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21-26 March 1982

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Deputy High Commissioner

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THE HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA,

DEPARTMENT,
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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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SUBJECT

PRIME MINISTER

Prime Minister:

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Camp: New York
July 28, 1982

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

27 July 1982

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

Dear Mrs. Gandhi,

I am sorry that we shall not be able to meet as you pass through London. I have to be in the Commons to take Questions this afternoon.

I very much valued the time we spent together last March when we launched the Festival of India and I hope that it will not be too long before we can meet again for a talk.

The Festival, incidentally, continues to attract great attention here and is proving an unqualified success.

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

Warm personal regards.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Her Excellency Shrimati Indira Gandhi.

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10 DOWNING STREET

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.

AJC

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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AR 23/7.

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,

Francis Richards

(F N Richards)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
Private Secretary
10 Downing Street

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TO: Shrimati Indira Gandhi

Your Reference

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MT 23/7

Enclosures—flag(s).....

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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.

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Francis Richards Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Prime Minister

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

A.J.C. 21/7

Yes mt

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

21 July 1982

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 ever,

Francis Pym

for (J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

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Prime Minister

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Festival of India

Government of India

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Smt. Indira Gandhi
Prime Minister of India
The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
Prime Minister of U.K.

Chairman
Indian Advisory Committee
Smt. Pupul Jayakar
Camp: LONDON

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April 2, 1982

Dear Prime Minister

I am most grateful to you for your letter of the 26th March, conveying your congratulations on the launching of the Festival. We value your deep appreciation for the activities planned and we hope that the Festival will, as you say, have a profoundly beneficial effect on relations between Britain and India.

I leave for India on Sunday the 4th but expect to be back some time in June when perhaps, if you can spare a few moments, I will seek an opportunity of meeting you once again.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely
Pupul Jayakar

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India

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5 April 1982

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Dear John,

I enclose herewith a copy of a Press report about the Indo-British Association dinner which has appeared in most of the Indian newspapers and which I thought you might like to see.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Swraj Paul

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

Don't view India through tinted glasses, says PM

By RAVI BHATIA

LONDON, March 24: The Prime Minister, Mrs Indira Gandhi, would ...e foreigners to see India as it is. In an answer to a question during ...e Press conference organised here ... the Indian Journalists Association, ...rs Gandhi said the only way to see ...y particular country and especially ...dia was to see it as it was. The ...estion referred to the distorted ...age of India abroad.

Replying to another question as to ...w she compared herself with Mrs ...da Meir, former prime minister ... Israel, and Mrs Margaret That...r, Mrs Gandhi said comparisons ...e always odious. Every person in ... world had some good and bad ...lities and no one was perfect.

...earing a dark green sari, Mrs ...dhi appeared extremely relaxed ...ng the hour-long Press con...nce attended by a large number ...foreign and British journalists. ... in some of the other media ...rences, Mrs Gandhi did not ...pt to parry questions. She answe...whenever she could. At least once ...admitted with a disarming smile ...she did not know a lot about ... In an answer to a question ...however, added that she loved ...ch sports.

Mrs Gandhi hope of India: Mrs Thatcher

LONDON, March 24 (PTI). THE British prime minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, last night spoke of Mrs Gandhi in glowing terms, describing her as "the great prime minister of a great country."

Amidst cheers from the 500 guests at the Indo-British Association dinner in Mrs Gandhi's honour, Mrs Thatcher said: "She is both the symbol and hope of India and she is an old friend of Great Britain as well."

Mrs Thatcher delivered a prepared address on the occasion but her warm tributes to Mrs Gandhi came off the cuff at the beginning of her speech reflecting their sincerity and spontaneity.

Mrs Thatcher referred to the remarks by the chairman of the Indo-British Association, Mr Swaraj Paul, that the two prime ministers were "the best of the west and the best of the east" and they should meet in the interests of the two countries and in the cause of world peace. Mrs Thatcher commented: "I have no doubt India and Mrs Gandhi are best of of the east. We have no doubt that we are quite the best of the west."

In her reply, Mrs Gandhi, who departed from the text of her prepared speech, took the opportunity to reiterate India's commitment to the principles and values of democracy and socialism.

She added: "There is one point we differ from Mrs Thatcher. We believe in the values of socialism."

Mrs Gandhi said democracy in India had very firm roots. There was no doubt that contact with liberal thought of Britain as well as west was responsible for India adopting administrative and parliamentary systems of a democracy but "this would not have taken roots if there was not some seed of it in our society." It was only democracy which could allow people of such diversity as in India under the same umbrella to live their own lives and be themselve."

High praise for Mrs Gandhi also came from the Conservative MP and vice-chairman of the Indo-British Association, Mr Griffiths, proposing a vote of thanks. He told the Indian leader: "You are the most experienced prime minister in the Commonwealth and an outstanding political leader in the non-communist Asia. You are also something else, something more — a world statesman, a woman of most extraordinary kindness, modesty, dignity and charm."

Mr Griffiths added: "As a lover of India I have no doubt that its future is well assured in your hands. We have no doubt that under your inspired leadership, India will have political stability the people need and require."

Mr Griffiths endorsed the words of praise Mrs Thatcher had spoken about the contribution of the Indian community in Britain. He said none of the people who had come to Britain were more law abiding than Indians who lived in British cities.

The message from this dinner, he said, was this: "The prime minister of Great Britain and leaders of political parties represented in the House of Commons are united in their determination that all men in this country shall be equal before law."

In his welcome speech, Mr Paul said Mrs Gandhi has been accused of destroying democracy at the time of her so called "political wilderness." But leaders of the political parties in his country had loudly expressed their belief in the ensuring nature of Indian democracy. "They were of course right, Mrs Gandhi has done more than anyone to sustain it, most of all at the moment of her defeat."

The occasion Mr Paul put it, was unique and unprecedented — unique because no other private organisation has ever enjoyed the quite extraordinary privilege of entertaining both the prime ministers of Britain and the Prime Minister of India, unprecedented because never before so many distinguished gentlemen waited so anxiously for the toasts of the ladies."

The dinner was attended among others by a galaxy of personalities including former prime minister, Mr Callaghan, the speaker of the House of Commons, Mr George Thomas, Mr Denis Healey, Mrs Shirley Williams, Mr John Biffen, Baroness Lee and the Commonwealth secretary-general, Mr S. Ramphal. Toasts were proposed for Indo-British friendship coupled with the name of Mrs Thatcher and Mrs Gandhi. Toasts were also proposed for the Queen and the President of India.

World Bank stop credit to six count...

By J. N. PARIMO...

WASHINGTON, M...

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By Our Special Correspondent

VARANASI, March 24.

AJORITY of the speakers who ...ok part in the CPI congress on the review report and the resolution yesterday and ...mphasised the importance of ...y supporting the correct poli... the Congress (I). At the same ...y opposed any collaboration ... BJP.

...n delegates who spoke were ...atives of Maharashtra, Pun...ala, Rajasthan, Madhya ... Karnataka, Manipur, Andhra ... Bihar and the All India ... Federation.

...d was given by Mr N. K. Krishnan, member of the CPI central executive committee, who dwelt on the desirability of supporting the correct policies of the Congress (I). The ruling party of today, he conceded, was not the Congress of the Nehru era and consisted of some undesirable elements. But support to it meant in essence support to Mrs Gandhi and the CPI could endorse the Congress (I) stand on certain questions.

Other speakers were of the view that it would be dangerous to collaborate with the BJP which they described as "authoritarian and communal." They pointed out that the BMS, trade union wing of the BJP, had played a negative role in the public sector employees' strike at Bangalore in 1981.

Some speakers were also critical of the CPM which, they said, did not follow a consistent policy. At times it showed great enthusiasm for joint actio with the CPI, but on other occasions it dragged its feet and refused to collaborate.

Some of the delegates who spoke expressed dissatisfaction over the review report of Mr Rajeswara Rao, general secretary, as it was not "su...ntial enough".

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Soviet media highlight CPI session

MOSCOW, March 24 (PTI): The CPI session at Varanasi has been receiving a fair share of attention in the Soviet media which has been highlighting references in the proceedings and speeches to the ...

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

2 April, 1982

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you warmly for your kind letter of 2 April. She has asked me to say that she greatly enjoyed the visit of the Prime Minister of India to this country and shares your hope that the Festival of India will advance further the friendly relations between our two countries.

A. J. COLES

His Excellency Dr. V. A. Seyid Muhammad

INDIA HOUSE
ALDWYCH
LONDON W.C.2

APRIL 2, 1982

DR.V.A.SEYID MUHAMMAD

Respected Prime Minister,

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for the admirable efforts you have made to make our Prime Minister's visit and the Festival of India a grand success. All of us are gratefully aware of the fact that in spite of your innumerable and important engagements both in the Parliament and outside you were good enough and gracious enough to devote considerable part of time to attend most of the functions at which our Prime Minister was present. It is a matter of great satisfaction that the events of last week have brought our two great countries closer and strengthened the bond of friendship between you and our Prime Minister.

I earnestly hope that through the Festival of India the friendship and good relationship between our two countries will advance further. I express again my very sincere thanks to you and pray God for your continued good health and success.

With respectful regards

Yours sincerely,

V. A. SEYID MUHAMMAD

Rt. Hon. Mrs.Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
Prime Minister of Great Britain,
10 Downing Street, LONDON.

JR

John

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

1 April 1982

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 30 March. Thank you, too, for sending her some photographs of the opening of your Exhibition last week.

With all best wishes,

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Dame Margaret Weston, DBE.

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SCIENCE MUSEUM
LONDON SW7 2DD

30th March, 1982.

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Dear Prime Minister,

We did enjoy your Opening of our exhibition 'Science in India', were most honoured that you came to do it, and glad that you were pleased with the end result.

I have passed on your congratulations, which delighted the people concerned. Mr. Duckworth was very pleased to hear that you had enjoyed viewing the exhibition.

A few photographs of the occasion are enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Weston

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Thatcher, P.C., M.P.,
10, Downing Street,
LONDON, S.W.1.

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Festival of India

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30 March 1982

The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP
10 Downing Street
London

Prime Minister

MS A.J.C. 30/3.

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you so much for your very generous letter of 26 March. I shall circulate it to my fellow Trustees to whom I am sure it will give a great deal of pleasure.

We are all very grateful to you for having given up so much of your time last week to the Festival when you already had such a full programme and I am delighted to know that you enjoyed the main events. Of course we are greatly indebted to your presence for their success and it is your patronage which has been so vital to us in mounting the Festival as a whole. I should like to take this opportunity of renewing my thanks to you for the support you have consistently given us.

As you mention in your letter many activities still lie ahead and I hope we may look forward to the possibility of your being able to visit some of the main events.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Walker

Michael Walker
Chairman
Festival of India Trust

Registered Charity no: 280549

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FM FCO 291430Z MARCH 82
TO IMMEDIATE DELHI
TELEGRAM NUMBER 319 OF 29 MARCH
MIPT: TEXT OF CONFIDENTIAL AGREEMENT

1. FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS DURING THE VISIT TO LONDON OF MRS GANDHI, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:-

A) IN THE LIGHT OF THE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY MRS GANDHI ON BEHALF OF INDIA AND ALL OTHER RECIPIENTS OF AID FROM THE IDA THAT THE NON-US DONORS SHOULD NOT INSIST ON THE APPLICATION OF THE PRO RATA COMMITMENT PROVISIONS OF THE IDA 6 AGREEMENT, THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILL WAIVE THE APPLICATION OF THOSE PROVISIONS IN RESPECT OF THE SECOND INSTALMENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO IDA 6. THEY HAVE ALSO AGREED TO COOPERATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA IN SEEKING TO PERSUADE OTHER DONOR COUNTRIES TO FOLLOW SUIT.

B) SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION OF THE DETAILED TERMS, THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAS STATED ITS INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE BRITISH CONSORTIUM LED BY NORTHERN ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES WHO HAVE PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS SUPPORTED BY THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 2 X 500 MEGAWATT SUPER THERMAL POWER STATION AND FOR AN ASSOCIATED COAL MINE AND EQUIPMENT. AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE FINANCING OF BRITISH GOODS PURCHASED UNDER THIS CONTRACT AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE POWER STATION TO INDIA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT WILL, SUBJECT TO THE NORMAL APPRAISAL PROCEDURES, PROVIDE POUNDS 65 MILLION OF SPECIAL ADDITIONAL GRANT AID TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

C) IN RECOGNITION OF THE STRENGTHENING ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND IN THE LIGHT OF INDIAN DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS, THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT HAVE STATED THEIR INTENTION TO PROVIDE REGULAR BILATERAL AID TO INDIA OF POUNDS 105M IN 1982/83 AND POUNDS 110M IN 1983/84, INCLUSIVE OF RTA LOCAL COST AID AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION.

D) THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL ENSURE THAT THIS INCREASED LEVEL OF AID IS USED IN AGREED SECTORS TO THE MAXIMUM MUTUAL BENEFIT. THESE SECTORS COULD INCLUDE, AMONGST OTHERS, COAL MINING, POWER GENERATION, AND TRANSPORTATION INCLUDING PORTS.

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FM FCO 291330Z MARCH 82
TO IMMEDIATE DELHI
TELEGRAM NUMBER 318 OF 29 MARCH
YOUR TELNOS 343 AND 345: MRS GANDHI'S VISIT

1. WE HAVE HEARD FROM INDIAN HIGH COMMISSION THAT, IN THE EVENT, MRS GANDHI DECIDED NOT TO MAKE A SEPARATE ANNOUNCEMENT ON ARRIVAL ABOUT IDA6 AND BILATERAL AID. SHE PROPOSES INSTEAD TO BREAK THE NEWS TO HER CABINET ON WEDNESDAY MORNING AND MAKE A STATEMENT IN THE LOK SABHA THAT AFTERNOON COVERING ALL THREE POINTS. WE HAVE EXPLAINED TO INDIA HOUSE THAT THIS DELAY MAKES IT EVEN MORE DIFFICULT FOR US TO KEEP THE STORY UNDER WRAPS AT THIS END BUT THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO OUR BEST.

2. TEXTS OF CONFIDENTIAL AGREEMENT AND DRAFT STATEMENT BY MRS GANDHI ARE IN MIFTS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MRS GANDHI HAS BEEN PERSUADED TO DELETE THE WORD 'SUBSTANTIALLY' FROM THE FINAL SENTENCE OF THE THIRD PARAGRAPH OF HER STATEMENT.

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Prime Minister

To see. You have written to her.

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Festival of India

Government of India

Patrons
Smt. Indira Gandhi
Prime Minister of India
The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
Prime Minister of U.K.

Chairman
Indian Advisory Committee
Smt. Pupul Jayakar

Dear Prime Minister

I wanted to thank you for the warmth and appreciation you have shown for the events organised by the Festival of India. We are very happy with the response from the press & the media & hope that the future events organised by the Festival Committee will awaken a new interest in India. I am sending a copy of "The Indian Experience" which has been brought out by Our India for the festival. There are some interesting articles.

With regards.

Yrs sincerely
Pupul Jayakar.

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26 March 1982

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 24 March. She has written to you separately about the dinner on 23 March.

AJC

Mr. Swraj Paul

10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

26 March 1982

I thank you most warmly for my reception yesterday at the opening of the "Science in India" Exhibition.

The Exhibition is a fascinating display of Indian scientific achievement. I only wish that I had had more time to look at it at leisure. Would you please give my thanks to Professor Menon and Mr. Duckworth who so kindly escorted me around the exhibits.

My warm congratulations to you and all those who were associated in mounting the Exhibition. I am sure it will be a resounding success.

(SGD) MARGARET THATCHER

Dame Margaret Weston, D.B.E.

India file

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

26 March 1982

Dear Kenneth,

I write to congratulate you on the splendid Exhibition mounted by the Arts Council at the Hayward Gallery for the Festival of India. I much enjoyed my visit the other day and am most grateful to you for all the arrangements made. The Festival has obviously got off to the best possible start and I hope the "Image of Man" Exhibition will be thoroughly enjoyed by many thousands of visitors.

My very best wishes,

Yours ever,

Margaret Thatcher

The Rt. Hon. Kenneth Robinson

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

26 March 1982

Dear Mrs. Jayakar,

At the end of the first few days of the Festival may I congratulate you on the contribution which you and your Committee have made to the launching of this splendid event. I greatly enjoyed the inaugural concert and my later visits to the Hayward Gallery and the "Science in India" Exhibition. I am sure that these activities and all the many others that have been planned will have a profoundly beneficial effect on relations between Britain and India.

It has been a great personal pleasure for me to see you again in London this week and I hope we shall have an early opportunity of meeting in the future.

My very best regards,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Shrimati Pupul Jayakar

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

26 March 1982

Dear Sir Michael,

With the Festival of India safely and splendidly launched, I write to congratulate you and the other Trustees on all the thought and effort that went into the preparations. I enormously enjoyed the inaugural concert and my visits to the Exhibitions at the Hayward Gallery and the Science Museum, and have no doubt that the Festival has got off to the best possible start. I hope you and your fellow Trustees will feel that the success of this first week has been a fitting reward for all your labours, and I send you my best wishes for the many activities which lie ahead in the months to come.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Sir Michael Walker, GCMG.

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India

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

25 March 1982

India: United Kingdom Passport Holders

The minute by the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary on the above subject (reference no. PM/82/19) was discussed at the briefing meeting for Mrs. Gandhi's visit on 17 March. The Prime Minister made it plain that she did not wish to contemplate an increase in the special voucher quota. In the event, the matter was not raised with her by Mrs. Gandhi.

I am copying this letter to John Halliday (Home Office).

A. J. COLES

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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THE INDO-BRITISH ASSOCIATION

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SP/EBA/IBA

24 March 1982

My dear Prime Minister,

I am grateful to you for having accepted our invitation to speak at the Indo-British Association dinner on Tuesday 23 March.

Your speech was marvellous, both in its warmth and in what you had to say about India. Being a person of Indian origin and now a citizen of this country, it was a matter of great personal pride for me to welcome the Prime Ministers of both countries and to hear such warmth.

Your personal interest and personal touch in the whole of Mrs Gandhi's programme needs to be complimented. I have had occasion to see two or three Prime Ministerial visits from India to this country and I must say that I have never seen arrangments made to such perfection. It must be you who has taken a very personal interest.

May I again send my heartiest congratulations and thanks, both on behalf of my wife and I and on behalf of all the members of the Association.

Sincerely yours

Swraj Paul

The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP
The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1

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Festival of India

10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

24 March 1982

Dear Miss Drew,

May I thank you most warmly for the arrangements made for my visit to the Hayward Gallery yesterday for the opening of the splendid exhibition "In the Image of Man". I am well aware that yesterday was for you the culmination of much hard work and thought. I hope you felt, as I did, that the result was a triumphant justification for all these efforts.

I should be most grateful if you could convey my warm thanks to Mr. Robert Skelton and Mr. Ross Feller for escorting me around the exhibition and giving me the benefit of their knowledge of, and enthusiasm for, Indian art.

My very best wishes.

(Sgd) MT

Miss Joanna Drew.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

24 March 1982

Dear Mr. Paul,

I write to thank you most warmly for the splendid dinner last night. It was a most memorable evening and you and the Indo-British Association are to be congratulated on the admirable arrangements. There have been many gatherings this week to celebrate the Indo-British relationship but the special impact made by last night's dinner will remain long in our memory.

My warm thanks to you, Mrs. Paul and all the Officers of the Association.

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Mr. Swraj Paul.

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MR. COLES

PRIME MINISTER TO OPEN EXHIBITION AT SCIENCE MUSEUM: WEDNESDAY, 24 MARCH

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CAROLINE STEPHENS

22 March 1982

10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER

cc: Mr Coles
Mr Colver

I attach an up-to-date programme (Flag A) and a note of the press arrangements (Flag B).

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23 March, 1982

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 Amee St John-Smith (Public Relations Officer); and

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

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Thank you to Dame Margaret Weston. Professor Menon told me also Mr. John Duckworth.

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PROPOSED TIME TABLE
FOR OPENING OF **'SCIENCE IN INDIA'** EXHIBITION
AT SCIENCE MUSEUM ON 24 MARCH 1982

3.15 p.m.	Doors open.
By 3.50 p.m.	Guests arrive.
3.55 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	**Mrs. Ghandi** arrives.
4.02 p.m.	**Mrs. Thatcher** arrives.
	(Both will be received by The Rt. Hon. **Paul Channon,** Minister for the Arts, and **Dame Margaret Weston,** Director, Science Museum. They will be greeted by (and where necessary introduced to) **Mr. John Duckworth,** Chairman, Science Museum Advisory Council, the **High Commissioner of India to UK** and **High Commissioner of UK to India, Countess Mountbatten** and **Lord Brabourne, Dr. P.C. Alexander, Mr. H.Y. Shasda Prasad, Sir Michael Walker, Mrs. P. Jayakar, Prof. M.G.K. Menon.**
4.04 p.m.	**Dame Margaret Weston** introduces proceedings.
4.05 p.m.	**Mrs. Ghandi** speaks.
4.10 p.m.	**Mrs. Thatcher** speaks and opens exhibition.
4.15 p.m.	The two Prime Ministers and those sitting on the dais proceed to the exhibition for a 30 minute visit (see attached list).
4.45 p.m.	The official parties go to the Indian Government reception.
5.00 p.m.	**Mrs. Thatcher** leaves.
5.30 p.m. approx.	**Mrs. Ghandi's** departure will depend on the time she spends at the reception.

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It is proposed that the two Prime Ministers will be taken around the exhibition in the following two groups:–

Mrs. Thatcher, Prof. M.G.K. Menon, Mrs. Jayakar,
Mr. John Duckworth, High Commissioner for India,
Sir Michael Walker, Mr. Paul Channon, M.P.

Mrs. Ghandi, Dame Margaret Weston,
High Commissioner of UK, Countess Mountbatten,
Lord Brabourne, Dr. P.C. Alexander,
Mr. H.Y. Sashda Prasad, Dr. M.M. Dhar,
Dr. R.G.W. Anderson.

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MISS STEPHENS

cc Mr Ingham
Mr Coles

PRESS ARRANGEMENTS, ETC, FOR THE OPENING OF THE SCIENCE IN INDIA EXHIBITION AT THE SCIENCE MUSEUM.

- The brief opening ceremony will take place on the raised area of the large main entrance hall which forms a natural stage. The exhibition itself is situated one floor up. In the main body of the hall will be 800 guests, already assembled when the PM arrives.

- Three microphones linked to a PA system will be placed on this "stage". The Director will welcome (3 mins) Mrs Thatcher and Mrs Gandhi. Mrs Gandhi (5 mins) will then speak, followed by the PM (5 mins).

- The timing of this occasion enables Indian television to show the opening live at peak viewing time (it will be 9.30pm in Delhi) and there will therefore be an outside broadcast crew from VISNEWS filming the speeches from the main hall and a handheld camera covering the exhibition tour itself.

- BBC TV and ITN are also expected to cover and still photographers and writing journalists will be placed on a raised landing to the right of the PM as she speaks.

- After the brief opening ceremony the PM will be escorted, with the platform party, up a staircase to the right and across a large empty room to a lift up to the exhibition itself, on the first floor. In the large room, incidentally, there will be exhibition boards by the four sponsors - British Aerospace, Northern Engineering Industries, Davy McKee and Standard Chartered.

- Museum information staff will ensure that press photographers are taken round by a different route so that they have a fixed photographic opportunity in the exhibition and do not get in the way.

