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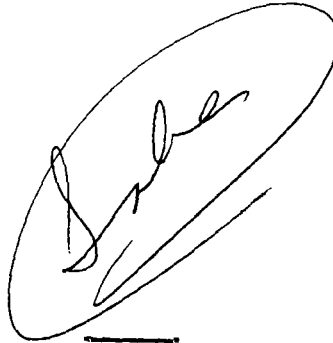
Re the two attachments

On the first attachment, Dr. Dinesh Patel requested a message for their conv. on 11/18.. When I talked to him I told him that it was not possible for you to speak (you had other things scheduled). I told him this would be referred to Doris. He had not heard anything from us after that so he contacted me again re a letter. Ann Eder was working on this.

On the second attachment, I got an earful on his letter of 10/15/94. Perhaps you should read it but the gist is:

His organization raises money for DNC
He does whatever you ask
He feels Adm'n outreach needs more extension
For 3 years he's asked for some rep'n from
the Admn to their conv. and they always
get turned down.
He says DNC doesn't even respond.
He says whenever Rameesh asks for theings
for DNC, they always are helpful but
when their org asks for anything, they
are always turned down.
He feels that Doris is a problem.
Also not enough Indian Amns being apptd.
He cites 3 organizations that are being
"masterfully ignored and neglected."

r
11/17/94

A handwritten signature, likely "Rameesh", is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

SAY ~~Call Dana~~
W. to see
if this POTUS
greeting is
ready.

NOT YET.

(ANNEXER
IS CONTACTING
ON THIS)

11/16/94

THIS HAS

BEEN SENT

~~Called & told Dinesh~~
~~POTUS enroute~~

No response from
DNC, Doris is
forfeited, nothing
for 3 years. Where
are the jobs, etc.

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL

HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL

DINESH PATEL, M.D.

Chief of Arthroscopic Surgery Unit
Department of Orthopaedic Surgery
Massachusetts General Hospital



Assistant Clinical Professor
Orthopaedic Surgery
Harvard Medical School

NOV - 3 1994

NOV 3 94

My dear Alexis,
will you please
look into the affair of
my request for
MESSAGE

from President Clinton.
We want to purchase
in our souvenir.
He has done this before.
It is very URGENT.
Convention is on Nov 18, 19, 20 94

How about you coming
and deliver it.

Please do not IGNORE
this request.

It is good for all
when am I going to see you
again - Regan Alme



Indian American Forum for Political Education

October 13, 1994

PRESIDENT

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President William Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

The 11th annual convention of the Indian American Forum for Political Education will be held in Somerset, New Jersey at the Somerset Marriott Hotel, November 18 - November 20, 1994.

The annual convention of either NAACP - AJ Congress, Hispanic organization, Asian Americans, or whatever bring people from all sections of society for dialogues and discussions on a wide variety of issues and theme. We too are catalysing/reengineering for the same goals.

Our organization representing more than one million new immigrants is non-profit and bipartisan and is specifically looking into issues affecting Indian Americans.

To further these objectives, we are interested in receiving your encouraging blessing - a message in person; but if you cannot attend the convention, may we request you to send a message for this vibrant interested group of people to include in our souvenir to be distributed nationally.

Enclosed are some examples of messages, our mission, objectives and something about our organization. Hoping you can respond.

Thank you and regards.

Sincerely,

Dinesh Patel

Dr. Dinesh Patel,
President, IAFPE

*You & your team
has made a
big difference for us
I hope you
respond to us*

Enclosures



Indian American Forum for Political Education

Nov 3 '94

My dear President Clinton

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Dinesh

Dr. Dinesh Patel,
President, IAFPE

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Please send your message to the President's Home Address.

2nd request

Hotel Information

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Somerset Marriott Hotel for the convention guests. A special rate of \$65 per night per room has been arranged. Please call the hotel directly before October 31, 1994 and ask for The Indian American Forum Convention group rate.

Reservations:

1-800-238-3198

Fax 908-560-3669

Hotel Address:

110 Davidson Avenue
Somerset, NJ 08873
(908) 560-0500

Directions: (From Newark Airport) NJ Turnpike South to Exit 10 (Route 287) Route 287 North 12 miles to Exit 6 (Route 527 North) Left at First Traffic Light onto Davidson Avenue. The Hotel is on your left.

Driving time from airport, 45 minutes to an hour.

