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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of March 8, concerning the series of video workshops connecting American and Pakistani Muslim educators funded by the U.S. Mission in Pakistan's small grant initiative.

In 2004, the Mission provided a small grant to the Teachers' Development Centre, a professional teacher training organization based in Karachi, to conduct a series of thirteen video conferences on religious education with participants associated with the U.S.-based Islamic Society of North America. The program's objective was to provide a series of intellectual engagements between American Muslims and Pakistani religious educators to share experiences, knowledge and perceptions of Islam. As you may know, many religious educators in Pakistan are unaware of the factors that contribute to larger misperceptions of the relationship between the United States and the Muslim world. This small project, initiated by a group of Pakistanis, provided opportunities for dialogue to help address these misunderstandings. Total grant funds were \$22,222; participants in the video conferences remain contacts of our Mission.

As requested in your letter, our Embassy in Islamabad is collecting recordings of the sessions and other documentation relating to this project, which we will forward to you as soon as possible.

The Honorable

Tom Coburn, Chairman,

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management,

Government Information, and International Security,

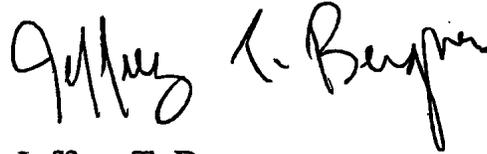
Committee on Homeland Security

and Governmental Affairs,

United States Senate.

We appreciate your interest in our outreach programs in Pakistan. Please do not hesitate to contact us again if we may be of further assistance on this or any other matter.

Sincerely,



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