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Mr. Bolton,

I would like to express some foreign policy concerns that I have with you regarding the tensions between the government of India and Pakistan as well as the United States withdrawing troops from some countries. As to the recent tensions occurring between the government of India and the government of Pakistan due to the Pulwama terrorist attack, I am hoping that the White House will take action to address the recent tensions between those two countries. I do not like the hostile tensions between those two nuclear powers and I think that it would be a great idea for White House officials to send communication to representatives of both the governments of India and Pakistan and that White House and DOS officials will work on a plan of action as to resolving the tensions between both India and Pakistan. I do believe that it would be a great idea for officials at the White House to send invitations to senior officials of the government of India and the government of Pakistan to the White House for talks, such as an official dinner or something like that. I do believe that if such an event occurred, I would hope that senior White House officials would be able to discuss the "safe haven issues" with senior government officials of Pakistan and I also believe that both senior government officials of India and Pakistan would be able to talk with one another as to how they believe that will be able to de-escalate tensions between one another and coming up with an official resolution to this issue.

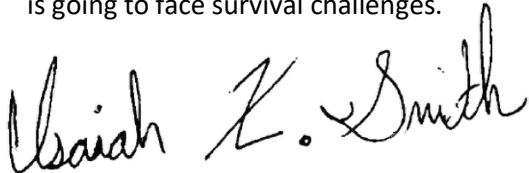
It would not be in the best interests for the international community as a whole for two countries that possess nuclear weapons to engage in war games against one another or for them to engage in some type of armed conflict against the other. I strongly believe that having talks between senior officials of both the government of India and Pakistan with one another could help to avoid something like that from occurring in the future. If the White House decides to do so in which I am hoping occurs, I would like senior White House officials to make sure that they bring up combatting extremist entities in Pakistan with senior officials of the government of Pakistan and maybe even discussing some type of status of force agreement with the government of Pakistan as to combating extremist entities that are carrying out acts of aggression throughout the world.² The government of

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² Since the United States has canceled approximately 1.3 billion dollars in aid to the government of Pakistan due to the safe haven concerns, I do believe that if talks do occur, maybe the United States would be able to use its 1.3 billion dollars in canceled aid to go after extremist entities that are involved in acts of aggression throughout the world as well as being involved in nation building. Nation building is an important foreign policy objective that I do believe would help demolish extremist entities once people have something to live for. Only going after extremist entities as a foreign policy objective is not the best way as to completely stopping extremist entities.

Pakistan needs to understand how unwillingness or their failure to address extremist entities that are involved in acts of aggression does have negative impacts on the world and that it does contribute to regional instability and tensions.

Lastly, I would also like to raise concerns over the United States withdrawing troops from Afghanistan.³ I am really concerned that doing so would have devastating effects on Afghanistan, Pakistan, India as well as the rest of the international community. I do believe that the United States needs to keep troops in Afghanistan for now. I do not believe that Afghanistan as a country is ready for the withdrawal of United States troops from that country. I do disagree with the White House not working on being involved in nation building in Afghanistan. I do believe that nation building with regard to Afghanistan needs to be a foreign policy objective of the United States as well as countries that have a major impact on the international community. If the White House does change their mind on the nation building issue with regard as to Afghanistan, something that I am confident would benefit from nation building as a foreign policy objective of the United States, would be the Ring Road. I am concerned that the unfinished but extremely important Ring Road could fail. The Ring Road failing is the last thing that the international community needs because if it does fail, the government of Afghanistan is going to face survival challenges.



Respectfully,

Isaiah X. Smith⁴

³ I am also in opposition to the United States currently withdrawing troops from Syria. I do believe that doing so would create harm to assisted groups that the United States supports in Syria. Assisted groups in Syria would see that move by the United States as ourselves turning our backs on them and ourselves setting them up for failure.

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Re: White House withdrawing troops from Afghanistan could cause security incidents in Pakistan

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February 13th, 2019

Hi,

Recently, a Taliban linked group, the Hizbul Ahrar, claimed responsibility for an attack on police officials in the northwestern part of Pakistan on tuesday. The terrorist attack occurred in the Dera Ismail Khan district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa of Pakistan. I am concerned about that terrorist attack due to the fact that area was once under high amounts of pressure by extremists through acts of violence, but that area of Pakistan has been cleared following military crackdowns when looking at its procedural history. I am concerned especially due to the White House withdrawing troops from Afghanistan and also due to the fact that the United States is not going to pursue the Taliban in Pakistan, opposite of what the United States has done in Afghanistan, that region of Pakistan could start to see now or in the future a rise in extremism and extremist entities operating. I also do believe that it is a huge possibility that Pakistan, in other regions, could also now or in the future see a rise in extremism and extremist entities operating.

I am extremely opposed to the White House not only withdrawing troops from Afghanistan, but also as to the United States not taking action against the Taliban in Pakistan. I do believe that the White House withdrawing troops from Afghanistan will raise up security concerns for India as well as for Pakistan and of course Afghanistan. I also do believe that the United States needs to change its foreign policy on going after extremists in Pakistan. I really do dislike the United States failing to take enough measures on going after extremists and extremist entities in Pakistan. The United States failing to do so and mostly relying on the government of Pakistan to stop extremist entities has not been that successful. The current White House believes that Pakistan is a safe haven for extremist entities. The United States has routinely accused the government of Pakistan of this and the government of Pakistan has routinely denied that the Taliban or other extremist entities are permitted to use the country as a safe haven. Due to this safe haven issue, the current White House had decided to stop its 1.3 billion dollars annual aid to Pakistan due to that safe haven issue.

