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RE: A New Beginning...

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is most certain that all of you are giving thought to Grandmaster Ahn's sudden announcement to retire from participation in the affairs of the United Taekwondo Association. All of us knew that there would be a time when he would not be with us, for one reason or another, but it seemed like it would never come to pass.

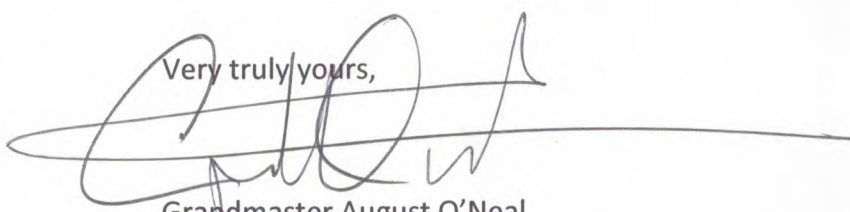
But change is inevitable – and we must make the decision to move forward to ensure the legacy that Grandmaster Kyongwon Ahn has built and left with us will endure. We have a strong foundation upon which the future can be built.

I am looking forward to serving as the President of the UTA. However, I will also be looking for the support from and participation by all of the Grandmasters, Masters, Black Belts, and students in the affairs of the UTA. We cannot succeed as an organization without all of us playing a part in the activities with which we are involved.

Feel free to contact me with any ideas, concerns or issues that you feel that warrant discussion. Everything is open to discussion.

I hope that I can count on your support.

Very truly yours,



Grandmaster August O'Neal