nations meet to discuss ways of living together and also as a House where the noblest ideals of mankind find their development. - As one who has contributed significantly toward the pursuit of peace and the promulgation of progressive ideas, we would like to invite you to participate as a speaker in a programme to mark the thirty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, "The Inner Role of the United Nations." in the Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium at 12 noon, United Nations Day, 24 October.
S-0972-0011-08-00001	Items-in-Sri Chinmoy Mediation at the United Nations		1980-09-15	014/021 And 015/021	1980-Sep-15 EOS-G to MG -World Gratitude day -regret SG - "meeting that the Sri Chinmoy Meditation Group is holding on 22 September. - You may be sure that the kind invitation you extended to the Secretary-General was greatly appreciated, as were the nice words you addressed to him . Much to the Secretary-General's regret, a previous commitment in

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					<p>connexion with the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly will, prevent him from joining you on this occasion. ..our best .wishes for your meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>From incoming Sep 15 invitation:</u> “21 September has been celebrated since 1965 as World Gratitude Day, a day of global recognition of the fruitful role of gratitude in human, political and intellectual life. ... recognized as a global holiday by a number of member states, including Japan, and, falling as it does on the autumnal equinox, this day has a special planetary significance. - Because, in its humble way, the Meditation Group is trying to bring the spiritual and moral principles of life to the forefront in the United Nations, we thought it particularly appropriate to honour the essence of World Gratitude Day at Headquarters. Despite the lack of positive developments today, as noted in your recent report, our expression of gratitude for the peace, prosperity and unity that do exist can strengthen our resolve to proceed. But, perhaps most importantly, the members of the Meditation Group, join in a profound sense of gratitude for the generosity, the patience, the support and the encouragement which you have offered us. ... we humbly request that you join us in a very brief programme to recognize World Gratitude Day”
S-0972-0011-08-00001	Items-in-Sri Chinmoy Mediation at the United Nations		1980-06-20	016/021 And 017/021	<p>1980 Jun-20 EOS-G to MG : Booklet of Talks Inner Role “ at US state Dept. –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “acknowledge your letter of 14 June 1980 by which you transmitted an inscribed copy of the booklet containing the transcription of the talk which Sri Chinmoy gave at the U.S. State Department Open Forum. You may be sure that the Secretary-General greatly appreciated your thoughtfulness in sending him this booklet. Yours sincerely - <u>From incoming June 14 transmittal:</u> As Sri Chinmoy was leaving for Europe last evening, he inscribed, this "booklet and requested that I give it to you as an expression of his deepest gratitude. The "booklet contains the transcription from the talk he was invited to give at the U.S. State Department Open Forum on “The Inner Role of the United Nations.”
S-0972-0011-08-00001	Items-in-Sri Chinmoy Mediation at the United Nations		1980-06-02	018/021	<p>1980 -jun-02 S-G to Sri Chinmoy: thank SC for flowers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dear Sri Chinmoy, I should like to thank you for sending me those nice flowers on the occasion of my return from Europe. - You may be sure that this thoughtful gesture as well as your good wishes were greatly appreciated. With best regards, Yours sincerely,
S-0972-0011-08-00001	Items-in-Sri Chinmoy Mediation at the United Nations		1980-06-02	019/021	<p>1980-Mar-27 S-G to Sri Chinmoy: – 10th anniversary Peace Meditation Group at UN.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - `Dear Sri Chinmoy, Thank you for your letter of 24 March 1980 and for the nice words you addressed to me. ...your support of my endeavors in the interests of peace and international co-operation and your commitment to the aims and ideals enshrined in the United Nations Charter are most appreciated. I was very interested to learn that this year marks the tenth anniversary of the programmes which you have conducted for United Nations delegates and staff. ...take this opportunity to wish you and the members of the Meditation Group all the best for the years to come. With kind regards.,
S-0972-0011-08-00001	Items-in-Sri Chinmoy Mediation at the United Nations		1980-03-24	020/021	<p>1980-Mar-24 Sri Chinmoy to S-G: Gratitude for S-G work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dear Secretary-General, I wish to offer my sincere gratitude to you for your determined work to ease the many crises which menace our fragile world. As you know, next month will mark my tenth anniversary of supporting the work of the United Nations and the high ideals of the Charter. It is my fondest hope that the

