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Dear colleagues,

It was with great sorrow that we heard the sad news on demise of Air Commodore Jasjit Singh.

We new him for over 30 years and we always admired his love for India, his energy, his insightful knowledge and analysis of many complex political and security problems, as well as his cheerful attitude to life and his generous hospitality extended to his guests.

During the past 30 years we held several joint conferences with Jasjit – first, at the Institute of Defense Studies and Analysis, and later, in the last couple of years, at the Center for Air Power Studies. The last two meetings held with CAPS in Delhi and Moscow were made possible owing to Jasjit's enthusiasm, his earnest desire to reactivate India-Russia relations in many spheres and his wise understanding of the fact that the stronger relations between Russia and India would contribute to the strength of both countries.

We shall always remember Air Commodore Singh as a good fighter, who never stopped his knightly and noble battle for his country, for Indian people, for international friendship and understanding.

His demise is a great loss for India, for international studies, for his family, and for all those who were lucky to be his friends.

We shall also remember him as a remarkable person, a brilliant gentleman and an excellent friend. He lived a glorious life, and let his other life be even more glorious and enjoyable.

On behalf of all Jasjit's friends at the
RAS Institute of Far Eastern Studies,

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