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**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Thank you for your message of 15 October about your discussions with President Zia.

I fully share your view of the need to support Pakistan and the Afghan resistance. As you know, we are already working together on this very sensitive and important issue. Since your message arrived our respective agencies have again been in touch with one another, and I understand that they have confirmed that the present arrangements are working satisfactorily. We are considering urgently the request for further support that has been made.

I think I was able to reassure President Zia on all this when he passed through London after seeing you.

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