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Kofi ANNAN

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(Phonetic: AN-en)

UN Secretary General (since 1997)

Addressed as: Mr. Secretary General

Background: Has served in the UN for more than 40 years . . . began career in 1962 at WHO . . . served as Under Secretary General for Peacekeeping Operations (1993-97) . . . seventh UN Secretary General, term ends in December 2006.

Languages: Speaks English, French, and several African languages.

Personal Notes: Born a twin 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 . . . received 2001 Nobel Peace Prize . . . enjoys hiking, dancing . . . has a daughter and a son from first marriage; married the former Nane Lagergren in 1984.

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