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Dear Dr. Ashkouri,

I enjoyed meeting with you on May 24, 2005 in Washington, D.C. to discuss the Kabul City of Light Project proposal.

The Kabul City of Light Project may have the potential to turn Kabul once again into a beautiful city for its residents and tourists. I am especially pleased that the project design preserves historical sites, while at the same time proposes modern buildings in line with our architectural traditions to be built in the center of Kabul.

I understand you are visiting Kabul soon to meet with the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing, the Mayor of Kabul and other government and business officials. I hope that you will be able to discuss your proposal in detail with the officials and look forward to receiving its report.

I thank you for your time and commitment to rebuilding Kabul city.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Hamid Karzai', written over a horizontal line.

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