- The exhibition itself is divided into two areas - one covering history, the other dealing with modern technology. This takes the visitor through a range from prehistoric tools and ceramics to the spare

APPLE satellite - the space-born version will be transmitting the opening of the exhibition to India, as filmed by VISNEWS.

- After viewing the exhibition - for about half an hour - the party will return by the same route to the main reception area where the PM will mingle with the guests before departing.

HUGH COLVER
19 March 1982

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23 March, 1982

In the wake of last night's splendid opening of the Festival can I thank you for all your helpful and detailed letters about the arrangements. You were most punctilious about our concerns. The whole evening was thoroughly enjoyable.

K Jeffery, Esq

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

23 March, 1982

Mrs. Gandhi's Visit

I enclose texts which the Prime Minister has approved for:

a) her speech to the Indo-British Association tonight;

b) her speech at the opening of the Science Museum Exhibition tomorrow.

A. J. COLES

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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22 March 1982

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

22 March 1982

Dear John,

VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

I enclose a record of the conversation between the Prime Minister and the Prime Minister of India during the plenary session of talks held here between noon and 1300 hours today.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to John Kerr (HM Treasury), John Rhodes (Department of Trade), Jonathan Spencer (Department of Industry) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever

John Coles.

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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RECORD OF PLENARY TALKS BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA AT NOON ON MONDAY 22 MARCH, AT 10 DOWNING STREET

Present:

Prime Minister	Mrs Gandhi
Foreign & Commonwealth Secretary	Dr. P.C. Alexander
The Rt. Hon. Douglas Hurd, MP	Mr. R.L. Malhotra
Sir John Thomson	Mr. H.Y. Sharda Prasad
Sir Peter Preston	The High Commissioner of India
Mr. R. Wade-Gery	Mr. Johari
Mr. Caines	Mr. K.K.S. Rana
Mr. A.J. Coles	Mr. Shiraranan
Mr. B. Ingham	Mr. M. Prasad

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The Prime Minister said that during her tete-a-tete conversation with Mrs Gandhi there had been discussion of the internal situation in India, development problems and East/West relations. They had also touched on the problem of the sixth replenishment of the IDA. She asked for a resume of the issues which officials had been discussing in parallel.

Mr. Hurd said that officials had also discussed the IDA question. The Indian team had raised trade issues and the United Kingdom side had brought up defence sales matters. But the bulk of the time had been devoted to discussion of the level of the British aid programme which, in Indian minds, was linked with the possible award of a contract to British industry for a Thermal Power Station. The Indians had explained that if they were not to follow the normal process of open tender they would need to be able publicly to justify this action by pointing to good financial arrangements for the project and an improvement in the general level of aid to India. The British side had explained the difficulties. Much as we might wish to give priority to bilateral aid, our multi-lateral commitments limited the room for manoeuvre.

Dr. Alexander said that the level of UK aid was steadily deteriorating. Moreover, in the case of India the approach adopted

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towards RTA had differed from that pursued in other countries. The Indians felt that the time had come to improve on the levels of aid which had obtained in the last two years. With regard to the Thermal Power Station contract, the Indian Public Accounts Committee would be bound to question the Indian Government on several aspects. It would be helpful if they were able to point to a favourable financing package and an improvement in the aid programme. Sir Peter Preston pointed out that in 1980/81 a record aid figure of £140 million had been disbursed. Lord Carrington drew attention to the fact that almost 20% of our total bilateral aid went to India. The Prime Minister said that we would take another look at the matter. Mr. Malhotra then explained the background to the present problem over RTA assistance. It had been agreed in 1978/79 that RTA would be an additional commitment. It had subsequently been merged with other assistance within a rapidly declining ceiling. The result had been a disproportionate cut in the aid programme to India. Sir Peter Preston explained that our total aid programme for next year was now fixed. There was a question of priorities within it. The Prime Minister asked whether there was not a certain sum available for contingencies. Lord Carrington replied that there was but that it was not wise to draw on this provision early in the year.

The Prime Minister said that she was most interested in the Thermal Power Station contract. She had recently visited NEI which was clearly the most modern boiler-making plant in Europe. What stage had been reached in the negotiations? Dr. Alexander said that the Indian side wished to commence negotiations but they needed to be able to justify not going out to tender. Mr. Hurd pointed out that after 15 May the interest rates on which our present financial offer was based would rise. It was important to reach some agreement before then. Dr. Alexander said that subject to a satisfactory agreement on aid and the final decision by Mrs Gandhi, the negotiations could be completed in that time. Mr. Caines said that certain technical and financial proposals had recently elicited an Indian reaction.

As to IDA replenishment, Dr. Alexander said that India was under great pressure. Whatever the final American decision, aid

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from this source for India had already been cut from $1600 million to $800 million. He therefore felt that the United Kingdom, while maintaining its pressure on the United States, should maintain its commitments to the IDA. He had reasonable ground to believe that other major donors would follow suit. Lord Carrington said that the basic question was whether, by not going ahead with our payments, we were in fact putting pressure on the United States. Sir Peter Preston pointed out that a change in position would have implications for future IDA replenishments. Mr. Hurd said that this process would become more difficult if burden sharing was abandoned.

Mr. Malhotra said that it was virtually certain that the United States would meet their obligations in the end. But meanwhile considerable disruption was being caused in the development programmes of third world countries. This was the justification for departing from the proportionality arrangements and it could well be argued that such a departure would put greater pressure on the United States. The Prime Minister said that her first impression was that this argument had merit. We would consider the matter and consult the other aid donors most closely concerned. It would be for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to do this.

Dr. Alexander then raised the problem of the growing imbalance in Indo/British trade. India did not expect there to be a balance in each year. But textile exports, which represented 23% of India's total exports to the UK, were particularly important. Within that area there was a problem over hand-loom products which provided employment for 12 million Indians, mainly in rural areas. In the last few months the United Kingdom had imposed severe restrictions on these products. Indian traders felt that we had been harsh. There was no question of such trade causing disruption. The Indian share of the total textile market in the United Kingdom was about 2%. He was therefore seeking some sympathy towards the Indian textile trade for this was the only area in which there was growth potential. The feeling was gaining ground that new restrictions had been invoked against textiles in order that the bilateral agreement to be negotiated under the Multi-Fibre Arrangement should cover more items than before.

/ The Prime Minister

The Prime Minister asked what the figures were for recent increases in the import of folkloric garments from India. Mr. Caines explained that the figure for ladies suits had gone up from 250,000 in 1979 to 800,000 in 1981. In another category of ladies garments, a similar rise from 127,000 to 408,000 had been experienced. The Prime Minister commented that she had recently heard of two consignments, allegedly of hand-loom products, which had clearly never been near a hand-loom. This sort of thing undermined confidence and could do harm in the heart of our textile industry where 200,000 jobs had been lost in the last 2 years.

Mr. Caines pointed out that Indian quotas on a number of items had been substantially under-utilised. Dr. Alexander commented that the quotas in question had been fixed without reference to industrial capacity in India. Sir John Thomson said that he was not convinced that Indian efforts to sell to the United Kingdom were very effective. It was not clear why India did not make a greater effort to produce textiles covered by the unfulfilled quotas. Moreover, there were good prospects for exports in the engineering field and in computer software. He had been surprised earlier to hear that the Indians had cancelled the trade fair which was to have been held at the time of the Festival of India but was now glad to hear that it was being restored. The United Kingdom had provided financial assistance for Indian marketing efforts but the sums had not been spent.

Dr. Alexander said that he was not asking that our customs authorities should permit subterfuge but he did hope that HMG would take a broad view and show sympathy with India's exporting problems. For example, he had heard that a consignment of textiles worth £55,000 was still held by the authorities. Mr. Caines explained that these were not hand-loom products. Dr. Alexander observed that the Indian importers wanted the items to be tested. Mr. Caines said that tests had already been carried out and anyone who did not accept the result of the tests was free to challenge them in the courts. Mrs Gandhi suggested that officials should look into the matter separately. India did not wish to bypass our rules and regulations.

A.J.C.

22 March 1982

India

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

22 March, 1982

Dear Alan,

Visit of Mrs. Gandhi: Tete-a-Tete Discussion with the Prime Minister

The Prime Minister held a tete-a-tete discussion with Mrs. Gandhi from 1100 - 1200 here today. The Prime Minister afterwards gave me the following account of the main subjects discussed.

India - Internal

Mrs. Gandhi was considerably preoccupied with the activities of the Marxists in India. Their penetration of the trades unions continued. A university named after her father had been completely taken over by Marxist elements. Now no views except those which conformed with Marxist philosophy could be expressed.

Mrs. Gandhi gave the Prime Minister an account of the emergency legislation which had been brought in to deal with strikes. She explained how ordinary Indians did not wish to strike, but the people who ran the trades unions manipulated them for political purposes. So far, however, it had not been necessary to use the strike legislation.

Mrs. Gandhi said that she had had considerable difficulty with pay demands in the public service. The high rates of pay offered by Indian banks stimulated demands by the higher ranks of the public service. (The lower ranks obtained pay increases automatically).

India's last harvest had been a reasonably good one and considerable progress was being made in improving the infrastructure. Mrs. Gandhi said that when she had been out of power her opponents had used their period in office to nullify all her achievements. For example, she had started a differential system of interest rates for farmers but the Opposition had abandoned this system when they had secured power. The farmers were now seeking higher prices and an insurance system against crop failure; but she had had to explain that these demands could not be met. (An insurance system against crop failure due to hail would nevertheless be instituted).

/Her

Her problem was to hold the lines between the farmers, who wanted higher prices, and the housewives who did not.

Indo-Pakistani Relations

The Prime Minister raised this subject and said that she had always been assured by the President of Pakistan that he wanted friendly relations with India. To this Mrs. Gandhi replied that she also wanted such friendship, but recent negotiations had unfortunately broken down. The Prime Minister's impression was that a real meeting of minds was still far away.

Mrs. Gandhi handed the Prime Minister the attached memorandum about Benazir Bhutto by the Editor of the magazine "Musawaat". Mrs. Gandhi explained that she was merely acting as a messenger. The Prime Minister does not think that any action is required.

Vietnam

The Prime Minister raised this question, largely in order to obtain an impression of Mrs. Gandhi's relations with the Heng Samrin regime. Mrs. Gandhi argued that Heng Samrin was becoming more firmly established all the time.

China

Mrs. Gandhi commented briefly on the border issue. She said that the documents left behind by us on independence described quite different boundaries from other documents in Indian possession. She explained that a settlement of the issues would be much easier if there were genuinely friendly relations between India and China. That point had not yet been reached, though relations were improving.

Soviet Union

Mrs. Gandhi said that the recent military mission under Marshal Ustinov had been a routine affair. The Indians had learned absolutely nothing from it and the Soviet line had not changed. She had sought Ustinov's comments on Western press accounts of levels of armaments in the Soviet Union, but had obtained no reply. The Indians had also pressed the mission about Breshnev's new initiative on nuclear weapons but Mrs. Gandhi did not suggest what the Soviet response had been. The Prime Minister advocated the merits of President Reagan's zero option initiative, but Mrs. Gandhi made no reply.

Mrs. Thatcher asked Mrs. Gandhi for her impression of the struggle for power within the Soviet leadership. The Indian Prime Minister said that she had no special knowledge of the situation but she agreed that a contest for power was underway.

United States

There was little discussion of the Indian attitude towards the United States, though Mrs. Gandhi made brief references to the difficulties created by the American position on IDA replenishment and IMF lending.

/World Economy

World Economy

Mrs. Gandhi said that she had recently had a visit from Monsieur Attali from President Mitterrand's office. His basic purpose had been to discover whether the Indian attitude towards global negotiations had changed but Mrs. Gandhi had confirmed that her position was as before. Attali had said that Mitterrand was very worried about the Versailles Summit and thought it would be a failure.

Bilateral matters were not raised during the tete-a-tete conversation. But the Prime Minister told me that she had had a brief conversation with Mrs. Gandhi about sports contacts with South Africa on the way into London from Heathrow last night. She had warned Mrs. Gandhi that the press were likely to pester her about this during the course of her visit and added that if the Indian touring team did not come to Britain, the finances of cricket in this country would suffer badly. Mrs. Gandhi had understood the latter point because Indian cricket had been in much the same situation last year. She did not, however, reveal what her attitude would be towards the proposed Indian tour of Britain.

I should be grateful if the confidentiality of this record could be respected and its circulation closely restricted.

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

WEEKLY MUSAWAAT LONDON

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82 Caledonian Road London N.1

For Madam Prime Minister,

Before her detention in March 81, Miss Benazir Bhutto had applied for permission to go to West Germany for ear treatment. The permission was not given and her passport was confiscated. She sent four telegrams to minister for Home, Mohmud Haroon, requesting permission to go to FRG for a fortnight with specific commitment to return. Her ears are in very bad shape. From Sakhar jail, where she was kept in C class with common criminals, she was brought twice to Karachi for ear treatment. The whole thing was perfunctory. The ailment is affecting her health. Now Benazir is under house arrest in Larkana. Amnesty has also highlighted her problems. Pakistani residents in London have written to Mrs. Thatcher to use her good offices to secure permission from General Zia for Benazir to go abroad for treatment. Your intervention may save Benazir even at this late stage.

From Bashir Riaz

EDITOR:BASHIR RIAZ

MR COLES:

FESTIVAL OF INDIA INAUGURAL CONCERT
MEDIA ARRANGEMENTS

1. There will probably be a group of photographers on the street by the Royal Entrance.

2. There will be a "Royal Rota" (organised by the Palace) of television and still photographers plus one radio reporter and one writing journalist (total approximately 18 people) in the Hungerford Room covering the introductions.

3. There will be one television camera in the Concert Hall to cover the song recital. But some members of the public will no doubt have their own cameras.

4. There will be no press or cameras at the Reception.

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22 March 1982

10 DOWNING STREET

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Please issue invitations to the guests indicated below for

the * ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ / Reception to be held in honour

of: SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI

at: ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

on: MONDAY 22 MARCH at (time): 10-15 PM

Host: THE RT HON PAUL CHANNON
MINISTER FOR THE ARTS

Deptl. contact: M J GIFFORD
Telephone No: 233 5648

Total number of guests proposed: 576

* Delete as appropriate

GHF USE ONLY A/R	Rank, Initials, Surname and Decorations	Address and Telephone Number
	Main party	
	Shrimati Indira Gandhi, Prime Minster of the republic of India	Mr V B Soni c/o High Commission of India India House Aldwych WC2 4NA tel: 01 836 8484
	HRH The Prince of Wales	Buckingham Palace SW1
	The Hon Edward Adeane	Buckingham Palace SW1
	The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP	10 Downing Street Westminster London SW1
	Sir John Thomson KCMG and Lady Thomson	c/o G Finlayson Esq Room W134A South Asian Dept Foreign and Commonwealth Office SW1A 2AH Tel: 01 233 4162
	Sir Michael Walker GCMG and Lady Walker	c/o Festival of India Office Room 64/G Government Offices Great George Street London SW1A 1AA tel: 01 233 5986 and 233 3606
	Mr S E Hodgson CBE and Mrs Hodgson	c/o Festival of India Office

/Mr K H Jeffery and guest

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When completed please return to
The Secretary, Government Hospitality, 2, Carlton Gardens, London, SW1Y 5AA

Mr K H Jeffery and guest	Arts Council of Great Britain 105 Piccadilly London W1
Mr and Mrs J Ward and Miss Ward	Greater London Council County Hall, London SE1
Mr M Kaye and Mrs Kaye	c/o Royal Festival Hall Belvedere Road, London SE1 Tel: 01-982 3641
Mr D Hamilton and Mrs Hamilton	Greater London Council County Hall, London SE1
Rt Hon Douglas Hurd CBE MP and Mrs Hurd	Foreign and Commonwealth Office London SW1A 2AH
Mr R Luce MP and Mrs Luce	Foreign and Commonwealth Office London SW1A 2AH
Miss M Giles, Private Secretary to Mr Channon	Department of Education and Science, Elizabeth House, York Road, London SE1
Mr A J Coles, Private Secretary to Mrs Thatcher	10 Downing Street, London SW1

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Government Hospitality Fund : Guest List : Continuation Sheet

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	Festival Trustees	
	The Rt Hon Lord Aldington KCMG CBE DSO	4 Carlton Gardens, Pall Mall London SW1
	Sir John Burgh KCMG CB and Lady Burgh	Director-General, The British Council, 10 Spring Gardens SW1
	Mr R P Chandaria and Mrs Chandaria	23 Radnor Place, London W2
	The Lord Chitnis and Lady Chitnis	Chief Executive, The Joseph Rowntree Social Service Trust Ltd, Beverley House, Shipton Road, York.
	Sir John Cuckney and Lady Cuckney	45 Berkeley Street, London W1
	Mr M Dalal and Mrs Dalal	Tata Limited, 18 Grosvenor Place, London SW1 Tel: 01 235 8281
+ 2 guests	The Rt Hon the Earl of Harewood and the Countess of Harewood	Managing Director, English National Opera, London Coliseum, St Martins Lane, London WC2
	Sir Ronald McIntosh KCB and Lady McIntosh	The Thatched Cottage, Parsonage Farm, Throwley, Faversham, Kent
	Mr S Paul and Mrs Paul	Caparo Group Limited, Caparo House, 103 Baker Street W1
	The Rt Hon Kenneth Robinson and Mrs Robinson	Chairman, Arts Council of Great Britain, 105 Piccadilly W1
	Dr K S Shelvankar and Mrs Shelvankar	7 Highgate Hill West, London N6
	Mr A J Shepperd and Mrs Shepperd	Chairman, The Wellcome Foundation Ltd, PO Box 129, 183 Euston Road NW1

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	Mrs N Clark and Mr Clark	Arts Council of Great Britain, 105 Piccadilly, London W1
	Mrs J Murphy and Mr Murphy	c/o 27 Meadway Court, Meadway, London NW11
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	Dr Brian Durrans and Mrs Durrans	Museum of Mankind, 6 Burlington Gardens, London, W1
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	Mrs B C Bloomfield and Mrs Bloomfield	India Office Library, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Orbit House, Blackfriars Road, SE1
	Mr M Compton and Mrs Compton	The Tate Gallery, Millbank, London, SW1
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	Dr J Harle and Mrs Harle	Keeper, Dept of Eastern Art, Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archeology, Beaumont Street, Oxf
	Dr George Michell	Flat 8, 15 Broad Court, WC2
	Miss S Grayson and guest	Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London, W2
	Miss J Asquith and guest	Arts Council of Great Britain, 105 Piccadilly, London, W1

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	Dr D Wilson FSA and Mrs Wilson	British Museum, Great Russell Street, London, WC1
	Sir Harry Hookway PhD and Lady Hookway	Sheraton House, Sheraton Street, W1 (Chief Exec. British Library)
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	Sir Roy Shaw and Lady Shaw	Secretary-General, Arts Council o Great Britain, 105 Piccadilly, London, W1
? →	Mr R Pulford and Mrs Pulford	Deputy Secretary-General, Arts Council of Great Britain, 105 Piccadilly, London, W1
	Dr Basil Deane and Mrs Deane	Music Director, Arts Council of Great Britain, 105 Piccadilly, London, W1
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	Mrs Subbulakshmi Mr T Sadasivan and Miss Radah Sadasivan	c/o Basil Douglas Esq, Basil Douglas Concert Management, 8 St George's Terrace, London, NW1
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Please issue invitations to the guests indicated below for the * Luncheon / Dinner / Reception to be held in honour of:

at:

on: at (time):

Host: Deptl. contact:
Telephone No:

Total number of guests proposed:

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	Mr R Mathrani and Mrs Mathrani	LAZARD BROTHERS 21 MOORFIELDS LONDON EC2Y 2HT TEL: 588 2721
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	Mr R Thomson and Mrs Thomson	Son of Sir John Thomson c/o SAD
	Mr M K Ewans CMG and Mrs Ewans	Deputy High Commissioner, New De
	Mr R C Samuel and Mrs Samuel	Deputy High Commissioner-designa New Delhi c/o SAD
	Mr D C W Revolta and Mrs Revolta	HM Treasury c/o G Finlayson, South Asian Dep Foreign and Commonwealth Office
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	Mr C S R Gifford CMG and Mrs. Gifford	DUSS FCO

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	Mr Timothy Scott and Mrs Scott	c/o British Council, 10 Spring Gardens, London SW1
	Mr J M Ure OBE and Mrs Ure	c/o G Finlayson Esq, South Asian Department, Foreign and Commonweal Office, London SW1A 2AH
	Mr R M Frost and Mrs Frost	c/o G Finlayson Esq, South Asian Department, Foreign and Commonweal Office, London SW1A 2AH
	Mrs Sushmna Bahl and guest	c/o British Council, 10 Spring Gardens, London SW1

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	The Rt Worshipful the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor G I Harley and the Lady Mayoress	Westminster City Council, City Hall, Victoria Street, London, SW1
	Mr I Hunter MBE and Mrs Hunter	Harold Holt Limited, 31 Sinclair Road, W14
	Sir Hugh Willatt FRSA and Lady Willatt	4 St Peter's Wharf, Hammersmith Terrace, W6
	Mr K Pearson and Mrs Pearson	Visiting Arts Unit, British Council 65 Davies Street, London, W1
	The Rt Hon The Baroness Lee of Asheridge	67, Chester Row, London, SW1
	The Rt Hon the Lord Goodman CH	Goodman, Derrick & Co, 9-11 Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London WC1
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	Dr Karan Singh and Mrs Singh & Escort	c/o G Finlayson, South Asian Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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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 Minsiter 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

Anne Hutchison

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Protocol and Conference Department

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	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
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Mrs. Gandhi Lunch on Monday

Someone may ring on behalf of Shrimati Subbalakshmi and her husband to say whether they will be coming to the lunch.

Could you let me know on Monday please.

Sue

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LIST OF GUESTS ATTENDING THE LUNCHEON TO BE GIVEN BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR. DENIS THATCHER IN HONOUR SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI, PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA ON MONDAY, 22 MARCH 1982 AT 1.00 PM FOR 1.15 PM

The Prime Minister and Mr. Denis Thatcher	
Shrimati Indira Gandhi	
Shrimati Sonia Gandhi	Mrs. Gandhi's daughter-in-law
His Excellency the High Commissioner for the Republic of India	
Dr. P.C. Alexander	Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister
Shri R.N. Malhotra	Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs
Shri P. Johari	Deputy High Commissioner
Shri H.Y. Sharda Prasad	Information Adviser to the Prime Minister
Shri K.K.S. Rana	Joint Secretary, Prime Minister's Office
Shrimati Pupul Jayakar	Chairman, Indian Advisory Committee Festival of India
Professor M.G.K. Menon	Secretary, Department of Science and Technology

HM Government

Rt. Hon. William Whitelaw, MP

Rt. Hon. Lord Carrington

Rt. Hon. Douglas Hurd, MP

Rt. Hon. Neil Marten, MP

Rt. Hon. Paul Channon, MP

Mr. Peter Rees, MP

Mr. Kenneth Baker, MP

Indian Community and visiting Indians

Mr. Swraj Paul	Chairman, Indo/British Association
Mr. Ratilal P. Chandaria	Indian Businessman. Trustee, Festival of India
Mr. Maneck Dalal	British representative, Tata; Trustee Festival of India
Mr. Ravi Shankar	Festival artiste
Shrimati M. Subbalakshmi and Shri T. Sadasivam	Festival artiste
Mr. Zubin Mehta	Festival artiste (conductor of London Philharmonic Orchestra in inaugural concert)

Dr. Karan Singh	Indian Member of Parliament; ex-Minister of Education, responsible for setting up Festival of India

Business

Mr. Christopher Thompson	Chairman, NEI International PLC
The Lord Weinstock	Managing Director, GEC Ltd.
Sir John Buckley	Chairman, Davy Corporation
Sir Frederick Page	Chairman, and Chief Executive British Aerospace (Aircraft Group)
Rt. Hon. Gordon Richardson	Governor of the Bank of England
Mr. Ambrose Congreve	Humphreys & Glasgow
Mr. Robert Henderson	Chairman, Kleinwort Benson Ltd.

