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My dear *Fazl* *Blas*:

I was hoping I would see you when you were last in Karachi.

A couple of weeks ago, you may recall, I rang you up with a request to please put in a word to Mr. Munir Ahmed Khan, Chairman, PAEC, regarding NSL's bills.

I don't know whether you had the opportunity to do so, or not. I saw him when he was here last ... but his overall stance does not seem to have changed.

I am enclosing herewith photo-copies of two relevant ^{"Notings"} "nothings" (confidential from the Commission's files. One is a summing up of NSL's case as assessed by PAEC's Member Technology and the other the opinion of PAEC's Legal Advisor regarding the validity of NSL's claim.

You will see that there is absolutely no controversy regarding the dues of NSL. The present Chairman is unfortunately being difficult, because of the usual business of his "likes and dislikes" viz-a-viz his predecessor.

I have sent you the 2 photo-copies, in case you feel NSL's claim is in any way arbitrary and I am perhaps asking you for far too much, to speak to Mr. Munir.

Hafeez has spoken to Munir and it has had some effect. Your speaking to him is not out of turn, if only for the simple reason that you have had a very close connection with NSL. In any case if I cannot turn to you in a genuine case, who else is there?

Once I extricate myself from PAEC and finally tie up the IDBP and other things, I will, if you have anything going, place myself at your disposal, or conversely accept an assignment either in UK or ME.

Mr. Munir is due in Karachi tomorrow evening (16th August). His Pindi Telephone Nos are: 24276 and 24682. His Karachi No is: 416292 if you speak to him, you would at least know his mind-which would be a big help.

It is not that he is denying NSL's claim ... but keeps pending it, more than four months have past like this. So it is really a question of asking him to expedite his decision- either way. I have told him that the IDBP have sent their claim papers to the Collector for recovery of their dues and hence a quick decision by PAEC is necessary to avert public embarrassment for NSL and its founder Directors.

A word from you may help in making Mr. Munir feel that I am not alone and without support. Needless to say if my claim had not been a 100% genuine, I would never have asked you to put in a word.

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Please do let me know your reaction to this letter and also Mr. Munir's views if you speak to him. Last time he told me (vaguely) that he would settle matters after the middle of September. I have requested him to do so during his next visit to Karachi. Incidentally he recently asked his Finance and Administrative Departments to render their reports again on NSL's claim.

I have seen their reports. They are both categorically in favour of NSL. But I also know that it is not the genuineness of NSL's claim which is the issue ... but Mr. Munir's mental aberration regarding Dr. Usmani which is responsible for withholding NSL's payments.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

With respects and regards,

Yours as ever,

Munir
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