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Dear 

Lalitha and I are deeply saddened to learn of the demise of Pak Ali Alatas. I had visited Pak Ali in the first few days of his hospitalisation in Singapore, and was planning another visit when the news arrived. His passing must have come as a blow to you and your family.

Pak Ali was a respected counterpart and a great friend. I had the privilege of working with him when we were Foreign Ministers of our respective countries. His diplomatic and oratorical skills were legendary, and his strong sense of integrity and personality made an enduring impression on me. Pak Ali has left behind a legacy in Indonesian foreign policy, and an enduring example that all diplomats seek to follow.

We will always remember Pak Ali's unflagging efforts in advancing ties between Singapore and Indonesia, as well as the broader interests of the region. The architecture of ASEAN today owes much to his contributions. It is instructive for us all that even after retiring from the post of Foreign Minister in 1999, Pak Ali continued to work ceaselessly to promote regional cooperation and stability. His will be a name our region will long remember.

Please accept our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you on this sad occasion.

Yours sincerely



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