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Dear Mr. President:

We have agreed to remain in close touch on events which affect our mutual interests. Knowing of the deep friendship between our countries and our peoples, and in the spirit of that understanding, I am writing to you today.

Pakistan continues to act with bravery, resolution and honor in its response to the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. You and your nation have my admiration and respect for the actions you are taking to keep liberty alive across your border. I realize that in recent weeks the pressure on Pakistan has increased. You have suffered cross-border air and artillery attacks, and your government has told us about the recent threatening Soviet note to Pakistan.

You can be assured of our full support for Pakistan and our continuing commitment to help as you not only develop your nation internally but also oppose Soviet aggression externally. We will not stand idly by if Pakistan's territorial integrity and sovereignty are threatened. We are also reiterating to the Soviet Government our strong support for Pakistan.

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I want to affirm that the United States fully intends to continue our program of close cooperation in the security assistance field with Pakistan after our current program ends in 1987. I have instructed the Departments of State and Defense to begin discussions with your representatives on a follow-on program to determine how best we can assist Pakistan in the years ahead. I pledge to you my full cooperation in this effort.

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In the spirit of frankness, friendship and candor that has characterized our relationship, I must also bring to your attention another issue which continues to threaten all that you and I and our two countries have worked so hard to achieve. I have personally discussed with you my concerns about stemming nuclear proliferation, and my Administration remains fully committed on this issue. Concern is also growing in Congress and among the public about Pakistan's nuclear program. I am mindful that other countries in the region might use this issue as a pretext for untoward action towards Pakistan. I appreciate the assurances you have given on this matter including the one you gave Ambassador Hinton that Pakistan would not enrich uranium above the 5% level.

I must candidly state that enrichment of uranium above 5% would be of the same significance as those nuclear activities, such as unsafeguarded reprocessing, which I personally discussed with you in December 1982 and would have the same implications for our security program and relationship.

I ask your cooperation in working together to resolve this problem which, I am convinced, poses dangers to our ability to cooperate in areas critical to our vital interests.

I am determined to work strenuously to continue our various programs of close and productive cooperation with Pakistan. However, I must reiterate my deep concern that the nuclear issue may undermine all that we are trying to achieve and the considerable progress we have made so far. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this question. I am asking Secretary Shultz to pursue this with Foreign Minister Yacub Khan at the United Nations General Assembly.

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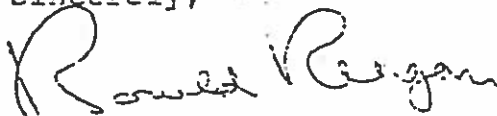
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Mr. President, the progress we have made in our relationship and the ties we have built between our nations and our peoples are of the highest importance to me. I know that working together we will find ways to continue down that road.

Sincerely,

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His Excellency
General Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq,
President of the Islamic
Republic of Pakistan
Islamabad

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