

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, February 7, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., in Dirksen 226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 7, 2001 at 10 a.m., to hold a hearing on intelligence matters, and at 2:30 p.m., to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent, on behalf of Senator BIDEN, that Paul Foldi, a State Department fellow on the staff of the Foreign Relations Committee, be granted floor privileges during the consideration of S. 248.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

FOREIGN CURRENCY REPORTS

In accordance with the appropriate provisions of law, the Secretary of the Senate herewith submits the following report(s) of standing committees of the Senate, certain joint committees of the Congress, delegations and groups, and select and special committees of the Senate, relating to expenses incurred in the performance of authorized foreign travel:

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY FOR TRAVEL FROM OCT. 1, TO DEC. 31, 2000

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Sara Roberts:									
United States	Dollar				8,048.26				8,048.26
Taiwan	New T. Dollar		789.24						789.24
China	Yaun		226.00						226.00
Korea	Won		439.72						439.72
Australia	Aud		468.24						468.24
Stephanie Mercier:									
United States	Dollar				1,098.28				1,098.28
Netherlands	Guilder		1,204.55						1,204.55
Jeffrey Burnam:									
United States	Dollar				995.28				995.28
Netherlands	Guilder		1,362.47						1,362.47
Total			4,490.22		10,141.82				14,632.04

DICK LUGAR,
Chairman, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, Jan. 31, 2001.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM OCT. 1 TO DEC. 31, 2000.

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Daniel K. Inouye:									
Japan	Yen		2,030.00						2,030.00
Charlie Houy:									
Japan	Yen		2,030.00						2,030.00
James Morhard:									
France	Franc		976.00		5,976.31				6,952.31
Senator Judd Gregg:									
France	Franc		976.00		5,976.31				6,952.31
Senator Patrick Leahy:									
United States	Dollar				741.12				741.12
Canada	Dollar		454.00						454.00
Tim Rieser:									
United States	Dollar				734.25				734.25
Canada	Dollar		227.00						227.00
Senator Ernest F. Hollings:									
Panama	Dollar		428.00						428.00
Lila Helms:									
Panama	Dollar		428.00						428.00
Susan Hogan:									
United States	Dollar				8,806.99				8,806.99
Australia	Dollar		1,729.78						1,729.78
Total			9,278.78		22,234.98				31,513.76

TED STEVENS,
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations, Jan. 15, 2001.

AMENDMENT TO THE 3RD QUARTER 2000 CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 2000

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Steve Cortese:									
United States	Dollar				4,399.00				4,399.00
Greece	Dollar		402.00						402.00

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Bosnia	Dollar		351.00						351.00
Croatia	Dollar		274.00						274.00
Italy	Dollar		1,002.00						1,002.00
Portugal	Escudo		375.00						375.00
Sid Ashworth:									
United States	Dollar				4,399.00				4,399.00
Greece	Dollar		402.00						402.00
Bosnia	Dollar		351.00						351.00
Croatia	Dollar		274.00						274.00
Italy	Dollar		1,002.00						1,002.00
Portugal	Escudo		375.00						375.00
Kraig Siracuse:									
United States	Dollar				4,399.00				4,399.00
Greece	Dollar		402.00						402.00
Bosnia	Dollar		351.00						351.00
Croatia	Dollar		274.00						274.00
Italy	Dollar		1,002.00						1,002.00
Portugal	Escudo		250.00						250.00
Jennifer Chartrand:									
United States	Dollar				4,399.00				4,399.00
Greece	Dollar		402.00						402.00
Bosnia	Dollar		351.00						351.00
Croatia	Dollar		274.00						274.00
Italy	Dollar		1,002.00						1,002.00
Portugal	Escudo		375.00						375.00
Paul Doerrer:									
South Africa	Rand		650.00		5,679.00				6,329.00
Robin Cleveland:									
Singapore	Dollar		1,500.00		5,856.46				7,356.46
Christine Drager:									
Canada	Dollar		385.37						385.37
Total			12,026.37		29,131.46				41,157.83

TED STEVENS,
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations, Jan. 15, 2001.

