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Re: Multi-Media Concert – Torch of
Peace, Dar es Salaam, August 25, 2003

Dear Mr. Macha:

I congratulate the Ministries of Natural Resources & Tourism and Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation for sponsoring the Torch of Peace Concert.

Tadamitsu Saito has performed at the world famous Carnegie Hall in New York, a city that was devastated by a terrorist attack only two years ago but whose vibrant character, as witnessed by the dynamic arts scene it supports, has helped its people recover from the trauma. Through the Tadamitsu Saito concert New York's diverse and pluralistic musical scene was enhanced, and we are grateful for that.

I am especially pleased that the Torch of Peace Concert is being presented in connection with the 23rd SADC Heads of State and Government summit. The United States believes strongly in the importance of regional groupings, and SADC provides the region with an institutional framework through which to realize its potential for prosperity, development and stability. The U.S. wishes to help develop this potential.

I am also conscious of the fact that the summit brings together neighbors on this continent. As Assistant Secretary of State Lorne Craner reported on July 29, the role of neighbors is indispensable in spreading democracy and democratic ideals in their "neighborhood." As he put it, "the neighbors really have a stake in the outcome ... it's a very economic stake in the outcome. Their economies are going to be dragged down. In the case of Africa it's also an image issue. It is very difficult for African leaders to claim our continent is turning more and more towards democracy if they can't solve the problem of Zimbabwe."

We all want the problems to be solved peacefully, and thus it is very encouraging that a concert devoted to peace will take place at this time.

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I extend my best wishes and hope that concert-goers enjoy the concert.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Michael Korff', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J. Michael Korff
Counsellor of Embassy
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