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Dr. Craig Charney  
President  
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Dear Craig:

I am writing to thank you for the important contributions that you and Charney Research made to the important program activity "Democracy in Afghanistan--A Report Based on a Public Opinion Poll" that was carried out in Afghanistan in the period prior to the first presidential election in the history of Afghanistan in October 2004. The Asia Foundation has collaborated with you and your company on a number of surveys in Asia, and we were pleased to work with you on this one.

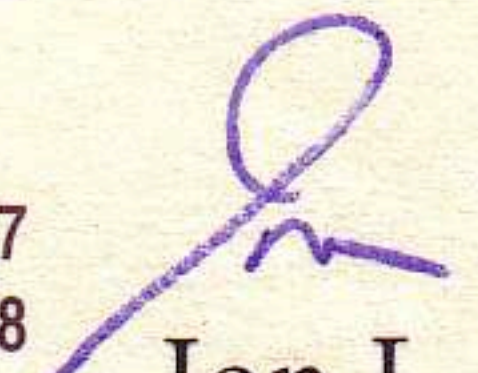
There are a number of important issues connected to this voter attitudes survey and its success from our perspective. First, the uniqueness of this survey in the Afghan context was significant. There was no comprehensive data in the post-Taliban period about what voters thought about the scheduled elections, and what their attitudes were in relation to a number of relevant social, political, and development issues. Second, the groups and organizations that were designing and implementing civic and voter education programs needed to be informed by current empirical data to target the pertinent issues in the right way. This survey helped them to do that. Third, "Democracy in Afghanistan" is now a baseline from which other organizations and such surveys can benefit.

We think that one of the most important aspects of this program was the important and successful collaborative effort that took place. The Asia Foundation worked closely with Charney Research to identify two other key partners. After careful research, we decided to work with the Afghan Media Resource Center (AMRC) in conducting both the qualitative and quantitative aspects of the survey. AMRC brought a considerable Afghan track record to the table, and we all benefited from that. At the same time, AMRC gained some valuable experience in working with you and your associates, and with us. Finally, we all agreed that the project would benefit from having technical assistance from AC Nielson Org-Marg from India in the process. The four organizations brought talent to the endeavor, and the project was stronger for the collaboration.

"Democracy in Afghanistan" attracted a great deal of interest and attention as you know. It was cited frequently in Afghanistan, and around the world by organizations and the media. It is a great credit to you, your company, and our other partners that the survey was so well received.

With best wishes to you and Charney Research.

Sincerely,

  
Jon L. Summers  
Representative