Conservative Party

Rt. Hon. Bernard Weatherill, MP	
Rt. Hon. John Peyton, MP	
Mr. Eldon Griffiths, MP	Vice Chairman, Indo/British Associat
Mr. John Wheeler, MP	

Labour Party

Rt. Hon. Michael Foot, MP	
Rt. Hon. Baroness Lee of Asheridge	Personal friend of Mrs. Gandhi

Liberal Party

Rt. Hon. David Steel, MP	

Miscellaneous

His Excellency Mr. S.S. Ramphal	Commonwealth Secretary General
Sir Michael Walker	Chairman, Festival of India Trustee
Sir Richard Attenborough	Director of film on Mahatma Gandhi due for release mid-1982

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LONDON SWIH 9AT

19 March 1982

Prime Minister

A.J.C. 19/3

Dear Clive,

MRS GANDHI'S VISIT

I.a. 22/3

I attach for the Prime Minister's information an assessment of the personal protection and public order issues in relation to this visit.

A copy of this letter and the enclosure go to Francis Richards in Lord Carrington's office.

Yours ever,

John Halliday

J F HALLIDAY

C A Whitmore, Esq.

E.R.

MRS GANDHI'S VISIT: 21-26 MARCH

There is no intelligence to suggest that Mrs Gandhi will be the subject of a violent personal attack whilst in this country. But protests and demonstrations are being arranged by various organisations. The principal organisations likely to be involved in protest demonstrations are:

(i) the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front;

(ii) the Sikh Separatist Movement (the Shromani Akali Dal (SAD) is the principal nationalist group in the United Kingdom);

(iii) the Dr Ambedkar Memorial Foundation (a group representing the Indian Harijan Community);

(iv) the Indian Marxist-Leninist lobby; and

(v) the Anandamarga Clan.

2. The organisations at 1(i)-(iv) have demonstrations regularly against Indian Government policy. The Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (membership about 800) and the Dr Ambedkar Foundation are judged capable of fielding 20 to 100 noisy but non-violent demonstrators.

3. The Shromani Akali Dal enjoys the support of over 130 Sikh temples. The leadership of the SAD has spoken out strongly against violence. But the SAD has organised many pickets and petitions for presentation to the Indian High Commission. A march to the Indian High Commission on 7 February 1982 attracted over 1,000 supporters, many of them women and children. The SAD is centred on the Midlands and Southall. It is known that they intend to demonstrate against Mrs Gandhi during her stay - probably at Heathrow and Claridges Hotel and the other major venues.

4. The Indian Marxist-Leninist lobby is centred on the Indian Workers Front (a Southall faction), the Hind Mazdhoor Lehr - the Indian Workers Movement - and the London branches of the Indian Workers Association. Demonstrations by this group have been boisterous and its supporters have indulged in egg-throwing and tossing or spinning coins at the principal.

5. The Ananda Marga is an organisation which in the past has engaged in acts of terrorism. It was founded in India but it has a large number of European,

E.R.

Australian and American supporters. A number of the European hierarchy have recently entered this country and the organisation is seeking to obtain false passports in London. A leading member of the organisation, Mr Stephen James Manley, who holds an Australian passport, attempted to enter the country at Folkestone earlier this week. He was refused entry on the Home Secretary's personal certification under section 13(5) of the Immigration Act 1971 on the grounds that his exclusion would be conducive to the public good. He was removed to Ostend yesterday afternoon.

6. None of the organisations mentioned above is known to be planning other than peaceful demonstrations during Mrs Gandhi's visit but pro- and anti-Mrs Gandhi factions could clash.

7. The police are likely to be faced with difficult personal protection and public order problems during this visit. The Metropolitan Police have been in close touch with the Indian High Commission about the detailed arrangements for the visit. All reasonable precautions are being taken to ensure Mrs Gandhi's personal safety and to deal with any demonstrations that may take place.

18 March 1982

File

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.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

19 March 1982

Prime Minister

A.J.C. 19/3

Dear John,

Visit of the Indian Prime Minister:
21-26 March 1982

Other Bilateral Issues (Including Sporting Links with South Africa)

As you will know, the Test and County Cricket Board issued on 19 March a statement outlining the action they are taking against the cricketers at present on unofficial tour of South Africa.

/ / I attach additional Speaking and Background notes for the Prime Minister's use with Mrs Gandhi.

Yours ever

John Holmes

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

SPEAKING NOTE

VISIT OF THE INDIAN PRIME MINISTER 21-26 MARCH 1982

OTHER BILATERAL ISSUES (INCLUDING SPORTING LINKS WITH SOUTH AFRICA)

Pleased that the Test and County Cricket Board have acted against the English cricketers on unofficial tour in South Africa. There will now be no question of their being selected for the England side to play India this Summer.

DEFENSIVE

The Test and County Cricket Board have gone about as far as they can go without falling foul of the laws against restraint of trade. Their response was delayed while they took legal advice.

Background

1. The Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) took the following decision on 19 March (Press Association Text).

'All 15 rebel cricketers playing in South Africa have been banned for selection for England for 3 years.

The Test and County Cricket Board meeting at Lords today also recommended that England players on the tour should not be included in their county teams for matches against India and Pakistan tours this summer.

The Board also passed a new directive saying players involved in further South African tours 'cannot expect to be eligible for England selections'.

2. The TCCB took legal advice before deciding what line they should take. We must expect them to have gone as far as that advice allowed. This will not necessarily prevent individuals currently on tour in South Africa from bringing an action against the TCCB under the restraint of trade laws if their legal advice is different. There have already been press reports that the South Africans will be prepared to pay the costs of such an action.

3. The TCCB's decision should be welcome to Mrs Gandhi. Although it will probably not be enough to get her to say that the Indian tour will now proceed.

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE
Cultural Relations Department
19 March 1982

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

19 March 1982

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Record Taker x then withdrew.
Wade Gery

Indian side
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A.J.C. 21/3

Dear John,

Mrs Gandhi's Visit

We have just heard from Sir John Thomson that the Indians would like to have a session of detailed talks, mainly about bilateral economic matters, between 1100 and 1200 hours on Monday 22 March while the Prime Ministers have their tete-a-tete. The attached telno 317 from Delhi gives the background.

Subject to the Prime Minister's views, Mr Hurd would be prepared to chair these talks. The rest of our team would be those listed in your letter to us of 18 March (Mr Giffard, not Mr Donald) minus Lord Carrington who would arrive for the plenary session. It would also be useful for a representative of Defence Sales to attend, since Dr Alexander may well wish to raise defence issues. If the talks could be held at No 10, this would simplify the transition into the plenary session. Please let me know as soon as possible if this is not acceptable so that alternative arrangements can be made.

I am sending copies of this letter to Michael Power (ODA), John Rhodes (Department of Trade) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever

John Holmes

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

India

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MISS STEPHENS

cc Mr Ingham
Mr Coles

PRESS ARRANGEMENTS, ETC, FOR THE OPENING OF THE SCIENCE IN INDIA EXHIBITION AT THE SCIENCE MUSEUM.

- The brief opening ceremony will take place on the raised area of the large main entrance hall which forms a natural stage. The exhibition itself is situated one floor up. In the main body of the hall will be 800 guests, already assembled when the PM arrives.

- Three microphones linked to a PA system will be placed on this "stage". The Director will welcome (3 mins) Mrs Thatcher and Mrs Gandhi. Mrs Gandhi (5 mins) will then speak, followed by the PM (5 mins).

- The timing of this occasion enables Indian television to show the opening live at peak viewing time (it will be 9.30pm in Delhi) and there will therefore be an outside broadcast crew from VISNEWS filming the speeches from the main hall and a handheld camera covering the exhibition tour itself.

- BBC TV and ITN are also expected to cover and still photographers and writing journalists will be placed on a raised landing to the right of the PM as she speaks.

- After the brief opening ceremony the PM will be escorted, with the platform party, up a staircase to the right and across a large empty room to a lift up to the exhibition itself, on the first floor. In the large room, incidentally, there will be exhibition boards by the four sponsors - British Aerospace, Northern Engineering Industries, Davy McKee and Standard Chartered.

- Museum information staff will ensure that press photographers are taken round by a different route so that they have a fixed photographic opportunity in the exhibition and do not get in the way.

- The exhibition itself is divided into two areas - one covering history, the other dealing with modern technology. This takes the visitor through a range from prehistoric tools and ceramics to the spare

APPLE satellite - the space-born version will be transmitting the opening of the exhibition to India, as filmed by VISNEWS.

- After viewing the exhibition - for about half an hour - the party will return by the same route to the main reception area where the PM will mingle with the guests before departing.

HUGH COLVER
19 March 1982

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PRIME MINISTER

Mrs. Gandhi's Visit: Speeches

You may wish to work further on these speeches over the weekend. I shall be coming with you to the airport to meet Mrs. Gandhi at 1800 on Sunday evening. Would you like me to come to No. 10 afterwards to put the speeches in final form? There will be no time next week to work on them.

I attach notes for a possible after lunch speech on 22 March (Monday). You may well prefer to improvise at the time.

I also attach again the draft speech for the opening of the Science Museum Exhibition on 24 March (Wednesday). You said this was satisfactory and I have not done further work on it.

Finally, I attach a revised draft of your speech for the Indo-British Association Dinner on 23 March (Tuesday). I have, as you requested, looked at the speeches you made in India and at one speech delivered there by Mrs. Gandhi, in addition to your Guildhall speech of 1980 and your speech when you unveiled a portrait of Lord Mountbatten. I have inserted one or two thoughts from these other speeches but do not think there is very much which can be drawn upon.

The main change is a new conclusion which, I hope, is considerably more interesting than the previous one and which embroiders the theme that Britain and India both believe in defending their way of life.

A. J. COLES

18 March, 1982

INTRODUCTION

I AM PROUD AND GLAD TO WELCOME OUR GUEST OF HONOUR THIS EVENING.

I OWE HER A PERSONAL DEBT OF HOSPITALITY.

MY VISIT TO INDIA LAST YEAR WAS AN UNFORGETTABLE PLEASURE AND I HAVE MRS. GANDHI TO THANK FOR ITS METICULOUS PREPARATION.

MRS. GANDHI IS A GREAT PRIME MINISTER OF A GREAT COUNTRY.

SHE IS BOTH ~~A~~ THE SYMBOL AND THE HOPE OF INDIA.

AND SHE IS AN OLD FRIEND WHO KNOWS BRITAIN WELL.

HER VISIT HERE WILL DEEPEN OUR FRIENDSHIP AND RESPECT STILL FURTHER.

/THE IMPORTANCE OF INDIA's

THE IMPORTANCE OF INDIA'S FUTURE

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES, FASCINATING AS THEY ARE, WOULD NOT BE COMPLETE WITHOUT A DINNER OF THE INDO-BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

AS SO OFTEN BEFORE, THE ASSOCIATION MARKS ~~THE~~ A SPECIAL EVENT IN INDO-BRITISH RELATIONS BY BRINGING TOGETHER PEOPLE WHO CARE DEEPLY ABOUT THE FUTURE OF INDIA AND HER PEOPLE.

I PAY TRIBUTE TO YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, FOR MAKING THE OCCASION POSSIBLE.

BEFORE THIS GATHERING, I DO NOT NEED TO DWELL ON OUR SHARED HISTORY, COMMON LANGUAGE and ~~OR LOVE OF THE SAME DEMOCRATIC IDEALS.~~

THESE THINGS DO MEAN A LOT TO US.

/BUT WHAT

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in spite of all her difficulties,

her vast size,

& her ~~[illegible]~~ huge population

her people ~~Also~~ nevertheless ~~has~~ enjoy

~~has~~ a democratic society

a mixed economy

and personal liberty like a just land.

BUT THESE THINGS ARE ABOUT MORE THAN WORDS AND IDEALS.

THEY HAVE TO BE TRANSLATED INTO EVERY-DAY REALITIES, INTO ECONOMIC POLICIES, INTO CULTURAL EXPRESSION, INTO SPIRITUAL VISION AND THEY REQUIRE GOOD INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

ECONOMIC

ECONOMICALLY INDIA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM HAVE BECOME MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS.

BRITAIN IS ONE OF INDIA'S LARGEST INVESTORS AND IS PLAYING A LARGER COLLABORATIVE ROLE THAN ANY OTHER SINGLE COUNTRY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIA'S ECONOMY, AN ECONOMY WHICH HAS MADE SUCH SIGNIFICANT STRIDES IN RECENT YEARS.

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/~~CULTURAL EXPRESSION~~

A NEW AIR SERVICE HAS RECENTLY OPENED BETWEEN AMRITSAR IN PUNJAB AND BIRMINGHAM.

THERE WAS RECENTLY A FASCINATING PROGRAMME IN THE POPULAR BBC 'HOLIDAY' SERIES SHOWING BEAUTIFUL SCENES OF INDIA AND DESCRIBING IT TO POTENTIAL BRITISH TOURISTS AS THE HOLIDAY OF A LIFETIME.

~~SPIRITUAL VISION~~

AND, BEYOND THE PACKAGE TOUR, MANY YOUNG BRITONS ARE MAKING THEIR OWN WAY TO INDIA, TRAVELLING ITS LENGTH AND BREADTH, EXPERIENCING ITS WARM HOSPITALITY AND ABSORBING ITS TRADITIONS AND INFLUENCES.

/SO MANY

~~MADAM~~ PRIME MINISTER.

WHEN YOU SPOKE AT THAT ~~SPLENDID~~ fine BANQUET YOU ~~GAVE FOR ME~~ IN INDIA LAST YEAR YOU SAID:

"BRITAIN ITSELF IS A PRODUCT OF MANY ETHNIC STREAMS, AND IN RECENT TIME PEOPLE OF INDIAN ORIGIN HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE BRITISH ECONOMY.

I HOPE", YOU SAID, "THAT THEIR INDUSTRIOUSNESS AND SKILLS WILL CONTINUE TO BE REGARDED AS A SOURCE OF STRENGTH TO BRITAIN."

YES, THAT IS HOW WE LOOK ON THE INDIAN COMMUNITY HERE.

THEIR SKILLS AND VALUES STIMULATE OUR ECONOMY AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTH OF OUR SOCIETY.

THE FESTIVAL OF INDIA WHICH WAS INAUGURATED LAST NIGHT WILL BE A FURTHER POWERFUL DEMONSTRATION TO THE

/PEOPLE

PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY OF THE VARIETY OF INDIA'S ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENTS, AS WELL AS HER TECHNOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS.

WE ARE IMMENSELY HONOURED THAT THIS FESTIVAL SHOULD BE HELD IN BRITAIN.

IT SYMBOLISES THE SPECIAL REGARD ~~WE HAVE FOR EACH OTHER.~~ between our 2 countries

I AM REMINDED OF THE STORY - A TRUE ONE - OF THE INDIAN RESEARCH STUDENT WHO APPLIED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY ABROAD.

THE INTERVIEWING COMMITTEE SUGGESTED LONDON.

HE REPLIED: "NO, NOT LONDON. I WANT SOMEWHERE FOREIGN."

I HOPE LONDON AND BRITAIN WILL NEVER BECOME FOREIGN FOR INDIANS.

/ INDO-BRITISH DIALOGUE

THAN ANY OTHER SINGLE COUNTRY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIA'S ECONOMY, WHICH HAS MADE SUCH SIGNIFICANT STRIDES IN RECENT YEARS.

AN IMPORTANT SEMINAR IS TO BE HELD IN BOMBAY EARLY NEXT MONTH BY THE COMMITTEE ON INVISIBLE EXPORTS ON THE CONTRIBUTION WHICH THE CITY OF LONDON COULD MAKE TO INDIA'S DEVELOPMENT.

I RECALL MY VISIT TO BOMBAY LAST YEAR.

THAT GREAT CENTRE OF ENTERPRISE, INITIATIVE AND COMMERCIAL SUCCESS IMPRESSED ME ENORMOUSLY.

THE IDEA THAT THE TALENT AND EXPERIENCE OF THE CITY OF LONDON SHOULD JOIN WITH THE SKILLS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP OF BOMBAY TO THE BENEFIT OF INDIA AND BRITAIN IS EXCITING.

I WISH THE PROJECT WELL.

/ BUT IT IS CULTURAL

cc: Mr Whitmore, Mr Coles
Drivers
Press

CARS

MONDAY 22 March

1940	Ken	:	PM AJC Detective	to Festival Hall
	Paul	:	Press to Festival Hall	
	Bob	:	Mr Whitmore to Victoria	

TUESDAY 23 March

1620	Ken	::	PM AJC Detective	to Hayward Gallery
	Tom	:	Press	to Hayward Gallery
2005	Joe	:	PM AJC Detective	to Dorchester
	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

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 317 OF 18 MARCH.

MRS GANDHI'S VISIT

1. I SAW MRS GANDHI THIS AFTERNOON. HER WAITING ROOM WAS LIKE GRAND CENTRAL STATION, WHICH GAVE ME A USEFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SAY A WORD OR TWO TO THE FINANCE MINISTER ABOUT THE THERMAL POWER STATION, TO RAJIV ABOUT THE BRITISH LEYLAND CAR PROJECT AND TO RANA ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME. A CABINET MEETING AND ALSO A MEETING OF THE TRUESTEES OF THE NEHRU FOUNDATION BOTH SEEMED TO BE GETTING UNDER WAY. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES IT SEEMED THE MOST POPULAR THING WOULD BE TO MAKE MY CALL A BRIEF ONE. MRS GANDHI SAID SHE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE VISIT AND DID NOT WANT TO BE TIED DOWN TO A FORMAL AGENDA. SHE WAS NOT GOING TO RAISE ANY TOTALLY NEW MATTERS. IT WAS MUCH MORE A QUESTION OF HER AND THE PRIME MINISTER EXCHANGING IDEAS ON HOW TO HANDLE ONGOING SITUATIONS. SHE THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN HAVING AN INTERESTING CONVERSATION FOR AN HOUR OR MORE. I PUT IN A WORD IN FAVOUR OF THE THERMAL POWER STATION, WHICH MERELY ELICITED A NOD.

2. AS A RESULT OF OUR CONVERSATION, RANA SPOKE WITH ALEXANDER (MRS GANDHI'S PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, EQUIVALENT IN RANK TO THE CABINET SECREATY, AND MORE CONCERNED WITH POLICY MATTERS THAN THE LATTER) AND SUBSEQUENTLY RANG ME ON THE LATTER'S INSTRUCTIONS. WHEN THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS MET AT 11 AM ON 22 MARCH ALEXANDER WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH WHOEVER WE THOUGHT APPROPRIATE, BASICALLY ABOUT BILATERAL MATTERS. RANA WAS EVASIVE WHEN I PRESSED HIM TO BE MORE PRECISE. BUT HE DID UTTER THE WORDS BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, TRADE, TEXTILES, ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. I SAID WE MIGHT ALSO HAVE SOME MATTERS TO RAISE. RANA SAID THAT IT WAS ALEXANDER'S IDEA (AND I KNOW THIS IS MRS GHANDI'S PREFERENCE) THAT WHEN THE LARGER MEETING TOOK PLACE AFTER THE PRIME MINISTERS' TETE A TETE HE AND HIS BRITISH OPPOSITE NUMBER SHOULD TELL THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS BRIEFLY WHAT THEY HAD BEEN DISCUSSING AND THEN IT WOULD BE OPEN TO EITHER PRIME MINISTER TO PURSUE ANY TOPIC. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE TALKS WITH ALEXANDER WILL BE IMPORTANT. ALEXANDER ALSO ASKED THAT R N MALHTRA (EQUIVALENT TO PERMANENT SECRETARY AT THE TREASURY) SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE DISCUSSIONS ON MONDAY MORNING. I ASKED IF HE WOULD OFFICIALLY BE A MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION AND WAS TOLD NO. HOWEVER IT IS IMPORTANT THAT HE SHOULD BE TREATED AS IF HE WERE AND THAT HE SHOULD ATTEND THE LUNCH AT NO 10 AND ALSO THE LORD MAYOR'S LUNCH.

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LIMITED	ODA	PS/PUS
SAD	NEWS.D	MR GIFFARD
CRD	INFO.D	MR DONALD
PCD	PS	LORD N.G. LENNOX
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ERD	PS/MR HURD	
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PRIME MINISTER

cc. Mr. Coles
Detectives

1. You are expected to arrive at 1945. You will be met by Mr. Michael Kaye (General Administrator, South Bank Halls) and Mr. David Hamilton (Head of Chairman's Office, GLC) and escorted to the Hungerford Room by Mr. Hamilton. Mrs. Gandhi will arrive five minutes after you and the Prince of Wales five minutes later.

2. The concert will be followed by a Government Reception in the Ballroom Foyer. Hosts: Minister for the Arts and Mrs. Channon.

3. You are expected to depart at 2235.

4. I attach:

a) a detailed programme (Flag A);

b) details of the concert and principal performers (Flag B);

c) seating plan for the Ceremonial Box (Flag C);

and

d) Festival of India brochure (Flag D).

CS.

18 March, 1982

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.

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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.

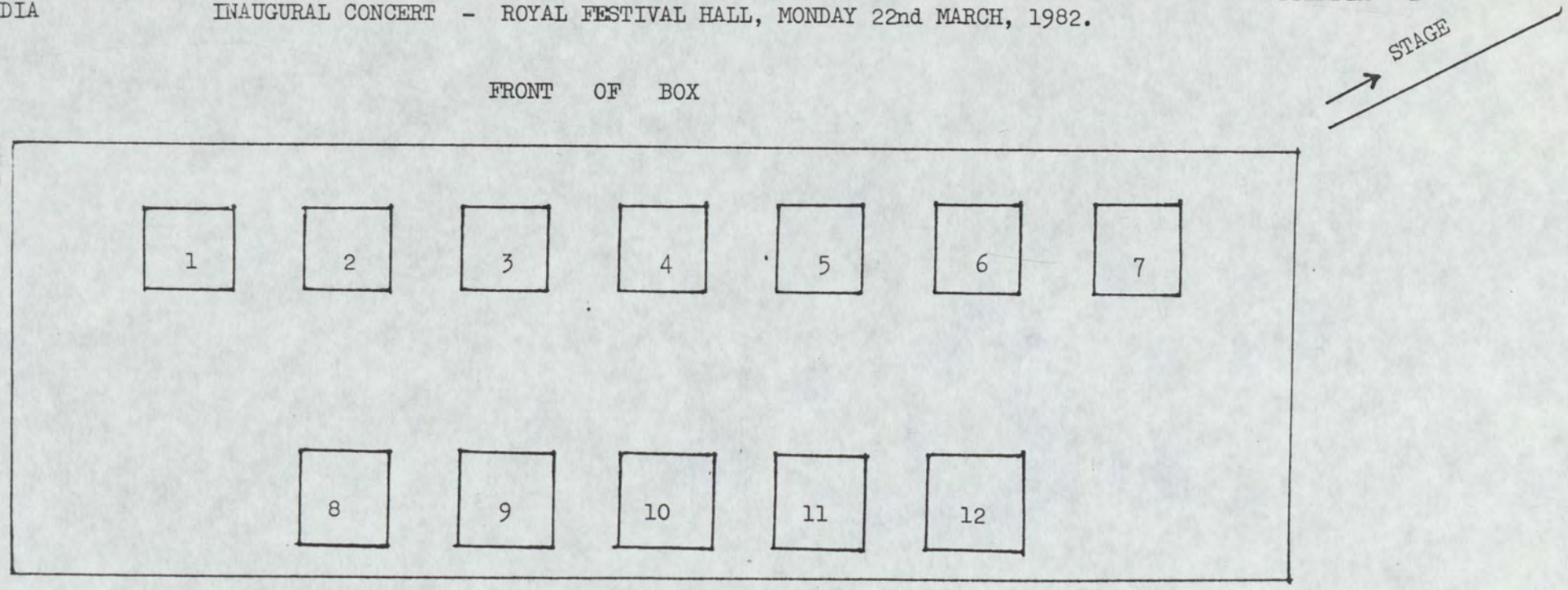
M S Subbalakshmi Celebrated Southern India singer, known as ''the Nightingale of the South''. She sang at her mother's recitals before she was ten and soon became a famous soloist in her own right. Her worldwide fame was stimulated by Lord Harewood's invitation to sing at the Edinburgh Festival in 1963.

