## Transcription of Manmohan Singh CNN Interview

I have no apprehension...that our relations with the United States...would, in any way, suffer...because of the change of administration. Well, our relations at the people to people level...are of great significance. The fact...that there is a large community...in the United States—people of Indian origin, the way they have flourished, the way they have contributed to the growth of the American economy—I think, has changed the image of India.

## **Notes**

- 1. The **STRUT** vowel in *suffer* and *flourished* is nearly at CV14, but slightly centralized. I have used [ $\Lambda$ ] without a diacritic in order to distinguish this realization from SCGA **STRUT**, which I often represent as [ $\ddot{\Lambda}$ ].
- 2. The retroflex position so favored by the tongue often has the result of making /t, d, n, l/ extremely apical, even when the placement is alveolar. This differs subtly but markedly from familiar American and British realizations.

- 3. There are a number of vowels which are realized with the tongue tip up and curled back somewhat. This occurs in are of great significance, relations, community, flourished, contributed, and in other instances marked in red. Most (but not all) of these instances follow occurrences of postalveolar or retroflex consonants.
- 4. Very few vowels are close to being peripheral. This is particularly noticeable in front vowels.
- 5. There is an overall clipped, staccato quality. The rhythm is stress-timed, not syllable-timed, but there is not a huge difference in length between stressed and unstressed syllables—less vowel reduction and less vowel length than in American or British prosody. There is most definitely contrast, nevertheless, and stress certainly has an effect on length.