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Mr. Michael Hayes
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Dear Michael Hayes:

I would like to offer my sincere gratitude for your participation in the panel discussion with Marlin Fitzwater, "Fostering Relationships Between Government and Media", on Monday, July 12th. We feel that the event was very successful, and you were an important contributor to the effectiveness of the panel. I particularly appreciate your frank assessment of your experiences as a journalist and editor in Cambodia, and the difficulties of maintaining a balance between the interests of the press and government.

Most importantly, I believe that the success of this forum has set the tone for positive future relations for the government and media, benefiting Cambodian society as a whole. As such, I hope that the next seven years of the Phnom Penh Post will see an even greater increase in the cooperation between the government and the media.

Thank you again for your participation, and I hope we can collaborate again in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Marrie Schaefer
Director, United States Information Service