

December 17, 2007

Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn
President, World Food Foundation
1700 Ruan Center
666 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Ken:

I am delighted that you have accepted our invitation to receive an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Iowa State University, and that you will further honor us by being the speaker for our 2008 Fall Semester undergraduate commencement ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, December 20th.

You were nominated for the honorary degree by the faculty in our Department of Political Science. The nomination was approved by the Faculty Senate, and I was very pleased to second it. I will now submit our request to award the degree to the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, which must approve the awarding of any degree from Iowa's public universities.

The university wishes to recognize you for your exceptional service and leadership over the past four decades. Letters of support described your remarkable service as U.S. Ambassador to Cambodia and senior diplomat in Southeast Asia, including your key role in exposing the Khmer Rouge tragedy to the world and bringing it to an end; your outstanding contributions in developing and implementing refuge resettlement programs in Iowa; and your key leadership role in building the World Food Prize into what today is recognized as the "Nobel Prize for Food and Agriculture." Indeed, your many contributions and achievements prompted Dr. James McCormick, professor and chair of the Department of Political Science, to write: "Ambassador Kenneth Quinn...has been an extraordinary Iowan and American." I wholeheartedly concur.

I will inform you when the Board of Regents approves our request, and I will provide additional information about the commencement as it approaches. I would also be pleased to host a pre-commencement luncheon in your honor the day of commencement, and invite your nominators and other friends from Iowa State. My assistant, Shirley Knipfel, will be in touch with you to see if you will be able to attend the luncheon as we get closer to commencement.

I look forward to presenting you with the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Iowa State University, and I again thank you for agreeing to be our Fall 2008 Commencement Speaker.

With warmest regards,



Gregory L. Geoffroy
President

cc: Dr. Elizabeth Hoffman
Dr. James McCormick

September 26, 2008

Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn
President, World Food Foundation
1700 Ruan Center
666 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Ken:

I want to, again, congratulate you for your Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Iowa State University, and thank you for agreeing to be the speaker for our Fall all-University Undergraduate Commencement at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, where the Honorary Doctorate will be conferred. I very much look forward to presenting you with this high honor and to having you be such an important part of our Fall Commencement ceremony.

Your Honorary Degree will be conferred immediately after the welcome and introductions, and it will be followed by your commencement remarks. We suggest preparing remarks of about 10 minutes in length on whatever topic you feel would be beneficial and interesting to the graduates and their families. I know they would be very interested in your many fascinating experiences and any advice you have for them.


I have spoken with Dr. James McCormick, Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science, whose faculty nominated you for the honorary degree, and he is looking forward to hosting you on your visit to Ames. He will be in contact with you to find out what your schedule will be. I would also be delighted to host a pre-commencement brunch in your honor at the Knoll at 10:45 a.m., and invite many of your ISU friends and colleagues. If you wish to attend the luncheon, please notify my assistant, Shirley Knipfel, phone 515-294-2042 or e-mail at sknipfel@iastate.edu.

Finally, I ask that you provide Shirley with the following information that we will need for the Commencement program and ceremony:

- a brief biographical sketch;
- a photograph;
- your name and title as you want them to appear in the program;
- the title of your Commencement Address; and
- if you will need a cap and gown, and, if so, your height, build (small, medium, large, etc.) and cap size (if unknown, we will have several caps of various sizes available).

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you Dec. 20 and to presenting you with the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Iowa State University!

Sincerely,



Gregory L. Geoffroy
President

cc: James McCormick

April 29, 2008

Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn
President, World Food Foundation
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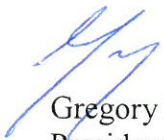
Dear Ken:

I am delighted to inform you that the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, has approved our request to award you the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters from Iowa State University. We will now proceed with plans to present the degree to you at our Fall Semester undergraduate commencement ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 20th, 2008, and I again want to thank you for agreeing to give the commencement address at this ceremony.

As the commencement approaches, my office will be in contact with you about specific arrangements for the commencement ceremony and your campus visit. I would also be pleased to host a pre-commencement luncheon in your honor the day of commencement, and invite your nominators and other friends from Iowa State. If you have any questions, please contact my assistant, Shirley Knipfel, (515) 294-2042 or by e-mail at sknipfel@iastate.edu.

I look forward to recognizing you at our commencement Dec. 20th for your exceptional public service and leadership over the past four decades, and to your commencement address to our graduates.

Sincerely,



Gregory L. Geoffroy
President

cc: James McCormick



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Dear Greg;

Hon. George Bush

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Thank you so very much for your recent letter informing me that the Board of Regents has approved the awarding of an Honorary Degree to me in conjunction with my serving as graduation speaker next December.

Dr. Norman E. Borlaug
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

Margaret Catley-Carlson
Chair
Global Water Partnership

I want to reiterate how deeply honored I am to be receiving this significant recognition and for your invitation to address the Iowa State graduating class. I am greatly looking forward to that day and that marvelous event.

Dr. Zhangliang Chen
President
China Agricultural University

A.S. Clausi
Past President
Institute of Food Technologists

In that regard, I am most pleased to accept your gracious offer to host a luncheon in my honor prior to the graduation ceremony. I will be in contact directly with your staff to coordinate the details for this occasion.

Sir Gordon Conway
President Emeritus
Rockefeller Foundation

Hon. Elizabeth Dole

Thank you again so very much for proposing me for this very special honor and for welcoming me into the Cyclone Family.

Michael Gartner
Pulitzer Prize Winner

Dr. Gregory Geoffroy
President
Iowa State University

Sincerely,

M. Peter McPherson
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Kenneth M. Quinn
Ambassador (ret)
President

Cynthia Milligan
Dean, College of Business
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The World Food Prize Laureates

1987, India <i>M.S. Swaminathan</i>	1991, United States <i>Nevin Scrimshaw</i>	1994, Bangladesh <i>Muhammad Yunus</i>	1997, United States <i>Perry Adkisson</i>	2000, India <i>Surinder Vasal</i>	2003, United Nations <i>Catherine Bertini</i>	2006, Brazil <i>Edson Lobato</i>
1988, United States <i>Robert Chandler, Jr.</i>	1992, United States <i>Raymond Bushland</i>	1995, Switzerland <i>Hans Herren</i>	1997, United States <i>Ray Smith</i>	2000, Mexico <i>Evangelina Villegas</i>	2004, Sierra Leone <i>Monty Jones</i>	2006, United States <i>A. Colin McClung</i>
1989, India <i>Vergheese Kurien</i>	1992, United States <i>Edward Knipping</i>	1996, India <i>Gurdev Khush</i>	1998, India <i>B.R. Barwale</i>	2001, Denmark <i>Per Pinstrup-Andersen</i>	2004, China <i>Yuan Longping</i>	2006, Brazil <i>Alysson Paolinelli</i>
1990, United States <i>John Niederhauser</i>	1993, China <i>He Kang</i>	1996, United States <i>Henry Beachell</i>	1999, United Kingdom <i>Walter Plowright</i>	2002, United States <i>Pedro Sanchez</i>	2005, India <i>Modadugu Gupta</i>	2007, United States <i>Philip Nelson</i>