AMENDMENT TO THE 3RD QUARTER 2000 CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, TRAVEL AUTHORIZED BY SENATOR JOHN WARNER, CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 2000

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Max Cleland:									
Japan	Yen	88,454	818.00						818.00
Korea	Won	690,680	599.00						599.00
William S. Chapman:									
Japan	Yen	83,251	768.00						768.00
Korea	Won	649,462	583.00						583.00
Patricia Murphy:									
Japan	Yen	90,080	831.63						831.63
Korea	Won	727,887	653.40						653.40
Simon Sargent:									
Japan	Yen	73,152	674.84						674.84
Korea	Won	512,743	460.27						460.27
Andrew Vanlandingham:									
Japan	Yen	84,300	777.67						777.67
Korea	Won	531,873	477.44						477.44
Total									6,643.25

JOHN WARNER,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Jan. 30, 2001.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, TRAVEL AUTHORIZED BY SENATOR JOHN WARNER FOR TRAVEL FROM OCT. 1, TO DEC. 31, 2000

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Pamela Farrell:									
France	Franc	15,264.40	2,462.00						2,462.00
Germany	Deutsche Mark	825.72	393.20						393.20
Charles W. Alsup:									
Germany	Dollar		1,222.10						1,222.10
Daniel J. Cox:									
Germany	Dollar		1,057.49						1,057.49
Richard W. Fieldhouse:									
Russia	Dollar		1,049.72						1,049.72
United States	Dollar				4,519.20				4,519.20
Mary Alice Hayward:									
Russia	Dollar		3,910.21						3,910.21
John Barnes:									
Japan	Dollar		590.00						590.00
Korea	Dollar		1,084.96						1,084.96
Thomas L. MacKenzie:									
Japan	Dollar		590.00						590.00

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, TRAVEL AUTHORIZED BY SENATOR JOHN WARNER FOR TRAVEL FROM OCT. 1, TO DEC. 31, 2000—Continued

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Korea	Dollar		1,084.96						1,084.96
Senator James M. Inhofe:									
Kuwait	Dollar		778.00						778.00
Rwanda	Dollar		125.00						125.00
Congo	Dollar		565.00						565.00
Angola	Dollar		494.00						494.00
United States	Dollar				6,311.00				6,311.00
Cord A. Sterling:									
Kuwait	Dollar		740.00						740.00
Rwanda	Dollar		190.00						190.00
Italy	Dollar		40.00						40.00
Spain	Dollar		580.00						580.00
United States	Dollar				5,706.63				5,706.63
Senator Jack Reed:									
United States	Dollar				4,903.84				4,903.84
Total									38,397.31

JOHN WARNER,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Jan. 5, 2001.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE TRAVEL AUTHORIZED BY ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE FOR TRAVEL FROM OCT. 1, 2000 TO DEC. 31, 2000

Name and Country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Christopher Miller:									
Netherlands			2,610.00		831.90				3,441.90
Louis Renjel:									
Netherlands			1,740.00		821.12				2,561.12
Total			4,350.00		1,653.02				6,003.02

BOB SMITH,
Chairman, Committee on environment and Public Works, Jan. 22, 2001.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS FOR TRAVEL FROM OCT. 1, TO DEC. 31, 2000

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Elise Bean:									
United States	Dollar				1,314.80				1,314.80
Antigua/Dominica	Dollar			715.98					715.98
Robert Roach:									
United States	Dollar				1,314.80				1,314.80
Antigua/Dominica	Dollar			708.65					708.65
Total			1,424.63		2,629.60				4,054.23

FRED THOMPSON,
Chairman, Committee on Government Affairs, Jan. 2, 2001.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(c), JUDICIARY COMMITTEE FOR TRAVEL FROM OCT. 1, 2000 TO DEC. 31, 2000

