

June 14, 2006

The Honorable David C. Mulford
The Ambassador of the United States
U.S. Embassy
Shantipath
New Delhi, India 110-021

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I received your letter of June 9, 2006, on the bilateral agreement regarding the negotiations between the United States and India regarding civilian nuclear matters. I understand that the negotiations are critical to the Administration's efforts to obtain Congressional approval before the summer recess.

As you point out, Mr. Rothschild, Office of the General Counsel at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, is on the U.S. delegation for the negotiations. In fact, Mr. Rothschild is in India presently, giving his full attention to this important and time-sensitive matter. I know Mr. Rothschild personally and have confidence in his ability to carry out his part of the negotiations successfully.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

/RA/Josephine M. Piccone for

Peter B. Lyons