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Dear Idun,

Visit of Mrs Gandhi

// I enclose timetables and background notes on each of the four main programme events involving the Prime Minister, as requested in your letter of 19 February.

/ Also enclosed are copies of the most recent editions of
/ the Festival of India brochure and programme of events.

Yours ever

J E Holmes

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Private Secretary

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VISIT TO THE UK BY MRS INDIRA GANDHI: 21-26 MARCH 1982

TIMETABLE FOR INAUGURAL CONCERT AT ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL: 22 MARCH

- 1945 Arrival of Prime Minister at Royal Entrance. Met by Mr Michael Kaye (General Administrator, South Bank Halls) and Mr David Hamilton (Head of the Chairman's Office, GLC). Escorted to Hungerford Room by Mr Hamilton.
- 1950 Arrival of Mrs Gandhi. Met by Mr Kaye who will escort her to Hungerford Room. Following to await Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi in Hungerford Room:
- Chairman of the GLC and Mrs Ward
 - Mayor and Mayoress of Lambeth
 - Sir Michael and Lady Walker
 - Chairman of the Arts Council and Mrs Robinson
 - Mrs Pupul Jayakar.
- Sir M Walker to introduce some VIP guests to Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi.
- 1955 Arrival of HRH The Prince of Wales. Met by the Mayor of Lambeth, the Chairman of the GLC and Mr Kaye. Escorted to Hungerford Room by the Chairman of the GLC who will present Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi.
- 2003 (approx) HRH The Prince of Wales, Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi to proceed to Ceremonial Box accompanied by Sir M Walker, Mrs Jayakar and Chairman of the GLC.
- 2215 (approx) HRH The Prince of Wales, Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi to proceed to Ballroom Foyer for HM Government Reception. Hosts: Minister for the Arts and Mrs Channon.
- 2235 (approx) HRH The Prince of Wales, Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi to depart.



INAUGURAL CONCERT OF THE FESTIVAL OF INDIA

Outline Programme

Beat of the Drums - Fanfare by the Indian Presidential Bodyguard.

Introduction by Dr Narayana Menon, Director of the National Society for the Performing Arts, Bombay.

Shrimati M S Subbalakshmi: song recital; accompanied by supporting vocalist and instrumentalists.

Interval.

Ravi Shankar's Second Concerto for Sitar and Orchestra: composed and performed by Ravi Shankar with the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Zubin Mehta.

The National Anthems of the United Kingdom and India.

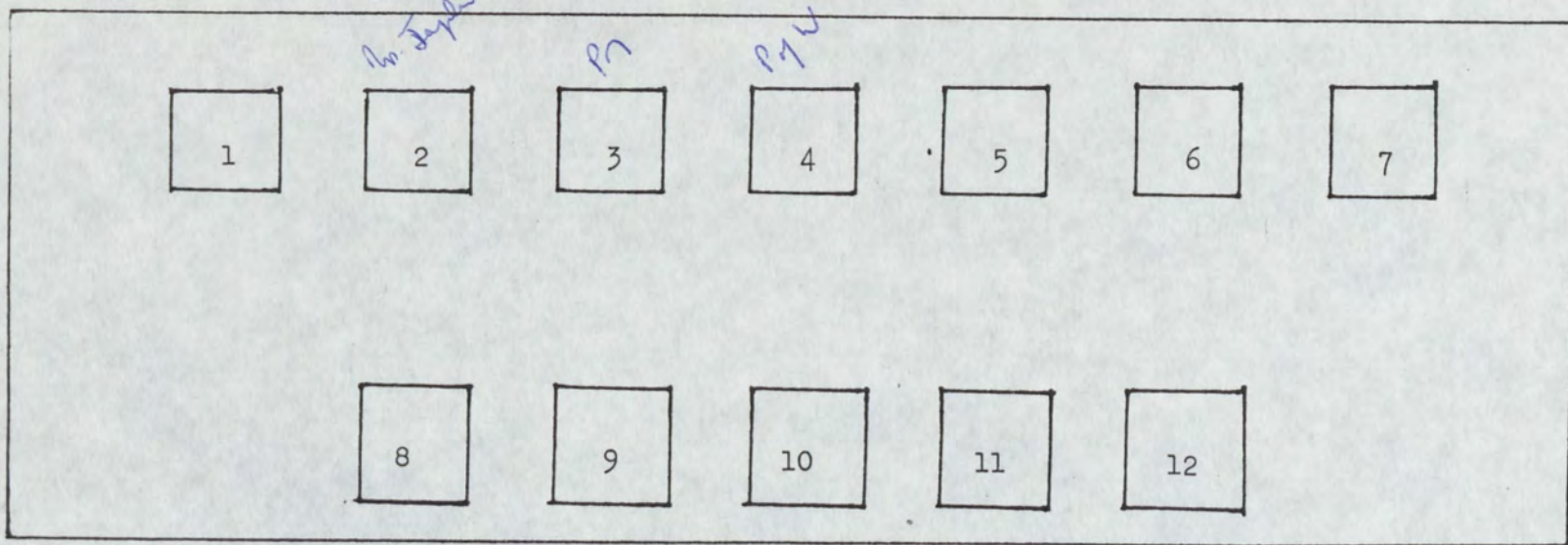
M S Subbalakshmi Celebrated Southern India singer, known as 'the Nightingale of the South'. She sang at her mother's recitals before she was ten and soon became a famous soloist in her own right. Her worldwide fame was stimulated by Lord Harewood's invitation to sing at the Edinburgh Festival in 1963.

