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THE PRIME MINISTER

27 July 1982

PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T 152/82

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Best wishes for a successful and enjoyable visit in the United States.

Warm personal regards.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Whittaker

Her Excellency Shrimati Indira Gandhi.

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Deputy High Commissioner

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THE HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA,

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No. 311 /DHC/82

August 5, 1982

Dear Mr. Coles,

I am enclosing a letter addressed to the Prime Minister from Shrimati Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India with the request to kindly have it placed before the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely,

( P. Johari )

Mr. A.J. Coles,  
Private Secretary  
to the Prime Minister  
Prime Minister's Office  
10 Downing Street  
London SW1

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PRIME MINISTER'S

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SERIAL No. T 153 B/82

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for writing. I was not expecting you at the Airport as ours was such a brief stop-over. It was good to see Mr. Hurd.

What tremendous problems you have had since we last met.

With good wishes,

Sincerely,  
Indira Gandhi.

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.



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*From the Private Secretary*

26 July 1982

VISIT OF MRS. GANDHI

Thank you for your letter of 23 July. I enclose a letter, signed by the Prime Minister, which Mr. Hurd could deliver to Mrs. Gandhi when he sees her at Heathrow on 27 July.

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F. N. Richards, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

23 July, 1982

Dear John,

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Visit of Mrs Gandhi

/ Thank you for your letter of 22 July. I enclose a draft of a letter which the Prime Minister might send to Mrs Gandhi by hand of Mr Hurd when he greets her at Heathrow on 27 July.

Yours ever,

(F N Richards)  
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq  
Private Secretary  
10 Downing Street

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TO: Shrimati Indira Gandhi

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*Handwritten signature and date: 23/7*

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22 July 1982

Visit of Mrs. Gandhi

John Holmes wrote to me on 21 July.

The Prime Minister regrets that it will not be possible for the Prime Minister to see Mrs. Gandhi on 27 July since she will be preoccupied with Parliamentary Questions at the time of Mrs. Gandhi's transit.

She would therefore be grateful if Mr. Hurd would call on Mrs. Gandhi at the airport on her behalf. She would be glad to send a letter to Mrs. Gandhi by hand of Mr. Hurd - I should be grateful if you could supply a draft as soon as possible.

JC

Francis Richards Esq  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

*I do not think you can do this. Agree that Mr. Hurd should meet Mrs. Gandhi at Heathrow, bearing a nice letter from you?*

21 July 1982

*A.J.C. 21/7*

*Yes*

*Dear John.*

Visit of Mrs Gandhi

The Indian High Commission have informed us that Mrs Gandhi will stop briefly at Heathrow on Tuesday 27 July on her way to the United States. Her aircraft is expected to arrive at 1355 hours and depart at 1505 hours.

Mrs Gandhi's passage through London offers an excellent opportunity to maintain the Prime Minister's personal relations with Mrs Gandhi and to review such matters as our commercial interests in India and the continuing improvement in India's relations with Pakistan and the United States. It would clearly be impractical on Questions Day for the Prime Minister to meet Mrs Gandhi at the airport but we recommend that the Prime Minister offer an informal lunch if Mrs Gandhi can bring forward her time of arrival. Even if Mrs Gandhi refuses the invitation, as is likely since she would have to bring forward her departure from Delhi to a very early hour of the morning, an invitation would go down well and illustrate that the Prime Minister attaches importance to her relations with Mrs Gandhi.

If on the other hand the Prime Minister does not feel able to invite Mrs Gandhi to lunch, or if Mrs Gandhi declines, Mr Hurd will call on Mrs Gandhi at the airport to pay HMG's respects.

*Yours over.*

*for* (J E Holmes)  
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq  
10 Downing Street

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