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KASHMIRI PANDITS BASED ON VISITS TO THE CAMPS AND MEETINGS WITH THE PANDIT COMMUNITY (NEW DELHI 6639). THE INDIA DESK OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A COPY.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU BACK IN INDIA.

WITH BEST REGARDS,

E. ASHLEY WILLS
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, A. I.

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THE HONORABLE SHERROD BROWN
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

DEAR MR. BROWN:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF NOVEMBER 9 TO AMBASSADOR

CELESTE CONCERNING THE TRAVEL OF DR. VIJAY SAZAWAL. THE AMBASSADOR IS TRAVELING AND HAS ASKED ME TO LET YOU KNOW THAT DR. SAZAWAL IS WELCOME TO CONTACT THE EMBASSY WHEN HE ARRIVES.

YOU EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT DR. SAZAWAL'S SECURITY DURING HIS VISIT TO THE STATE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR. WE SHARE THOSE CONCERNS AND STRONGLY ADVISE THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS NOT TRAVEL TO PARTS OF THAT STATE. AS YOU KNOW, THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS HAD A STANDING TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR SEVERAL YEARS DETAILING ITS REASONS FOR RECOMMENDING AGAINST TRAVEL OF AMERICAN CITIZENS TO PARTS OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR. SERIOUS INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE HAVE OCCURRED IN THE KASHMIR VALLEY AND PARTS OF JAMMU REGION IN THE LAST YEAR, INCLUDING THE SHOOTING OF A FRENCH TOURIST IN SEPTEMBER. UNFORTUNATELY, THE EMBASSY LACKS THE RESOURCES TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUAL SECURITY DETAILS FOR PRIVATE AMERICANS TRAVELING IN INDIA. GIVEN DR. SAZAWAL'S PARTICULAR SECURITY THREATS, WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL ENCOURAGE DR. SAZAWAL TO RECONSIDER HIS DECISION TO TRAVEL TO THE STATE AT THIS TIME.

IF DR. SAZAWAL DOES DECIDE TO TRAVEL DURING THE DATES SUGGESTED, PLEASE ASK HIM TO BE IN TOUCH WITH OUR OFFICER IN THE EMBASSY HANDLING KASHMIR, MR. DONALD LU, AND OUR OFFICER HANDLING AMERICAN CITIZEN ISSUES, MR. ARTHUR MILLS. THE EMBASSY TELEPHONE NUMBER IS (91) (11) 688-9833.

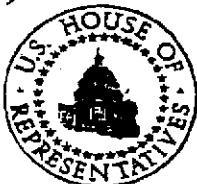
WHEN THE AMBASSADOR TRAVELED TO KASHMIR IN LATE OCTOBER, HE DISCUSSED THE PANDIT ISSUE WITH KASHMIRI LEADERS AND WAS TOLD THAT THE STATE GOVERNMENT HAS FORMULATED A PLAN

TO FACILITATE THE RETURN OF THE PANDITS TO THE KASHMIR VALLEY. THE PLAN REPORTEDLY INCLUDES THE PROVISION OF LAND, CONSTRUCTION OF HOMES, ALLOTMENT OF LIVESTOCK, AND ARRANGEMENTS TO PROVIDE SPECIAL SECURITY. THE COSTLY PLAN IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW BY THE HOME MINISTRY OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. THE EMBASSY PREPARED A CLASSIFIED REPORT WHICH MAY INTEREST YOU ON THE PLIGHT OF

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