Hotel is also accessible by train from Metro-Park, Iselin which is a major station on the Boston-New York-Philadelphia-Wash. D.C. AMTRAK train service line. Hotel is approximately 15 miles from Metro-Park, Iselin.

**For More
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Vallabh Patel
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Annual Convention '94

Souvenir Advertisement Rates

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(Paid Before Oct. 31, 1994)

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INDIAN AMERICAN FORUM FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION ANNUAL CONVENTION '94 - REGISTRATION FORM

(Please Fill Out Both Sides Of This Form)

Please Circle the Desired Plan(s) of Payment	Registration Only (Includes All Programs)		Meals & Breakfast (Except Banquet)		Banquet Only		Combined Registration and Banquet	
	Regular	Early Bird	Regular	Early Bird	Regular	Early Bird	Regular	Early Bird
Individual	30	25	40	35	50	40	110	95
Couple	50	45	75	65	90	80	200	180
Youth (Full Time Student)	10	10	20	15	25	20	50	40
					(450)	360	(10% Discount To Members)	

Total \$ _____ ☐ Check ☐ Cash ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Non-Veg.

Please make check payable to: IAFPE (Non-profit, tax exempt # 52-1374412)

Early Bird Rates Applicable. If Paid Before October 31, 1994

REGISTRATION FORM

Annual Convention '94
November 18, 19, 20, 1994
Marriott Hotel, Somerset, NJ

Please Fill Out Both Sides Of This Form.

Name: _____

Spouse

Name: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephones:

Res: _____

Bus: _____

Fax: _____

Date of Arrival: _____

Date of Departure: _____

Accompanying Youth (Full Time Students)

Name/Sex: _____

Name/Sex: _____

Which Sessions Do You Want To Attend:

- ☐ A. Political Sessions
☐ B. Business Opportunities Sessions
☐ C. Youth Sessions

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New Brunswick, NJ 08906



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Eleventh
Annual Convention '94

INDIAN AMERICAN FORUM

FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION

Eleventh Annual Convention

THEME:

HOW TO BECOME MORE
EFFECTIVE IN POLITICS



November 18, 19, 20, 1994
at
MARRIOTT HOTEL and
Ukrainian Center Cultural Hall
Davidson Avenue
Somerset, NJ

11-03-1994 11:32AM

FROM DR. DINESH PATEL

TO

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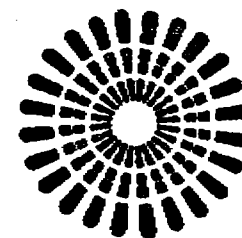
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Indian American Forum

For Political Education

Annual Convention '94

SESSION & TOPICS

POLITICAL SESSIONS

- Fund Raising - How To Be More Effective
- How To Be More Effective In Campaign Work
- Local, State and National Politics
- Experiences of Jewish, Black and Hispanic Groups
- Political Networking

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY SESSIONS

- How To Benefit From SBA and SBIR Programs
- Minority Programs of NY & NJ Port Authority
- US Dept. of Defense - Minority Programs
- State of NJ Minority Business Development
- Business Networking
- NRI Opportunity in India

YOUTH SESSIONS

- How to Establish an Indo-American Youth Group in Your University
- How to Get Summer Internship With a Congressman's Office
- Benefits of Political Participation
- Penalties of Non-Involvement in Politics
- Experiences of Successful Youth Programs in '93-94
- How to Overcome Discrimination in University Admissions, Appointments
- Networking Youth

PROGRAM

Theme: How to Become More Effective In Politics

Friday, November 18, 1994

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Registration
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Reception: Indian Snacks & Refreshments
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Inauguration & Welcome Addresses
9:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Cultural Program The Highlight of The Evening: A Professionally Choreographed Special Event by Well Known Artists
11:00 pm - 12:00 midnight	Dancing to Live Music

Saturday, November 19, 1994

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast & Networking
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Political Progress of Indian Americans. Where Are We Today.
10:00 am - 12:00 noon	Parallel Sessions A. How To Be More Effective In Fund Raising B. How To Be More Effective In Campaign Work
12:00 - 2:00 pm noon	Luncheon with Key Note Speaker
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Parallel Sessions A. Political Participation Local vs. National B. How To Overcome Minority Handicap In Business, Education & Jobs
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Forum Business Meeting & Elections: Members and Delegates

Saturday - Evening Banquet

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Social Honor
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Dinner
8:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Addresses: Keynote Speakers
10:00p m - 12:00 midnight	Entertainment Dancing to Live Music

Sunday, November 20, 1994

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast & Review of Saturday Sessions & Resolutions
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Youth Sessions. Effective Internship Programs
10:30 am - 12:00 noon	Youth Sessions. Effective Voter Registration Drive
12:00 - 2:00 pm noon	Unity Luncheon. Keynote Speakers, Where We Go From Here

Trade Fair

Exhibition booths.

