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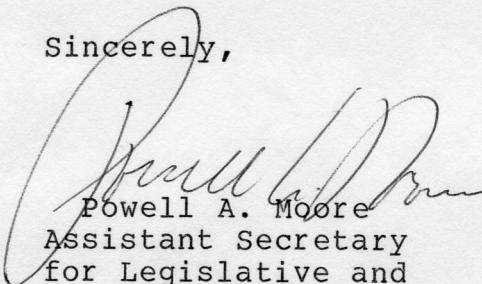
Dear Senator Pell:

In view of your interest in the foreign language ability of Foreign Service personnel, I am enclosing the Department's annual internal report on foreign language competence. The report finds that compliance with the requirements we have established for selected overseas positions remains high. It is particularly encouraging that the Department's overall compliance has held steady despite a ten percent increase in language designated positions. Moreover, the Department's pool of total language skills continues to expand and nine of ten officers speak at least one foreign language at a professionally competent level.

With your support, I am confident that the Department will further improve this record.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,


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for Legislative and
Intergovernmental Affairs

Enclosure:
Language Report

The Honorable
Claiborne Pell,
United States Senate.