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Dear Mr. Saul and Ms. Zaman:

This refers to your letter to President Chino of 29 April 2003. As you may know, the Office of External Relations manages implementation of ADB's policy on Confidentiality and Disclosure of Information ("Disclosure Policy") I have accordingly been requested to respond on the President's behalf.

We thank you for taking the time to share your detailed recommendations regarding disclosure of information. ADB has initiated preliminary discussions at a very senior level regarding a possible review of its Disclosure Policy, and I assure you the bank will bear in mind the views of all stakeholders as it determines how it will proceed. Equally, I assure you that information about any planned review will be made publicly available in a timely fashion on ADB's web site at www.adb.org.

In closing, permit me to clarify that it is ADB's Disclosure Policy that is the focus of our current deliberations, not the Information Policy and Strategy cited in your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert H. Salamon".

Robert H. Salamon
Principal Director

cc: Paul Speltz, US Executive Director
The Secretary
The General Counsel
John Hurley, US Treasury
Nancy Katz, US Treasury