



**AMBASSADOR OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

NEW DELHI

June 9, 2006

Dear Peter,

As you probably know we have a delegation arriving this weekend from Washington to begin negotiations on the bilateral agreement, so called 123 agreement, between the US and India on civil-nuclear. We have exchanged drafts and now the real engagement begins.

You will have Mr. Irwin Rothschild on the delegation headed up by Dick Stratford. Our hope is that we can move this negotiation quickly as part of the Administration's effort to advance the agreement through Congress. There is an all out effort to have mark up by the end of June and the first vote on the change in law before summer break. The 123 agreement is a critical part of the process. I hope you will encourage Mr. Rothschild to approach this negotiation as a priority matter that is very time sensitive.

Hope you are keeping well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David", written in a cursive style.

David C. Mulford