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The Honorable Helmut Kohl  
Chancellor  
Republic of Germany  
Bonn, Germany

Dear Chancellor Kohl,

On behalf of the Pakistan Peoples Party and the people of Pakistan, allow me this opportunity to express my highest respect and appreciation for your admirable service to the world community and leadership of Germany during a critical time in history.

Many in Pakistan, indeed our country as a whole, owe you a great debt of gratitude, for your able stewardship of Germany also brought a warm, mutually beneficial and close relationship between our two nations, peoples and cultures.

The qualities of character required for true leadership are never easily quantified. You presided with strength and conviction through transitions of an epochal nature, more so than most world leaders, and did so with courage and a sure hand.

I must applaud the grace with which your leadership transitioned Germany from a divided country literally on the front line of the Cold War to a nation reunited and actively promoting European integration. Your efforts provided hope to many worldwide that it is possible to depart from conflict and repair a house divided.

I will look forward to hearing of your plans for the future, and know that your next endeavors will serve to leave a lasting legacy as rich and historic as that which you have already accomplished.

Sincerely,

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