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 Swarawsky 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.

INAUGURAL CONCERT - ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL, MONDAY 22nd MARCH, 1982.

APPENDIX B



CEREMONIAL BOX - Seating Plan.

Seat No.		Seat No.	
4	H.R.H. The Prince of Wales	8	The Hon. Edward Adeane
3	The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher	9	Superintendent Cawthorne (Mrs. Thatcher's Personal Bodyguard)
5	Mrs. Gandhi		
6	Sir Michael Walker	10	H.R.H's Personal Bodyguard
2	Mrs. Jayakar	11	Miss Helen Murdoch (Mrs. Gandhi's Personal U.K. Bodyguard)
1	Chairman, G.L.C.		
7	Lady Walker	12	Mr. D. K. Batt (Mrs. Gandhi's Personal Indian Bodyguard)

Festival of India

22 March to 14 November 1982

Patrons:
The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP
Shrimati Indira Gandhi

"The Festival of India in 1982 will add a new dimension to the links between our two countries. The exhibitions and displays which are being arranged are sure to give us a deeper awareness of India's heritage and achievements."
Margaret Thatcher 15 April 1981 New Dehli

Festival of India 1982 GREAT BRITAIN

Preliminary Brochure: February 1982

The 1982 Festival of India will be the most comprehensive and ambitious manifestation of India's past and present since that country's independence. It is conceived as a series of exhibitions together with performances of drama, music and dancing. Representing India's past will be exhibitions at the Victoria and Albert and the British Museums, and at the Hayward Gallery a major exhibition of Indian painting and sculpture from the third century BC to the present time. For India today, the Festival will seek to portray the richness of variety and colour in modern India displaying on the one hand the continuity of her traditional skills in textiles, pottery and folk art, and on the other her remarkable technological achievements.

Early in 1981 Mrs Thatcher and Mrs Gandhi agreed to become joint Patrons of the Festival. Committees have been set up in the two countries to coordinate the work. In Great Britain the Chairman of the Festival Trust is Sir Michael Walker GCMG, former British High Commissioner in India. In India Mrs Gandhi has appointed Mrs Pupul Jayakar, pioneer in the movement to preserve and develop India's rural arts and handicrafts, as Chairman of the Indian Advisory Committee.

The Indian Advisory Committee are organizing a number of additional exhibitions, complementing those already planned, to enlarge the representation of the culture of modern India in the Festival. These are *Aditi* at the Barbican Centre, Textiles and Ceramics at the Royal College of Art, Contemporary Art at the Royal Academy, *An Eye for India* at the National Theatre and Indian books at the Commonwealth Institute.

The Festival will open with a concert (sponsored by Grindlays Bank Limited) at the Royal Festival Hall on 22 March 1982, when His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales as well as the Festival's two Patrons will be present. One of the main items in the programme will be the first European performance of Ravi Shankar's Second Sitar Concerto, in which the composer will be accompanied by the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Zubin Mehta. The Festival will close with a Grand Finale (sponsored by the Caparo Group Limited) at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, on 14 November 1982. Details of that event, and of all other programmes of Indian music, dance, drama and films, will be announced in the full Festival programme to be published in March 1982.

Hayward Gallery

In the Image of Man:
The Indian Perception of the Universe through 2000 Years of Painting and Sculpture
25 March–13 June 1982

This exhibition at the Arts Council of Great Britain's Hayward Gallery will be the first important survey of Indian art to have been seen since the 1947 Burlington House exhibition, and will be drawn from collections throughout India. It will be structured around the ideas and myths which have endured in Indian society from the third century BC. The exhibition will begin with the 'Abundance of Life' and continue with the Hindu ordering of human conduct in harmony with the cosmic world. The impact of Buddhism and Jainism on beliefs of salvation and enlightenment will be traced and related to the dynamic manifestations of the great Hindu gods: Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva and Durga. The paintings will focus on traditional concerns in Indian village, temple and court life.

Further information from Catherine Lampert, Arts Council of Great Britain, 105 Piccadilly, London W1. Tel: 01-629 9495

Science Museum

Science in India
25 March–1 August 1982

The exhibition in the Science Museum will show varied and contrasting aspects of the development of science, technology and medicine from pre-history to the present day. Subjects such as the astronomical construction of Jai Singh and the current space programme, simple metalworking and reactor fuel rods, Ayurvedic medicine and replacement heart valves will be covered. The Great Survey of India and the work of six eminent Indian scientists of the early part of the 20th century will represent the interaction between east and west. The *Science in India* exhibition is jointly sponsored by British Aerospace, Davy McKee International Limited, Northern Engineering Industries Limited and Standard Chartered Bank Limited.

Further information from the Public Relations Officer, Science Museum, South Kensington, London SW7. Tel: 01-589 3456

Commonwealth Institute

- **Sringar – A Pageant of Indian Costume**
  25 March–18 April 1982
- **Design in India**
  13 April–23 May 1982
- **India and Great Britain**
  31 May–15 August 1982
- **Indian Books**
  25 October–13 November 1982

The Commonwealth Institute will make a major contribution to the Festival of India in 1982. A continuous programme of events is planned to take place throughout the Festival period.

In March there will be *Sringar – A Pageant of Indian Costume*, an exhibition of Indian regional costume designed by the National Institute of Design in Ahmedabad and sponsored by Air India; continuing in April with an exhibition of *Design in India* from the post-independence period also devised by the National Institute of Design. In May, there will then be a major exhibition *India and Great Britain*, a joint venture between the India Office Library and Records and the Institute. This exhibition will tell the story of the 380-year involvement of the Indian and British peoples, from the period of the East India Company, through the dramatic years leading to independence and to the present day. Finally, in October, there will be *Indian Books*, an exhibition of Indian printed books mounted by the National Book Trust of India.

It is also intended that the Institute's 430-seat theatre and the fine area of the Exhibition Galleries will be fully utilized for performances of music and dance, including special events involving the Indian community.

Further information from the Information Unit, Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, London W8. Tel: 01-602 3252

Ambika House

- **Nehru:**
  Architect of Modern India, Champion of World Liberty
  25 March 1982 onwards

An exhibition designed to illustrate the historical life of Jawarharlal Nehru through his dedication to the achievement of India's independence and his belief in the concept of the Commonwealth as an instrument of world peace and stability. It is envisaged that the exhibition will ultimately be incorporated in a Nehru Centre, itself designed "to promote better understanding between the peoples of Great Britain and India". The *Nehru* exhibition, which has been organized and is sponsored by Mr Swraj Paul, Chairman of the Caparo Group of companies, is being held at Ambika House, 11 Portland Place, London W1.

Further information from Caparo Group Limited, Caparo House, 103 Baker Street, London W1. Tel: 01-486 1417

Selfridges

- **See India**
  25 March–29 May 1982

See India will recreate some of the flavour of India, and give a foretaste of the excitement, variety and beauty to be found in that exceptional country.

The exhibition will be designed to create the illusion of a luxurious, domed palace – colourful and intriguing. Two of the four corner pavilions will concentrate on tourism. The two other pavilions will be decorated as bazaars and will feature colourful displays of spices, fruits, materials and handicrafts. The central area is to be used for fashion shows, and also dancing and acrobatic displays.

The exhibition is sponsored by Air India, the Government of India Tourist Organization, Indian Airlines and the India Tourism Development Corporation. It will visit eight centres in the U.K. for a period of one week each between June and October, 1982, after the London showing.

Further information from Sue Grant, Good Relations Limited, 15 Adeline Place, London WC1. Tel: 01-636 6561

Tate Gallery

- **Modern Indian Artists**
  7 April–23 May 1982

The Tate Gallery will be presenting a small exhibition of works by modern Indian artists as part of the Festival of India. The show is being chosen by Howard Hodgkin, himself a painter and one who has taken a continuing and passionate interest in Indian art.

The artists will include three contemporary painters – M F Hussein, Bhupen Khakhar and K G Subramanyam – together with three artists of the earlier 20th century – Rabindranath Tagore, Jamini Roy and Amrita Sher-Gil. The catalogue will be written by Geeta Kapur, a well-known art critic living in Delhi.

Further information from the Information Department, Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1. Tel: 01-821 1313 ext: 243

Museum of Mankind

- **Vasna:**
  Inside an Indian Village
  10 April 1982 onwards

More than eighty per cent of Indians live in villages, yet few outsiders know what village life is like. This exhibition offers a chance to find out using as an example a 'generalized' village called *Vasna* which is typical of the area south of Ahmedabad, the largest city in Gujarat, India's westernmost state.

Vasna is presented as a three-dimensional reconstruction, so the visitor can experience something of the atmosphere of village life. A busy, enclosed weavers' quarter and nearby potter's workshop contrast with a spacious scene of fields and a reservoir, presided over by a small temple.

The exhibited material was recently collected in Gujarat and includes many artefacts rarely seen in museums. Among these are massive ceramic jars for storing grain, and a spectacular full-size bullock cart. The exhibition is accompanied by various materials which explain the background of village life.

Further information from the Publicity Officer,
British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1.
Tel: 01-636 1555.

British Library

- **The Art of the Book in India**
  16 April–August 1982

What is a book? In India, palm leaves and bark sheets were the normal writing materials before paper. Also used for special purposes were sheets of gold, silver or ivory, as well as an amazing variety of other materials.

The earliest illustrated manuscripts were of religious texts on palm leaves, but the coming of Islam introduced the tradition of court patronage of the art of the book, reaching its climax in the huge manuscript library of the Mughal emperors.

The British Library's exhibition will explore the varied history of the book in India, mostly from the immensely rich resources of libraries in the British Isles.

Further information from J P Losty,
British Library, Great Russell Street, London WC1.
Tel: 01-636 1544 ext: 476

Victoria and Albert Museum

- **The Indian Heritage:**
  Court Life and Arts under Mughal Rule
  21 April–15 August 1982

During the 16th and 17th centuries the court of the 'Grand Mogul' was famed throughout Europe for its spectacular opulence. This exhibition will attempt to recreate the atmosphere of imperial and princely India with the aid of textiles, jewels, decorative arts and paintings. It will thus provide a survey of the fine and decorative arts of the period as well as an insight into life at court under the Emperors themselves, the Maharajas of Hindu India, and the Nawabs, who rose to power in the 18th century as the Empire declined.

- **India Observed**
  26 April–4 July 1982

This exhibition will present a view of Indian landscape and its people through the eyes of British artists.

Further information from the Press Officer,
Victoria and Albert Museum,
Exhibition Road, London SW7.
Tel: 01-589 6371 ext: 253

British Museum

- **From Village to City in Ancient India**
  23 April–September 1982

Civilization in India has an ancient and complex pedigree. It stretches back far into the past to times when our European ancestors knew next to nothing of the arts, of higher learning, or of the building of cities. *From Village to City in Ancient India* will trace the growth and development of settled life and culture in India. It will begin with simple villages of the neolithic period and end with the Buddhist universities of the 10th century AD in Eastern India.

Further information from the Publicity Officer,
British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1.
Tel: 01-636 1555

Serpentine Gallery

• **The Living Arts**
8–31 May 1982

From 8 to 31 May, ten master craftsmen will come from different regions of India to work inside and outside the Arts Council of Great Britain's Serpentine Gallery as part of an exhibition of classical and folk crafts. These distinguished craftsmen will demonstrate ways of working stone, wood, marble, textiles, terracotta and bronze. During the summer months the craftsmen and the exhibition will visit several regional centres which will probably include Bradford, Cardiff, Glasgow and Sheffield.

Further information from Sue Grayson,
Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London W2.
Tel: 01-402 6075; or the Art Publicity Officer,
Arts Council of Great Britain, 105 Piccadilly, London W1.
Tel: 01-629 9495

National Theatre

• **An Eye for India**
31 May–3 July 1982

An exhibition of contemporary photographs of India taken by four British and four Indian photographers.

An Eye for India is sponsored by the India Tourism Development Corporation.

Further information from Mary Parker,
Press Office, National Theatre, Upper Ground,
South Bank, London SE1. Tel: 01-928 2033 ext: 499

Barbican Centre

• **Aditi:**
Celebration of Life
2 July–15 August 1982

Aditi is being organized and designed by the Indian Government. The central theme of the exhibition portrays the child as the motivating inspiration in much of Indian culture and heritage. Conceived in a series of sections to include the concepts of fertility, marriage and birth through to the child's learning and participation in the community, *Aditi* brings to life the traditional art forms celebrating the many customs and rituals connected with the child's environment in India. In this context some 30 craftsmen and performers will travel with the exhibition which will feature drama, mime, magic, puppetry and acrobatics in addition to a unique display of craft objects, ritual artefacts, paintings and multi-media images. The exhibition will demonstrate their relationship with one another – and with children in general. *Aditi* is sponsored by Dass Investments Ltd.

Further information from Peter Saabor or Caroline Bellers, Carlton Cleeve Ltd, 13 New Quebec Street,
London W1. Tel: 01-723 1634

Royal Academy of Arts

• **Contemporary Art from India**
18 September–31 October 1982

This exhibition, to be held in the Diploma Galleries, will include 35 artists, mostly painters, but there will be a few graphic artists and sculptors. The number of exhibits in all will amount to about 90. The artists and the works chosen will cover the three past decades, and will include artists of all ages. The show will not be historical as such, but will hope to give a vivid picture of contemporary Indian art by showing the range of work developed by Indian artists, particularly those who have come into focus since 1970.

Further information from the Press Officer,
Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly,
London W1. Tel: 01-734 9052

Royal College of Art

• **Textiles and Ceramics**
9 October–17 November 1982

A major exhibition of modern Indian textiles and ceramics.

Further information from Mrs Joy Law, Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, London SW7. Tel: 01-584 5020.

N.B.

The exhibition at the Photographers' Gallery and the exhibition of Indian playing cards at the Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, mentioned in earlier editions of this brochure, are still taking place from 22 January to 28 February, and 17 March to 30 May respectively, but are now part of the Associated Events programme as they both open outside the official Festival period.

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John Coles, Esq.,
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister,
10, Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.

18th March, 1982.

Dear Mr. Coles,

As a postscript to my letter to you of 16th March, Appendix A should now be amended in order to insert the name of Mr. B. Ramadorai after that of Mrs. Stanley Hodgson and before my own, among those to be introduced to the Prime Minister when she first enters the Hungerford Room.

Earlier this month, Mr. Ramadorai succeeded the late Mr. Nirmal Jeet Singh, Indian Coordinator for the Festival. The Indian Advisory Committee gave Mr. Ramadorai a different title, however, namely that of Director-General in India - as he is a man of senior rank.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Jeffery
Administrative Director for the Festival of India.

NOTES FROM BOB KINGSTON ON PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SCIENCE MUSEUM ON WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH

Main Entrance in Exhibition Road
LH drop

Met by (from)

Dame Margaret Weston
Paul Channon
John Duckworth (Chairman, Science Museum Advisory Council)
Sir Michael Walker
Professor Menon
?Countess Mountbatten & Lord Brabourne
Dr. Robertson (Museum Keeper)
Mr. Preston (Design officer)

+ 1,000 invited guests (including many diplomatic circle invited by Indians)

Address assembly from dais just inside main door (expected to be beige back-cloth)

Then up spiral stairs on RH side of gallery, through reception area and up. I floor in lift to exhibition area (press/photo-call on leaving exhibition area).

Return via lift to reception area, then by spiral staircase to main door and then away.

Timing:
1600 arrive; speeches to 1615
Exhibition 1615 to 1645
Reception 1645 to 1700
(Mrs. Gandhi apparently staying until 1730!)

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Hugh COLVER is going to do a press recce tomorrow. Emma St John SMITH is the Information officer but still unsure of the protocol side.

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(Mrs. G. app. staying 'til 1730!)

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MR. COLES

I don't wish to burden the Prime Minister with too much detail. In addition to what I have given here, all of which is copied to you and attached, I think you ought to have Mr. Jeffery's letter, which contains slightly more detail. This I attach at Flag E.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

18 March, 1982

MISS STEPHENS

Duty Clerk

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

18 March 1982

MRS. GANDHI'S VISIT: TALKS

As you know, the Prime Minister will hold tete-a-tete talks with Mrs. Gandhi from 11 o'clock to 12 o'clock on 22 March. For the plenary session from 12 o'clock to 1 o'clock the Prime Minister would be grateful if the following would join her:

Foreign Secretary
Mr. Gifford or Mr. Donald
Sir Peter Preston (ODA)
Mr. Caines (DOT)
Sir John Thomson
Mr. Wade-Gery

11-00 Mr. D. Hurd
Gifford: B. Ch
S. P. Preston
caines
J. Thomson
Mr Blythe

I am sending a copy of this letter to Michael Power (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), John Rhodes (Department of Trade) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

A. J. COLES

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

10 DOWNING STREET

Foreign Secretary

1 senior F.C.O. official

Sir P. Preston

Mr. Caines (DOT)

Sir John Thomson

Mr. Wade-Gery?

Mr. Ingham.

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17 March 1982

Dear Prime Minister,

I am delighted to know that you will be attending with Mrs Gandhi the opening of the Arts Council exhibition In the Image of Man at the Hayward Gallery on Tuesday, 23 March, and I look forward to welcoming you on your arrival at the Gallery.

I understand that your officials have already been in touch with my staff about the arrangements and that a catalogue has been sent to you.

Yours sincerely,

Kenneth Robinson

Chairman

The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher
10 Downing Street
London
SW1

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Prime Minister

In view of the new facts since you last considered the matter are you prepared to agree to either 600 extra vouchers, as Lord Carrington would prefer or 300, which the Home Secretary would go along with.

A. J. Coles 16/3

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PRIME MINISTER

1. When you meet Mrs Gandhi on 22 March she is likely to raise again with you the matter of the size of the special voucher quota for United Kingdom Passport Holders (UKPH) in India. I have therefore been considering with the Home Secretary what advice we should give you on your response.

2. The lengthening wait for vouchers by UKPH in India, which has now reached 6 years, is an increasing source of irritation in our relations with the Indian Government. The Indian Foreign Minister raised the matter with Willie Whitelaw in November and again with Douglas Hurd when he visited India in January. It is becoming more difficult to explain why we do not accede to the Indian request to take these people at a slightly faster rate given that the world wide quota is now substantially under-utilised (1,456 vouchers were issued world wide in 1981 out of a quota of 5,000) and it is only in India that there is now delay in the issue of vouchers to eligible applicants. Moreover, if the present Indian quota of 600 is not increased waiting times are likely to extend to nearly 8 years in 1985/86.

3. I should like to see the quota increased with effect from this year to 1,200. These additional 600 vouchers would, with accompanying dependants, be likely to mean an additional 1500 admissions. Immigration from Pakistan and the new Commonwealth has fallen at an annual rate of some 3,000 over the last 2 years and with a reduction in applications and withdrawal of staff from our posts in the Sub-Continent this trend is likely at least to be maintained in the present year. There would therefore appear to be scope for some flexibility.

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4. I set out my arguments for this increase in my minute to the Home Secretary of 22 February (copy enclosed). In his reply of 7 March (also enclosed) he has declined to support a recommendation to you for an increase of this size but has said in his penultimate paragraph that he would not wish to raise any objection to a more modest increase of say 300 if you wished to offer this in order to help the success of Mrs Gandhi's visit.

5. An increase of 300 would, with dependents, entail only 750 or so additional admissions: but waiting times would continue to increase until, on our calculations, they peak at 6½ years at the end of this year and would remain at that level throughout 1983. Thus although you would be able to meet Mrs Gandhi's request for an increase in the quota, the continued lengthening of waiting times could lead her to doubt that the increase was being implemented. My strong preference therefore remains for the larger increase.

6. If this cannot be agreed, it will in my view be very important that you should tell Mrs Gandhi of an increase of at least 300. This will slightly ease the difficulties in administering the scheme, and will give us greater leeway in according priorities. It might thus go some way towards averting criticism that our administration of the scheme is insensitive. Moreover Willie Whitelaw's decision to disclose the size of the Indian quota in answer to a Parliamentary Question on 16 March will enable us to make quite clear that we are agreeing to a sizeable proportionate increase. You will be able to give the figures to Mrs Gandhi. If on the other hand you were to divulge the quota, which she will consider shockingly low, without telling her of any increase, I am sure her response would be very unfavourable.

Not announced today. Clearance will be sought separately. 16. A.J.C. 3

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7. I hope therefore that when (as we believe she will) Mrs Gandhi raises the matter, you will on this occasion feel able to give her an assurance of an increase in the quota without any artificial constraints on other admissions.

8. I am copying this minute to the Home Secretary.

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(CARRINGTON)

16.3.82.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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FCS/82/30

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT

1. I have seen Timothy Raison's letter of 25 January to David Trefgarne and agree that we need to discuss what line to take with Mrs Gandhi when she comes to London about the admission of United Kingdom Passport Holders from India. Sir John Thomson has advised that he thinks it will be one of Mrs Gandhi's objectives to try and secure an increase in the allocation of special vouchers to India. The Prime Minister will therefore have to be prepared with a response for use if Mrs Gandhi presses the point.

2. The arguments of my Department for an increase have been well rehearsed over the last two years and most recently in David Trefgarne's letter to Timothy Raison of 6 January. In the face of Indian pressure it is becoming increasingly difficult to sustain the argument that we cannot increase the quota for UKPH in India when we admit that the global quota of 5,000 is now regularly under subscribed. Our intransigent line is likely to harm our commercial and political interests in India.

3. I am well aware of the political sensitivity of the immigration issue in this country. Immigration into the United Kingdom is however (as the Indians themselves have pointed out) on the decline. This applies particularly to immigration from the New Commonwealth and Pakistan from which admissions have fallen by some 3,000 in each of the past two years. The decline may be confidently expected to continue in 1982 because of the reduced number of applications being received in the sub-continent, which is permitting us to

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remove some entry clearance staff. There should therefore be no need for any special administrative measures (as proposed last year) to bring about an overall decrease to compensate for some increase in the admission of UKPH.

