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Dear Vladimir,

I want you to know how very much I appreciated your letter of 13 July and your generous comments about the recent Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro and my own role in respect of it. It was clearly an event of historic importance, but its ultimate results will depend on the degree to which the decisions taken at Rio are followed up and implemented. With all the other preoccupations of governments and leaders these days, it will require the continuing active interest and commitment of all of us to ensure this.

Thank you for forwarding to me the letter from Professor Edward Markarian which I will respond to personally at a later date when I am more settled. As you know, my service as Secretary-General of UNCED ends on 31 August 1992 when I will be relocating in western Canada. I will, however, retain my ties to the United Nations through an advisory position at UNDP. This will bring me to New York from time to time and I do hope that there will be an opportunity of seeing you when I am there.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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