Even though the government of Pakistan is asserted to have pointed their fingers towards the government of India for regional instability and extremist entities operating in the region, it does not appear as if the government of Pakistan is able or that they are unwilling to go after extremist entities by stopping extremists groups on their own. The United States solely relying on the government of Pakistan to stop extremist organizations in Pakistan from rising and spreading throughout the region, is not a smart foreign policy move to make. The United States needs to work with the government of Pakistan to help stop the rise of extremist organizations and extremist entities. It also does not make sense for the United States to be in opposition to the Taliban and Taliban affiliated groups in one country while not caring about that group or those affiliated groups in a neighbouring country. I think that it would be a good foreign policy objective for the White House to use their once used 1.3 billion dollars in annual aid that used to be sent to the government of Pakistan to instead use that foreign financial assistance to help United States troops stop extremist entities in Pakistan, hopefully when the White House and the government of Pakistan should be able to enter into a status of force agreement with one another as far as this issue is concerned.

If I were in the White House, I would keep troops in Afghanistan and I would also be involved in some type of "status of force agreement" with the government of Pakistan as to combating extremist entities. If I was also in the White House, I would use the canceled 1.3 billion dollars in aid that was once sent to the government of Pakistan, to be used to and for the United States to accomplish its goal in combating extremist entities in Pakistan, since that was the original goal of the annual aid that the United States used to pay the government of Pakistan for that issue. Lastly, if I were in the White House, I would also work with other countries that are

allies to the United States in being involved in regional stability as for that region of the world while not "solely" relying on the United States to go after extremist entities.

Respectfully,
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Re: United States needs to be concerned over the Pulwama terrorist attack and tensions arising over that terrorist attack

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February 28th, 2019

Hi,

As you already know, the terrorist attack that had occurred against Indian forces in which the Pakistani based Jaish-e-Mohammad group has claimed responsibility for, has raised tensions between the government of India and the government of Pakistan towards one another. Approximately forty (40) individuals in the Indian Armed Forces died due to that terrorist attack. Since that terrorist attack in which a Pakistani extremist entity has claimed responsibility for, the government of India and the government for Pakistan has been involved in war games against another. In one instance, the government of Pakistan has claimed that the Indian Air Force violated its airspace and that the Pakistan Air Force was immediately scrambled. One Indian pilot was captured by Pakistan's Armed Forces, "Wing Comd Abhi Nandan." But since the capture of the Indian Air Force personnel, Prime Minister Imran Khan has stated recently that the government of Pakistan will release the captured Indian pilot. I believe that doing so by the government of Pakistan would de-escalate tensions between the government of India and the government of Pakistan. I do believe that was a smart foreign policy move for the government of Pakistan to make, for the purpose as to helping de-escalate tensions between the government of India and the government of Pakistan. But even though that was the right foreign policy move for the government of Pakistan to have made, I do believe that peace talks between representatives of the government of India and the government of Pakistan do need to occur because the conflict as to the Pulwama terrorist attack situation is not over.

I do believe that the United States needs to be involved in helping ensure that peace talks between the government of India and the government of Pakistan occur. Their will not be any good benefits with two nuclear powers entering or engaging in war games or armed conflicts against the other, due to the Pulwama terrorist attack. While the Pulwama terrorist attack should not be overlooked by the United States or by Pakistan, I do not believe that those two countries should go to war or to enter into an armed conflict against one another over that awful terrorist attack. Instead, I do believe that White House officials and that officials with the government of India need to put pressure on the government of Pakistan to stop extremist entities inside of Pakistan and to work with both the United States and India as to stopping extremist entities in Pakistan and throughout that region of the world.

I do agree with the current White House in their belief that Pakistan is often a safe haven for extremist entities. Even if the government of Pakistan does not officially offer protection to extremist entities, it should be noted that the government of Pakistan is not doing enough to resolve extremist entities operating inside of that country. More needs to be done by the government of Pakistan as to thwarting terrorist plots by extremist entities and stopping extremist entities operating. Pointing fingers at either country will only escalate tensions in that region of the world and between those two governments. So, I am hoping that White House and that DOS officials will not point fingers at either country, India or Pakistan. Instead of pointing fingers at the government of Pakistan due to the Pulwama terrorist attack or even India for whatever reason, I believe and I am hoping that White House officials and DOS officials will send communication to representatives of both of those governments (India and Pakistan) and that White House and DOS officials will work on a plan of action as to resolving the tension between both India and Pakistan. I do believe that it would be a great idea for the White House to invite senior officials of the government of India and of the government of Pakistan to the White House for talks, an official dinner or something like that, where the White House will be able to discuss the "safe haven issue" with senior government officials of Pakistan and where both senior government officials of India and Pakistan will be able to talk with one another as to how they believe that will be able to de-escalate tensions between one another and coming up with an official resolution to this issue.

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