4. To achieve its purpose, any concession must have visible effect. We should avoid a situation whereby we say we are increasing the quota but waiting times continue to rise. We therefore see a need at least to double the quota with effect from this year to 1,200. With each head of household now bringing in an average of one and a half dependents, this would entail an additional 1,500 admissions, ie one half the recent annual rate of decline in emigration from the new Commonwealth and Pakistan. Our High Commission in New Delhi calculate that if we do this the waiting time would remain at its present level of six years until the end of this year after which it would drop to four years, seven months by the end of 1983 and continue to fall sharply thereafter. This calculation assumes a non-take up rate of 25% which is the current level. This would bring us within sight of the position that we have now been in for several years in East Africa whereby vouchers are available to eligible applicants without delay. When this situation is reached, the question of the admission of the UKPH will cease to be an issue in our relations with India.

5. I hope therefore that you can agree a submission to the Prime Minister on this basis.

C

(CARRINGTON)

22 February 1982

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cc PS/Mr Hurd
PS/Lord Treffgarne
Lord N Gordon Lennox
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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS

In your minute of 22nd February you said you hoped I could agree a submission to the Prime Minister suggesting that the quota for India should be doubled.

2. I agree that we shall need to discuss before Mrs. Gandhi's visit what our response should be if Mrs. Gandhi requests an increase. There is also the question of how the subject should be handled with SCORRI, who will shortly be taking oral evidence from Tim Raison. In this context you should know that the sub-committee have formally requested us to disclose the size of the Indian quota to them. They have asked for the information by 16th March and I think that we shall have to give it to them. You may wish to consider whether it would be appropriate to arrange for the Indian Government to be told the size of the quota in confidence at the same time.

3. As regards an increase, as you know, Mrs. Gandhi did raise this matter with the Prime Minister during her visit to India. The Prime Minister said that it was not possible to offer any increase while unemployment remained at present levels in the United Kingdom. She would however be willing to increase the Indian quota if Mrs. Gandhi was prepared to accept a counter-balancing reduction in the number of Indian citizens admitted with entry certificates.

4. If the subject were to be raised again by Mrs. Gandhi there would not seem on the face of it to be any reason for the Prime Minister to give Mrs. Gandhi a different answer. Waiting times have increased, but it was recognised that this would happen when the earlier decision was taken. The number of unemployed has of course increased.

5. Doubling the Indian quota, which you suggest, could be expected to lead to an increase in the order of 1,500 in the number of UKPH coming here from India. Mrs. Gandhi was apparently not attracted by the idea of a counter-balancing reduction in the number of Indian citizens admitted. In any event this would scarcely be feasible if the quota were doubled since the extra numbers could be offset only by stopping all admissions of wives and children, which would clearly be unacceptable.

6. I should be reluctant however to offer any substantial increase in the quota unless there were offsetting reductions elsewhere, since otherwise the present strong downward trend in the settlement figures for the New Commonwealth and Pakistan would not be maintained. As you recognise, if your proposal were accepted the drop in the settlement figures will be less than it would otherwise have been. This would be criticised by our supporters, who are looking to us to maintain the present encouraging trend. Increasing attention is likely to be focussed on the figures as the election approaches, and if the present trend is not maintained we can expect to come under further pressure to implement the outstanding manifesto commitments on the register and quota.

7. I should also mention a review of the Immigration Rules which we have been carrying out. Changes will be required in the Rules to take account of the new nationality legislation, and these may need to include some relaxation of the rules on husbands and fiances; but if we were to make such a change we could expect strong resistance from some of our supporters. In these circumstances it would become important for the Government to be able to show that it was doing all it could on other fronts to keep down the numbers accepted for settlement.

8. Whatever the trend overall, an increase in the UKPH coming here will be noticed, since UKPH are identified as a separate category in the published statistics.

9. I would not expect an increase to resolve our problems over UKPH in India. Indeed, it seems to me that it would raise fresh ones. The latest revised FCO estimate I understand is that there are 35,000 UKPH in India. At present relatively few of the 35,000 are coming forward for vouchers, but this could easily change if waiting times were reduced. We should then come under strong pressure to admit the remaining UKPH in India with the minimum of delay. I should add that we think the reduction in waiting times which would flow from a doubling of the quota would not be felt so quickly as you suggest; as we see it, on your assumptions on non-take up rates, waiting times might come down to five years five months at the end of 1983 and to 4 years by the end of 1984. Not until the end of 1985 would it be possible to issue vouchers on demand, and only then if it is assumed that the rate of new applications remains the same after an increase in the quota has been announced. But this assumption is I think unwarranted (and the assumption about non-take up rates might also prove to be over optimistic).

10. We cannot discount the possibility that developments in East Africa could suddenly make it necessary to issue large numbers of vouchers there. While it appears that the recent reports from Kenya need not be taken at face value they underline the fact that at any time we could be faced with unexpected pressures on the voucher scheme, which would of course push up the settlement figures. If vouchers were once "transferred" to India I do not think there would be a realistic prospect of "transferring" them back.

11. I would therefore not be in favour of doubling the quota as you suggest. The UKPH in India are not subject to individual pressure to leave. While it seems likely that there will be a recommendation from the sub-committee that we should admit them more quickly, there is a reasonable case for continuing to control admission at the present level.

12. Nevertheless, I would not wish to raise any objection to a more modest increase of say 300 if the Prime Minister herself wished to offer this in order to help the success of Mrs. Gandhi's visit.

13. You may agree that the best course now would be for you to raise the matter with the Prime Minister.

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2 March, 1982

From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

Prime Minister
Content that the Home Secretary should make this announcement?
A.J.C. 17/3

HOME OFFICE
QUEEN ANNE'S GATE
LONDON SWIH 9AT

16 March 1982

Dear Mike

The Prime Minister agreed and the Home Office were informed accordingly. MR.

UNITED KINGDOM PASSPORT HOLDERS IN INDIA MR 25/3 p.a.

You will wish to be aware of various recent developments in relation to United Kingdom passport holders which are of particular significance in the context of Mrs. Gandhi's forthcoming visit.

United Kingdom passport holders who are subject to immigration control are required to have a special voucher before they are admitted for settlement to the United Kingdom. There are quotas for particular countries. Mrs. Gandhi raised with the Prime Minister in April last year whether the number of special vouchers available for issue in India could be increased and she will almost certainly raise the subject again. Last April the Prime Minister took the view that the quota should not be increased. However, we understand that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office will shortly be putting forward a note to the Prime Minister on this subject which reviews again the conflicting overseas and domestic considerations.

This is the background, but the more immediate issue is a separate one. We have received a formal request from the Parliamentary Home Affairs Sub-Committee on Race Relations and Immigration to disclose to them the size of the Indian quota. The Sub-Committee are at present examining the special voucher scheme and although we have consistently refused to disclose allocations to particular countries in the past, the Home Secretary does not consider that he can reasonably refuse to meet this request, which bears directly on the Sub-Committee's current enquiry.

The Home Secretary has considered whether to give the figure to the Sub-Committee in confidence at this stage, with a view to its being made public later, perhaps during Mrs. Gandhi's visit. (They are pressing for the figure now). However, he thinks that there is a considerable risk that if it were given in confidence it would nevertheless become public knowledge - possibly in a way which would cause maximum embarrassment - and he would, therefore, prefer to disclose it openly. In reaching this view he has also taken account of a Question which Mr. Greville Janner put down for answer on 10 March (and has not yet been answered) in which he asks whether it is still Government policy not to disclose allocations to particular countries. It would be difficult to tell Mr. Janner that we were maintaining the present policy at the same time as we were proposing to give the Sub-Committee the figure for the Indian quota.

The Home Secretary believes that the best course in these circumstances, in order to retain the initiative in handling this issue publicly, is to say in reply to Mr. Janner tomorrow that he is giving the Sub-Committee the information and then to say what the figure is. I attach a copy of the proposed reply. The Sub-Committee would receive a separate reply at the same time.

The Home Secretary would be grateful to know whether the Prime Minister is content with this course.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Lyne (FCO).

Yours sincerely

Colin Walters

M. A. Pattison, Esq.

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER ON

WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH 1982

Mr. Greville Janner (Leicester West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he will review the allocation of special vouchers to India.

Mr. Greville Janner (Leicester West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether it is still the policy of his Department not to publish the allocation of special vouchers to particular countries.

DRAFT REPLY

The allocation of vouchers to particular countries is kept under review. I have today, in response to an inquiry from the Home Affairs Sub-Committee on Race Relations, written to the Chairman to let him know that 600 vouchers each year are allocated to India. We have no present plans to increase that allocation.

Festival of India

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John Coles, Esq.,
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister,
10, Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.

16th March, 1982.

Dear Mr. Coles,

I attach -

(1) The detailed arrangements for the 35 minutes or so before the start of the Concert at the Royal Festival Hall on 22nd March. Appendix A.

(2) A list of those to be presented before the start of the Concert. Appendix F.

(3) The Seating Plan for the Ceremonial Box. Appendix B.

(4) A list of those in the six boxes that adjoin and connect with the Ceremonial Box. Most of these will have been presented (see Appendix F above): of the remainder, Group Captain Thomson and Wing Commander Higson are the Government Hospitality officers assigned to Mrs. Gandhi throughout her visit; Dr. Mathur is Mrs. Gandhi's Personal Physician; and Miss Bhagat and Mr. Dave are respectively the "Officer on Special Duty" and the Assistant Private Secretary from Mrs. Gandhi's Office. Appendix C.

(5) The first half of the Concert is timed to last about 42 minutes, following which there will be a twenty-minute interval. It is proposed to invite a limited number of additional guests (mainly the Festival Trustees) to join the Ceremonial and adjoining Boxes Party for the interval, as guests of the Chairman of the G.L.C. These additional guests are listed at Appendix D. It is not proposed that further formal presentations should be made. Appendix D.

(6) The Concert is due to end between 10 p.m. to 10.05 p.m. with the playing of the two National Anthems, the Indian National Anthem following God Save The Queen. Before the National Anthems, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Channon will leave their Box to go to the Ballroom Foyer at the Royal Festival Hall in order to receive guests at the U.K. Government's Reception, which will in fact start almost immediately the Concert is finished. Mrs. Thatcher may then wish to ask her two

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main Guests for the Government Reception (i.e. The Prince of Wales and Mrs. Gandhi) to accompany her from the Ceremonial Box to the Reception (by special lift) after as many minutes rest as may be desirable in the Ceremonial Box retiring area.

(7) Formal presentations are not envisaged at the Reception, beyond the fact that Mrs. Thatcher will be asked whether the leading artists may be introduced to her and to Mrs. Gandhi. These are three: Mrs. M. S. Subbulakshmi (singer), Mr. Ravi Shankar (sitar player and composer) and Mr. Zubin Mehta (conductor). Mr. Channon has been informed that both Prime Ministers may wish to leave the Reception at approximately 10.35 p.m.
Appendix E.

Finally, I em enclosing a couple of copies of our latest brochure for the Festival as a whole, for your general information. Programmes for the Concert are not expected from the printer before Friday morning, 19th March, but as soon as possible I will have an advance copy sent to you at 10 Downing Street. I hope that will be in the course of Friday afternoon.

I hope that this covers everything that you think the Prime Minister may wish or need to know. Should you and I require to be in further touch within the next few days, either in writing or by telephone, it would be helpful if any letters or telephone calls could come to my office at the Arts Council (629-9495) in the first instance, rather than to the Festival of India Office.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Jeffery

Keith Jeffery
Administrative Director for the Festival of India.

P.S. I am enclosing an Invitation Card for the Prime Minister, pour mémoire.

Enc:

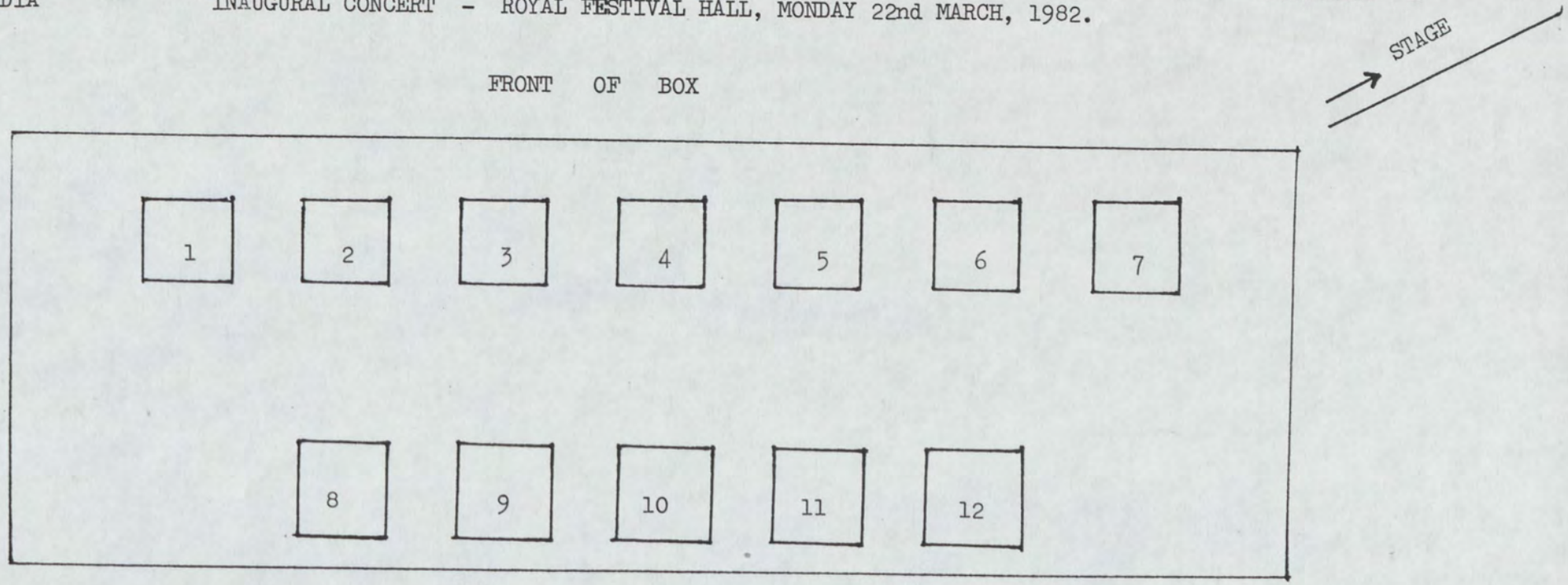
CEREMONIAL TIMETABLE FOR THE FESTIVAL OF INDIA INAUGURAL CONCERT AT THE ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL: 22nd March, 1982.

By 7.30 p.m.	The Rt. Hon. the Chairman of the Greater London Council and Mrs. John Ward, the Chairman of the Festival of India Trust and Lady Walker, and the Chairman of the Indian Advisory Committee (Mrs. Jayakar) to arrive in Hungerford Room (via Artists' Entrance).
7.30 p.m. to 7.40 p.m.	V.V.I.P. Guests (24) to arrive in Hungerford Room (via main riverfront entrance). The Mayor and Mayoress of Lambeth and the Rt. Hon. and Mrs. Kenneth Robinson to arrive in Hungerford Room (via Artists' Entrance).
7.45 p.m.	Mrs. Thatcher's car to arrive at Royal Entrance, where Mrs. Thatcher will be met by Mr. Michael Kaye (General Administrator, South Bank Halls), Mrs. Kaye and Mr. David Hamilton (Head of the Chairman's Office, G.L.C.). Mr. Hamilton will escort Mrs. Thatcher to Hungerford Room to be greeted by the Chairman of the G.L.C. and Mrs. Ward, the Mayor and Mayoress of Lambeth, Mrs. Jayakar and Sir Michael and Lady Walker. Sir Michael Walker will then introduce the Rt. Hon. and Mrs. Kenneth Robinson, Mr. Stanley Hodgson (Festival Director), Mrs. Hodgson and Mr. Keith Jeffery (Administrative Director of the Festival). In the body of the Hungerford Room Sir Michael Walker will then introduce the V.V.I.P. Guests to Mrs. Thatcher.
7.50 p.m.	Mrs. Gandhi's car to arrive at Royal Entrance, where Mrs. Gandhi will be met by Mr. and Mrs. Kaye, who will escort her to Hungerford Room to be greeted by Mrs. Thatcher, the Chairman of the G.L.C. and Mrs. Ward, the Mayor and Mayoress of Lambeth, Mrs. Jayakar and Sir Michael and Lady Walker. Sir Michael Walker will then introduce the Rt. Hon. and Mrs. Kenneth Robinson, Mr. Stanley Hodgson, Mrs. Hodgson and Mr. Keith Jeffery. Sir Michael Walker will introduce the V.V.I.P. Guests to Mrs. Gandhi (save for her own entourage); while the Chairman of the G.L.C. and Mrs. Ward, the Mayor and Mayoress of Lambeth and Mr. and Mrs. Kaye go to Royal Entrance.
7.55 p.m.	H. R. H. The Prince of Wales' car to arrive at Royal Entrance, where H.R.H. will be greeted by the Mayor and Mayoress of Lambeth, the Chairman of the G.L.C. and Mrs. Ward, and Mr. and Mrs. Kaye. The Chairman of the G.L.C. will then escort H. R. H. to Hungerford Room, where he will present Mrs. Gandhi, Mrs. Thatcher, Mrs. Jayakar and Sir Michael and Lady Walker. Sir Michael Walker will then present to H.R.H. the Rt. Hon. and Mrs. Kenneth Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson and Mr. Jeffery. Sir Michael Walker will then accompany H.R.H. to the body of the room, in order to present the V.V.I.P. Guests.
8.00 p.m. (approx.)	As soon as the presentations are complete, the V.V.I.P. Guests to take their seats. Messrs. Coles, Hodgson, Jeffery, Kaye, Hamilton and Miss Giles also to go to their seats.
8.03 p.m.	H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, Mrs. Thatcher and Mrs. Gandhi, accompanied by Sir Michael and Lady Walker, Mrs. Jayakar and the Chairman of the G.L.C., to move into Ceremonial Box, for the opening Fanfare by the Trumpeters of the Indian President's Bodyguard which will start the programme.

FESTIVAL OF INDIA

INAUGURAL CONCERT - ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL, MONDAY 22nd MARCH, 1982.

APPENDIX B



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APPENDIX D

Those to be invited to the Hungerford Room for the Interval.

Trustees	The Rt. Hon. Lord Aldington	
	Sir John Burgh	
	Lady Burgh	
	Mr. R. P. Chandaria	
	Mrs. Chandaria	
	Sir John Cuckney	
	Lady Cuckney	
	Mr. Maneck Dalal	
	Mrs. Dalal	
	The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Harewood	
	The Countess of Harewood	
	The Viscount Lascelles	
	Mrs. Lasal	Guest of Lord Harewood
	Sir Ronald McIntosh	
	Lady McIntosh	
	Dr. K.S. Shelvankar	
	Mrs. Shelvankar	
	Mr. A. J. Shepperd	
	Mrs. Shepperd	
Others	Miss Robinson	Daughter of Chairman of Arts Council
	Miss Hodgson	Daughter of Festival Director
	Miss Ward	Daughter of Chairman, G.L.C.
	Miss J. Drew	Art Director, Arts Council
	Miss Mary Giles	Private Secretary to Mr. Channon
	Miss Margaret Reid	Guest of Mr. Jeffery
	Mr. T. Petzal	Festival Coordinator
	Mrs. Susan Green	Guest of Mr. Petzal
	Mr. G.R. Butler	Festival Treasurer
	Mrs. Butler	
	Mr. Thomson	Son of Sir John Thomson
	Mrs. Thomson	
	Mr. Ramadorai	Festival Director-General in India
	Mrs. Bhalla	Member of Indian Advisory Committee
	Mr. Robson	Chairman of Grindlays Bank
	Mrs. Robson	
	Mr. Johari	Deputy High Commissioner for India
	Mrs. Johari	
	Mr. Desai	Minister, Indian High Commission
	Mrs. Desai	
	Sir Roy Strong	Director, Victoria and Albert Museum
	Lady Strong	
	Dame Margaret Weston	Director, Science Museum
	Mr. Derek Liley	Guest of Dame Margaret Weston

Royal Festival Hall: 22nd March, 1982.

Mrs. M. S. Subbulakshmi

Mrs. Subbulakshmi learnt singing from her mother, and became known as a soloist in her own right after a performance during the All India Music and Dance Conference in Bombay in 1944, subsequently acquiring a reputation as "the nightingale of Southern India". Her International fame was first stimulated by Lord Harewood's invitation to her to sing at the Edinburgh Festival in 1963. She has been married since 1940 to Mr. T. Sadasivam who is also likely to be present on 22nd March. She will be accompanied on stage by one other singer, and by four musicians.

Mr. Ravi Shankar

Mr. Shankar was born in Benares, and subsequently went to school in Paris where his eldest brother was already achieving a reputation as a gifted dancer. Mr. Shankar himself became increasingly involved in both dancing and playing music and joined a professional group of musicians when 15. As a composer he has written extensively both for ballet and films; and has also composed two Concertos for Sitar and Orchestra, the Second of which is having its European Premiere at the Concert on 22nd March (having been played only once previously in the U.S.A. last summer). He has recently recorded music for Sir Richard Attenborough's film "Gandhi", shortly to be released. In 1977 he organized the establishment of the Indian Research Institute for Music and the Performed Arts.

Mr. Zubin Mehta

Mr. Mehta, born in Bombay, entered the Vienna Music Academy in 1954, and made his conducting debut in that city in 1958, the year in which he also won First Prize in the International Conductors' Competition in Liverpool, subsequently becoming Assistant Conductor to the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. He was Music Director of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra between 1960 to 1964, and of the Los Angeles Philharmonic between 1961 and 1978, when he became Music Director of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

He has conducted opera performances at Florence and Salzburg Festivals, at La Scala, Milan, at the Vienna State Opera House and at the Metropolitan Opera, New York. At the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden he has conducted new productions of "La Fanciulla del West" and "Die Fledermaus" as well as revivals of "Otello", "Salome" and "Tristan und Isolde".

Presentations.

APPENDIX F

(1)	H.E. The Indian High Commissioner	
(2)	Mrs. Seyid Muhummad	
(3)	Mrs. Sonia Gandhi	Mrs. Gandhi's daughter-in-law.
(4)	The Lord Goodman, C.H.	Chairman of the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts.
(5)	The Baroness Lee of Asheridge	close personal friend of Mrs. Gandhi (formerly U.K. Minister for the Arts).
(6)	The Rt. Hon.Douglas Hurd, M.P.	Minister of State, Foreign & Commonwealth Office.
(7)	The Rt. Hon. Paul Channon, M.P.	Minister for the Arts.
(8)	Mrs. Channon	
(9)	Sir John Thomson	U.K. High Commissioner in New Delhi.
(10)	Lady Thomson	
(11)	Dr. P.C. Alexander	Principal Secretary to Mrs. Gandhi.
(12)	Mr. H.Y. Sharda Prasad	Information Adviser to Mrs. Gandhi.
(13)	Mr. K.K.D. Rana	Joint Secretary, Mrs. Gandhi's Office.
(14)	Mr. S.C. Tandon	Joint Secretary, Indian Ministry of Home Affairs.
(15)	Mr. R.K. Dhawan	Special Assistant to Mrs. Gandhi.
(16)	Mr. Swraj Paul	Close friend of Mrs. Gandhi, and leading Indian industrialist in the U.K.
(17)	Mrs. Paul	

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

16 March 1982

1) Copy to Caroline Stephens
2) Return to me.
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Dear John,

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

John Holmes

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

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

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INAUGURAL CONCERT OF THE FESTIVAL OF INDIA

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INAUGURAL CONCERT - ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL, MONDAY 22nd MARCH, 1982.

