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Dear Sri Chinmoy:

This brings congratulations and best wishes on an occasion that invites an outpouring of gratitude and affection from your host of friends.

As you know better than any of us, it is the life, not the birthday, that is important. It is the unique and extraordinary quality of your life that we celebrate, and it is that for which we are grateful.

As Chairman of the United Nations Association of the United States of America, I am pleased to join in the heartfelt hope that the influence of your teachings and prayers will continue to widen and gain in force.

With warmest regard and admiration,

Sincerely.

Elliot L. Richardson

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Dear Mr. Howard.

1 am sorry that I received your letter of 25 August only this morning. I refret it for I would have liked to participate in the Golden Jubilee to honour Sri Chinmoy on the occasion of his 50th birthday on 27 August 1981.

Sri Chinmoy knows well the esteem in which I hold him. He has done the greatest good to the United Nations by bringing spirituality to bear upon the Organization and by inspiring so many staff members. With Dag Hammarskjold and U Thant, he is one of the three persons who had the deepest influence on my own spiritual development as a world servant and I will always be grateful to him.

Whenever I can I will attend the meditation sessions and would be grateful if someone could let me know when they are taking place.

With my best wishes.

Yours sincerely.

Secretary of the Economic

and Social Council



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TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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Dear Sri Chinmoy,

The 50th birthday is a very important moment in life marking, in some way, a new beginning with new challenges and new energies.

May your birthday bring you renewed joy and peace and may you continue to celebrate with all of us for many years to come.

Sincerely,

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Archbishop Giovanni Cheli Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations