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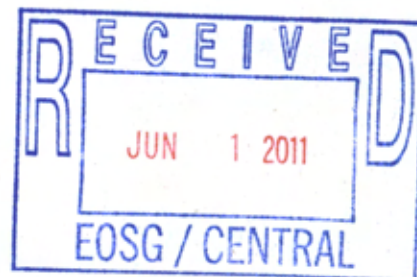
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Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

Her Excellency
Ms. Paulette A. Bethel
Permanent Representative of
the Commonwealth of the Bahamas
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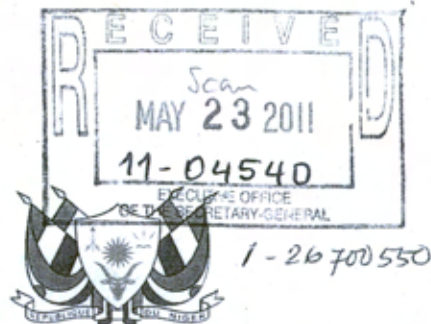
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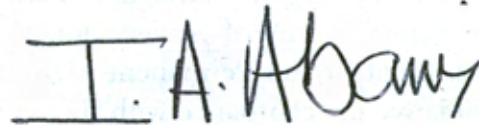
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