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South West Asia

Further to my letter of 30th January, I enclose (for you and your Secretary of State to see) a copy of another message from Brzezinski giving a preliminary (and, on the face of it, somewhat euphoric) impression of his visit to Pakistan.

I am sending a copy of this letter and its enclosure to Michael Alexander.

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

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FROM: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI  
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FEB. 4, 1980

+DEAR ROBERT+

AS I LEAVE PAKISTAN, I WANT TO SEND YOU A BRIEF REPORT ON WHAT WARREN CHRISTOPHER AND I ACCOMPLISHED THERE.

IT IS CLEAR TO US THAT PAKISTAN HAS MADE A FUNDAMENTAL CHOICE. IT IS GOING TO STAND UP TO SOVIET PRESSURE AND AGGRESSION. I WAS IMPRESSED BY THE DETERMINATION OF THE PAKISTANIS, AND ALSO WITH THE AFGHAN RESISTANCE FIGHTERS -- THE MUJAHIDIN, -- WHOM I ENCOUNTERED DURING MY VISIT TO A REFUGEE CAMP ON THE FRONTIER. I AM CONVINCED THAT WE HAVE SOMETHING SOLID TO WORK WITH IN FRUSTRATING SOVIET AMBITIONS TOWARD THE SOUTH.

IT IS NOT ALWAYS GOING TO BE EASY. PRESIDENT ZIA HAS HIS OWN SET OF POLITICAL IMPERATIVES. WE WILL, FOR INSTANCE, HAVE TO DELAY SUBMISSION OF OUR LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE BECAUSE OF ZIA'S PROBLEMS IN DEALING WITH HIS PUBLIC OPINION.

WE DID, HOWEVER, GET ACROSS CLEARLY TO ZIA AND TO THE PAKISTANIS THAT THEY DO NOT STAND ALONE. OUR COMMITMENT TO THEM IS FIRM AND WE -- AND OTHERS -- ARE PREPARED TO PUT SUBSTANCE TO THAT COMMITMENT. THE PAKISTANIS NEED ALL THE SUPPORT THEY CAN GET AND MAKE CLEAR THEIR HOPE THAT ADDITIONAL RESOURCES WILL BE COMING FROM THEIR TRADITIONAL DONORS. I SOLICIT YOUR CONTINUED, STRONG PERSONAL SUPPORT IN MOBILIZING RESOURCES FROM AS MANY DIRECTIONS AS POSSIBLE. I WILL PRESS THIS POINT WITH THE SAUDIS WHEN I GET TO RIYADH.

I WILL BE IN FURTHER TOUCH WITH YOU BEFORE THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT. FOR THE MOMENT, HOWEVER, I JUST WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU MY CONVICTION THAT THAT THE MATERIAL FOR A SUCCESSFUL SOUTHWEST ASIA POLICY IS THERE FOR US TO WORK WITH.

SINCERELY,  
ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI  
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