



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Markey:

This is in response to your letter of November 14, 2002, to President Bush that was transferred to the Department of State on January 11 in which you expressed concern about press reports that Pakistan supplied North Korea with equipment critical to its nuclear weapons program, beginning as early as 1999.

We continue to review all available information. Issues such as these involve highly classified information; I am therefore not at liberty to comment in detail in this letter.

We have long been concerned about Pakistan's missile cooperation with the DPRK and in 1998 imposed sanctions on DPRK and Pakistani entities for missile-related transfers. We have raised our concerns on this and other issues with Pakistan at the highest possible level. As Secretary Powell has indicated, he has discussed these concerns personally with President Musharraf, who understands the seriousness and consequences of sensitive cooperation with North Korea. President Musharraf assured him that Pakistan is not participating in any proliferation activity and there will be no arms-related contacts between Pakistan and North Korea. We will continue to watch the situation closely.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul V. Kelly", written over a horizontal line.

Paul V. Kelly  
Assistant Secretary  
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The Honorable  
Edward J. Markey,  
House of Representatives.