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					efforts of our Meditation Group are of some assistance to you and to the world organisation which we all serve. Yours in the Supreme
S-0972-0011-08-00001	Items-in-Sri Chinmoy Mediation at the United Nations		1980-02-08	021/021	1980 Feb-08 EOS-G to J. Kamen: Regrets cannot provide into booklet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "your letter of 24 January 1980. ...the Secretary-General appreciated the kind words you and Sri Chinmoy addressed to him and also your thoughtfulness in sending him the photograph of the meditation group's Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday observance. - "the Secretary-General's predecessors established the principle of acceding to such proposals only for publications of the United Nations or when the subject matter directly projects the work of the Organization. The Secretary-General has also followed this well-established procedure... - "The Secretary-General has asked me to convey his best wishes for the preparation of your booklet. With kind regards/"
S-0972-0013	Intergovernmental and Nongovernmental Organizations	Sub Series : 18/04/1972 to 18/10/1979	1972 -04-18 to 1979-10-18		
S-0972-0013-08	United Nations Mediation Group (Sri Chinmoy)	25/07/1975 21/12/1977 Folder Unclassified	1975-04-18 to 1977-12-21		Folder level unclassified
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S-0972-0013-08-00001	Title Items-in-United Nations Mediation Group (Sri Chinmoy)		1977-12-21	002/077	1977-Dec-21 SG to Sri Chinmoy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I wish to thank you for your letter of 21 December conveying your good wishes on the occasion of my birthday. You may be certain that I shall continue my efforts in the interests of international peace and co-operation. - Your thoughtfulness in sending me this message is indeed appreciated and I, for my part , would like to take this opportunity to send to you my best wishes for the coming year. With kind regards, Yours sincerely,
S-0972-0013-08-00001	Title Items-in-United Nations Mediation Group (Sri Chinmoy)		1977-12-21	003/077	1977-Dec-21 Sri Chinmoy to SG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You are the beloved World-Pilot guiding humanity to a higher, more illumining reality, and your peace-loving "brothers and sisters around the world are celebrating today the anniversary of your birth. - Yours is a life of supreme dedication, and for that both Heaven and earth are eternally grateful to you. I pray that the Lord Supreme will always shower His choicest Blessings upon your all-sacrificing life and all-giving heart. Yours in the Supreme
S-0972-0013-08-00001	Title Items-in-United Nations Mediation Group (Sri Chinmoy)		1977-11-28	004/077	1977-Nov-28 Office of S-G to Kamen: Invite to M. L King Prog, Regrets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I wish to thank you for your letter of 25 November inviting the Secretary-General. to join the Meditation, Group in a ceremony to honour Dr. Martin Luther King JR. on Tuesday,19 November at 1.pm.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Secretary-General very much appreciated your kind invitation. Unfortunately he will be hosting a luncheon at that time, which has been arranged well in advance and will therefore not be able to attend the meeting. With best wishes
S-0972-0013-08-00001	Title Items-in-United Nations Mediation Group (Sri Chinmoy)		1977-11-25	005/077	<p>1977-Nov-25 Kamen UN Correspondent to S-G Invite to M.L. King Prog</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I hope you will be able to accept this invitation to join me and the other members of the U.N. Meditation Group in honoring the spirit and works of the late Nobel Peace Prize winner, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at a special one hour meeting, Tuesday, November 29^{>} 1p[^] in Conference Room 5. (was actually the bigger from #4). - Ambassador Andrew Young will be among the participants, I have been asked to serve as master of ceremonies. There will be beautiful music, spoken tributes and a brief, silent meditation led by U.N. Meditation Group Director, Sri Chinmoy, with whom you are acquainted. - It would give me great delight if you should choose to attend. If you can come, you would be most welcome to present any brief heartfelt remarks about Dr. King and his value to humanity, With warmth and gratitude,
S-0972-0013-08-00001	Title Items-in-United Nations Mediation Group (Sri Chinmoy)		1977-11-15	007/077; 009/077; And 010/077	<p>1977-Nov-15 Programme for 20th anniversary of redesign of UN Meditation "Room of Quiet"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information regarding invitations to event in Conference Room 4. See 1977 Meditation Group "Devoted Report" for highlights (20th Anniversary of the United Nations Meditation Room .page 36) and Periodic Bulletin "Meditation at the UN has details" of completed programmes and participants.
