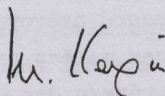


If the proposal set forth in this Note is acceptable to your Government, I have the honour to propose that this Note, which is equally authentic in English and French, and your reply to that effect, shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on December 5, 2000 and shall continue in force for a period of five years.

Accept, Madam Secretary, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.



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