Saturday, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday, 7:00 am - 2:00 pm



Contact for Program Information:

Program Co-Chairs

Narain Bhatia 617-861-1143
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
August 12, 1992

I am pleased to send greetings to all those who are gathered for the Tenth Annual Convention of the Indian American Forum for Political Education.

The theme of this event, "Unity Convention 92," is fitting during an important political year such as this one. By educating Indian Americans about vital issues of our day and about their impact on your community, this Forum will help attendees to become more informed voters and more effective participants in the democratic process. At the same time, your Forum will demonstrate how determined individuals, by uniting in a spirit of voluntary association, can pool their energy and resources in order to gain a stronger voice in policymaking at all levels.

We need not look far in order to see what can be accomplished by individuals who are willing to work together to reach worthy goals: today, millions of Americans are working together in more than 1500 communities to ensure the success of America 2000, our National strategy to achieve excellence in education. People of all ages and all walks of life have joined in support of America the Beautiful, one of the Administration's programs to clean up and protect our environment; and some 90 percent of major U.S. companies have established drug abuse prevention programs, in keeping with a key aim of our National Drug Control Strategy. These and other efforts underscore the importance of individual initiative in a democracy such as ours, and I commend the members of your Forum for encouraging Indian Americans to take full advantage of their rights and opportunities as citizens. Just as Indian Americans have benefitted from their increasing participation in the democratic process, so have our communities and Nation benefitted from the contribution of their talents and ideas.

Barbara joins me in sending best wishes for a productive and enjoyable convention.

George Bush



The Indian American Forum For Political Education

A Perspective on Past, Present, And Future

- Narain Bhatia
Senior Vice President IAFPE

The Indo-American Forum For Political Education is a non-profit, non-partisan, national educational organization dedicated to increasing the political participation of Indo-Americans in the U.S. political process.

Vision of the Founders

The founding fathers of the Forum visualized that in a competitive democracy like the U.S.A. the future interests of an ethnic group like the Indo-Americans, a group easily distinguished by its color, accent and culture, would be adversely affected if it did not participate fully in the civic and political affairs of its adopted country.

This concern arose from contemplation and discussion of experiences of Asian-Indian immigrant communities in different parts of the world. In most cases where the immigrants were apathetic towards political and civic affairs of their adopted land, they suffered dangerous and unpleasant consequences. This happened despite their significant economic contributions and despite their harmless, law-abiding nature.

The founding fathers of the Forum did not want to repeat the sad lessons of their counterparts who suffered in other countries, but were determined to be instructed and soberly inspired by those lessons. They wanted Indo-Americans to become fully responsible inhabitants of the United States by educating themselves on the issues affecting their community, and by teaching elected government officials about their concerns. They wanted Indo-Americans to understand and participate fully in the political system and civic affairs of the United States of America.

Thus was born in the nations capital, Washington, D.C. ten years ago-on October 11, 1982-- The Indo-American Forum For Political Education. The Forum from its inception chose to *focus on political education* and maintain its non-partisan, non-profit character, while complementing and supplementing activities of other national Indian ethnic organizations.

Objectives Of The Forum

- To function as a catalyst in the development of civic

consciousness and promotion of political awareness among all Indo-Americans.

- To provide opportunities for learning through educational sessions such as lectures, seminars, symposiums and workshops on civic, economic, political, and social issues and current legislative and regulatory developments affecting the lives of individuals of Asian-Indian origin residing in the United States of America.
- To facilitate informal exchanges of ideas between Forum members and political leaders, including public officials, and to develop an atmosphere of mutual respect, good will and understanding through such exchanges of ideas.
- To promote voter registration among Indo-American citizens and to encourage them to study issues involved in the political campaigns in order to exercise their civic duties responsibly and.
- To educate Forum members to recognize their individual social-professional responsibilities by involving them in community and public affairs.

