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Subject: Governors meeting with Senior Indian Politicians and Bureaucrats

Dear Katherine,

Greetings. It was a pleasure talking to you.

I met with Governor Nikki Haley during her visit to New York Plaza Hotel and at the Madison Square Garden event. I was one of the organizers of the MSG event. I had a brief talk with her about her upcoming trip to India. During our discussion, I suggested the Governor of arranging **meeting with the Honorable speaker of Parliament of India Smt. Sumitra Mahajan**. I know the Speaker and her whole family well. Governor has shown interest in meeting with her.

Once I know the Governors Schedule in India, I would let the Speakers office, her Son and Public relation officer know so that the meeting could be arranged in New Delhi.

Apart from meeting with the Speaker, there are few other senior and influential leaders with whom I can arrange meetings with the Governor during her visit to Delhi and Chandigarh. These meetings will be important and productive for developing strategic partnerships between the state of South Carolina and India.

1) **Mr. S R Patil (Minister for Information Technology, Science and Technology, Bio Technology, Planning and Statistics Government of Karnataka State)** and his Principal Secretary Krishna Vatsa (Senior Indian Administrative officer) of Karnataka, I would also ask Mr. Patil to have the Chief Minister of Karnataka Mr. Siddaramaiah along with him for this meeting. **Mr. Patil will travel to Delhi to meet with the Governor.** As you might know, **Bangalore (Capital city of Karnataka) is known as Silicon Valley and the research hub of India for Biotech and Information technology**. Most of the American multi nationals have strong presence in Bangalore.

2) **Mr. Kailash Vijayvargiya (Minister for Urban Administration and Development, Housing, Environment for the state of Madhya Pradesh)** and is president of many other associations, would request him to meet along with the **Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Mr. Shivraj Singh Chauhan. I would ask Mr. Vijayvargiya to travel to Delhi to meet with the Governor.**

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madhya_Pradesh

State of Madhya Pradesh is looking for strategic partnerships for a few mega infrastructure, mining, metro rail, and Smart City projects. He is the senior most minister of State of Madhya Pradesh and . Mr Vijayvarigya also enjoys close relationship with many Central Ministers and the Prime Minister of India.

3) **Capt Abhimanyu Sindhu (Minister of Finance, Industry, Revenue, Excise,...) of newly elected Government of State of Haryana.** As your team is visiting Chandigarh, you must be already meeting with him. Capt. Abhimanyu is friend of mine and has studied at Harvard University in Boston.

Once I know the schedule, I will let them as well as their offices know so that we can finalize the meetings based on Governors availability at Delhi or Mumbai.

Wish you all a very safe and successful trip to India. Please feel free to give me a call incase you have any questions.

Regards,
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