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To,
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Dear Shri Srivastava:

I am informed by Shri Vinay Somani, Convener, NGO Council that you are proposing to start 45 English medium schools to cater approximately 20,000 children. In this connection, you are also planning, I understand to constitute an Advisory Board comprising of independent and qualified activist and educationist to supervise the quality of education in the proposed schools.

I am extremely happy to know the change of mind in the BMC and wish you well. In case you are interested I will be happy to be of help to you in Mulund area.

Let me tell you that while serving in SIES College and the University of Mumbai for over 35 years as a Professor of Political Science, I have been actively involved in nursing and building up an educational trust in Mulund known as Vidya Prasarak Mandal (Regd.). Starting in the 1960s from the scratch we have built this institutions brick by brick. Since it is neither supported by a politician nor by a business house but is entirely built by those who believe in social work to advance the cause of education. Today we have a Kannada Primary School (BMC aided) and a Kannada High School with attached Junior College aided by the Government. Additionally, we are running an unaided English Medium School from Primary to Secondary since 1972. The VPM's English High School has made its name for quality education and cent percent results for the last 23 years.

I am extremely proud to inform you that since 2005 we have started the National Integration School in Airoli with Marathi, Kannada and English Medium, which was inaugurated by Supreme Court Justice Shri B.N. Srikrishna. The whole idea is to promote the feeling of national unity by bringing children speaking different language to study under one shelter. I am also enclosing herewith a copy of my CV.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Cc: Shri Vinay Somani, Convener, NGO Council.

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Education: M. A. in Politics, University of Bombay (1964) stood II in the Class; Ph. D. University of Bombay (1979) Pre-doctoral Fulbright Fellow in School of Advanced International studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC, 1976-1977.

Dissertation: The Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, 1961-1969. First Indian to have studied working of the National Security Council (NSC) in the US. Ever since then, advocated the creation of an NSC and Parliamentary Committees for Defence and Foreign Affairs in India.

Specialisation: American government and politics, American Political Parties, Comparative Politics, International Politics, American and Indian Foreign policies, National Security policy and strategy, conflict and peace.

Teaching & Research Experience: 45 years in the field of education of which 35 years were in higher education of which 25 years were in University of Bombay; guided research of 16 PhDs, 3 M. Phils, and 1 M. A. by Research. Taught a course on National Security Policy in Florida International University in 1987. Retired in 1997 as Professor of Politics. Was UGC Emeritus Fellow (1999-2001); currently engaged in UGC funded Major Research Project on "The doctrine of No-First Use of Nuclear weapons: Its Relevance for Peace and Security in South Asia."

Educational Administration: Director, College Development Council, University of Bombay (1989-1990) and Hon. Secretary, Vidya Prasarak Mandal (an educational Trust, managing schools and colleges), Mulund, since 1986, which runs a full-fledged English School (Nursery to X Std.), a Kannada High School and a Junior College and a degree College.

Current Academic Position: Hon. Director, VPM's Centre for International Studies and Hon. Director, VPM's Institute for Professional Studies. Primarily interested dissemination, in research and publication.

Foreign Visits: Eight times to the US on various fellowships-Fulbright, American Council of Learned Societies, Ford Foundation, German Educational Foundation, The Truman Foundation and the USIS- for study, research and teaching (taught a course on national security policy in the Florida International University, Miami). Did Post-Doctoral work on US National Security Policymaking Process in Georgetown University, National Security Studies Program under Professor Stephen P. Gibert. Visited for seminars, lecturing and research, various countries like, UK, Germany, France, Sweden, Austria, Switzerland, Hong Kong, Thailand, Japan, Taiwan, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Pakistan and Kenya.

Conferences: Attended numerous national and international conferences and seminars in the area of specialisation. Since September 11, delivered many lectures and presented papers on the broad issue of international terrorism, Kashmir, Indo-Pakistan Relations, India-US Relations, nuclear non-proliferation and Indian Foreign Policy in national and international fora.

Publications: Thirteen books on International Relations, Foreign Policy and American Studies: 1. **India-Pakistan Relations: Courting Peace from the Corridors of War** (New Delhi & Chicago: Promilla & Co & Bibliophile, 2005), 2. **US National Security Policy: Struggle for Supremacy in Policy Making, 1969-1989** (New Delhi: Shipra, 2003); 3. **Indian Nuclear Policy: From Idealism to Realism** (Jaipur: Printwell Publishers, 1999); 4. **Emerging International Order and Foreign Policy Options for India** (Allahabad: ISSA, 1999) 5. **National Security Council for India: Structure and Functions** (Mumbai: Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini, 1998); 6. **Conduct of India's Foreign Policy** (Delhi: South Asian Publishers, 1996) 7. **American Studies in India: Essays in History Politics and Foreign affairs** (New Delhi: Prestige Books, 1994); 8. **Indian Perspectives on the U. S.** (New Delhi: Prestige Books, 1993); 9. **Indian Politics Under Mrs. Gandhi: Some Reflective Essays** (New Delhi: South Asia, 1993); 10. **Foreign Policymaking and International Politics** (New Delhi: Radiant, 1990); 11. **Indo American Relations: Dynamics of Change** (New Delhi: South Asia, 1987); 12. **American Foreign Policy: Who Makes It?** (1985); 13. **Executive Privilege versus Democratic Accountability: The special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs** (New Delhi: Radiant Publishers, 1981). More than seventy-five research papers (list will be provided on request) in various national and international journals and over one thousand articles in newspapers in India and abroad.

Forthcoming Publications: 1. **International Terrorism: What it means to India?** 2. **India a Presidential Nation in 21st Century.** 3. **India's Nuclear Doctrine.**

Academic Honours: Olive I. Reddick Award for the Best paper in Social Science category from the Indian Association for American Studies (1981); Presided over annual conferences of Indian Association for American Studies in 1993(Goa University) and in 1994(Lucknow University). Presided over International Relations Section of XVII Indian Social Science Congress, held in Bangalore in 1993 and delivered Key note address to the Plenary session on Development of India as a Modern Democratic Secular and Egalitarian Nation State during Fifty Years of Freedom of India at XX Indian Social Science Congress, Visva Bharati, Santiniketan in 1996; Delivered Key Note address again at XXII Social Sciences Congress, at Gandhigram in March 1999; won the First Prize for the essay on "Should India Switch over to Presidential System of Government?" from the Indian Institute of Public Administration(Maharashtra Branch) in July 1998.

Awards: Fulbright Scholarship, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, 1976-1977; ACLS/USEFI Senior American Studies Grant, Georgetown University, 1982-1984; British Council Visitor's Grant, 1983; US Election Watch, 1984; German Academic Study Grant, 1985; British Deputy High Commissioner's Visitor Program, 1987; Ford Foundation's Individual Research Grant, 1987; Harry S. Truman Institute Grant, 1988; Indo French Cultural Exchange Research Grant, 1990; UGC National Fellow, 1991-93; Emeritus Fellow (1999-2001); and Major Research Project (2004-2006); Inter-University Associateship at Indian Institute of Advanced Study, 1992 & 1998. Listed in Marquis International Who's who, Cambridge Men of Achievement and in many other Indian and foreign reference publications.

Hon. Rotarian, Rotary Club of Mulund Hills.

Elective Positions held now: Executive Trustee, Indian Association for American Studies Trust. Hon Secretary, Vidya Prasarak Mandal (Regd.).