Organization of the Forum

Forum activities have spread all over the nation, with chapters in nearly twenty-five states, including New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maryland, and Pennsylvania in the East; Missouri, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Florida in the South; Michigan and Ohio in the Midwest; and Nevada, Arizona, and California in the West. There is even a chapter in the Virgin Islands. Some state chapters also have multiple local chapters.

Chapters are the heart of the Forum, doing the most important grass roots work. Their activities do not make big newspaper headlines, but they quietly conduct seminars and workshops, meet with local elected officials, conduct voter registration drives, participate in political campaigns, get their members appointed on policy-making committees, and strive to become efficient, vibrant organizations. Naturally, some are more vibrant than others, but they are all dedicated to the cause and have made significant strides towards increasing political awareness.

The National organization of the Forum is responsible for those activities that are national in character and which state chapters cannot do on their own. The National endeavors to cultivate contacts with the Republican and the Democratic parties, senators, congressmen, and administration officials in Washington, D.C., in an effort to educate them about the issues affecting Indo-Americans. Its other activities include holding national conventions and meetings, publishing national news letters, starting new chapters, and assisting existing chapters. Officials of the National and the state and local chapters are elected every two years.

Accomplishments Of The Forum

Increasing political awareness is hard to measure. Certainly Indo-Americans are more politically involved today than ten or five years ago. Since its founding, Forum has been quite visible and held its annual National convention each year.

- Opened communication channels between Indo-Americans and the White House and executive agencies, including the U.S. State Department.
- Met with Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush to discuss issues of importance to Indo-Americans.
- Testified before congressional committees to preserve the Second and Fifth Preferences relating to family re-unification issues in the immigration law.
- Contacted congressional leader, federal agencies and the media to raise awareness of issues relating to foreign medical graduates, nurses, engineers, scientists, educators, small businessmen and other Indo-American professionals.
- Established an effective bi-partisan liaison between Indo-Americans and the Democratic and Republican National Committees.
- Developed close contacts with other minority organizations, including religious, ethnic, racial and women's groups.
- Participated in various functions organized by the 1988 and 1992 Republican and Democratic National Conventions.
- Encouraged Forum members to participate in presidential and congressional campaigns, and arranged educational dialogue between candidates and Indo-American leaders.
- Leaders of the Forum were appointed to the 1988 Asian-American Bush/Quayle Transition Outreach Committee.

- Conducted nationwide voter registration campaigns among Indo-Americans.
- Sponsored political awareness and civic consciousness seminars on issues affecting Indo-Americans.
- Enhanced Indo-U.S. relations through congressional luncheons and Indian Embassy briefings.
- Organized meetings between members of Congress and leaders of the Indo-American community.
- Mobilized a broad platform of support by coordinating activities with other Indo-American organizations.

Challenges Facing The Forum

A growing organization faces normal growing pains, and Forum is no exception. It needs more centralized administrative staff; some changes in the constitution to provide for much needed trustees and regional vice presidents; better communication among chapters and the national; and strategic definition of priorities.

The real challenge, however, is created by the profound changes that are taking place in the American political system today. The mass-communication-based sound-bite politics, the cracks in the traditional party structure, the unbearable cost of political campaigns, the influence of special interest groups, the anti-incumbent mood, the decline of the American economy, and the break down of the traditional family values have created voter apathy and frustration. It has made it very difficult for relatively young organizations like the forum to become effective in the political arena.

The challenge the Forum faces is to overcome its growing pains and at the same time overcome the natural apathy of an immigrant community to get involved in political process--all in the face of the most challenging political environment this nation has ever faced.

This cannot be done unless the Indo-American community is united, understands the concerns of its members, and becomes sophisticated enough to participate with some degree of efficiency and effectiveness in the political system. Photo-opportunity-fund raisers, an increase in the number of new Indian American organizations, and self-appointed community leaders will only make it difficult for the politicians to work with us.

We have no time to lose. We owe it to our children to leave a legacy of not just a hard-working, educated and family-oriented community but also a community that took its civic responsibilities seriously and participated fully in the political affairs of its adopted land.



PRIME MINISTER

New Delhi
March 9, 1993

Dear Dr. Patel,

I would like to thank you for your kind invitation to join the Indian American Forum for Political Education Congressional Lunch which was to be held on February 18. I trust the event went off successfully.

