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His Royal Highness
Sultan Mohammed Didi
The Royal Palace
Male, Maldives Islands

Your Royal Highness:

I am compiling a book about the Heads of States of today, with the intention of making available to the people of the United States more information about our world leaders. Because food is a common denominator amongst all peoples, and is not of a political nature, I felt it would be fitting to give some attention to this aspect of the picture.

Would it be possible for you to send me the recipe for the dish or dishes which you most enjoy, either that you prepare yourself or which you have prepared for you? Would it also be possible to have a photograph of you - one that you like and which you feel could be used with your recipe in my book?

I realize this may seem a small matter to a leader of a nation, but I feel that a book of this type will prove not only interesting but useful as well to the people of this country who would like to know more about you.

Thank you for your consideration to my request.

Yours Sincerely,

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