THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Madam Prime Minister,

On my return to New York, I wish to take this opportunity to express to you and your Government my profound thanks and gratitude for the warm reception and cordial hospitality accorded to me during my recent visit in your great country in my capacity as President of the thirty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

I was particularly grateful that, despite your very busy schedule, I was able to meet with you and to exchange views on the international situation. I benefited greatly from this meeting.

Before returning to New York, I had the opportunity of visiting Tanzania where I met with President Nyerere and did not fail to convey to him your personal regards and best wishes.

Allow me to conclude with a personal note. I had the great pleasure and privilege of representing Tanzania in India in the mid-sixties when you were Prime Minister. I had come to admire and respect your dynamic and committed leadership, not only in the service of the friendly people of India, but equally in the cause of Afro-Asian friendship and understanding in particular and international co-operation in general. It was for me therefore a source of

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particular satisfaction to come to New Delhi immediately in the aftermath of the overwhelming reaffirmation of confidence by the people of India in your outstanding leadership.

Please accept, Madam Prime Minister, the assurance of my highest consideration and esteem.

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