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Shri Venkatesan,

Thank you for your email today expressing a desire to meet with me. I trust that your request is in response to the recent success of American Sikh Political Action Committee in authoring Assembly Concurrent Resolution 34, passed unanimously by the California State Assembly and Senate, declaring that the Indian government was responsible for the rape, torture and murder of thousands of Indian citizens during the Genocide of Sikhs in November 1984.

I am willing to meet with you to discuss ACR 34, the genocide, prosecution of those responsible, reparation and reconciliation, however, it is important that our meeting be productive. In order for us to work on an effective path forward, the Indian government must first apologize and admit its culpability by unambiguously stating the following:

1. The Indian government and law enforcement officials organized, participated in, and failed to intervene to prevent the rape, torture and murder of thousands of Sikhs across India in November 1984.
2. The actions of the Indian government constituted a genocide through intentional murder and intentional destruction of Sikh families, communities, homes, and businesses.
3. The vast majority of those responsible, including governmental officials and law enforcement, have never been prosecuted for their crimes.

Since the Indian government has never admitted its own role in the genocide, it falls upon the current administration to have the moral courage to state the truth regarding those horrific events.

Provided with this letter is a copy of ACR 34 along with relevant links. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information. I look forward to an official statement as described above so that we may have a thoughtful discussion about a path forward which states the truth about the past and protects all of India's minorities in the future. I am confident that you will advocate on behalf of the worldwide community of Sikhs to repair this rift that has festered for so long.

Sincerely,

Amar Shergill
On behalf of American Sikh Political Action Committee