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Paul Palagyi:									
Brazil			900.00		3,287.80				4,187.80
Total			900.00		3,287.80				4,187.80

ORRIN HATCH,
Chairman, Committee on Judiciary, Jan. 22, 2001.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(c), COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS FOR TRAVEL FOR TRAVEL FROM OCT. 1, TO DEC. 31, 2000—Continued

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Patricia Forbes:									
France	Franc		886.12		39.08		90.51		1,015.71

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(c), COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS FOR TRAVEL FROM OCT. 1, TO DEC. 31, 2000—Continued

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
	Dollar				883.00				883.00
Total			886.12		922.08		90.51		1,898.71

KIT BOND,
Chairman, Committee on Small Business, Dec. 18, 2000.

AMENDMENT TO THE 3RD QUARTER 2000 CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE—UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2000

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Doman O. McArthur:									
Spain			181.00				6.00		187.00
Morocco			498.00				125.00		623.00
Senegal			88.00				7.00		95.00
Mali			79.00				19.00		98.00
Ghana			136.00				10.00		146.00
Democratic Republic of the Congo			150.00				57.00		207.00
Angola			10.00				31.00		41.00
Zambia			98.00				35.00		133.00
South Africa			351.00				104.00		455.00
Uganda			161.00						161.00
Tunisia			71.00				111.00		182.00
Algeria			80.00				32.00		112.00
Portugal			178.00				46.00		224.00
Total			2,081.00				583.00		2,664.00

ARLEN SPECTER,
Chairman, Committee on Veterans Affairs, Dec. 20, 2000.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE FOR TRAVEL FROM OCT. 1, TO DEC. 31, 2000

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Kenneth Myers, III			2,545.00						2,545.00
Kenneth Myers, Jr.			2,490.00						2,490.00
Senator Richard Lugar			2,490.00						2,490.00
Senator Richard Shelby			1,379.00						1,379.00
Senator Jon Kyl	Dollar		1,360.00		5,571.76				5,571.76
Randall Bookout	Dollar		1,329.00		5,571.76				5,571.76
James Barnett	Dollar		790.00		5,571.76				5,571.76
Senator Max Baucus	Dollar		755.14		8,806.99				8,806.99
Lorenzo Goco	Dollar		1,034.00		5,269.89				5,269.89
Zak Anderson	Dollar		1,274.00		5,269.89				5,269.89
James Barnett	Dollar		1,947.00		5,208.00				5,208.00
Patricia McNerney	Dollar		1,947.00		3,609.30				3,609.30
Total			19,340.14		50,149.24				69,489.38

RICHARD SHELBY,
Chairman, Committee on Intelligence, Feb. 1, 2001.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), THE MAJORITY LEADER FOR TRAVEL FROM SEPT. 21, TO SEPT. 22, 2000

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson:									
Mexico	Pesos		146.25						146.25
Senator Jon Kyl:									
Mexico	Pesos		146.25						146.25
Senator Jeff Sessions:									
Mexico	Pesos		146.25						146.25
Larry DiRita:									
Mexico	Pesos		146.25						146.25
Mike Gerber:									
Mexico	Pesos		146.25						146.25
Julia Hart:									
Mexico	Pesos		146.25						146.25
Delegation expenses ¹								428.63	428.63

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), THE MAJORITY LEADER FOR TRAVEL FROM SEPT. 21, TO SEPT. 22, 2000—Continued

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Total			877.50					428.63	1,306.13

¹Delegation expenses include direct payments and reimbursements to the Department of State and the Department of Defense under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Sec. 22 of P.L. 95-384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

TRENT LOTT,
Majority Leader, Nov. 15, 2000.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), DEMOCRATIC LEADER FOR TRAVEL FROM OCT. 1 TO DEC. 31, 2000

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Franz Wuerfmannsdorbler: Netherlands	Dollar		3,359.28						3,359.28
Total			3,359.28						3,359.28

TOM DASCHLE,
Democratic Leader, Jan. 31, 2001.