S-0972-0013-08-00001	Title Items-in-United Nations Mediation Group (Sri Chinmoy)		1977-07-29 to 1977-10-24	012/077; And 013/077;	<p>1977-Jul-29 to 1977-Oct-13 Event for UN Day 1977 -23 Oct event</p> <p>Information on Idea for event and informing the SG Office and others of plans from July.</p> <p>Event Held in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza. The Meditation Group cooperated with U.N. Agencies and NGO's including encouragement from US-UNA to have the event. See 1977 Meditation Group "Devoted Report" for highlights. ("U .N. Day Celebration in New York: An International Fair page 29" + NY Times Photos with captions page 30)</p>
S-0972-0013-08-00001	Title Items-in-United Nations Mediation Group (Sri Chinmoy)		1977-07-29 to 1977-10-24	014/077; And 015/077;	<p>1977-10-04 from Office of S-G to Meditation Group. Book on Security and Safety Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On behalf of the Secretary-General, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 30 September 1977 enclosing a copy of the book entitled "A Salute To the United Nations Security and Safety Service" - Your thoughtfulness in transmitting this publication was very much appreciated by the Secretary- General. - Incoming transmittal note: "On behalf of Sri Chinmoy we are pleased and honoured - to offer to you the enclosed book, "A Salute to the United Nations Security and Safety Service." - This book represents a humble attempt on the part of the United Nations Meditation Group to offer due recognition to the extremely courteous and alert members of the Service..
S-0972-0013-08-00001	Title Items-in-United Nations Mediation Group (Sri Chinmoy)		1977-02-01 to 1977-02-04	020/077; to 023/077;	<p>1977-Feb-01 Invitation to S-G for Dinner in queens Annam Brahma and regrets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - special dinner for United Nations delegates and staff members to be held February 8 at Annam Brahma restaurant, Jamaica, Queens, at 7:00 p.m. The evening represents our continuing efforts to offer our appreciation and gratitude to those

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					who have kindly offered us their support and participated in our programmes over the past year.
S-0972-0013-08-00001	Title Items-in-United Nations Mediation Group (Sri Chinmoy)		1977-01- 18	024/077	1977-Jan-18 To Sri Chinmoy from S-G -300 th Book and New Year message - Secretary-General has asked me to thank you for your letter of 10 January 1977, with which you sent him a copy of your 300th book. The Secretary- General very much appreciates your thoughtfulness in sharing this publication with him. It was also kind of you to enclose the Meditation Group's New Year Message for 1977, With kind regards,
S-0972-0013-08-00001	Title Items-in-United Nations Mediation Group (Sri Chinmoy)		1977-01- 10	025/077	1977-Jan-10 To S-G from Sri Chinmoy: -300 th Book and New Year message - We were very moved to receive your kind and encouraging letter of 13 December 1976, thanking the U.N. Meditation Group for our best wishes on your re-election. We wish to tell you, dear Secretary-General, that our soulful support is with you as you begin your new term. - I am very honoured to present you with a copy of my 300th book that I have written since coming to America twelve years ago. My writings represent my humble efforts and aspirations to serve mankind and this book is itself on the subject of aspiration. Be pleased to accept this book, Aspiration-Tree, and the Meditation Group's New Year message as an expression of our continuing support for you, and your unprecedented Cause, at the beginning of the New Year. Yours in the Supreme
S-0972-0013-08-00001	Title Items-in-United Nations Mediation Group (Sri Chinmoy)		1977-01- 10	032/077 to 046/077	1976-Sep-24 Sri Chinmoy to S-G – mentions “Soulful Tribute to S-G Pilot Supreme” - During our memorable meeting in July, I was extremely glad to tell you that we, the members of the United Nations Meditation Group, would be soulfully praying for your continued success... - had the opportunity to read my soulful tribute to you and your unparalleled efforts towards world-peace and world-perfection. Please accept my highest regards. Yours in the Soul-Light of the United Nations (Multipage Tribute pamphlet in file and images scan)
