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From the Private Secretary

4 February 1981

Dear Sir,

CALL BY DR. CHANANA

The Indian Minister of State for Industry, Dr. Chanana, called on the Prime Minister this morning. He was accompanied by the Indian High Commissioner, and Mr. K.S. Rajan. The Secretary of State for Trade was also present.

Dr. Chanana handed over a letter from Mrs. Gandhi, about which I have written separately to Roderic Lyne. The conversation, which was of a very general character, touched on developments in the fields of technology and energy. Dr. Chanana spoke warmly about the British Leyland Metro. He and the Prime Minister agreed both about the need, and the excellent basis which existed, for cooperation between the United Kingdom and India in the industrial sector.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Roderic Lyne (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

Yours sincerely

Richard Alexander

Stuart Hampson, Esq.,
Department of Trade.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

9 February 1981

Dear Dr. Chanana,

I very much enjoyed meeting you on Wednesday and do hope you have enjoyed your visit to this country.

I am delighted with the enamelled peacock you presented to me and send you my sincere thanks and very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

sgd Margaret Thatcher

Dr. C. Chanana

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PRIME MINISTER

You saw Mr. Chanana yesterday who left you a present. The Office have not seen it. Do you know what it was as we ought to thank. It was not the silver salver - that was given to you by Mr. Sethi.

*An enamelled necklace
(in display cabinet)*

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5 February 1981



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From the Private Secretary

4 February 1981

Dated 27/1/81
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MESSAGE FROM MRS. GANDHI

When Dr. Chanana, the Indian Minister of Industry, called on the Prime Minister this morning, he gave her a letter from Mrs. Gandhi. I enclose a copy. You will no doubt wish to consider whether the Prime Minister should reply. It seems to me that there is probably a case for her doing so soon.

The way in which Mrs. Gandhi refers to the Prime Minister's letter to her of 19 November implies some slight surprise that she has not heard from the Prime Minister again. It was certainly envisaged at the time that the Prime Minister's letter was an interim one. Have we been remiss in not writing again?

I am sending copies of this letter, and its enclosure, to Stuart Hampson (Department of Trade), Ian Ellison (Department of Industry) and Julian West (Department of Energy).

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

R.M.J. Lyne, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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