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Mr Robert Alan Silverstein
President
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Dear Mr Silverstein

I have been directed to respond to your letter addressed to His Excellency Teburoro Tito regarding the message for World Peace 2000.

Beretitenti (President) Tito warmly welcomes the initiative of your organisation in working to promote peace on earth to make a better world for humankind. In this respect I write to register the support of the Government of Kiribati for the message of World Peace 2000.

On a related matter I have also been directed to convey the interests of Government to further work with your organisation in examining the possibility of promoting a "Pacific Way" peace to the rest of the world. We in the Pacific profoundly believe that our area is one of the most peaceful places in the world and greatly share your concern to encourage the rest of the world become a more peaceful place to live in.

Currently Kiribati is exploring the possibility of holding a millennium gathering on 1st January 2000 on Kiritimati (Christmas) Island. Here we see the potential of tying in these to your plans for spreading the message of One Day in Peace, January 1, 2000. We would be most grateful for your ideas on this suggestion.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Teekoa I. Ietaake'.

TEEKOA I. IETAAKE
for Secretary for Foreign Affairs