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Colleagues and friends,

Since the birth of Pakistan, the United States has been a committed partner of the nation. Today, that relationship has matured and expanded in many ways. Our people have developed a deeper appreciation for one another and become more familiar through cultural and educational exchanges. Scientists from both our countries are collaborating on research and visiting each other's institutions. We work side by side to improve health and education in Pakistan. We work together to develop Pakistan's energy resources to power homes and businesses.

We have deeper commercial and trade ties, and American and Pakistani entrepreneurs are meeting and sharing expertise and ideas. Many people are not aware that two-way trade between our countries now amounts to more than \$5 billion annually, or the fact that Pakistan exports more products to the United States than to any other country in the world. We consistently rank among the top sources of foreign investment to Pakistan. We want to see more because we believe that investment creates new jobs in Pakistan and expands the economy.

Over the years, the United States has maintained substantial civilian assistance programs in Pakistan. We want you to know more about these programs because we are proud of our efforts so far and are committed to helping Pakistan achieve a brighter future. We share common goals because we know that a prosperous Pakistan is also good for the United States.

I am pleased to introduce a new electronic outreach service that will provide you with the latest developments in U.S.-Pakistan cooperation. This first bulletin focuses on our cooperation in energy and the efforts that are being made in this vital sector. Every day the United States and Pakistan are working together to alleviate Pakistan's energy crisis. **The United States funds large-scale energy projects that will provide electricity to an estimated two million households by 2013.**

Upcoming bulletins will focus on other areas of U.S.-Pakistani cooperation including education, economic development, and health. The projects highlighted in these bulletins are just some of the ways that the United States and Pakistan are working together to forge an enduring relationship.

I trust that you will find these bulletins informative and useful, and that you will provide feedback or commentary as they arise. If you feel a friend or colleague would also like to receive these updates, please send that person's name and email address to uspakassistance@state.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard E. Hoagland".

Richard E. Hoagland
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