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Mr. Pradeep Ratnayake
C/O Embassy of Sri Lanka
2148 Wyoming Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ratnayake:

The Committee for Global Relief, organized to raise funds for the victims of the October 8 earthquake in India and Pakistan, requests that you perform at the November 10 fundraiser to be held at the World Bank in Washington DC from seven to nine p.m. The Committee is a unique attempt to bring together South Asian communities in the United States on behalf of a tragedy of enormous proportions and the worst may be yet to come as winter descends on this region of high mountains. It in some ways is a continuation of the regional South Asian effort to help the victims of the tsunami in Sri Lanka and India last December.

We expect several members of the US Congress to be in attendance as well as a large part of the South Asian press corps assigned to the United States.

We hope that you can be involved in this worthy cause.

Sincerely,



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cc: Members of the Committee for Global Relief
Mr. Sumanth C. Krishnamurthy
Ms. Amina Khan
Ms. Nilofer Afridi-Qazi
Mr. Sanjit Shah

Encl: Fundraiser Event Announcement