We in India value the work you and your colleagues in the Forum are doing in trying to realise the political potential of the large and extremely successful community of Indian Americans, who bridge two great democracies. While many of your members may have chosen to opt for a nationality other than Indian, we are confident that upholding India's interests in a non-divisive manner is a shared concern.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(P.V. Narasimha Rao)

Dr. Dinesh Patel
President
Indian American Forum for
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Washington, D.C. 20005



August 13, 1992

Mr. Krishna V. Srinivasa
President
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700 Woodward Building
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Dear Friends:

Welcome to all of you in attendance at the 10th Annual Convention of the Indian American Forum for Political Education. Indian Americans are playing a significant role in the Democratic Party at the local, state, and national levels. Many Indian Americans are actively involved in my presidential campaign, and I am committed to ensuring continuing participation through November and beyond.

I hope that you will join me in fighting for change in this country. As President, I will put people first and help create better jobs, stronger schools, more affordable health care, and safer streets.

With respect to the Indian American community, we must work together to address anti-Asian violence, immigration, university admissions policies, and other important civil rights concerns. I will make appointments of Indian Americans in my Administration.

Thank you for your continuing support. I look forward to working with many of you in the future.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton
Bill Clinton



TEN COMMANDMENTS



Glass Ceiling, Job Discrimination ~ Barriers to Equal Opportunity

Women and young American, Middle-aged senior professionals

Lack of Government Assistance in Business Development

SBA, MBDA (Commerce Department), Defense Procurement

Invisible Quotas in Learning Institutions' Admissions ~ Advancement

Institutions of learning and advancement seem to limit the number of Indian Americans on grounds of "diversity," "stereotyping," "model minority," "legacy," "over representation," "lack of extracurricular activities" and "meritocracy on the way side!!"

Poor Representation in Government Appointments

Local, state, federal ~ Political empowerment for public service

Spouse Re-Unification, Visa Problems in India, Green Card, Citizenship Papers in the USA ~ INS

Universal for people with the last name of Patel, Singh, Reddy, Shah, Aggarwal and others

Healthcare Reforms ~ Universal Healthcare ~ Cost ~ Quality

Doctors, nurses, pharmacists, physical therapists, other healthcare providers, small business people, students, elderly, chronically ill, new immigrants

Loans from Banks, State & Federal Governments

Hotel/motel industry, real estate, small businesses - grants to community projects

Indo-US Relations

Education, intellectual debates, political correctness at all levels here and in India
Pride in culture and heritage

Domestic

Jobs, Civil Rights, NAFTA, Economic Recovery, Deficit Reduction, National Service Corporation, Racial Harassment, Hate Crime, Bigotry and Violence

Lack of Participation ~ Lack of Assertiveness

Voter Registration, Citizenship, Grass-roots
Culture of Philanthropy ~ Charity ~ Tolerance ~ Self-reliance and Volunteerism

"LET NOBLE THOUGHTS COME FROM ALL SIDES"

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 25, 1994

Dinesh Patel, M.D.
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Dear Dinesh:

Thank you for expressing your concerns about U.S.-Indian relations.

Ties between India and the United States are solid, and there is great potential for further growth and cooperation between us. For example, we strongly support India's economic reform program, which has contributed to a wave of bilateral trade and investment. American firms of all sizes are participating in the renovation of the Indian economy. We are India's largest trading partner, with trade exceeding \$7 billion in 1993.

Our cooperative relationship in science and technology is among the most extensive in the world. Our armed forces have worked together in U.N. peacekeeping operations in Somalia and Cambodia. Despite differences on some nonproliferation issues, we have worked together on a comprehensive test-ban treaty and a chemical weapons convention.

Our concerns about human rights are part and parcel of a mature relationship between democracies. We recognize the important work done by Indian private groups and individuals and the efforts by the government to address human rights problems. We also encourage India to pursue peaceful solutions to problems at home and abroad that have posed threats to the security of that great nation.

As we work with India to strengthen our relations and resolve our differences, I welcome your continued interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bill Clinton".

May 20, 1984

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MEDICINE

First Asian on Policy Board

By AZIZ HANIFFA

WASHINGTON—Dr. Dinesh Patel, an orthopedic surgeon, last week became the first Asian-American physician to be elected to the board of the policy-making Federation of State Medical Boards.

He was elected unanimously, beating out nine others for the vacant position. The federation is considered influential in organized medicine.

Patel received an overwhelming majority from among the 70 voting members representing 50 state boards, four territories and 16 osteopathic boards. He had been serving on the board for a year, filling out the vacating member's term, and will be up for re-election in 1987.

