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Dear Danny,

In March of this year, I made a short visit to the Headquarters of Lions International in Oak Brook, Illinois. This organization, as you know, is the largest service club in the world having one million members. Half of this number are in the United States.

Since 1925, when Helen Keller addressed the annual convention, this organization has been particularly interested in the prevention of blindness and the care of the blind. Under these circumstances, I made a special appeal during my second visit last week to this organization to support our Vitamin A program in Bangladesh where it is nation-wide now, and also in another countries such as the Philippines, Indonesia, Brazil and El Salvador where we are currently underwriting pilot projects, which will probably become nation-wide in each country next year.

I attach a brief description of this program together with some illustrative pictures.

After I left the Lions International Headquarters near Chicago, Mr. Stewart, who is in charge of International Activities, called me on the phone in Pittsburgh and asked that I get in touch with you as soon as possible. In brief, the Lions International would like to present you with an award at their international convention which will take place in San Francisco on the 3rd through the 6th of July this year. They want to honor you for the work you have done for children over the years as the Ambassador of UNICEF. They would like to make this presentation on the 4th of July to you in person at their annual world-wide convention. In the meantime, I have called Paul Edwards and have asked him to contact you as soon as possible.

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I most sincerely hope that you will be able to be in San Francisco on July 4th. Your presence there will boost the cause of UNICEF and open the eyes of Lions around the world to what we are trying to do in helping the children of the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave".

David S. Burgess
Senior Officer