

## FULL TEXT OF MESSAGE TO BUSH

*The Sept. 21 World Tribune quoted a message from SGI President Ikeda to U.S. President George W. Bush. That was a tentative translation. Here now is the full text of that letter. We apologize for any confusion. — World Tribune staff*

Tokyo, September 12, 2001

The Honorable  
George W. Bush  
The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C., 20500  
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the twelve million members of the Soka Gakkai International around the world, I offer my deepest sympathies for and condolences to the victims of the unconscionable tragedies that struck New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania on September 11. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you, the victims, their family and friends, and to all the people of the United States in this time of national mourning and anguish.

It is my firm belief that, even as you face tragedy of this magnitude, the noble spirit of freedom cherished by your great nation remains undiminished and eternal. I am sincerely praying that the people of America, under your capable leadership, will be able to overcome these extraordinary hardships with all possible speed.

With my profound sympathies,

*Daisaku Ikeda*