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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Colin L. Powell

DATE: November 5, 2001

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Pakistan President Musharraf

President Musharraf’s decision to fully cooperate with the United States in the wake of September 11, at considerable political risk, abruptly turned our stalled relationship around. At the time of your meeting, Musharraf has abandoned the Taliban, frozen terrorist assets, quelled anti-Western protests without unwarranted force.

These moves open up bold new possibilities in our relationship, but additional steps are necessary. Your meeting and dinner can serve to assure Musharraf we will assist Pakistan through this difficult time, and underscore our intent to work with Pakistan closely after the current conflict.

During my October 15-16 visit to Islamabad, I affirmed our renewed relationship and discussed our common goal of defeating terrorists and rebuilding Afghanistan. Musharraf is pressing for a future government supportive of its interests and is concerned that the Northern Alliance will occupy Kabul. I assured him that the U.S. supports the formation of a broad-based government in Afghanistan, friendly to its neighbors.

Tensions in Kashmir threaten our efforts in Afghanistan and are a flashpoint for possible Indo-Pakistani conflict. On October 1, a terrorist attack on the state assembly in Kashmir resulted in 38 civilian deaths. India subsequently shelled positions in Pakistan.
Countering Indian and Pakistani nuclear and missile proliferation is a key issue. In Islamabad, I raised our proliferation concerns, including safety of nuclear assets, with Musharraf, underscoring that lifting the nuclear-related sanctions did not signal a lessening of our concerns or a green light to further nuclear or missile procurements. We need to stress the importance of exercising restraint and terminating any onward proliferation. We have agreed to continue our nonproliferation dialogue. Finally, our vision of a fully restored bilateral relationship is also premised upon Musharraf’s making good on his pledge to hold free and fair elections on schedule next October, recently reaffirmed to me. These moves on Kashmir, nonproliferation, and democracy will provide congressional and public support to further enhance our relationship with Pakistan.

Since September 11, Pakistan has incurred significant economic and military costs, with a particular toll on its main export, textiles. Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Al Larson, traveled to Islamabad last week to discuss assistance, trade issues, and debt. We are working with the G-7 and the Paris Club to encourage increased support and to address Pakistan’s debt burden. We are providing $100 million in budgetary support, with an additional $500 million planned, as well as a $73 million border security aid package. We have promised to assist new refugees if the border is opened to them. You have signed into law sanctions relief to allow more military assistance and training. We have supported a $135 million tranche of International Monetary Fund (IMF) lending and over $1 billion in projects financed by World Bank and Asian Development Bank. Finally, we are working to strengthen Pakistan’s export sector, including consulting with Congress to improve Pakistan’s market access for textile exports.