THE FUTURE OF INDO-AMERICAN RELATIONS

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, the powerful earthquake which recently devastated India's densely populated western state of Gujarat has focused our attention, once again, on India. Gujarat officials estimate that 28,000 to 30,000 people have died. Thousands more have been injured, and hundreds of thousands have been displaced.

In response to India's dire need for help, USAID has sent blankets, generators, water containers, plastic sheeting, food, and other relief supplies—all part of our official commitment to provide some \$10 million in emergency humanitarian aid. But in my view this is not enough. We can and should do more. In the initial phase of this disaster when India particularly needed search and rescue teams and medical assistance, the United States was conspicuous in its absence. The Russians, the Brits, the Swiss and others were engaged in pulling people out of the rubble. We were not. At least half a dozen countries, including Denmark, Israel, and Sweden, sent field hospitals, doctors and medical personnel. We did not. Given our slow start, it is especially important for the United States to be particularly generous when it comes to reconstruction.

Indian-Americans, on the other hand, have moved quickly to mobilize their own relief effort—collecting sizeable donations and medical supplies as well as assembling teams of doctors. Reflecting the depth of concern among Americans for the tragedy that has struck India, President Bush, last week, made a condolence call to Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. I commend the President for making this call, not only because it was the right thing to do under the circumstances, but also because it was an

important gesture by the new Administration toward a country in a region that the United States tends to ignore, except in times of crisis.

Regrettably the Clinton Administration paid little attention to developments in South Asia until May 1998, when India broke its 25 year moratorium on nuclear testing with five underground tests. Taken by surprise, the Administration tried—to no avail—to persuade Pakistan not to test in response. Confronted with escalating tensions not only in the nuclear realm but on the ground over Kashmir, the Administration was forced to focus on growing instability in the subcontinent.

Belatedly the Administration picked up the pace of its diplomacy in the region, opening a high level dialogue with India and Pakistan on nuclear issues, interceding to reduce tensions over Kashmir, and arranging a Presidential visit last March to India, with a brief stop in Pakistan. President Clinton's trip to India—the first by a US president in 22 years—was an effort, in his words, to “rekindle the relationship” between the United States and India. It was a welcome initiative.

I was in India in December 1999, a few months before President Clinton's visit, to participate in the World Economic Forum's India Economic Summit. While there, I had an opportunity to meet with a number of Indian officials including the Prime Minister, his National Security Adviser and the Defense Minister. During the course of these meetings, it became very clear to me that India wanted a better relationship with the United States. In many respects, this was predictable because from India's perspective, the neighborhood in which it lives has become less friendly and more threatening, and its

historical ally, the Soviet Union, no longer exists.

Pakistan is under the control of a military regime rather than a democratically elected government—a regime which New Delhi views as illegitimate and threatening. In the months before the Clinton visit, tensions with Pakistan had intensified not only over Kashmir but also over Pakistani support for terrorists. Although tensions have subsided since then, Kashmir continues to be a volatile issue that could provoke another war between India and Pakistan both armed with nuclear weapons. Pakistan, like India, has declared its intention to be in the nuclear game. Pakistan clearly poses a security problem for India but not of the magnitude of China. As one Indian told me during my visit, “Pakistan is a nuisance but not a threat—China is a threat.”

The biggest and from the Indian viewpoint most menacing power in the neighborhood is China—a country with which India has had longstanding tensions over border and territorial issues. China's past assistance to Pakistan's nuclear program and its ongoing efforts to build influence with other smaller countries in the region, particularly those on India's border such as Burma, are proof at least in the minds of Indians that China is trying to encircle India. Whereas most of the countries in Southeast Asia see Chinese aspirations as limited to that of a regional power that wants recognition and respect, India is wary of China's aspirations both in the region and globally.

The Indian fear of China seems to me to be larger than reality but it is real nonetheless, and it is a major reason why India has been seeking improved relations with the United States. The Clinton Administration, recognizing