S-0972-0013-08-00001	Title Items-in-United Nations Mediation Group (Sri Chinmoy)		1977-09-17	047/077 to 050/077	1976-Sep-17 OS-G to Meditation Group Second International Conference, for 31 st GA - sent a message to you last year on the occasion of the 30th Session of the General Assembly in view of the special significance of that Session. - The Secretary-General has asked me to convey to you his best wishes for a successful conference. With kind regards - Incoming Request and Transmittal of brochure: We were most appreciative, of the statement you prepared for our Assembly last year (I have enclosed a brochure with your printed message) and we would be extremely grateful and honoured to receive a statement from you in commemoration of the opening of the 31st General Assembly for inclusion in our programme this year
S-0972-0013-08-00001	Title Items-in-United Nations Mediation Group (Sri Chinmoy)		1976-07-21	052/077 to 054/077	1976-Jul-21 Meditation Group To OSG-FMB; Monreal 1976 Olympics - United Nations Meditation Group ...at the Olympic Games this Saturday and Sunday, 24 and 25 July, in Montreal. Because of Sri Chinmoy's esteemed stature as an international, non-denominational spiritual leader ... arranging for Sri Chinmoy to open the Saturday or Sunday Games with a brief silent meditation dedicated to the success of all the athletes of all nations and to the primary goals of the Games: peace, harmony and cooperation among nations. Needless to say, this short ceremony will be entirely without political implications

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May we respectfully request the kind endorsement of our good standing ... affirming our honorable intentions; - We shall receive a written endorsement from the United States Mission to the United Nations this afternoon, and we do hope to receive a favourable response from the Secretary-General as well. - Sample possible wording with incoming: MG organizations in good standing... dedicated to the fulfilment of individual and international aspirations for peace. Sri Chinmoy, director of the UN Meditation Group since its founding in 1970, has offered twice-weekly meditations, the monthly Dag Hammarskjold Lectures on spiritual goals of the UN and numerous conferences and special programmes, for delegates and staff. The UN Meditation Group is an international, non-denominational, non-political organization whose services and work in the UN community are widely respected here at the UN.
S-0972-0013-08-00001	Title Items-in-United Nations Mediation Group (Sri Chinmoy)		1975-12-31	055/077 to 056/077	<p>1975 file included 1971-apr-07 Sec Med Group to Sec Rec Council - Meditation Group accepted as Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I am submitting herewith our Constitution together with a list of members, for your consideration .. by the Recreation Council .. - "formed in order to offer staff members and members of delegations to the United Nations an opportunity to grow into a deeper spiritual awareness through the practice . of meditation under the guidance of an able spiritual Master. - open to staff members of the Secretariat and members of delegations to the United Nations who are sincerely seeking inner fulfilment. - Foundation members: Addison, E. (president); Ebrahinzadeh, F.; Evans, A.; Guiney, M; Ignatieff, M. (treasurer); Osborn, C.; Poutsma, P.; Ripplinger, Y; - Sweeney, R; Vacher, (secretary)
S-0972-0013-08-00001	Title Items-in-United Nations Mediation Group (Sri Chinmoy)		1975-07-22	059/077	<p>1975-Jul-22 Office of S-G, Hennig to Sri Chinmoy, Spiritual Director MG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On behalf of the Secretary-General I wish to acknowledge your letter of 18 July 1975 and the enclosed five volumes of questions you have answered at the United Nations. - The Secretary-General very much appreciates your thoughtfulness in sharing these books with him and your very kind wishes. Although the Secretary-General plans to be leaving New York: later this week to attend a number of official meetings and he expects to be away until mid-August, your request, for a meeting with the Secretary-General will be kept very much In mind after his return to Headquarters, With kind regards,
