



AMBASSADOR OF PAKISTAN  
LONDON

April 13, 1988

Excellency,

I have the honour to convey to you  
the following message from the President of Pakistan  
General Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq:

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DEAR PRIME MINISTER,

THE SIGNING TODAY OF THE GENEVA ACCORDS ON  
AFGHANISTAN WILL BE A HISTORIC MILESTONE IN  
OUR COMMON ENDEAVOUR TO RESTORE FREEDOM AND  
PEACE IN THAT COUNTRY. SOVIET WITHDRAWAL  
FROM AFGHANISTAN WILL BE AN ACHIEVEMENT  
WITHOUT PRECEDENT.

THE PRIDE AND HONOUR OF SECURING THE WITHDRAWAL  
OF THE FORCES OF THE SOVIET UNION BELONG, FIRST  
AND FOREMOST, TO THE VALIANT AFGHAN PEOPLE.  
THEY HAVE GIVEN MONUMENTAL SACRIFICES IN THEIR  
EPIC 'JIHAD' TO RECOVER NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY  
AND FREEDOM. THEY DESERVE THE ADMIRATION AND  
APPRECIATION OF ALL PEOPLES WHO CHERISH LIBERTY  
AND OPPOSE AGGRESSION.

THIS WELCOME OUTCOME IS, TO A LARGE MEASURE, DUE  
TO YOUR PERSONAL COURAGEOUS AND UNFALTERING  
COMMITMENT TO A GREAT CAUSE, AND THE SUBSTANTIAL  
POLITICAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED  
BY THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE HEROIC AFGHAN  
RESISTANCE AND TO PAKISTAN. YOUR PERSONAL EXAMPLE,  
IN SUPPORT OF THE AFGHAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS, HAS  
BEEN A BEACON OF LIGHT FOR THE ENTIRE WESTERN  
WORLD, AND A STEADFAST SOURCE OF STRENGTH FOR  
ALL AFGHANS.

PEACE AND HARMONY WILL NOT RETURN TO AFGHANISTAN  
UNTIL AND UNLESS A GOVERNMENT IS FORMED WHICH  
IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE AFGHAN PEOPLE, SPECIALLY THE  
MUJAHIDEEN, WHO REPRESENT THE GENUINE ASPIRATIONS  
OF THEIR PEOPLE. WE ARE GLAD THAT MR. CORDOVEZ  
HAS PLEDGED TO INITIATE EFFORTS TO PROMOTE A  
BROAD-BASED GOVERNMENT IN AFGHANISTAN. THIS WOULD  
ENCOURAGE THE EARLY RETURN OF THE 5 MILLION AFGHAN  
REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN, IRAN AND ELSEWHERE, AND  
ENABLE THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN TO EXERCISE THEIR



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RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION.

AS WE AWAIT EARLY SOVIET WITHDRAWAL FROM AFGHANISTAN, OUR ATTENTION MUST INEVITABLY TURN TO THE MONUMENTAL TASK OF REPATRIATING AND RE-SETTLING THE AFGHAN REFUGEES AND RE-BUILDING THEIR DEVASTATED COUNTRY. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL, THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE AVENUES, PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN THE PROCESS OF AFGHANISTAN'S ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION.

AT THIS HISTORIC MOMENT, I WISH TO CONVEY TO YOU MY DEEP GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION FOR ALL THAT YOU AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAVE DONE IN THE SERVICE OF AFGHANISTAN'S FREEDOM AND FOR THE RESTORATION OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN OUR REGION. OUR LONG AND FRUITFUL COOPERATION OVER THE PAST YEARS IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT CAN BE JOINTLY ACHIEVED BY NATIONS WHEN THEY STAND FIRM IN THE DEFENCE OF PRINCIPLES AND JUSTICE.

I PRAY FOR YOUR HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND LONG LIFE AND FOR EVER GREATER PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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Let me take this opportunity to convey to Your Excellency the assurances of my own highest consideration.

*Shaharyar M. Khan*  
( SHAHARYAR M. KHAN )  
Ambassador of Pakistan

The Right Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher,  
Prime Minister,  
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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
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From the Private Secretary

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I enclose copies of messages to the Prime Minister from President Zia and Prime Minister Junejo about the signature of the Geneva Agreements on the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan. I think it would be appropriate for the Prime Minister to reply in due course, and I should be grateful for drafts.

Charles Powell

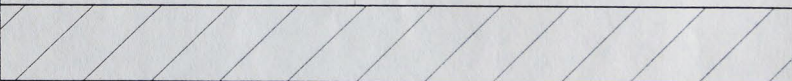
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	11	MIPT: MESSAGES TO THE PRIME MINISTER	
	12	1. Following is text of message from President Zia to the Prime Minister.	
	13	BEGINS	
	14	Dear Prime Minister,	
	15	The signing today of the Geneva accords on Afghanistan will be a historic milestone in our common endeavour to restore freedom and peace in that country. Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan will be an achievement without precedent.	
	16	The pride and honour of securing the withdrawal of the forces of the Soviet Union belong, first and foremost, to the valiant Afghan people. They have given monumental sacrifices in their epic 'Jihad' to recover national sovereignty and freedom. They deserve the admiration and appreciation of all peoples who cherish liberty and oppose aggression.	
///	26	This welcome outcome is, to a large measure, due to your personal	
//	27	courageous and unflinching commitment to a great cause, and the	
/	28	substantial political and material assistance provided by the	
	29	United Kingdom to the heroic Afghan resistance and to Pakistan.	



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 2 Your personal example, in support of the Afghan freedom fighters,  
 3 has been a beacon of light for the entire western world, and a  
 4 steadfast source of strength for all Afghans.  
 5 Peace and harmony will not return to Afghanistan until and unless  
 6 a government is formed which is acceptable to the Afghan people,  
 7 specially the Mujahideen, who represent the genuine aspirations  
 8 of their people. We are glad that Mr Cordovez has pledged to  
 9 initiate efforts to promote a broad-based government in  
 10 Afghanistan. This would encourage the early return of the 5  
 11 million Afghan refugees in Pakistan, Iran and elsewhere, and  
 12 enable the people of Afghanistan to exercise their right to  
 13 self-determination.  
 14 As we await early Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, our  
 15 attention must inevitably turn to the monumental task of  
 16 repatriating and re-settling the Afghan refugees and re-building  
 17 their devastated country. I am confident that the United Kingdom  
 18 will, through the appropriate avenues, play a leading role in the  
 19 process of Afghanistan's economic reconstruction.  
 20 At this historic moment, I wish to convey to you my deep  
 21 gratitude and appreciation for all that you and the British  
 22 Government have done in the service of Afghanistan's freedom and  
 23 for the restoration of peace and stability in our region. Our  
 24 long and fruitful cooperation over the past year is an example of  
 25 what can be jointly achieved by nations when they stand firm in  
 26 the defence of principles and justice.  
 27 I pray for your health, happiness and long life and for ever  
 28 greater progress and prosperity of the people of the United  
 29 Kingdom.  
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