The seven-member board usually comprises five physicians and two representatives from the public.

Patel told *India Abroad*, "This was not just a political nomination, but a national, hotly contested election."

He was endorsed by the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Medicine, which wrote to all the state boards urging support for him.

Alexander F. Fleming, executive director of the Massachusetts board, in a letter to his counterparts across the coun-

try, described Patel as one who believed that work was achieved "in the trenches" at the local level.



Dr. Dinesh Patel, an orthopedic surgeon, elected to the board of the policy-making Federation of State Medical Boards.

He added that Patel had been a catalyst in the rapport developed among the various constituencies in the state.

The FSMB was founded in 1912 as the result of a merger between the National Confederation of State Medical Examining and Licensing Boards and the American Confederation of Reciprocating Examining and Licensing Boards.

It is a parent and member of the National Board of Medical Examiners, the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates and the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education.

Through its examination board and in cooperation with the NBME, it structures and conducts the federation licensing examination, which is the test instrument for medical licensure used by all states and other jurisdictions.

It also collects and publishes the most complete data available on physician licensing and disciplinary boards, including disciplinary functions.

Consequently, it is a clearinghouse, forum and representative body for all state medical boards, carrying high responsibility.

Patel is chief of arthroscopic surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital, assistant clinical professor at Harvard Medical School and a lecturer at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



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April 11, 1991

Dr. Dinesh Patel
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Dear Dinesh:

Just a short note to thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to join me at the breakfast hosted by Bob Crowe. Bob put together a great group of people who obviously care about the Democratic Party and its future, and I was extremely pleased to have the opportunity to share some of my thoughts with you regarding the state of the Democratic Party as we move forward to 1992.

Your participation is very important to me as we accelerate our efforts to build a strong base of support around the country for "Victory Campaign '92." We cannot organize a competitive, effective general election strategy unless we start now and unless committed Democrats like you are willing to take leadership roles from the beginning.

As I emphasized at the meeting, your substantive and financial involvement through our donor council network is crucial to the continued success of Democrats across the country as we approach 1992. I hope you will make the decision to become involved with the DNC by joining one of our councils.

Again, many thanks for taking the time to join me in Boston. I hope to see you again soon.

Sincerely,

Ronald H. Brown

P.S. I hope you will take the time to complete the attached form and return it to me at your earliest possible convenience.



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April 3, 1991

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Dear Dr. Patel:

On behalf of the Democratic National Committee, I would like to invite you to attend the Asian Pacific American Democratic Summit in Washington, D.C. on May 2-3, 1991. All events will be held at the Democratic National Headquarters on Capitol Hill.

As a prominent leader in the Asian Pacific American community, we hope that you will join other key community representatives, local and state elected officials, members of Congress and potential presidential candidates to express your views, offer your ideas, and foster a dynamic national network of dedicated Democrats.

With over 7 million people nationwide, the Asian Pacific American community is the fastest growing ethnic group and one of the most important political players in the country. The DNC believes that it is imperative that Asian Pacific Americans play a major role in the Democratic Party.

The Summit has been designed to include you in both policy discussions and strategy development. The first day's session will be with key members of Congress who are champions in the areas of civil rights, redistricting and reapportionment, Asia policy, and small business development. The second day will be with top Democratic strategists who will discuss various plans with you to actively include Asian Pacific Americans in the 1992 presidential election and beyond.

We hope that you will attend the Summit and kick-off Asian Pacific American Heritage Month here in Washington, D.C. Please join us and share the spirit of your leadership in the Democratic Party. We have limited space and encourage you to register early. Please contact Melinda Yee, Director of Constituencies at (202) 863-8027 with any questions. I look forward to seeing you in May.

Sincerely,

Ronald H. Brown

INDO-US RELATIONS

- 1. India - Largest Democracy**
Democratic Elections Since Independence
- 2. More than 300 Million Middle Class Buying Power**
- 3. Economic Liberalization**
Market Reforms
GATT Approved
Indian Government Policy Approved
- 4. Consistently Improving Human Rights (At Least in the 3rd World)**
- 5. Major Emerging Market**
- 6. English Speaking Country**
- 7. More Ph.D. and Postgraduates (Perhaps 2nd to US)**
- 8. Multiparty System**
- 9. Better Civil Rights - Minority Rights than Anywhere in the World,
Including the Western World**
- 10. Women, Moslem, Sikh, Underclass and Christian Given the Opportunity to
be Prime Minister - President of Country, Chief Minister and Governor
of State**
- 11. Only Country in the World with No anti-Semitic Incident**
- 12. Only Country in the World Where All Religions Co-exist without
Comprising One's Ability to Move Forward**
- 13. Institutions of Higher Learning Government Funded Institutions
- No Preference for Legacy Unlike the Western Countries**
- 14. Investment Opportunities in India for American Companies are**