S-0972-0013-08-00001	Title Items-in-United Nations Mediation Group (Sri Chinmoy)		1975-07-18	060/077	<p>1975-Jul-18 Sri Chinmoy to S-G. Collection of Questions and Possible meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May I offer the enclosed books to you with my deepest respect and highest esteem. These collections, Flame-Waves, Parts 1-5, contain the questions I have answered at the United Nations over the past four years, during which time I have had the honour to conduct the meetings of the U.N. Meditation Group and deliver its monthly Dag Hammarskjold lecture. I am indeed deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve aspiring mankind in this august and supremely significant world organisation of United Nations. - The world is crying for peace and you, most revered Secretary-General, as Head of the United Nations, are the unique forerunner of a new age of understanding and brotherhood. It was my great privilege to meet and know your predecessor U Thant. And I feel it would be most significant and meaningful if I, a humble

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					<p>servant of God, may also be granted a short interview with you. I am absolutely certain that God is showering His choice blessings on your most devoted head and your most aspiring heart while you are steering the boat of humanity to the ultimate Goal of peace, light and harmony. I sincerely trust that my request will meet with your kind reply.</p> <p>- Yours in the Supreme, Sri Chinmoy, Spiritual Director, U.N. Meditation Group.</p>
S-0972-0013-08-00001	Title Items-in-United Nations Mediation Group (Sri Chinmoy)		1975-04-20	061/077 and 062/077	<p>1975-Apr-20 To EO-SG from Sri Chinmoy Centre : Jharna-Kala Gallery exhibit.</p> <p>- We have recently been accredited as a Non-Governmental Organisation by the Office of Public Information, and would be deeply honoured if you would be able to attend our first function, April 28 at the Jharna-Kala Gallery.</p> <p>- The paintings on exhibit represent the inner mystical vision of a great spiritual figure, and we feel that you will find them to be of considerable interest.</p> <p>- The exhibition represents something of a departure for Sri Chinmoy, whose normal activities involve directing the spiritual activities of the various Sri Chinmoy Centres and serving the United Nations through his twice-weekly meditations for representatives and staff and his monthly Dag Hammarskjold Lecture Series. So we do hope that you will be able to attend the showing.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
S-0972-0013-08-00001	Title Items-in-United Nations Mediation Group (Sri Chinmoy)		1976-04-05	063/077 to 068/077	<p>1976-Apr-05 Report from: Inter-religious Observance of World Day of Prayer at UN Opening Silent Prayer— Sri Chinmoy, Meditation Group</p> <p>Prayers for Peace and Progress :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pir Vilayat Khan, Sufi Order in the West • Reverend Nakajima, New York Zen Center • Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, The American Jewish Committee; • Edna McCallion; U.N. Office, Church Women United; • Dr. Hosny Gaber, Islamic Center of New York, • Munishree Chitrabhanu, Jain Meditation International Center <p>"O United Nations" — Sung by members of the Meditation Group</p> <p>Concluding Silent Prayer—Final prayer of the Observance by the Representatives joining together on stage for this offering. Sri Chinmoy will end this prayer by bowing and chanting 'OM'.</p>
S-0972-0013-08-00001	Title Items-in-United Nations Mediation Group (Sri Chinmoy)		1975-09-12	069/077 to 075/077	<p>1975-Sep-12 Report from: “Commemoration of Open 30th Sess.UN Gen. Assembly</p> <p>- In observance of that invitation to silent prayer and meditation which follows each Opening of the United Nations General Assembly, we offer our commemorative ceremony to the success of the United Nations and the progress of humanity. Conference Room 3, Friday, September 12, 1975, (for delegates, Secretariat staff members and NGO representatives).</p> <p>- Sri Chinmoy opened programme with a silent meditation and song.</p> <p>- Prayerful contributions by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Norma Levitt, World Union for Progressive Judaism - Reverend Jih Tsang, Temple of Enlightenment - Muddassir Ali Shamsee, Muslim Prayer Group, UN. - Reverend Dr. Dan Potter, Council of Churches, City of New York <p>- On topic “The Quintessence of Divinity in Humanity: International Cooperation for Peace.”:</p> <p>- Mr. David S. Burgess, United Nations Children’s Fund</p>

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S-0990-0009-06-00001	Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim (1972-1981) Emergency and Relief Operations UNICEF		1977-10	005/086 and 006/086	-Sg-Waldheim-1977-sep-UNICEF-Universal-childrerms-Day-SG_participation, interesting for SG Participation Universal Children's Day and event with Peace Bell etc. Shared with former UNICEF staff Sheila Barry Tacon who was involved see image 5 and 6 of 86