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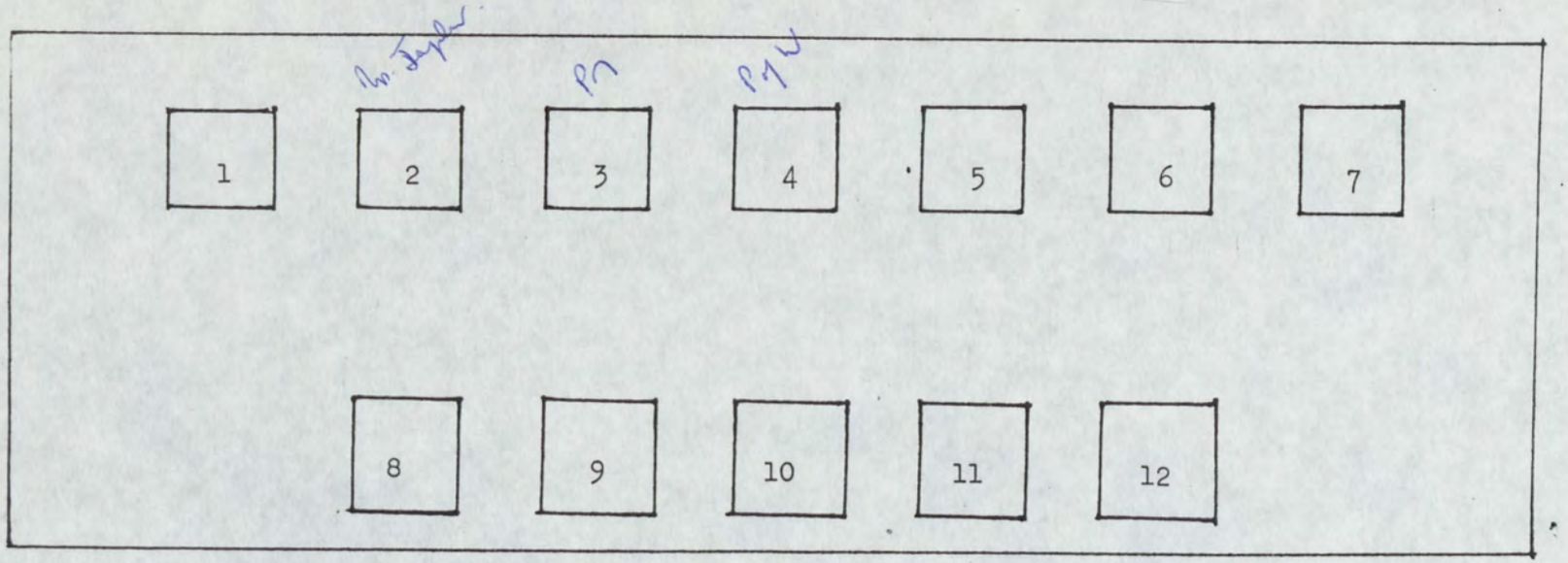

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TIMETABLE FOR INDO-BRITISH ASSOCIATION DINNER AT THE DORCHESTER HOTEL: 23 MARCH

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 Amee St John-Smith (Public Relations Officer); and

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

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FESTIVAL OF INDIA: WORK PERMITS

1. IN THE LIGHT OF THE RECENT DIFFICULTIES I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF ALL CONCERNED WOULD RECONSIDER URGENTLY AND IN DETAIL THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ISSUING WORK PERMITS TO FESTIVAL ARTISTS SET OUT IN YOUR TELNO 217 WHICH WERE DECIDED UPON BEFORE WE HAD AN INDICATION OF JUST HOW SENSITIVE THIS ISSUE WOULD BECOME HERE.

2. ALTHOUGH THE INDIAN AUTHORITIES ARE NOW CLEARLY ANXIOUS TO CO-OPERATE AND PREVENT THIS ISSUE FROM ESCALATING, THEIR FUTURE ATTITUDE WILL INEVITABLY BE INFLUENCED BY ANY FURTHER PUBLIC PRESSURE IN THE PRESS OR PARLIAMENT. THEY LIKE US NOW SEE THE NEED TO PREVENT AN INCIDENT. I HAVE BEEN COMPLIMENTED BY SEVERAL OF THEM ON THE WAY I HANDLED THIS QUESTION AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HERE (AND I UNDERSTAND THAT MY COMMENTS HAVE BEEN CARRIED EXTENSIVELY BY BOTH RADIO AND TV) BUT UNDERLYING THESE COMPLIMENTS IS THE STRONG IMPLICATION THAT BRITISH POLITESSE MAY YET PROVE TO HAVE DISGUISED AN UGLY REALITY.

3. MOREOVER, AS THE FIRST PARTY OF ARTISTS, SUBBULAKSHMI AND HER GROUP, WILL BE LEAVING BOMBAY ON 20 MARCH (BCD TELEX OF 15 MARCH TO THE FESTIVAL OFFICE): THERE IS A REAL RISK THAT THE PRESS MAY TRY TO MAKE A STORY OF THIS ON THE EVE OF MRS GANDHI'S ARRIVAL IN THE UK, OR DURING HER VISIT. IN MY VIEW THIS WOULD PROVIDE EXACTLY THE SORT OF SILLY ISSUE WHICH COULD SOUR THE WHOLE ATMOSPHERE OF THE VISIT.

4. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, I WOULD RECOMMEND MOST STRONGLY THAT:

(A) IF IT IS ABSOLUTELY OUT OF THE QUESTION, DESPITE THE RISKS INVOLVED, TO WAIVE THE NEED FOR WORK PERMITS FOR THE OFFICIALLY SPONSORED INDIAN ARTISTS (THOUGH I AND THE INDIANS WOULD FIND THIS SURPRISING IN THE LIGHT OF WHAT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DONE ON OCCASIONS IN THE PAST), WE SHOULD AS A MINIMUM AVOID HANDLING WORK PERMITS TO THE INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS ON THEIR ARRIVAL AND INSTEAD HOLD THEM ALL AT THE FESTIVAL OFFICE AS THE AGENT WHICH APPLIED FOR THE WORK PERMITS. AS YOU KNOW ONE OF THE WAYS BY WHICH WE HAVE SO FAR OVERCOME THE WORK PERMIT PROBLEM HERE IS BY THE INDIAN SIDE SAYING THAT THEY ARE NOT ''APPLYING FOR'' PERMITS. IT WILL, I AM SURE, BE IMPORTANT TO ADD THAT INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS WILL ''NOT BE GIVEN'' PERMITS.

(B) WE MUST AVOID STAMPING THE OFFICIAL ARTISTS' PASSPORTS WITH THE EMPLOYMENT/BUSINESS CONDITION STAMP (CODE 2 IN THE IMMIGRATION GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS CHAPTER 5.8.3) WHICH IS LIKELY TO BE REPRESENTED BY THE INDIAN PRESS (NOT LEAST BY THEIR LONDON CORRESPONDENTS) AS BEING AS DISTASTEFUL AS THE WORK PERMIT ITSELF. INSTEAD I RECOMMEND THAT WE SHOULD USE THE LIMITED LEAVE CONDITION STAMP (CODE 1) WHICH MAKES NO REFERENCE TO EMPLOYMENT. YOU SHOULD KNOW INCIDENTALLY THAT IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT MOST, IF NOT ALL, OF THE OFFICIAL ARTISTS TRAVELLING WILL HOLD OFFICIAL INDIAN PASSPORTS, DESPITE MACRAE'S EXPLANATION TO INDIA HOUSE REPORTED IN YOUR TELNO 262.

(C) A LIAISON OFFICER SHOULD BE APPOINTED FROM THE IMMIGRATION STAFF AT HEATHROW TO BE SPECIFICALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SMOOTH ENTRY OF FESTIVAL PERFORMERS. HE WOULD THEREFORE HAVE TO BE BRIEFED ON ALL THE VARIOUS FESTIVAL EVENTS SO THAT HE COULD ACT AS THE CLEARING POINT FOR ALL FESTIVAL QUERIES. WE WOULD RECOMMEND GRAHAM BOILING, INSPECTOR OF IMMIGRATION AT TERMINAL 3 WHO, AS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE HIGH COMMISSION HERE, IS VERY FAMILIAR WITH INDIAN SENSITIVITIES. TO STATE THE OBVIOUS A KEY FACTOR IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THIS PROBLEM WILL BE THE WAY EACH INDIVIDUAL ARTIST IS RECEIVED AT HEATHROW.

(D) IN ORDER TO AID IDENTIFICATION, THE BRITISH COUNCIL WILL ISSUE ALL THOSE ARTISTS PARTICIPATING IN THE FESTIVAL OF WHOM THEY HAVE DETAILS WITH A LETTER STATING THAT HE OR SHE IS PROCEEDING TO BRITAIN IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVAL OF INDIA AND THAT IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF HE OR SHE COULD BE GIVEN ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE ON ARRIVAL.

5. IN VIEW OF PARAS 2 AND 3 PLEASE COPY THIS TELEGRAM TO COLES, NO 10.

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AND TO IMMEDIATE MODUK (FOR HDS)

MY TELEGRAM NUMBER 249: MRS GANDHI'S VISIT - DEFENCE SALES

1. I RAN OVER THE GROUND TODAY WITH DEFENCE SECRETARY KAUL. HE EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO TELL ME TOMORROW WHAT THE CABINET'S DECISION IS ON THE MARITIME HARRIER, NAVAL HELICOPTER REQUIREMENT AND THE ROLLS ROYCE SPEY ENGINE FOR THE INDIAN NAVY. DEPENDING ON THAT IT MAY BE UNNECESSARY FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO RAISE ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS SUBTANTIVELY WITH MRS GANDHI.

2. KAUL AGREED THAT THE INDIANS WOULD BUY SOVIET MISSILES FOR SOME AIR DEFENCE TASKS AND WESTERN MISSILES FOR OTHERS (PARA 3(E) OF MY TELEGAM UNDER REFERENCE). TO MAINTAIN THE INDIAN BARGAINING POSITION THEY WOULD NEGOTIATE FOR TERMS ON EACH OF THREE COMPETINGS SYSTEMS: OPTICAL RAPIER, ROLAND AND CROTALE. PROVIDED THE TERMS ARE RIGHT RAPIER IN MY OPINION STANDS A GOOD CHANCE OF WINNING. I RECOMMEND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD COMMEND IT TO MRS GANDHI.

3. THE INDIAN DECISION BETWEEN THE FOUR CONTENDERS FOR THE LIGHT TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT (LTA) IS ACCORDING TO KAUL LIKELY TO BE TAKEN IN APRIL. BUT I WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THIS LONG OUTSTANDING DECISION SLIPPED FURTHER. RAJIV GANDHI'S VIEWS WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT. SHORTS SKYVAN HAS A CHANCE BUT I DOUBT IF IT IS THE FRONT RUNNER. OF ALL THE PROJECTS MENTIONED IN THIS TELEGRAM THIS IS THE ONE ON WHICH INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL INFLUENCE WILL PROBABLY HAVE THE LEAST EFFECT. NEVERTHELESS IF IT DOES NOT OVERLOAD THE AGENDA I RECOMMEND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD MENTION IT

THE AGENDA I RECOMMEND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD MENTION IT TO MRS GANDHI.

4. KAUL SAID THAT HE WAS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT NO DECISION ON JAGUAR NUMBERS WOULD BE TAKEN BEFORE MRS GANDHI'S VISIT. IF THIS IS SO I MAINTAIN THE ADVICE IN PARA 3 OF MY TELNO 238.

5. THE INDIANS HAVE NOW, AS WE SUGGESTED, FORMALLY ASKED ROLLS ROYCE WHETHER RB 199 CAN BE SOLD TO INDIA AND MANUFACTURED HERE. ROLLS ROYCE REPRESENTATIVES HERE HAVE ASSURED ME THAT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO GIVE A FIRM POSITIVE REPLY. WITHOUT GOING QUITE SO FAR I HAVE GIVEN KAUL THE IMPRESSION THAT THE REPLY WILL BE POSITIVE. IT WOULD BE GOOD IF IT WERE POSSIBLE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO TELL MRS GANDHI SO FORMALLY OR IF THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE INFORMALLY.

6. KAUL ASSURED ME THAT ALTHOUGH THE LIGHT COMBAT AIRCRAFT (LCA) IN-SERVICE DATE WAS A LONG WAY OFF THE PROJECT HAD A HIGH PRIORITY. THERE SHOULD BE NO HOLD UP IN CONTINUOUS PLANNING AND DESIGN WORK FROM NOW ON. THE INDIANS EXPECT TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SWEDES. I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS INDEED A FIRM INDIAN PROJECT AND THAT AN INDIAN/SWEDISH/BRITISH AEROSPACE/ROLLS ROYCE PARTNERSHIP OFFERS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES. I RECOMMEND THAT IN ADDITION TO SPEAKING ABOUT THE RB 199 (WHICH WILL GO INTO THE INDIAN VERSION OF THE LCA) THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD CONFIRM TO MRS GANDHI THE GREAT INTEREST OF THE TWO BRITISH COMPANIES IN LCA. WORDS WILL HAVE TO BE CHOSEN CAREFULLY TO AVOID A MISLEADING IMPRESSION ABOUT BRITISH FINCANCIAL COMMITMENTS.

7. I TOLD KAUL THAT MY PERSONAL HOPE FOR INDO/BRITISH MILITARY AIRCRAFT COLLABORATION WAS SUCCESSIVE MANUFACTURE IN INDIA OF JAGUAR, RB 199, LCA AND EVENTUALLY TORNADO. WE DISCUSSED DATES FOR THE LATTER AND I CONCLUDE THAT THE INDIANS WOULD HAVE TO KNOW AROUND THE LATTER PART OF THIS YEAR THAT WE ARE WILLING TO AGREE TO THE MANUFACTURE OF TORNADO IN INDIA IN A TIMEFRAME WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE PRODUCTION OF THE FIRST AIRCRAFT IN 1987. CONTRARY TO WHAT THE CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF TOLD ME (PARA 3(C) OF MY TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE) KAUL SAID THAT THE INDIANS MIGHT POSSIBLY BE INTERESTED IN THE IDS VERSION OF TORNADO AS WELL AS THE ADV.

8. THERE IS AN IMPORTANT POLITICAL AS WELL AS COMMERCIAL BACKGROUND TO THIS QUESTION. I HAVE DISCUSSED THE SITUATION WITH MY FRENCH COLLEAGUE. HE SAYS THAT THE MIRAGE CONTRACT IS ON THE TABLE WAITING FOR THE INDIAN SIGNATURE. EVERYTHING HAS BEEN SORTED OUT EXCEPT THAT THE FRENCH PRICE IS QUITE HIGH RELATIVE TO RUSSIAN PRICES. 40 AIRCRAFT SEEM ASSURED BUT THE INDIANS HAVE NOT MADE A DECISION ABOUT MANUFACTURE IN INDIA. THOUGH THE OPTION IS ON

MADE A DECISION ABOUT MANUFACTURE IN INDIA, THOUGH THE OPTION IS ON THE TABLE FOR THEM TO TAKE UP. I BELIEVE THE INDIANS SEE THE BUY OF 40 MIRAGES AS THE ANSWER WHICH THEY HAVE PROMISED THEIR ELECTORATE TO PAKISTAN'S F 16S. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH THE RUSSIANS FOR MIRAGE 27 IN ITS FIGHTER/BOMBER CONFIGURATION (PARA 2 OF MY TELNO 136). THE INDIANS HAVE LEARNT TO BE SUSPICIOUS OF SPECIOUS SOVIET PROMISES ABOUT AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE ETC, AND I BELIEVE THEY HAVE BEEN HAVING DIFFICULTY IN GETTING ADEQUATE ASSURANCES FROM THE RUSSIANS. IT MAY BE THAT SOVIET DEFENCE MINISTER USTINOV, ACCOMPANIED BY THE HEAD OF THE SOVIET AIR FORCE WILL DURING HIS CURRENT VISIT HERE PROVIDE SUCH ASSURANCES AND PROMISE AN IRRESISTABLE PRICE.

9. MY GUESS IS THAT THE INDIANS ARE USING THE CURRENT VISIT OF THE CHIEF OF THE INDIAN AIR FORCE TO THE UK AND MRS GANDHI'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO TIGHTEN THE SCREWS ON THE RUSSIANS AND POSSIBLY THE FRENCH. HOWEVER, THERE IS ALSO AN ELEMENT OF COMPARATIVE SHOPPING. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE INDIANS WILL BUY BOTH MIG 27 AND MIRAGE FOR EARLY DELIVERY AND ALSO ANOTHER AIRCRAFT, EITHER MORE MIRAGE OR ELSE TORNADO, FOR MANUFACTURE IN INDIA TOWARDS THE END OF THIS DECADE. ACCORDINGLY THEREEIAJCNITTOT TO PLAY FOR. ACCORDINGLY I RECOMMEND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD GO AS FAR AS SHE CAN IN RECOMMENDING TORNADO AS WELL AS LCA.

10. WE SHOULD BE ALERT TO POSSIBLE PUBLICITY VALUE FROM THE FIRST FLIGHT BY A JAGUAR ASSEMBLED AT BANGALORE. THE ACTUAL FIRST FLIGHT MAY WELL TAKE PLACE LATER THIS WEEK. IF ALL GOES WELL THE FIRST PUBLIC FLIGHT IS EXPECTED BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

11. PLEASE PASS A COPY OF THIS TELEGRAM TO COLES, NUMBER TEN DOWNING STREET.

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AND TO IMMEDIATE DOT (FOR BENJAMIN)

MRS GANDHI'S VISIT: COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

1. YOU MIGHT FIND IT USEFUL, BEFORE THE PRIME MINISTER'S BRIEFING MEETING ON 17 MARCH, TO HAVE MY VIEWS ON THOSE PROJECTS WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT RAISE WITH MRS GANDHI. I LIST THEM IN ORDER OF PRIORITY, AS SEEN FROM HERE.

SUPER THERMAL POWER PROJECT

2. WE MUST HOPE THAT THE MINISTERS OF FINANCE AND ENERGY WILL HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE, BEFORE MRS GANDHI LEAVES, TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS PROJECT. THOUGH THE CHANCES ARE NOT HIGH I AM TRYING TO BRING THIS ABOUT. UPON THE SUCCESS OF THIS EFFORT WILL DEPEND THE MANNER IN WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT RAISE IT.

NHAVA SHEVA PORT DEVELOPMENT

3. THE SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT HAS RECOMMENDED THAT AN OFFER BE MADE TO MRS GANDHI. I HOPE THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CONSORTIUM LED BY KLEINWORT BENSON, PAULING AND SIR WILLIAM HALCROW WILL HAVE ADVANCED SUFFICIENTLY TO ENABLE THE PRIME MINISTER TO MAKE SUCH AN OFFER ON A GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT BASIS. IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO GO INTO DETAIL.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

4. I WELCOME THE PROPOSAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE TO PUT FORWARD A TELECOMMUNICATIONS PACKAGE, INCLUDING SYSTEM X, THE PLESSEY RURAL EXCHANGES AND OTHER ELEMENTS. (MY TEL INDUS 016 OF 13 MARCH). IT IS CRUCIAL TO OUR PRESENT STRATEGY THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO DOUBTS ABOUT GEC'S SERIOUSNESS OF INTENT. IF WE WERE CONVINCED OF THIS I WOULD PROMOTE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ABOVE NHAVA SHEVA.

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5. IT WOULD BE WORTH MENTIONING THE BL BID FOR THE MARUTI PROJECT, BUT I DO NOT THINK THAT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS WILL BE IN THE FOREFRONT OF A DECISION ON THIS. THEREFORE THE PROSPECTS OF ADVANCING A FAVOURABLE CHOICE DURING MRS GANDHI'S VISIT ARE SMALLER THAN ON THE OTHER THREE PROJECTS.

ORISSA STEEL PLANT

6. I DO NOT RECOMMEND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER BRING UP THE ORISSA STEEL PLANT, EXCEPT IN A PASSING REFERENCE TO OUR SATISFACTION AT HAVING WON THE ORDER AND HER CONFIDENCE THAT DAVY MCKEE WILL DO A GOOD JOB. THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD KNOW THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER MRS GANDHI'S VISIT DAVY'S INTEND TO TELL THE INDIANS OF A LARGE INCREASE IN THE COST OF THE PROJECT, PROBABLY OF THE ORDER OF 30%. THE EFFECT WILL TO SOME EXTENT BE MITIGATED BY THE DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE IN USE. THE INDIANS PROBABLY EXPECT SOME INCREASE TO ALLOW FOR INFLATION, CHANGED SPECIFICATIONS, ETC. HOWEVER, THE INCREASE DAVY'S ARE PREPARING IS LIKELY TO BE MORE THAN TWICE WHAT THE INDIANS EXPECT. THERE COULD BE A SEVERE REACTION INVOLVING THE TOP POLITICAL LEVELS.

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MRS GANDHI'S VISIT

1. SINCE I SHALL MISS TOMORROW'S BRIEFING BECAUSE OF TOP LEVEL MEETINGS HERE, YOU MAY LIKE TO HAVE MY RECOMMENDATIONS. IN THIS TELEGRAM I DEAL WITH THE MAIN POLITICAL ISSUES: COMMERCIAL AND DEFENCE SALES QUESTIONS ARE IN MY TWO IFTS.

2. IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO BEAR IN MIND THE OVERALL INDIAN APPROACH TO THE VISIT. AS ALEXANDER HAS MADE CLEAR TO ME (MY TELNO 217), MRS GANDHI DOES NOT SEE ANY MAJOR BILATERAL PROBLEMS BETWEEN US AND PROPOSES TO TREAT THE VISIT AS PRIMARILY A CULTURAL OCCASION, CELEBRATING OUR GOOD RELATIONS. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ISSUES IN PARAS 4 AND 5 BELOW, THERE ARE NO INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL QUESTIONS WHICH MRS GANDHI PROPOSES TO RAISE HERSELF. SATHE CONFIRMED YESTERDAY THAT THE MEA HAD NOT BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE ANYTHING OTHER THAN ROUTINE BACKGROUND BRIEFING. NEVERTHELESS THE VISIT IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF MRS GANDHI'S CURRENT STRATEGY OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH WESTERN EUROPE GIVEN THAT SHE IS NOT FEELING ALTOGETHER COMFORTABLE WITH EITHER SUPER POWER.

3. THIS INDIAN APPROACH MAKES IT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO AVOID ANY IRRITANT WHICH COULD SPOIL THE ATMOSPHERE OF CELEBRATION. THE POSSIBILITY OF A FURTHER MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF MRS KAKAR, AND THE ISSUE OF WORK PERMITS FOR VISITING FESTIVAL ARTISTS (ON WHICH SEE MY TELNOS 282, 292 AND 293 RESPECTIVELY), ARE PRECISELY THE SORT OF STORIES WHICH CAN BE BLOWN UP OUT OF PROPORTION ON THE EVE OF OR DURING THE VISIT AND THUS SOUR THE WHOLE ATMOSPHERE.