Ravi Shankar Born in Varanasi (Benares) the holiest of Hindu cities, the youngest son of a family of Bengali Brahmins. Attended school in Paris. He is acknowledged to be the world's greatest sitar player. As a composer, he has written extensively for ballet and films in the United States, Canada, Europe and India. Recently he recorded the music for Sir Richard Attenborough's film 'Gandhi'.

Zubin Mehta Born in Bombay. Studied conducting under Hans Swarowsky at the Vienna Musikakademie. He is currently Music Director of both the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. He is also a regular conductor of opera at La Scala, Milan, at the Vienna Staatsoper and at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.



FRONT OF BOX



CEREMONIAL BOX - Seating Plan.

Seat No.

- 4 H.R.H. The Prince of Wales
- 3 The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher
- 5 Mrs. Gandhi
- 6 Sir Michael Walker
- 2 Mrs. Jayakar
- 1 Chairman, G.L.C.
- 7 Lady Walker

Seat No.

- 8 The Hon. Edward Adeane
- 9 Superintendent Cawthorne (Mrs. Thatcher's Personal Bodyguard)
- 10 H.R.H's Personal Bodyguard
- 11 Miss Helen Murdoch (Mrs. Gandhi's Personal U.K. Bodyguard)
- 12 Mr. D. K. Batt (Mrs. Gandhi's Personal Indian Bodyguard)

VISIT TO THE UK BY MRS INDIRA GANDHI: 21-26 MARCH 1982

TIMETABLE FOR INDO-BRITISH ASSOCIATION DINNER AT THE
DORCHESTER HOTEL: 23 MARCH

2015 Arrival of Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi.
Met by Swraj Paul, Chairman of the Indo-
British Association, and Mrs Paul.

2018 Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi escorted to
Ballroom Suite by Mr Paul and introduced
to selected guests.

2030 Dinner.
Brief introductory speech by Mr Paul.
Speech by Mrs Gandhi
Speech by Prime Minister.

 Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi escorted to
cars by Mr Paul and Mr Eldon Griffiths MP,
Vice Chairman of the Indo-British Association.

2230 (approx) Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi to depart.

INDO-BRITISH ASSOCIATION DINNER

The Indo-British Association (IBA) was established in 1975 to promote better understanding between the peoples of Britain and India. Mr Swraj Paul is very much the moving force, but he receives strong support from his Vice Chairman, Mr Eldon Griffiths MP. The Council of Advisors includes Mr Michael Foot MP, Mr William Whitelaw MP and Sir Michael Walker.

The IBA has a business side but its purposes are primarily social and cultural. Plans are under way to open a Nehru Centre at Portland Place where all the work of the Association will be co-ordinated. The Centre will include a library and a study area.

Mr Paul is a British citizen of Indian origin who has various business interests in Britain ranging from engineering to property through a private holding company called CAPARO. He has impressive contacts in India and is close to Mrs Gandhi. A man of both force and charm.

Guests at the dinner will include the Speaker, Mr & Mrs John Biffen, Mr & Mrs Nicholas Edwards, Mr Douglas Hurd, Mr & Mrs Kenneth Baker, Mr & Mrs James Callaghan, Mr & Mrs Denis Healey, Mr & Mrs Shridath Ramphal, Mrs Shirley Williams, Mr & Mrs John Peyton, Mr & Mrs Peter Shore, Mrs Michael Foot and Baroness Lee.

