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Dear Mr. Grant, *Esteemed Friend,*

I am so grateful for your deeply moving comments given on the occasion of my 25th anniversary in the West. My appreciation for your heart of oneness can only be felt and not adequately expressed.

I see in you a true instrument of God's vision-dream of the United Nations. Your dynamism and sense of service inspire all those who meet you. In you, the visionary and the realist have joined to foster peace in the hearts of all peoples.

In you, I have found a genuine brother and friend. Your loving appreciation of my humble service has profoundly touched me.

Yours in the Supreme,

*Sri Chinmoy*  
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Message by Mr. James P. Grant

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on the occasion of  
the completion of twenty-five years of exemplary services to the  
Indian Culture and spiritual heritage in the West  
by

Sri Chinmoy

New York - 21 April 1989

I am pleased to add my voice to those who will, this evening, honour Sri Chinmoy for his 25 years of spiritual leadership in the West.

From my perspective at the United Nations, I must also express a special appreciation for Sri Chinmoy's 20 years of guiding the Peace Meditation Group at the U.N. The events and activities that the group organizes serve to remind the international community of the highest purposes of the gathering of nations - that of peace for all peoples. Amidst all of the intellectual debate and assemblages at the U.N., and occasionally at the same time that the settling of tense international situations is underway, two times a week, most weeks, Sri Chinmoy sits in silent meditation in one of the conference rooms at United Nations Headquarters along with the Peace Meditation Group and anyone else of the U.N. community who would like to join them.

Dag Hammarskjöld, the former Secretary-General of the U.N., said at the dedication of the meditation room at the headquarters building in New York: "We all have within us a center of stillness surrounded by silence". He quoted an ancient saying that the sense of the vessel is not in its shell, but in the void. It is for us, he said, to fill the void with what we find in our center of stillness.

It is a valuable service to carve out these moments to focus on the still center as Sri Chinmoy does amidst the activity of the international community.

As Sri Chinmoy tells us in one of his thousands of inspired poems:

"The heart's simplicity  
Shall always succeed  
When and where  
The mind's complexity fails."

Sri Chinmoy reminds us of the powerful strength of the heart's simplicity, and of our capacity to achieve great things for a higher purpose. The work of the United Nations is enhanced by his commitment to its highest success, and by his presence amid its deliberations.

13 April 1989

Dear Mr. Grant,

You may be interested to learn that this month marks the 25th Anniversary of Sri Chinmoy's coming to the West and this will begin the 20th year that the Peace Meditation Group has been meeting under his guidance here at the United Nations.

To celebrate, on the 21st of this month there will be a Silver Jubilee dinner given in his honour at the Penta Hotel in New York. With sincere hopes that you will be able to attend, we include an invitation, although we know your schedule is extremely busy during the meetings of the Board. If you are unable to attend, it would have a special meaning for us if you would be able to participate by sending a message of encouragement for the event.

We deeply value your opinions and comments. As your staff we have tremendous respect for what you do and the way you do it with so much enthusiasm.

Sincerely yours,

  
Sunil Davidson

  
Adhiratha Keefe

  
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Dear Mr. Grant.

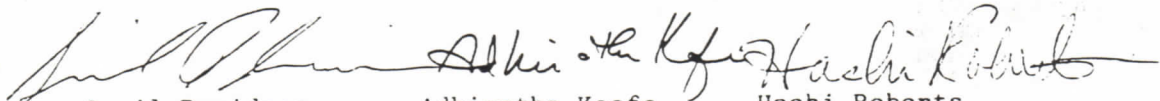
Thank you for the beautiful message that you sent for the 25th Anniversary of Sri Chinmoy's coming to the West. Knowing of your other responsibilities, not only with the Executive Board Meeting but also with your extensive efforts in the Sudan, the message was made even more meaningful.

Your statement was read out along with those received from Heads of State and US Senators. In response to your message, one of the guests present, Mr. Bill McCreary of WNYW Fox TV News, mentioned in his address an interview he had just taped with Audrey Hepburn on the Sudan.

Sri Chinmoy has taught us that the one who leads with the heart is the real leader. We are proud of being staff members of UNICEF and of serving under your gifted leadership. You have once again shown your heart in a very powerful way and in so doing encouraged all of us to rededicate ourselves to the unfinished dream of the United Nations of which UNICEF is such an important part.

In closing, we offer you all our support for the ideals that you are trying so hard to bring into reality. You lead by example and, for this, we are truly grateful.

Sincerely yours,

  
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