4. PARA 3 OF MY TELNO 233 SETS OUT THE TWO POINTS ON WHICH MRS GANDHI PROPOSES TO CONCENTRATE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. THE DISCUSSION OF NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES PRESENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH OUR GOOD CREDENTIALS ON GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS, THE ENERGY AFFILIATE OF THE WORLD BANK AND IDA. THOUGH THE INDIANS CANNOT FORMALLY DISTANCE THEMSELVES FROM G77 VIEWS ON THE PRIMACY OF THE GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS, THEY ARE REALLY MORE INTERESTED IN FOOD, ENERGY AND FINANCIAL FLOWS. THEY ARE MAJOR BENEFICIARIES OF THE SPECIALISED AGENCIES AND HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN THEM. IN THE NORTH-SOUTH CONTEXT, THE PRIME MINISTER MAY WISH TO UNDERLINE THE ROLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT CHOGM IN DELHI IN 1983.

5. AS FAR AS INDO-PAKISTAN RELATIONS ARE CONCERNED, THE LATEST CONTRETEMPS IN GENEVA HAS REAWAKENED INDIAN SUSPICIONS. THEY INTENSELY DISLIKE PAKISTAN'S APPARENT DRIVE TO ACQUIRE A NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITY AND ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE COMFORTED BY BEING TOLD THAT US ARMS SALES TO PAKISTAN MAY MEAN THAT PAKISTAN WILL FOR THE TIME BEING REFRAIN FROM AN EXPLOSION. MRS GANDHI WOULD IN PRINCIPLE LIKE BETTER RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN (AS WELL AS CHINA) BUT SHE DOES NOT SEE THE WAY AHEAD CLEARLY. PART OF THE REASON IS DOUBT ABOUT THE FUTURE OF US-PAKISTAN RELATIONS WHICH SHE SEES AS AFFECTING THE WHOLE SURROUNDING REGION.

6. THE INDIANS JUDGE THAT THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN HAS GOT BOGGED DOWN IN A STAND-OFF BETWEEN SOVIET TROOPS AND THE MUJAHUDDIN, WITH NO EARLY PROSPECT OF A SOVIET WITHDRAWAL. OF POTENTIALLY GREATER CONCERN TO THEM IS THE SITUATION IN IRAN. MRS GANDHI WOULD FIND PARTICULAR VALUE IN OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IN THE GULF, IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN. THIS COULD HELP REINFORCE INDIAN PERCEPTIONS OF US AS INFLUENTIAL AND INTERESTED, BUT NONETHELESS OBJECTIVE, WESTERN INTERLOCUTORS ON THESE ISSUES.

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FOLLOWING FOR BURTON, SAD

YOUR TELNO 276.

1. AS YOU WILL HAVE SEEN FROM A SEPARATE TELEGRAM TO HEADS OF MISSION SECTION, I NOW EXPECT TO ARRIVE IN LONDON ON THURSDAY 18 MARCH, HAVING SEEN AT LEAST THE FINANCE MINISTER ON WEDNESDAY. I LEAVE THE DETAILS OF MY PROGRAMME TO YOU AND HEADS OF MISSION SECTION. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT I SHOULD SEE HDS AND MR BENJAMIN (IS THERE ANY CHANCE THAT THE LATTER MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED IN THE FCO?) IF THESE MEETINGS ARE MAINTAINED AT THE TIMINGS GIVEN IN YOUR TELNO 266 I COULD SEE THE BRITISH PRESS AT, SAY, 1700. IF THIS IS TOO LATE PERHAPS A SWOP COULD BE ARRANGED WITH THE 1500 MEETING WITH HDS.

2. DEPENDING UPON WHAT TRANSPIRES AT MEETINGS HERE IN THE NEXT 48 HOURS IT COULD WELL BE DESIRABLE FOR ME TO SEE COLES AT NO 10 OR EVEN THE PRIME MINISTER HERSELF. COULD YOU PLEASE SOUND OUT POSSIBILITES?

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YOUR TELNO 285
FOLLOWING FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER FROM BURTON

1. NEWS DEPARTMENT THINK IT WOULD BE VERY SUITABLE IF YOU COULD TAKE ON THE BACKGROUND BRIEFING OF THE BRITISH PRESS WITH FCO SUPPORT. IT WOULD ALSO BE A GOOD OCCASION FOR YOU TO DEBRIEF YOURSELF ON YOUR MISSION IN INDIA. THEY ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING THIS FOR THE AFTERNOON OF FRIDAY 19 MARCH. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR AN IMMEDIATE REACTION WHETHER YOU WISH TO TAKE THIS ON BEARING IN MIND THAT IT WOULD INVOLVE RESCHEDULING OTHER APPOINTMENTS ALREADY MADE FOR THAT AFTERNOON. THE PRECISE TIME COULD BE FIXED TO SUIT YOUR CONVENIENCE.

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Mr and Mrs John Coles thank the High Commissioner for India for his kind invitation to a Reception on Wednesday, 24 March.

Mr John Coles has much pleasure in accepting this kind invitation but owing to a prior engagement Mrs Coles is unable to accept.

15 March, 1982

10 DOWNING STREET

The Prime Minister and Mr. Denis Thatcher thank Shrimati Paul Jayakar and Professor Menon for their kind invitation to a Reception at the Science Museum on Wednesday 24 March at 1630 hours.

Mrs. Thatcher has much pleasure in accepting, but Mr. Thatcher regrets that, owing to a prior engagement, he is unable to accept.

15 March 1982

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MR. COLES

Indian Prime Minister's Visit: Defence Sales

A brief on defence sales is included in the briefs for Mrs. Gandhi's visit. The brief covers Jaguar, light combat aircraft, Sea King, Rapier and Sea Harrier. There are also defensive points on HMS Hermes and Sea Eagle. The Minister of State for Defence Procurement in the Ministry of Defence (Lord Trenchard) has, however, also suggested that the Prime Minister might find it useful to see a copy of the report produced by the Head of Defence Sales following a visit which he made to India from 25th January to 1st February. I attach a copy.

D.J. Wright

15th March 1982

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VISIT TO INDIA - 25 JANUARY TO 1 FEBRUARY 1982

It proved possible to see everyone and everything that we had planned to see in the time available. This was no mean achievement on the part of the High Commission who had an inordinate number of visitors to cope with during the days either side of Republic Day.

OVERALL IMPRESSIONS OF POTENTIAL FOR EXPORTS

In India it is easy to see the French as a great threat - and they are - but it must be remembered that the real competition is Russia.

When Hindustan Aeronautics can build a MIG 21 for $1.25 m versus $20.0 m for a buy of a Mirage 2000, and a T72 tank costs £350K versus an estimated £1.25 m for a 4030, it is clear that only massive goodwill and a strongly felt desire not to become over-dependent on Russia keep us (or the French) in the game at all. We do benefit from very powerful support among the senior British trained officers in India. All the Chiefs of Staff fall into this category as do their deputies but beneath them, probably a decade away, are younger officers with very different loyalties. We must do everything possible to strengthen our position now.

The effect of politics on procurement policy is sharply felt and stoically accepted. India will buy the Mirage 2000 (probably 40 of them) - more for the $80 m it will deliver to Congress (I) Party funds than for its effectiveness against the F16. (The MIG 21 BIS with Ferranti Radar will perform this task as adequately at less than 25% of the price).

The decision on how many Jaguars to build will be affected by depleted foreign currency availability but it will be equally affected by the political need to balance Squadrons of Western origin against Squadrons of Warsaw Pact origin.

There can be no doubt that the need to employ Agents in India continues. Both political and working level access are necessary.

There is a partly justified feeling among Politicians and the Military that we the British have tended to rest on our laurels, have not made enough top-level visits, have not ensured adequate support for our products and are refusing to release our latest technology to one of our oldest friends and best customers. The French are providing or rather promising (as is their wont) all that we are not.

Recent visits by the First Sea Lord, Sir Austin Pearce, Sir Frederick Page, Basil Blackwell and David Plastow have done much to consolidate several very genuine improvements in performance but we must keep up the pressure and be consistently reassuring on technology release.

India has bought £450 m of defence supplies and contracts from us in the last five years. There is still much to be gained.

KEY VISITS

The Republic Day Parade was a good opportunity to see the full range of Indian equipment in a short time. It is easy to forget when all the conversations are about new technology that this is a country with 1 million troops in very traditional roles.

In Delhi we saw all the Chiefs of Staff and their Deputies; had a full meeting with the Naval Staff since much that is current concerns them and had half a morning with the Defence Secretary and Secretary for Defence Production.

We met all the key Agents and many of the local British representatives over the four days and particularly valued the opportunity to meet the Military socially at functions organised by the High Commissioner, the Defence Adviser and one of the Agents.

We visited Hindustan Aeronautics in Bangalore over two days combining discussions on the future of the various aircraft programmes with a very full factory tour. The Chairman, Baljit Kapur, is an old adversary and was really very forthcoming in the end on several issues although his venality will be, if he continues in his role, a continuing problem for us. HAL now has very well organised manufacturing units where the new investment levels are enviable but it is very short of work at present and the Mirage decision is a major body blow. There must still be a major opportunity to hold the Mirage buy at a maximum of 40 if only to utilise the new investments. BAe are actively working on this.

The tank factory at Avardi, near Madras, where the Vijayanta is made proved a marked contrast to HAL. It is antiquated (all machine tools are at least 20 years old) and one of the most scruffy engineering units I have ever seen. I am not surprised that the quality of the product is proving so poor.

SPECIFIC PROSPECTS

D Sales 4 has prepared a report, which is available, detailing specific conversations and product discussions. The following are the major issues:

1. SEA HARRIER

The approval request is with Cabinet. The chances of early approval are good. The 12 aircraft plus spare engines are worth £103 m.

2. SEA KING

The approval request for a Helicopter purchase is with Cabinet. The competition is Super Puma. The chances for Sea King are 60/40. Westlands'credibility is better but not good. They are taking appropriate top-level action. Value - £175 m to £200 m.

3. JAGUAR

A request to build 31 Jaguars beyond ship 45 is with Cabinet and has been for 6 weeks. It is unlikely to be approved. The most likely build is 16 but the affair is incredibly complex and it is sad to think that the massive investment and effort which has been put in at HAL might in the end be so little used. The build of 16 aircraft could be worth up to £60 m to BAe. This in addition to the first 85.

4. The Light Combat Aircraft scheduled for entry to production in 1990 is gaining real momentum as a project. BAe are the favoured collaborative partners but much will depend on our ability to supply an appropriately uprated RB199. The Indians are reluctant to request it formally having been snubbed in 1973 but can be persuaded to do so. We are working on delivering the Germans.

5. There is a need for a Maritime patrol capability for the Navy and an AEW capability for the Air Force. If both of these could be tied in to the proposed 748 based Coastguarder programme the presently prohibitively high unit price could be reduced to an acceptable level. Possible need is for 18 - 20 aircraft at around £9 m per ship.

6. One of the very few areas where we found ourselves differing from the High Commissioner is on the possibility of Tornado sale. With the strike capability of Jaguar and the air defence capability of the Mig, and planned Mirage Squadrons to be followed by LCA, I see no prospect whatsoever of a Tornado sale. This was stated by CAS, DCAS, AVM Greene(ACAS(PLANS))and Kapur at HAL.

7. Rolls-Royce's chance of gaining the contract for the SM1A is now very good - value up to £25 m including spares - if fitted to all three Godovari Class Frigates.

8. FH70 is in a very tough competition. I would not rate its chances above evens - value £244 m for 200 guns and tractors.

9. If the engineering problems with the Sundance pack on the Vijayanta can be overcome I believe they will be retrofitted. Vickers have a real opportunity however to fit the CV12 in new production vehicles. This would be worth £.2 m per vehicle, which on 6/7 vehicles per month over five years would amount to up to £80 m depending on the degree of local manufacture.

10. In the medium term however all the evidence (well concealed) points to a plan to push out the Chetak new tank programme and to build the T72 under licence at Avardi.

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11. There is an immediate opportunity, if it is economical, to re-open the line at ROF Leeds to sell 10 Combat Engineering Tractors at approximately £1 m per copy.

12. There could well be an early decision to buy 8 Optical Rapier sets for hill-country use with the possibility of a bolt-on buy of Darkfire later. They will probably buy Mobile SAM 9 for their main airfield defence. Value to us of the Optical buy will be in the order of £30 m.

OTHER ISSUES AND ACTIONS

1. The French sales presence in India is powerful. They have an OFEMA office in Delhi and Bangalore. Our DAs have difficulty in discussing requirements with their Indian opposite numbers because of suspicion over their intelligence role. We agreed to examine the possibility of having a man in Delhi whose role would be entirely sales related.

2. It is not insignificant either that the Russian General and Admiral responsible for sales to India have both been doing the job for over 20 years.

3. The CAS, Dilbagh Singh, will visit Sir Michael Beetham in March. He is very pro-British and very straightforward. The key messages that we must get across to him are:

a. our willingness to release key technologies as early as is practicable including RB199.

b. our willingness to do everything possible to help India to make effective use of their investment in Jaguar. Dilbagh Singh fought a very hard battle to minimise the Mirage buy and we should provide him with every supporting argument. ACAS(PLANS)'s view is that if we put him in Hawk and Tornado during his visit we may never get him out. Hawk is important because they know that they could well fail with their own Ajeet trainer programme.

4. In our view, when Mrs Gandhi visits the PM in March the key issues should be Sea Harrier (if not sewn up before), Sea King, the Jaguar build and Rapier.

5. We discussed the problems of effective communication at length with Kaul, the Secretary of Defence and the High Commissioner. We agreed to examine the possibility of setting up a 6 monthly review meeting with the Indians. This would give us two key advantages:

a. it would give us a better early insight into their real requirements.

b. it could take the sting out of many complaints which can fester for much, much longer than 6 months.

The potential busines outlined above is alone worth over £1000 m. There are many other less major but nevertheless important opportunities. We need to strengthen our attack on them considerably.

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DETECTIVES Festival of India

Here is John Coles' invitation card for the Reception at the Science Museum on Wednesday, 24 March.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

15 March, 1982

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SUPERINTENDENT CAWTHORNE

Here is yet another invitation for next week, this time for the Reception following the Opening of the Exhibition at the Science Museum.

CS

15 March 1982

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PRIME MINISTER

MRS. GANDHI'S VISIT: SPEECHES

I attach three speeches:

(a) notes for an after lunch speech on 22 March - though you may well prefer to improvise at the time.

(b) a draft for your speech at the opening of the Science Museum Exhibition on 24 March.

(c) your speech for the Indo-British Association dinner - this is the major one and possibly the most difficult.

Bless it - doesn't say anything!

We have not allotted much space in the diary for work on these speeches. I shall of course be available next weekend to work on them, but it would be helpful to have your first reactions now. We have set aside thirty minutes on Monday ~~morning~~ when you may like to give me your comments.

A.J.C.

12 March 1982

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From the Private Secretary

12 March 1982

VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

Thank you for your letter of today's date.

Sunday 21 March

I do not think the Prime Minister will have any objection to the plan for Mrs. Gandhi to meet the childrens group at the airport.

The Prime Minister would be pleased if Mrs. Gandhi would travel into London with her - in the Prime Minister's car.

Tuesday 23 March

The Prime Minister could stay at the Hayward Gallery until 1715 hours (it seems desirable that she should leave before Mrs. Gandhi takes refreshments at that time).

Wednesday 24 March

I think you may assume that the Prime Minister will be prepared to spend a full hour at the Science Museum.

AJC

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

12 March 1982

Dear John,

Visit by the Prime Minister of India

We have had a number of exchanges with the Indian Government about the detailed programme for Mrs Gandhi's visit subsequent to your letters of 11 and 15 February. A revised draft programme, which takes account of Mrs Gandhi's intention to extend her visit by one day to enable her to meet a large number of representatives from the Indian community and to give a lecture at the Royal Society, is enclosed. Also enclosed is a list of her immediate entourage.

The following are our comments on those aspects of the draft programme that are either new or require guidance from the Prime Minister.

Sunday 21 March

Arrival. Mrs Gandhi has agreed in principle to meet a a multiracial group of four children at the request of an Asian women's organisation based at Heston, Middlesex. This would take only a few minutes and could conveniently be held in the terminal building. Is this acceptable to the Prime Minister? The Indians have asked whether the Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi will travel into London together and, if so, in whose car. We should be grateful to know the Prime Minister's wishes.

Monday 22 March

Talks. We do not yet know which members of Mrs Gandhi's party will attend the talks. The Indians understand that the first hour will be tête-à-tête and that only a small number of Ministers/officials will be expected to participate in the plenary session.

Meeting with Sir Denis Hamilton. This event has been brought forward from 24 March and will take place at the Savoy. Sir D Hamilton will be accompanied by selected publishers and editors.

Reception. The Minister for the Arts will host. The Prince of Wales has agreed to attend.

/Tuesday 23 March

Tuesday 23 March

Call by Mr Heath. This was included in the programme at the request of India House.

Hayward Gallery. The proposed arrangements for this event are set out in the enclosed draft timetable. The Arts Council would very much like the Prime Minister to extend her visit by between 15 and 30 minutes. We should be grateful for your advice.

IBA Dinner. Mr Swraj Paul well understands that the Prime Minister will not arrive until 2015. Arrangements are being made for Mrs Gandhi to arrive at the same time.

Wednesday 24 March

Meeting with intellectuals. The character of this event has been changed at the request of the Indians. Instead of a gathering under the joint sponsorship of the British Academy and the Royal Society, this will now be an event organised and paid for by the Indian High Commissioner to be held in the Drawing Room at Claridges. The great majority of invitees have been selected from a list drawn up by Sir John Thomson. Some 25 to 30 are expected to turn up.

Lunch with The Queen. Mrs Sonia Gandhi will accompany Mrs Gandhi.

Science Museum. Dame Margaret Weston's suggested arrangements for this event and the related Indian Government Reception are set out in the enclosed draft timetable. This provides for the Prime Minister to spend a full hour at the Science Museum. If this is too long, we could ask the organisers to look again at the time to be spent viewing the exhibition and to consider bringing forward the start of the reception by, say, 10 minutes.

Theatre. Mrs Gandhi has asked to see the musical "Cats". Mr Hurd has agreed to host this visit and to give supper afterwards at Admiralty House.

Friday 26 March

Lecture and dinner. Sir Harry Melville FRS of the Science Policy Foundation will host. The title of Mrs Gandhi's lecture is not yet known, but it will be a scientific topic.

Departure. Mrs Gandhi will be seen off by the Lord Privy Seal.

Yours ever

John Holmes

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq

VISIT TO THE UK BY MRS INDIRA GANDHI

21-26 MARCH 1982

	Sunday 21 March	
XX	1800	Arrival.
	Monday 22 March	
XX	1100-1200	Tête-à-tête talks between Prime Ministers.
XX	1200-1300	Plenary talks involving Ministers and officials.
XX	1300 for 1315	Lunch given by Prime Minister.
	1700-1800	Meeting with Sir Denis Hamilton and senior representatives of the media at Savoy.
XX	2000	Inaugural Concert of Festival of India;
XX	2215	followed by HM Government Reception.
	Tuesday 23 March	
	0900	Call by Leader of the Opposition.
	0945	Private call by Mr Heath.
	1030-1100	Visit to Spastics Society Assessment Centre.
	1105-1130	Visit to Nehru Exhibition.
	1245 for 1315	Lord Mayor's Lunch.
	1455	Visit ''See India'' Exhibition at Selfridges.
XX	1630	Opening of Hayward Gallery Exhibition by Mrs Gandhi.
	1800-1900	Reception by Indian High Commissioner for Indian Community.
XX	2015	Indo-British Association Dinner.
	Wednesday 24 March	
	0945-1045	Press Conference.
	1115-1215	Meeting with Intellectuals.
	1300	Lunch with HM The Queen.
XX	1600	Opening of Science Museum Exhibition by Prime Minister; followed by Indian Government Reception.
	1740	Meet the Speaker.
	1800-1845	Meeting with Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.
	1945	See ''Cats'' at New London Theatre; followed by supper at Admiralty House.

/Thursday

Thursday	25 March
	To be spent privately.

Friday	26 March
AM	Receive representatives of Indian Community.
1100	Call by Lady Lothian.
AM/PM	Meeting with India League.
1930-2130	Lecture by Mrs Gandhi at Royal Society arranged by Science Policy Foundation; followed by dinner.
2230 (approx)	Departure.

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

MRS GANDHI'S ENTOURAGE

Mrs Sonia Gandhi, daughter-in-law

Dr P C Alexander, Principal Secretary to Prime Minister

Mr H Y Sharda Prasad, Information Adviser to Prime Minister

Mr K K S Rana, Joint Secretary, Prime Minister's Office

Mr S C Tandon, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs

Mr R K Dhawan, Special Assistant to Prime Minister

Dr K P Mathur, Personal Physician

Mr D K Bhatt, Security Officer

Mr Y Dave, Additional Private Secretary to Prime Minister

Mr Nathu Ram, Personal Attendant

Mr Jag Ram, Security Attendant

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

PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR OPENING OF HAYWARD GALLERY EXHIBITION: 23 MARCH

1625	Arrival of Prime Minister. Met by Rt Hon Kenneth Robinson, Chairman of Arts Council. Escorted to Foyer by Miss Joanna Drew, Director of Art, Arts Council.
1630	Arrival of Mrs Gandhi. Met by Mr Robinson who will escort her to Foyer. Greeted by Prime Minister. Following to await Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi in Foyer: - Minister for the Arts - Indian High Commissioner and Mrs Seyid Muhammad - Sir John and Lady Thomson - Sir Michael and Lady Walker - Mrs Pupul Jayakar - Mrs Kenneth Robinson.
1640	Foyer party to join assembled guests in entrance gallery. Prime Minister, Mrs Gandhi and Mr Robinson to mount low platform. Mr Robinson to introduce Mrs Gandhi, who will make a short speech and then move to entrance of exhibition to cut ribbon.
1645	Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi introduced to specialist advisers who will escort them around the exhibition.
1700	Prime Minister to depart. Mrs Gandhi to continue tour of exhibition.
1715	Mrs Gandhi to take refreshments with representatives of Arts Council, Festival of India Trust and Indian High Commission.
1750	Mrs Gandhi to depart.

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 Muhammed
	- Sir Michael and Lady Walker
	- 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

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.

Caroline

Want to bet?

T.C.

A.J.C. 12/3

Network — have something offered by!

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A.J.C. 15/3.

With the compliments of

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THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 268 OF 11 MARCH

YOUR TELNOS 254 AND 255: MRS GANDHI'S VISIT

1. WE HAVE BEEN OVER THE GROUND COVERED IN YOUR TURS WITH RANA TO CROSS-CHECK THE ARRANGEMENTS.

2. INDIAN PARTY. RANA SAID THAT FOLLOWING VERY RECENT DECISIONS IN DELHI THE LIST SHOULD INCLUDE TWO ADDITIONAL NAMES: DR K P MATHUR, MRS GANDHI'S PERSONAL PHYSICIAN AND MISS USHA BHAGAT FROM MRS GANDHI'S SECRETARIAT. HE CONFIRMED THAT MRS JAYAKAR WOULD NOT BE COUNTED AS A MEMBER OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY, BUT THIS IS A TECHNICALITY SINCE SHE WILL BE IN LONDON IN HER OWN RIGHT AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INDIAN FESTIVAL COMMITTEE.

