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Dear Mr. President:

In assuming the office of President of the United States, I am deeply conscious of the need to defend and advance the interests of this nation and those of our friends abroad. My associates and I have sought the confidence of the American people with a pledge that we would do so with vigor and determination. We intend to fulfill that pledge.

We are deeply conscious that Pakistan is under heavy military and political pressure from an expansionist Soviet Union. The steadfastness and courage which Pakistan has displayed in the face of this pressure, under your leadership, has been a source of inspiration for the entire free world. You deserve our firm support and shall have it.

Our relations in the past have fluctuated too widely and have often lacked consistency. In my Inaugural Address, I urged a new beginning for America. Let me similarly suggest that, with Soviet forces on your very borders, it is essential that we make a new beginning in the relations between our two great nations. In view of the many common goals we share, I am convinced that we can and must build on existing understandings to create a firm, lasting, and mutually supportive relationship.

There will, of course, be issues on which we may differ. For our part, you may be assured that the United States understands and respects Pakistan's desire to maintain a wide range of relationships to advance its security interests. We are confident that Pakistan, in pursuing these interests, will bear in mind the legitimate concerns and interests of the United States. In turn, our support for Pakistan will not be conditioned by our desire for positive relations with other nations in the region. Given the magnitude of the threat you face, and our deep and abiding concern for Pakistan's national integrity, I am confident that we can work together productively and effectively in pursuit of our common interests.

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Secretary Haig has written Foreign Minister Agha Shahi suggesting a confidential and quiet dialogue between our Governments. Ambassador Hummel is prepared to begin that process now. We are, of course, also looking forward to a visit by your Foreign Minister to Washington at an appropriate time.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

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His Excellency
General Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq
President of the Islamic
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