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Ms. Mira Kakkar
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Dear Ms. Kakkar:

Thank you for having Thoughtshop Foundation collaborate with us for the March 19, 2008 "That Take Ovaries" program at the American Center that commemorated Women's Month. Also, for arranging for the women boxers to speak and display their sport, as well as for getting theater actress Punam Singh to do the very evocative piece on the women who was raped, and not the least, for your being the Mistress of Ceremonies at the program.

The event was very well received, as you yourself must have heard from the several people who spoke about it, and by the excellent coverage it received. You will also be glad to hear that the UN Development Fund for Women representative, who flew in from Delhi to attend the program, was so impressed with how a space was provided for women to come up and speak, that she is going to see how this can be replicated in other cities as well. Congratulation!

I will be in Kolkata over the next couple of years and look forward to more such collaborative ventures between the Thoughtshop Foundation and the American Center.

Sincerely,

Moulik D. Berkana
Deputy Director