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Extremely Good

Coca-Cola, Pepsi, General Electric, Morgan Stanley, Digital, IBM,
Hewlett Packard, Apple, Many Software Companies have
started Collaborative Projects

15. **Indian Americans in the US (Close to one Million)**
Mostly professional, no welfare, no drug dependency,
no crime, literacy rate 100%, good citizens
16. **What Do Indian Americans Want - The Ten Commandments**
17. **Since India is Most Populous - More than 850 Million People**
Loans, Grants, Aid to India from US are Disproportionally Low:
Egypt, Israel, Turkey, Pakistan, Russia
18. **India is Surrounded by China, Russia, Pakistan**
Need to Improve Human Quality, Need to Maintain Stronger Defense
19. **US and India Need Stronger Bond Through Democratic System of
Government - Civil Rights, Human Rights, Liberty, Individual
Opportunity Joint Cooperation to Promote Individual Rights Across the
World**
20. **Through the Good Efforts of congressmen like Marty Meehan and Grass
Root Supports and Friendship with the Community and People like
Tom Reilly and Others, This Progressive Partnership will Produce Good
Mutual Benefit**
21. **Despite Enormous Efforts, the Clinton/Gore Administration's Policy
Towards India - No Ambassador for More than One Year - Bad Comments
by State Department - Human Rights!! Kashmir, Punjab, etc. has been
Looked Upon by Indian Americans as Grossly Bad and Badly Advised
Based on Poor Information**
22. **Clinton Administration so far has Ignored the Indian Americans, IAFPE
Despite Campaign Fund Raising, etc.**
23. **Congressional Reception**
Wednesday, May 4, 1994 4:00 - 6:00 PM Senator Dirksen Building



Indian American Forum for Political Education

Oct 15 94

My dear Alexis,

I read in Indian newspapers that President Clinton - As Secy Talbot invited prominent Indian Americans to White House to discuss Indo-US issues and outreach.

All these people who came were good people but I was surprised to see that White House masterfully ignored and neglected prominent Indian American organisations, Association of Indian Americans

- 1) Dr Kukkar President 718-4975320
- 2) National Federation of Indian Americans
Ramesh Datee President 201-8963939
- 3) Indian American Political forum 617-8616064
(see above)

Negative impact with administration and persons who are doing outreach is taking place

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Democratic party candidates are
having different times
despite good record of
President Clinton

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President Clinton is
absolutely right when he
states that media has
not let the society at
large know his accomplishments

Here is a classic
example where rather than
including people or organization
the administration has
ignored, masterfully neglected
and snubbed three largest
and biggest organization.

The administration has
also ignored continuously
request for speakers, chief
guests etc for our meetings
while they continuously attend
to deliver lectures at different
meetings



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I have gotten to know
you enough that I am
writing this personal letter.
We need to reinvigorate
renewed outreach.
opportunities fades away
when such events are
not attended or addressed
by white house or admin.
Please do not
disappoint us - we also
have organization - we
have people who have
helped administration and
would continue to do so
when people like you
are intermediary and willing
to work, smile, be participative
& helpful.
I hope you cheer us
up by positive things
rather than masterful neglect
not by you but someone
who is hurting President
Clinton's time outreach programs

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All I am interested in
is to accept our
organization - organization
makes difference with
individuals input

I hope you can
make my efforts
easier.

Have a good day

Shree Regan
Dinose

White House Holds Roundtable on Indo-US Ties

By a Staff Reporter

at the discussion

Matsui welcomed the group and said that this meeting was the beginning of a series of similar briefings by White House officials for Indo-Americans on a variety of issues.

Secretary Talbott was delayed in coming to the gathering due to the ongoing discussions on Haiti, but Raphel read his prepared remarks in which he praised India for her economic reforms and emphasized the fact that his first trip abroad after assuming the duties of his office was to India and Pakistan, underscoring the importance of that region to U.S. policy makers.