VISIT TO THE UK BY MRS INDIRA GANDHI: 21-26 MARCH 1982

PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR OPENING OF SCIENCE MUSEUM EXHIBITION: 24 MARCH

- 1600 Arrival of Mrs Gandhi.
- 1602 Arrival of Prime Minister.
Both will be met by Minister for the Arts,
Dame Margaret Weston, Director of the Science
Museum, and Mr John Duckworth, Chairman of the
Science Museum Advisory Council, and escorted
by them into museum.
Following to await Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi
in entrance hall:
- Countess Mountbatten and
 Lord Brabourne
- Indian High Commissioner and
 Mrs Seyid Muhammad
- Sir John and Lady Thomson
- Sir Michael and Lady Walker
- Mrs Pupul Jayakar
- Professor M G K Menon
- 1604 Dame Margaret Weston to introduce proceedings.
- 1605 Mrs Gandhi to say a few words.
- 1610 Prime Minister to speak and declare
exhibition open.
- 1615 Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi to be taken around
exhibition in the following two groups:
- Prime Minister
- Professor Menon
- Mrs Jayakar
- Mr Channon
- Mr Duckworth
- Mr and Mrs Seyid Muhammad
- Sir Michael and Lady Walker

/- Mrs Gandhi

- Mrs Gandhi
- Dame Margaret Weston
- Dr M M Dhar
- Dr R G W Anderson
- Countess Mountbatten and Lord Brabourne
- Sir John and Lady Thomson

1645

Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi to proceed
to Indian Government Reception.
Joint hosts Mrs Jayakar and Professor Menon.

1700

Prime Minister to depart.

1730

Mrs Gandhi to depart.

SCIENCE MUSEUM EXHIBITION 'SCIENCE IN INDIA'

The Science Museum's contribution to the Festival of India will be an exhibition dealing with aspects of science, technology and medicine from early times to the present day. The exhibition has been organised with the close co-operation of the Indian Government through the Department of Science and Technology in New Delhi, which has advised on, collected and transported many of the objects. Four British companies - British Aerospace, Davy McKee, Northern Engineering Industries and Standard Chartered Bank - are financing the construction of the exhibition. The Science Museum are responsible for its design. The exhibition will be open to the public from 25 March to 1 August.

India has a long and complex history of science. Indigenous systems of mathematics and medicine were developed from the Vedic period: the concept of zero was introduced into Hindu mathematics by the 6th century and the Ayurvedic system of medicine, still widely practised today, was systematised about 2000 years ago. The Chinese learnt about distillation from the Indians. Astronomy was developed, and culminated in the massive stone observatories of Jai Singh, built from 1720. These topics will be dealt with in the first section of the exhibition. The contributions of the Mughals and the British to science will be briefly treated; the earliest theodolite sent to India in 1802 and used on the Great Survey of India is being displayed. Adoption of western science by Indians from the late 19th century will be illustrated by the work of six internationally famous scientists including the Nobel prizewinner C. V. Raman, who gave his name to a spectrographic technique.

/Modern

Modern India is in the forefront of developing science, both as an academic discipline and as a tool to help deal with problems faced by the nation. The variety of approaches will be shown in the final and largest section, which will deal with space research, nuclear power, agriculture, rural technology, transport and medicine. Contrasting technologies such as the APPLE communications satellite and the Pusa grain storage bin will illustrate the point. Exhibits will include the 65ft high SLV3 rocket.

The Prime Minister will be taken around the exhibition by Professor M G K Menon, Secretary (Permanent Secretary equivalent) of the Indian Government's Department of Science and Technology, who has been in London for the last two weeks advising on the display of various exhibits. His current responsibilities are mainly administrative, but he is a distinguished scientist in his own right. He plays a key role in determining the direction of Indian research and development in the field of science.

The Science Museum staff most directly involved in the organisation of the exhibition are:

Dr R E W Anderson (Keeper of the Department of Chemistry and Curator responsible for the exhibition);

Mr Michael Presto (Head of Exhibition, responsible for the design);

Miss Anee St John-Smith (Public Relations Officer); and

Miss Susan Cackett (Research Assistant, Department of Chemistry).

VISIT OF SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI

PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

21-26 MARCH 1982

A D M I N I S T R A T I V E P L A N

/ (to be read in conjunction with the programme attached)

Sunday 21 March

ARRIVAL

The Prime Minister, Shrimati Indira Gandhi will arrive with her official suite by special flight at Southside, London Heathrow Airport. As soon as the aircraft has landed a representative of the British Airports Authority will escort the greeting party to the aircraft. The Indian High Commissioner will board the aircraft and escort the Prime Minister to the tarmac. The following will be at the aircraft steps (in order):-

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP

Shrimati Sara Beevi Muhammad

Sir John Thomson

Her Majesty's High Commissioner at Delhi
and Lady Thomson

Brigadier J A C Cowan,

Secretary, Government Hospitality Fund.

