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30 September 1981

Dear Mr. Hogan,

On behalf of the Secretary-General I should like to acknowledge your letter of 25 September concerning the one-mile runs organized by the Sri Chinmoy meditation group.

With regard to your request to the Secretary-General to participate in the award ceremonies following the races I am sorry to inform you that his schedule in connexion with the current session of the General Assembly is extremely heavy and it will 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.

Yours sincerely,

Georg Mautner-Markhof
Special Assistant
to the Secretary-General

Mr. Matthew B. Hogan
Programme Co-ordinator
Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the
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Room 1931

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25 September 1981

Dear Secretary-General,

The meditation group is once again sponsoring a 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.

We believe and we hold that each man has the potentiality of reaching the Ultimate Truth. We also believe that man cannot and will not remain imperfect forever. Each man is an instrument of God. When the hour strikes, each individual soul listens to the inner dictates of God. When man listens to God, his imperfections are turned into perfections, his ignorance into knowledge, his searching mind into revealing light and his uncertain reality into all-fulfilling Divinity.

We would be very honoured if you could be present to 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. We are aware of your busy schedule, but we feel that your presence would be an inspiration to all participating members of the U.N. community, even if you were able to come to only one or two of the races.

We look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew B. Hogan

Matthew B. Hogan
Programme Coordinator
Ext. 6443, rm. 1837

Mr. Kurt Waldheim
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, New York

ONE-MILE RACES – “FUN RUNS”

for all members of the United Nations Community

2 and 4 October 1981

- * Open to all delegates, staff of the United Nations and its agencies, staff of NGOs and their families.
- * Special race for children.
- * Prizes in seven age categories:
Men: 18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50 and over;
Women: 18-29, 30-39, 40 and over.
(Special age categories for children's race.)
- * Team prizes for best combined times of three runners from any Mission, U.N. Department, Office, Agency or NGO.
- * T-shirts for top finishers.
- * Certificates for all participants.
- * Post-race refreshments

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<u>Race for</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Start</u>
Security and Safety Service	Friday, 2 October 8 a.m.	Near the East River 60th St. and York Ave. (Heliport entrance)
U.N., Mission and NGO Staff	Friday, 2 October 12:30 p.m.	Near the East River 60th St. and York Ave. (Heliport entrance)
Children of Delegates and Staff	Sunday, 4 October 8:30 a.m.	42nd St. & 1st Avenue
Delegates and their Wives or Husbands	Sunday, 4 October 9 a.m.	42nd St. & 1st Avenue

REGISTRATION — a half hour before starting time.

For further information, call Ms. DeLong: 754-8506.

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25 August 1981

Dear Mr. Howard,

In the absence of the Secretary-General, I wish to acknowledge your letter of 8 August 1981 concerning the 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.

Yours sincerely,

Macaire K. Pedanou
Principal Officer

Mr. Neil Howard
Chairman
Sri Chinmoy's Golden Jubilee
150-11 85th Avenue
Jamaica Estates
New York 11432

SRI CHINMOY'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

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8 August 1981

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Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

I am writing to draw your kind participation to the Golden Jubilee being arranged to honour Sri Chinmoy on the occasion of his 50th birthday. He has endeavoured to provide a message of spiritual wisdom and enlightenment at the U.N. and to people of all parts of the world.

The Golden Jubilee is a celebration of 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 — is that to which Sri Chinmoy has dedicated his life.

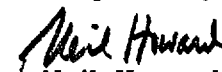
A humanitarian spreading a message of peace and goodwill, Sri Chinmoy has been received by heads of state, religious and government leaders, and prominent world luminaries.

New York City will be the venue for the Golden Jubilee, which is expected to attract people from three continents. You are cordially invited to participate in this event.

Heads of state are offering letters of congratulation to Sri Chinmoy to mark his 50th birthday which falls on 27 August 1981. We would be deeply honoured if you offered such a letter to Sri Chinmoy. Letters may be sent to the address below.

Please accept our greetings and thanks on this important occasion. A commemorative brochure produced in connexion with this event is enclosed.

Respectfully yours,


Neil Howard
Chairman

His Excellency
Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim
United Nations
New York, NY 10017

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31 March 1981

Dear Mr. Hogan,

On behalf of the Secretary-General I wish to acknowledge your letter of 25 March concerning the first annual series of races organized by the Sri Chinmoy Meditation Group.

The 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.

May I take this opportunity to send you our best wishes for the planned event.

Yours sincerely,

Georg Mautner-Markhof
Special Assistant to the
Secretary-General

Mr. Matthew B. Hogan
Programme Coordinator
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Dear Secretary-General,

In 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. The award ceremonies will be held at the conclusion of each race.

The races are as follows:

RACE	PARTICIPANTS	DATE	TIME	PLACE OF START
1	Security and Safety Service	Thursday, 2 April	8 a.m.	Along the East River 60th St. and York Ave. (Heliport entrance)
2	Secretariat and Mission Staff	Friday, 3 April	12:30 a.m.	Along the East River 60th St. and York Ave. (Heliport entrance)
3	Children of Staff and Delegates	Sunday, 5 April	8 a.m.	42nd St. and First Ave.
4	Delegates' Families (wives, husbands and children over 18)	Sunday, 5 April	8:30 a.m.	42nd St. and First Ave.
5	Delegates	Sunday, 5 April	9 a.m.	42nd St. and First Ave.

We are aware of your busy schedule, but feel that your presence will add considerably to this event - even if you are able to come to only one or two of the races.