His three-page review of Indo-U.S. relations was a positive one. The second highest ranking State Department official, who made a special trip to India earlier this year before Prime Minister Nar-simha Rao paid a visit to this country, assured those present that the U.S. was fully committed to actively assisting countries in South Asia in their quest for political and economic reforms. According to several people present, there, Talbott was warm, friendly and upbeat about India.

Raphel seemed more willing to engage in a debate on issues of contention between the two countries. The South Asian expert at the State Department indicated that the Kashmir problem should be solved through bilateral negotiations between India and Pakistan, but insisted that the wishes of the Kashmiri people be taken into account.

She also appeared unimpressed by the progress made by India to deal with alleged human rights violations and said that there were



Seen at the White House briefing (l-r): Pravin Mehta, Raj Vattikutti, Himanshu Shukla, George Willy, Sant Chatwal, unidentified man, Strobe Talbott, Amanullah Khan, Robin Raphel, Doris Matsui, Bhupi Patel, Prakash Parekh, Rajen Anand, Prakash Shah, Kumar Barve, and Tariq Zeheen.

still human right violations being committed by the army personnel in Kashmir. She believes that the evidence is not "clear cut" regarding Pakistan's involvement in the bombings in Bombay. She was unwilling to blame Pakistan for any of the terrorist activities in India.

Many members of the Indian delegation repeatedly reminded the State Department officials that India was a secular country where minorities of all religions are increasing in their population as compared to Pakistan which has virtually no minority Hindus. The plight of Hindu refugees from Kashmir was also brought to the attention of the officials. There was some lively discussion on the role of the U.S. in that part of the world between some members of the Indo-American delegation and Raphel.

"Our major purpose at this meeting," said one participant, "was not necessarily to discuss the Indian point of view or the

Pakistani point of view on the role of the U.S. in South Asia, but to define the American point of view with respect to these countries."



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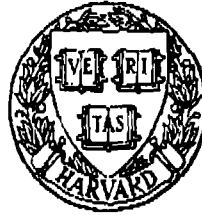
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My dear Alexis
 Aubrey

They did i Potus
 receive
 msg - see clip

Happy Thanksgiving

Thanks for your help!

Our annual meeting
 went empty handed -
 no outreach from
 white house - outreach
 people - Reginalden.

Have a good Thanksgiving
 May be next be better
 Reginalden

Education
Invisible Quotas
College Admissions
Advancement
Grants

Glass Ceiling Job Discrimination Barriers for Opportunity Promotion

Social Mobility
Economic Stability
Family Values
Cultural Heritage

**Racial Harassment
Crime
Bigotry
Dot Busters
Violence
Legal Protection**

**Public Service
Empowerment
Local
State
Federal Government**

Indo-US Relations
Education
Intellectual Debates
Political Correctiveness
BOTH SIDES
PRIDE IN CULTURE

Domestic Issues
Jobs - Taxes
Economic Reform
Welfare Reform
Civil Rights
Health Care
Deficit Reduction

Business Development
SBA
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Defense Procurement
Bank Loans

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 8, 1994

Greetings to all those gathered in Somerset, New Jersey, for the eleventh annual convention of the Indian American Forum for Political Education.

In virtually every field and occupation, Indian Americans have broadened our nation's cultural diversity, bolstered our economic strength, and deepened our political conscience. Helping to make our country one of infinite promise, Indian Americans have invaluable contributions to make to our society and to the American political process.

We face many challenges as a nation, but our belief in the importance of community involvement will provide us with the energy and hope to build a more peaceful, prosperous world. United in working toward this crucial goal, IAFPE is a powerful tool for advancing the common good. Your dedication to improving people's lives exemplifies the deep commitment and energy that will lead us successfully into the twenty-first century and beyond.

I salute you for your leadership and extend best wishes for a wonderful convention.

Bill Clinton

Nov 24 94

This is the message we received on our 11th annual convention. Hopefully your administration during your time we do something concrete as has been promised by your administration. Political empowerment etc. Have a good & happy Thanksgiving
Bill Clinton

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Nov 24 '94

My dear President
 Clinton & family

Happy Thanksgiving

" From the turkey

Train the turks

Teach the toolers

Tool and time

Think and think

It is the

country & people

you need to think on

this "Thanksgiving day"

do not ignore, do not

forget, do not neglect what

Columbus brought to this country

imaginative immigrants on this

"Thanksgiving day" "Enclosures"

I have Dinesh

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