Shri P Johari

Indian Deputy High Commissioner

Group Captain Robert Thomson

Escort Officer, Government Hospitality Fund

Wing Commander Maxwell Higson

Escort Officer, Government Hospitality Fund

When the Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP has welcomed the Prime Minister and taken her down the receiving line, 5 children from the Suhbag Stree Mandal will greet Mrs Gandhi. The party will then proceed to the Special Waiting Room where the Indian High Commissioner will present members of the High Commission staff.

TRANSPORT

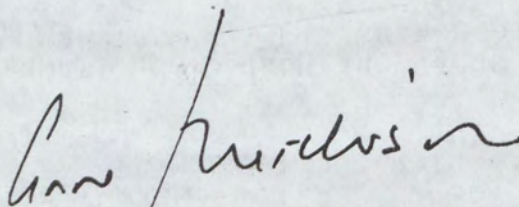
The initial transport plan is given at Annex 1. At the end of each day a fresh car plan will be drawn up by Commander Menon of the Indian High Commission and Group Captain Robert Thomson the Government Hospitality Fund Escort Officer. This will take into account any change of seating in the cars and any revised timings.

/22 March

Monday 22 March

1300 for 1315 Luncheon at No 10 Downing Street. The following are also invited:-

Shrimati Sonia Gandhi
Dr V A Seyid Muhammad
Dr P C Alexander
Shri P Johari
Shri H Y Sharda Prasad
Shri K K S Rana
Shrimati Pupul Jayakar
Professor M G K Menon



19 March 1982

Miss Anne Hutchison
Visits Section
Protocol and Conference Department

C A R P L A N

Ceremonial Car
Roll Royce

Prime Minister
British Security Officer
Shri Bhatt

Special Branch Car

Car 2

Shri Tandon
Group Captain Thomson
Wing Commander Verma

Car 3

Shrimati Sonia Gandhi
Sir John Thomson
Lady Thomson

Car 4

Shri Dhawan
Dr Mathur
Wing Commander Higson

Car 5

Dr V A Seyid Muhammad
Shrimati Sara Beevi Muhammad
Kumari Bhagat

Car 6

Dr Alexander
Shrimati Jayakar

Car 7

Shri Rana
Shri Sharda Prasad

Car 8

Shri Dave
Shri N Ram
Shri J Ram

Car 9

Shri Johari

Police Back Up Car.

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c. Mr. Coles
Mr. Kydd



10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER

SUNDAY

I attach a list of:-

- (1) Mrs. Gandhi's entourage who will be arriving with her - Flag A;
- (2) A list of those people who will be with you at Heathrow to meet Mrs. Gandhi - Flag B.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

19 March 1982

THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA WILL BE
ACCOMPANIED BY:-

Dr. P.C. Alexander
Principal Secretary

Shri H.Y. Sharda Prasad
Information Adviser

Shri K.K.S. Rana
Joint Secretary, Prime Minister's Office

Shri S.C. Tandon
Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs

Shri R.K. Dhawan
Special Assistant

Kumari Usha Bhagat
Officer on Special Duty

Dr. K.P. Mathur
Personal Physician

Shri D.K. Bhatt
Security Officer

Shri Y. Dave
Additional Private Secretary

Shri Nathu Ram

Shri Jag Ram

LIST OF THOSE WHO WILL BE AT HEATHROW
TO MEET MRS. GANDHI

His Excellency Dr. V.A. Seyid Muhammad
Indian High Commissioner

Mr. P. Johari
Deputy High Commissioner

Sir John and Lady Thomson

Brigadier Cowan - GHF

Group Captain Robert Thomson)
Wing Commander Maxwell Higson) Asst. Officers

Mr. Michael Burton
Head of Department, Foreign and Commonwealth
Office.

CARS

cc: Mr Whitmore, Mr Coles
Drivers
Press

MONDAY 22 March

1940 Ken : PM
AJC to Festival Hall
Detective

Paul : Press to Festival Hall

Bob : Mr Whitmore to Victoria

TUESDAY 23 March

1620 Ken :: PM to Hayward Gallery
AJC
Detective

Tom : Press to Hayward Gallery

2005 Joe : PM to Dorchester
AJC
Detective

Tom : Press to Dorchester

Paul : Mr Whitmore to Victoria

WEDNESDAY 24 March

1540 Ken : PM to Science Museum
AJC
Detective

Tom : Press to Science Museum