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Washington, D.C. 20520

Case No. 200402029 H001

Mr. Matthew Schroeder
Research Associate
Federation of American Scientists
1717 K Street, N.W., No. 209
Washington, D.C. 20036

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Dear Mr. Schroeder:

I refer to your letter dated May 10, 2004, requesting the release of certain Department of State material under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552).

We initiated a search in the following record system: the Bureau of Legislative Affairs. That search has been completed, resulting in the retrieval of four documents that appear responsive to your request.

After reviewing the documents we retrieved, we have determined that all four may be released in full. The released material is enclosed.

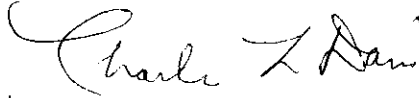

The Freedom of Information Act provides for the recovery of the direct costs of searching for and duplicating records requested for non-commercial use. However, no fee is charged for the first two hours of search time or for the first one hundred pages of duplication or if the cost of collecting and processing the fee exceeds the amount of the fee. Since billable costs in this case do not exceed \$10.00, your request has been processed without charge to you. The documents are enclosed.

We have now completed the processing of your case. If you have any questions with respect to our handling of your request, you may write to the Office of Information Programs and Services, SA-2, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20522-8100. Please be sure to refer to the case number shown above in all correspondence about this case.

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We hope that the Department has been of service to you in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Margaret P. Grafeld
Director

Office of Information Programs
and Services

Enclosures:
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Dear Senator Biden:

We wish to inform you of the President's intention to designate Pakistan a Major Non-NATO Ally (MNNA) pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2321k (Section 517 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended). Pakistan is one of our most important partners in the Global War on Terrorism. The GOP has stepped up its counterterrorism activities along the Afghan-Pakistan border and has firmly warned tribesmen in the area that they must stop harboring foreigners. It has also captured and handed over to the U.S. more than 550 suspected al-Qaeda operatives, including the group's senior commanders Khalid Shaykh Mohammad and Abu Zubaida as well as September 11 conspirator Ramzi bin al-Shibh. Currently there are 70,000 Pakistani troops deployed in the border region, and they have encountered stiff resistance. On March 17 alone, 16 Pakistani paramilitary personnel were slain in an encounter with groups that appear linked to terrorists and Taliban remnants. President Musharraf has accompanied his actions with important efforts to lead his public away from extremism. On February 18, for example, he delivered a nationally televised address calling upon foreign extremists in Pakistan to leave and urging the public to adhere to a moderate course.

The United States has had an important relationship with the Islamic Republic of Pakistan since its creation over 50 years ago. We intend to maintain it in the future and demonstrate our support for the firm actions Pakistan is taking in the Global War on Terror. It is in the U.S. interest to seal our friendship with Pakistan; granting Pakistan MNNA status would signal our continued commitment to strengthened military-to-military ties.

The Honorable
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.,
Committee on Foreign Relations,
United States Senate.

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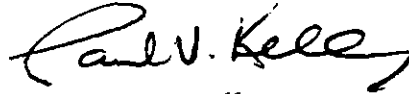
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Paul V. Kelly
Assistant Secretary
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The Honorable

Henry J. Hyde, Chairman,

Committee on International Relations,

House of Representatives.

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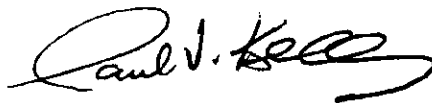
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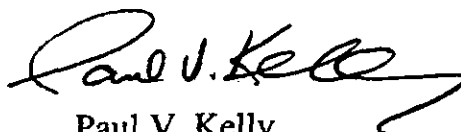
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