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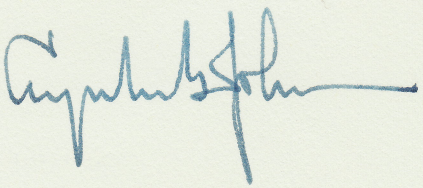
Dear Mr. Oppenheim:

I understand that you recently completed your first year of service as a Peace Corps Volunteer.

Today the Peace Corps is recognized throughout the world as an expression of the highest ideals of our nation. That judgment rests on the conduct and accomplishments of you and your fellow Volunteers. There can be no more fitting tribute than this to the memory of the man whose vision launched the Peace Corps, our late beloved President John F. Kennedy.

While the role of a single person may be small, it is only through a collective effort such as the Peace Corps that we can hope to build a world in which men and women may share more of the world's bounties and less of its sufferings, and in which nations will offer one another support and respect.

I am proud of your contribution as a Volunteer and confident that your second year of service will continue to reflect credit upon you and the Peace Corps.

Sincerely,