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Kofi Atta ANNAN

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(Phonetic: AN-en)

Secretary General, United Nations (since 1997)

Addressed as: Mr. Secretary General

Background: Seventh UN secretary general . . . began UN career in 1963 at World Health Organization . . . left UN in 1974 to work for Ghana Tourist Development Company before returning to UN in 1976 . . . served as Under Secretary for Peacekeeping Operations, 1993-96.

Languages: English, French, several African languages.

Personal Notes: Born on 8 April 1938 near Kumasi, Ghana . . . father was business executive and honorary Fante chief; through his mother, Annan is heir to chieftaincy of native Ghanaian Akwamu people . . . married Nane Cronstedt in 1984 . . . enjoys hiking, dancing . . . has a daughter and a son from first marriage.

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