We are looking forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Sincerely,

Matthew B. Hogan

Matthew B. Hogan
Programme Coordinator
Ext. 6443, Rm. 1837

Mr. Kurt Waldheim
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, N.Y. 10017

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20 January 1981

Dear Mr. Keefe,

On 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 a.m. 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.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Georg Mautner-Markhof
Special Assistant to the
Secretary-General

Mr. Kevin A. Keefe
GPO 20-Room 1931
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New York, N.Y. 10017



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Dear Secretary-General,

We invite you to attend a programme of thanksgiving for the release of the U.S. hostages in Iran, which we are scheduling optimistically for sometime this week. This 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 believe and we hold that each man has the potentiality of reaching the Ultimate Truth. We also believe that man cannot and will not remain imperfect forever. Each man is an instrument of God. When the hour strikes, each individual soul listens to the inner dictates of God. When man listens to God, his imperfections are turned into perfections, his ignorance into knowledge, his searching mind into revealing light and his uncertain reality into all-fulfilling Divinity.

We would be deeply grateful if you could offer some brief remarks; a formal, extensive talk would not be necessary, but your participation would be most welcome. Enclosed are excerpts from a special prayer meeting held for the hostages in November 1979. I will call your office with further information.

Yours sincerely,

[Handwritten signature: Kevin A. Keefe]

Kevin A. Keefe
Programme Co-ordinator

The Secretary-General
United Nations

*It is now scheduled for
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Auditorium*

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21 October 1980

Dear Mr, Keefe,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I wish to acknowledge your letter of 10 October 1980 concerning the programme which the Sri Chinmoy Meditation Group has planned to mark United Nations Day.

You may be sure that the Secretary-General appreciated the kind invitation you extended to him to deliver an address on that occasion. Unfortunately, however, a previous engagement for the time in question will prevent him from joining you.

May I take this opportunity to send you our best wishes for a most successful meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Georg Mautner-Markhof
Special Assistant
to the Secretary-General

Mr. Kevin A. Keefe
Programme Co-ordinator
Sri Chinmoy Meditation
at the United Nations
Room 1931

Secretary-General

The Sri Chinmoy Meditation Group has requested you to speak on the Inner Role of the United Nations at a meeting to be held on UN Day at 12 noon.

You have previously declined invitations by this group. I do not think it would be advisable to accept on this occasion.

Furthermore, we feel that your address on the occasion of UN Day should be reserved for the Concert, where you will make an official statement.

I would therefore suggest that the invitation be declined on the basis of a previous engagement.

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Dear Secretary-General,

We all know that the United Nations has a dual role to play at this time in the history of mankind, both as a place where nations meet to discuss ways of living together and also as a House where the noblest ideals of mankind find their development.

As a most distinguished member of the international community, 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." This will be held in the Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium at 12 noon, in conjunction with United Nations Day, 24 October.

We would be deeply honoured if you could join us on this occasion and we thank you for your kind consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin A. Keefe
Programme Co-ordinator

Mr. Kurt Waldheim
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18 September 1980

Dear Mr. Keefe,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I wish to acknowledge your letter of 15 September 1980 concerning the 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 connexion with the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly will, unfortunately, prevent him from joining you on this occasion.

May I take this opportunity to send you our best wishes for your meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Georg Mautner-Markhof
Special Assistant
to the Secretary-General

Mr. Kevin A. Keefe
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Dear Secretary-General,

It may have come to your attention that 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. It has been 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, I am sure, join me in a profound sense of gratitude for the generosity, the patience, the support and the encouragement which you have offered us. Without your selfless and precious good will, our cause would have floundered. Accordingly, we humbly request that you join us in a very brief programme to recognize World Gratitude Day. It will be held on Monday, 22 September at 1:00 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium. Please forgive the short notice, but I sincerely hope it will be possible for you to attend. I shall take the liberty of calling your office, if I may, to learn of your plans.

Yours sincerely,

Keven A. Keefe
Programme Co-ordinator

His Excellency
Mr. Kurt Waldheim
Secretary-General
of the United Nations
United Nations, New York

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RA
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20 June 1980

Dear Mr. Keefe,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I wish to 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,

Georg Mautner-Markhof
Special Assistant
to the Secretary-General

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Dear Secretary-General,

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."

Sincerely,

Kevin A. Keefe

Kevin Keefe
Programme Coordinator

H.E. Mr. Kurt Waldheim
Secretary-General of the
United Nations
United Nations, New York

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2 June 1980

Dear Sri Chinmoy,

I should like to thank you for sending me those nice flowers on the occasion of my return from Europe.

(they were for his illness)

You may be sure that this thoughtful gesture as well as your good wishes were greatly appreciated.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Kurt Waldheim

Sri Chinmoy

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27 March 1980

Dear Sri Chinmoy,

Thank you for your letter of 24 March 1980 and for the nice words you addressed to me.

You may be sure that your support of my endeavours 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. I should like to take this opportunity to wish you and the members of the Meditation Group all the best for the years to come.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Kurt Waldheim

Sri Chinmoy

New York

Sri Chinmoy Centre, 85-45 149th Street
Jamaica Hills, Queens, NY 11435

SRI CHINMOY CENTRE
85-45 149th STREET
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24 March 1980

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 efforts of our Meditation Group are of some assistance to you and to the world organisation which we all serve.

Yours in the Supreme,

Sri Chinmoy
Sri Chinmoy

Mr. Kurt Waldheim
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, New York

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8 February 1980

Dear Mr. Kamen,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I wish to acknowledge your letter of 24 January 1980. You may be assured that 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.

With regard to your request that the Secretary-General provide an introduction to the booklet you are preparing on the meditation group, I regret to have to inform you that 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 and I know that I can count on your understanding that he should not depart from it at this stage. I am therefore unable, unfortunately, to give you a positive answer.

The Secretary-General has asked me to convey his best wishes for the preparation of your booklet.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Georg Mautner-Markhof
Special Assistant
to the Secretary-General

Mr. Jeff Kamen
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