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The November 15, 2006 *Washington Post* article titled, "Lawmakers Concerned About US-India Nuclear Trade Deal" is inaccurate and does not reflect the facts and the extent to which the Intelligence Community has been responsive to Congressional requests.

Since early February of this year, Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) officials and analysts have briefed staffs from Senate and House committees on five separate occasions addressing their specific areas of interest relating to India's nuclear program. During this period we provided extensive information including a formal written report on India's program to the Senate Foreign Relations and House International Relations Committees, as well as several other Congressional committees and their staffs. Questions from the committees were addressed in a timely manner, as completely as possible, and in sufficient detail based on the feedback received from the committees over the course of many months.

The ODNI takes seriously its obligation to be responsive to Congress and will continue to support requests for information on important national security issues as expeditiously and thoroughly as possible.

Sincerely,

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