

**THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON**

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

On behalf of your colleagues at the Department of State and myself, please accept my best wishes on the occasion of your retirement from the Foreign Service. Your extraordinary career, distinguished by your hard work and commitment to the highest ideals of American diplomacy, exemplifies the best traditions of both this Department and American public service.

I particularly wish to cite your personal bravery during civil unrest in Cambodia in 1997, when you drove to the outskirts of Phnom Penh to rescue a group of American missionaries trapped by factional fighting. There can be no greater accolade than the recognition your embassy received from Cambodian human rights workers as the one organization that could be counted on for protection during times of danger and adversity.

You have consistently demonstrated that your highest priority, whether as Ambassador to Cambodia, Deputy Chief of Mission in the Philippines, or Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, has been the welfare of your colleagues. I am personally grateful for your unstinting efforts to maintain the safety of American personnel overseas.

Please pass my thanks and regards to your wife Le Son and your children Davin, Shandon and Kelly, who have been as much a part of your diplomatic team as the staff in your embassy. Congratulations to you on thirty-one years of exceptional service to your nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Madeleine Albright". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Madeleine K. Albright

The Honorable
Kenneth M. Quinn,
American Ambassador,
Phnom Penh.