3. THEATRE AND SUPPER PARTY. WE PRESSED RANA ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE INDIAN PARTY. HE SAID THAT THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE LEFT OPEN, PROBABLY UNTIL THE VERY LAST MOMENT. HE EXPECTED THAT SONIA GANDHI, MRS JAYAKAR AND MISS BHAGAT WOULD BE GOING. HE DOUBTED WHETHER ALEXANDER WOULD WISH TO BE INCLUDED. THERE WILL OF COURSE BE A COUPLE OF SECURITY MEN. WE EXPECT THE TOTAL INDIAN PARTY TO BE IN THE REGION OF 10 TO 12.

4. GIFTS. RANA SAID ONCE AGAIN THAT HE WAS CERTAIN THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD NOT BE BRINGING GIFTS, BUT THAT HE WOULD DOUBLE-CHECK TO MAKE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN. WE HAVE IMPRESSED UPON HIM THE DIFFICULTIES IF THERE WERE NOW TO BE A CHANGE OF MIND ON THE INDIAN SIDE.

5. NEHRU CHAIR. RANA SAID THAT THE MISTRESS OF NEWNHAM COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE HAD ASKED TO CALL ON MRS GANDHI ABOUT THE NEHRU CHAIR. THIS WAS BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE MORNING OF 26 MARCH.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

MR. WRIGHT
CABINET OFFICE

PRIME MINISTER'S BRIEFING
MEETING FOR THE VISIT OF
THE INDIAN PRIME MINISTER

Thank you for your minute of 9 March. I agree to the arrangements which you propose.

A. J. COLES

11 March 1982

From The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor
Sir Christopher Leaver, G.B.E., D.Mus.

Telephone: 01-626 2500

The Mansion House,
London, EC4N 8BH

LM/SJ

10th March 1982

SAD
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Mr. Coles (No 10)
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My dear Secretary of State,

A.J.C. 11/3
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with regret as invited

Further to my letter of 26th January, 1982, I confirm that the Court of Common Council unanimously agreed that, on the occasion of her visit to this country as a guest of Her Majesty's Government, the Prime Minister of the Republic of India, Shrimati Indira Gandhi, should be entertained at a Luncheon in the Mansion House on Tuesday 23rd March, 1982.

An invitation has been issued accordingly through the Indian High Commissioner in London.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Leaver

The Right Honourable
the Lord Carrington, K.C.M.G., M.C.,
Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs,
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10 March 1982

Dear John,

Prime Minister's lunch for Mrs Gandhi: 22 March 1982

The draft guest list enclosed with my letter of 15 February allowed for invitations to be extended to six members of Mrs Gandhi's entourage when the composition of her party became known.

The names and designations of those whom we and the Indian High Commission recommend should attend the lunch are:

Shrimati Sonia Gandhi
Mrs Gandhi's daughter-in-law

Dr P C Alexander
Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister

Shri H Y Sharda Prasad
Information Adviser to the Prime Minister

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

Shrimati Popul Jayakar
Chairman, Indian Advisory Committee
Festival of India

Professor M G K Menon
Secretary, Department of Science and Technology

We hope to let you have soon the names of the two senior editors of Indian newspapers for whom places were allowed in the draft guest list.

Yours ever
John Holmes

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing St

Prime Minister

Agree?

A-J C. 10/3

Ref. A07738

MR COLES

Prime Minister's Briefing Meeting for the Visit of the Indian Prime Minister: 21-25 March 1982

I should be grateful for your agreement to the following Ministers being invited to attend the Prime Minister's briefing meeting for Mrs Gandhi's visit, which is to take place at 4.00 pm on Wednesday 17 March:

Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs	
Minister of State, Home Office	Mr Timothy Raison MP
Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and Minister for Overseas Development	The Rt Hon Neil Marten MP

and also the following officials:

Sir Michael Palliser	FCO
Sir Frank Cooper	MOD
Mr Blyth	MOD (Head of Defence Sales)
Mr Caines	Department of Trade
Sir Donald Maitland	Department of Energy
Sir Peter Preston	Overseas Development Administration

The British High Commissioner in New Delhi, Sir John Thomson, may also be in London by 17 March. If so, his presence at the briefing meeting would also be desirable.

D J WRIGHT

9 March 1982

8 March, 1982.

Thank you for your letter of 5 March about the opening of the Nehru Exhibition.

The Prime Minister has asked me to say that she very much regrets that she is not free to attend the Exhibition on 23 March. Nor, I am afraid, will she be able to visit it on another day at about that time - the Prime Minister's diary is extremely heavily committed at the moment. She nonetheless sends you her very best wishes for the occasion.

A.J. COLES

Mr. Swraj Paul

India

THE INDO-BRITISH ASSOCIATION

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cc. 9/3.
1) Caroline to see
2) B.U. 17/3.

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8 March 1982

MR 9/3.

Dear John,

on Pat's below

Thank you very much for your letter of 19 February regarding the Indo-British Association dinner on 23 March.

I have again checked with Mrs Gandhi and she will be very happy if Mrs Thatcher is the first speaker, so we are arranging the speeches as follows:-

TOASTS

Welcome	Mr Swraj Paul Chairman, Indo-British Association
India	The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
United Kingdom and Commonwealth	Shrimati Indira Gandhi, MP The Prime Minister of India
Vote of Thanks	Mr Eldon Griffiths, MP Vice-Chairman, Indo-British Association

We look forward to welcoming The Prime Minister at 8.15 p.m.

I am sorry that your wife will not be able to join us, but I look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Swraj Paul

Mr John Coles
Private Secretary to The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1

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Swraj Paul *Chair*, Eldon Griffiths MP *Vice Chair*

A.J.C. 9/3
p.a.

Cabinet Office,
70 Whitehall
London SW1

8th March, 1982

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Dear Private Secretary,

Visit of the Indian Prime Minister: 21st-25th March 1982

This letter sets out the briefing arrangements for the visit of the Indian Prime Minister from 21st to 25th March.

The objectives for the visit, as approved by the Prime Minister, are at Annex A. The list of briefs to be prepared, with an indication of Departmental responsibility, is at Annex B. Instructions on format are at Annexes C and D. Those preparing briefs should note carefully the details on the format of briefs set out in Annex C, particularly (b) on the structure of briefs.

70 copies of each brief should be sent to the Cabinet Office as soon as they are ready, and should in any event arrive no later than midday on Monday, 15th March. They should be addressed to Mr. W. Ewing in Committee Section, who should be consulted (tel. no. 233 7628) about any technical points arising.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to Sir Michael Palliser, Sir Douglas Wass, Sir Frank Cooper, Sir Brian Cubbon, Sir Donald Maitland, Sir Peter Preston, Mr. Michael Franklin and Mr. Robin Ibbs, and to John Coles at No. 10.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) D.J. WRIGHT

ANNEX A

VISIT OF THE INDIAN PRIME MINISTER
21-25 MARCH 1982

UNITED KINGDOM OBJECTIVES

1. To cement the Prime Minister's personal relationship with Mrs Gandhi.

2. To advance British commercial interests, including defence sales.

3. To improve Mrs Gandhi's regard for Britain as both an influential and a sympathetic Western interlocutor and to strengthen the habit of consultation.

4. To reaffirm our commitment to help Indian economic development through our aid programme.

5. [Defensive] To reassure Mrs Gandhi of our commitment to a multi-racial society in Britain.

INDIAN OBJECTIVES

1. To explain India's non-aligned view point, with particular regard to Afghanistan, to discuss Pakistan, and to probe British and American intentions in the area. Mrs Gandhi is concerned at the Western view that India is in the Russians' pocket.

2. To urge a more responsive British and Western attitude on North/South issues after Cancun.

3. To secure our support for continued Indian access to its traditional 40% share of IDA lending, which is now under threat from American policies and China's accession to the World Bank group.

4. To seek the maximum possible British bilateral aid commitment and reconsideration of our policy of linking aid to specific projects.

5. To demonstrate India's commitment to making the Festival of India a success.

6. To urge us to adopt a more sympathetic approach to questions of race relations and immigration and the problems of United Kingdom Passport Holders in India.

ANNEX B

LIST OF BRIEFS FOR THE VISIT OF THE INDIAN PRIME MINISTER
21-25 MARCH 1982

ZMV(82)	Subject	Lead Department	In consultation with
1.	Steering Brief	FCO(SAD)	
2.	East/West Relations (including Poland)	FCO(EESD)	
3.	Arms Control and Disarmament	FCO(ACDD)	MOD
4.	Afghanistan	FCO(SAD)	
5.	Namibia	FCO(SAfD)	
6.	(a) Middle East	FCO(NENAD)	
	(b) Iran-Iraq	FCO(MED)	
7.	Regional Issues (including South East Asia, China, Indian Ocean Peace Zone)	FCO(SAD)	
8.	Indo-Pakistan Relations	FCO(SAD)	
9.	Indo-United States and Indo-Soviet Relations	FCO(SAD)	
10.	Nuclear Matters	FCO(SAD)	Energy
11.	India and the Commonwealth	FCO(CCD)	
12.	North/South Relations (post-Cancun)	FCO(ERD)	ODA Treasury
13.	India and IMF/IBRD/IDA	FCO(SAD)	ODA Treasury
14.	United Kingdom Aid	ODA	FCO(SAD) Treasury
15.	United Kingdom/India Trade	Trade	FCO(SAD)

ZMV(82)	Subject	Lead Department	In consultation with
16.	India/EC Relations	FCO(ECD(E))	Trade Industry
17.	Defence Sales	MOD	FCO(SAD)
18.	Immigration/Nationality	Home Office	FCO(SAD)
19.	Festival of India	FCO(CRD)	
20.	Other Bilateral Issues (including sporting links with South Africa)	FCO(SAD)	DOE
21.	India Political and Economic (background)	FCO(SAD)	

ANNEX C

INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT FORMAT

All briefs should be laid out in the same way with a top page in accordance with the specimen layout at Annex D. Those preparing briefs should pay particular attention to ensuring that the following instructions are fully observed:

Content

(a) Briefs should be concise. Each brief should if possible be no more than four sides long.

(b) The main body of each brief should comprise two sections, a concise list of Points to Make, followed by a factual Background section which distinguishes clearly between information which can be freely used and information which should not be disclosed.

(c) Briefs should be complete and self-contained with all the information required on that particular subject. Briefs should not be divided into separate self-contained sub-sections.

Layout

(d) Briefs should be typed in double spacing, using both sides of the paper. Pages should be numbered at the foot of each page.

(e) As shown in the specimen at Annex D, the top page only of each brief should contain the following details: the symbol and number of the brief in the top left-hand corner (e.g. ZMV(82) 10) with the date of production below: a copy number in red at the top right-hand corner; the visit heading; the title of the brief (in capitals) and the name of the Department responsible.

(f) At the foot of the last page and on the left-hand side, briefs should bear the name of the originating Government Department and the date of origin.

Reproduction

(g) Briefs should be reproduced throughout on white paper, with each page bearing a security classification at top and bottom (as in Annex D). Care should be taken that the reproduction method employed results in clear readable copies.

(h) It is important that on arrival at the Cabinet Office, briefs should be complete in all detail - collated, stapled and copy numbered and ready for immediate circulation.

Updating

(i) If late developments require a brief to be amended or updated, an addendum should be prepared. It should be set out in the form described at (e) above, with the brief number (e.g. ZMV(82) 10 Addendum) and title to which it relates at the top of the front page. The Private Secretary to the Secretary of the Cabinet should be informed when an addendum is in preparation. Revised briefs and corrigenda should be similarly treated.

(j) Additions to the list of briefs in Annex B require the authorisation of the Private Secretary to the Secretary of the Cabinet.

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ANNEX D

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VISIT OF THE INDIAN PRIME MINISTER
21-25 MARCH 1982

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Dear John,

I have received your letter of 19 February and, of course, I have been talking to Mrs Gandhi's office regarding the Nehru Exhibition.

Mrs Gandhi has suggested an informal opening, but, as we all know, she will be visiting the Exhibition on 23rd March at 11.15 a.m.

Our programme is that she will first unveil a plaque in memory of her father.

She will then visit the Exhibition, the theme of which is as under and which will be shown on various panels:

Nehru
World's homage
Discovery of India
Early years : Kashmir and Allahabad
Seven years in England
Return to India and Marriage
Towards Freedom
Freedom Comes
A Country is Divided : A Republic is Born
Building of Modern India
International Relations
India and the Commonwealth
The Man
The Last Journey
Gandhi and Nehru

We would be delighted to welcome Mrs Margaret Thatcher at the same time, if it is at all possible.

cont...

I would just like to mention, for your information, and in case it is of any interest, that Mrs Gandhi unveiled a plaque in memory of her father in Paris.

It was not on the programme and, when we reached the place, we were told that President Mitterand was arriving. The ceremony made a great impression with the Indian press and Mrs Gandhi's team. I thought I would let you know for your information.

In case it is not possible for us to welcome the Prime Minister on the 23rd, we should be delighted to do so on any other day.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

Swraj Paul

Mr John Coles
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister
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SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

VISIT OF THE INDIAN PRIME MINISTER
21-25 MARCH

Thank you for your minute of 4 March. The Prime Minister is content with the objectives in Annex B and the list of briefs in Annex C.

Monday, 15 March as the date by which briefs will reach me is entirely acceptable.

A. J. COLES

5 March 1982

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From the Private Secretary

4 March 1982

VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

I can now tell you that Mr. Denis Thatcher will co-host the lunch on 22 March which the Prime Minister is giving for Mrs. Gandhi. Mr. Thatcher does not expect to attend any of the other events connected with Mrs. Gandhi's visit. I should be grateful if, where necessary, the organisers of the Festival of India events could be so informed. We may need to make arrangements later for the organisers to be told that the Prime Minister will be accompanied at one or other of the events by a member of our Press Section and by a Detective, but Caroline Stephens will do this direct.

A. J. COLES

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Prime Minister

Content with Objectives (Annex B) and list of briefs (Annex C).

Yes mt A.J.C. 4/3.

Ref. A07710

MR COLES

Visit of the Indian Prime Minister, 21-25 March

This will be Mrs Gandhi's first official visit to Britain since she was returned to power in January 1980. She previously paid an official visit in 1973, though she has visited London privately several times since. The visit is in return for that paid by the Prime Minister to India last April.

2. Two years after her return to office as Prime Minister, Mrs Gandhi is firmly in charge. She has no serious rival either within her own party or among the opposition parties. She dominates the Congress Party and the Government and in practice takes all decisions of importance, including those relating to major industrial projects and defence purchases. She has now got back the zest she lost after the death of her son, Sanjay.

3. The main purpose of the Prime Minister's visit to India was to influence Mrs Gandhi in Britain's favour politically and commercially. It was successful on both counts. The return visit will be of great significance in maintaining the favourable momentum in our relations with a country which is fast becoming one of our leading markets. It will help to develop the rapport established by the Prime Minister with Mrs Gandhi last April. It will offer an opportunity for an exchange of views on international issues at a time when India is beginning to shade her non-alignment towards Western Europe and when she considers that both super-powers fail to take her into proper account. Mrs Gandhi would hope to demonstrate to a wider audience that India has standing in the West whatever view may be taken in Washington.

4. The Prime Minister will no doubt wish to use the opportunity of Mrs Gandhi's visit to advance our commercial interests. Since, on present plans, Mrs Gandhi is only expected to bring a small team with her, it may not be appropriate to turn her visit into a hard-sell operation in support of the various large-scale projects

for which British firms are currently bidding. We might have to revise our views on this if it were to emerge that Mrs Gandhi was going to be accompanied by a larger group of Ministers, including her Commerce Minister. For the moment, however, I suggest that our aim should be for the visit and talks to produce a noticeable improvement in the climate of our bilateral relations which will in turn serve the interests of Britain's exporters. Both the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Department of Trade have assured me that the Prime Minister will be appropriately briefed on all our major export projects, particularly negotiations for the Orissa Steel Plant, which will we hope soon be approaching a favourable conclusion, and also on the construction of a super thermal power station on which the Indian Government is close to the point of deciding whether to negotiate with Britain. The briefing will identify these and other contracts on which it might pay dividends if the Prime Minister could say a few words to Mrs Gandhi.

5.. The visit will coincide with the opening of the Festival of India, a major programme of concerts, drama, seminars and exhibitions of Indian art and scientific achievement which will run from March to November 1982. For Mrs Gandhi the Festival is important as a means of projecting a modern image of India in the United Kingdom and she is taking a close personal interest in the detailed arrangements. From our point of view we intend that the Festival should remind the Indians of the depth and substance of India's relations with the United Kingdom, which far exceed those with other European countries such as France which is making special efforts to woo her.

6. Since any lengthy discussion of our bilateral relations usually leads the Indians to air their traditional complaints (about immigration, race relations and the imbalance in trade) I suggest that the Prime Minister be advised to steer her session of talks with Mrs Gandhi mainly towards international issues. This would also be appropriate since Mrs Gandhi is a prominent member of the Non-Aligned Movement and a world figure. Mrs Gandhi will probably expect to hear the Prime Minister's account of the state of East/West relations and will for her part, no doubt, wish to emphasise India's non-aligned position and to explain her views on Indo/Pakistan relations, on Afghanistan, and (following the recent

New Delhi conference) on North/South economic issues. Commonwealth matters may be on her mind as she is the next host of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

7. As regards those bilateral issues where we are likely to be on the defensive, the Prime Minister will be briefed to reply frankly on Indian grievances in the areas of aid (both bilateral and multilateral) and bilateral trade (continuing imbalance and restrictions of specific Indian products eg textiles). Mrs Gandhi is also likely to raise questions relating to immigration policy, particularly in the light of the recent visit to India by the Parliamentary Sub-Committee on Race Relations and Immigration.

8. I attach at Annex A the draft programme for the visit, at Annex B a note of the suggested objectives of both countries and at Annex C a list of suggested briefs. I should be grateful if you could let me know whether the Prime Minister is content with these objectives and with the list of briefs, which will as is customary be coordinated by the Cabinet Office. Provided that you agree, we will aim to arrange for these briefs to reach you by close of play on Monday 15 March. This will leave only two days before the Prime Minister's briefing meeting on Wednesday 17 March; but with Mrs Gandhi not arriving until Sunday 21 March, to call for the briefs any earlier than 15 March would run the risk of a number of them having to be revised.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

4th March 1982

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ANNEX A

INDIAN PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO LONDON

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday 21 March

1800	Arrival. Met by Prime Minister. Ceremonial Guard.

Monday 22 March

1100-1200	Tête-à-tête talks between Prime Ministers.
1200-1300	Plenary talks involving Ministers and officials.
1300 for 1315	Lunch given by Prime Minister.
1700	Meeting at British Academy/Royal Society.
2000	Inaugural Concert of Festival of India. Prince of Wales and Prime Minister will attend.
2215	HM Government Reception at Festival Hall. Hosted by Minister for the Arts. Prime Minister will attend briefly.

Tuesday 23 March

0900	Call by Leader of the Opposition.
1030	Event linked to Spastics Society.
1115	Visit to Nehru Exhibition.
1245 for 1315	Lord Mayor's lunch.
1505	Visit ''See India'' exhibition at Selfridges.
1630	Opening of Hayward Gallery Exhibition by Mrs Gandhi. Prime Minister will attend.
1800-1900	Reception by Indian High Commissioner for Indian Community.
2015	Indo/British Association Dinner. Prime Minister will attend.

Wednesday 24 March

1045	Meeting with Sir Denis Hamilton and senior representatives of the media at Government Press Centre.
1115	Press Conference at Government Press Centre.
1300	Lunch with HM The Queen.
1600	Opening of Science Museum Exhibition by Prime Minister; followed by Indian Government Reception at Science Museum.

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1745	Meet the Speaker.
1815-1915	Address Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.
PM	Private visit to theatre.

Thursday 25 March

	To be spent privately.
2200 (approx)	Departure.

ANNEX B

INDIAN PRIME MINISTER's VISIT TO LONDON

United Kingdom Objectives

1. To cement the Prime Minister's personal relationship with Mrs Gandhi.

2. To advance British commercial interests, including defence sales.

3. To improve Mrs Gandhi's regard for Britain as both an influential and a sympathetic Western interlocutor and to strengthen the habit of consultation.

4. To reaffirm our commitment to help Indian economic development through our aid programme.

5. [Defensive] To reassure Mrs Gandhi of our commitment to a multi-racial society in Britain.

Indian Objectives

1. To explain India's non-aligned view point, with particular regard to Afghanistan, to discuss Pakistan, and to probe British and American intentions in the area. Mrs Gandhi is concerned at the Western view that India is in the Russians' pocket.

2. To urge a more responsive British and Western attitude on North/South issues after Cancun.

3. To secure our support for continued Indian access to its traditional 40% share of IDA lending, which is now under threat from American policies and China's accession to the World Bank group.

4. To seek the maximum possible British bilateral aid commitment and reconsideration of our policy of linking aid to specific projects.

5. To demonstrate India's commitment to making the Festival of India a success

6. To urge us to adopt a more sympathetic approach to questions of race relations and immigration and the problems of United Kingdom Passport Holders in India.

ANNEX C

INDIAN PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO LONDON

LIST OF BRIEFS

Brief No		Lead Department	In Consultation with
1.	Steering Brief	FCO(SAD)	
2.	East/West Relations (including Poland)	FCO(EESD)	
3.	Arms Control and Disarmament	FCO(ACDD)	MOD
4.	Afghanistan	FCO(SAD)	
5.	Namibia	FCO(SAfD)	
6.	Arab/Israel	FCO(NENAD)	
7.	Regional Issues (including South-East Asia, China, Indian Ocean Peace Zone)	FCO(SAD)	
8.	Indo-Pakistan Relations	FCO(SAD)	
9.	Indo-US and Indo-Soviet Relations	FCO(SAD)	
10.	Nuclear Matters	FCO(SAD)	Dept of Energy
11.	India and the Commonwealth	FCO(CCD)	
12.	North/South Relations (post Cancun)	FCO(ERD)	ODA, Treasury
13.	India and IMF/IBRD/IDA	FCO(SAD)	ODA, Treasury
14.	UK Aid	ODA	FCO(SAD), Treasury
15.	UK/India Trade	DOT	FCO(SAD)
16.	India/EC Relations	FCO(ECD(E))	DOT, DOI
17.	Defence Sales	MOD	FCO(SAD)
18.	Immigration/Nationality	Home Office	FCO(SAD)
19.	Festival of India	FCO(CRD)	
20.	Other Bilateral Issues (including Sporting Links with South Africa)	FCO(SAD)	DOE
21.	India political and economic (background)	FCO(SAD)	

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From the Permanent Secretary
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2 March 1982

Sir Robert Armstrong KCB CVO
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Dear Robert,

VISIT OF THE INDIAN PRIME MINISTER, 21-25 MARCH
OBJECTIVES AND BRIEFING

Michael Palliser sent me a copy of his letter of 22 February to you.

So far as the commercial aspects are concerned, the Prime Minister will I am sure not want to miss the opportunity to push home our commercial interests and we will see that she is adequately briefed both on our major export projects as well as on the complaints she may get from the Indianside, eg over textiles. Nevertheless, we are broadly content with the approach suggested by Michael Palliser on the understanding that Mrs Gandhi will bring only a small team with her. If she were, however, to be accompanied, eg by the new Commerce Minister, then we might wish to suggest a harder sell than that envisaged by Michael Palliser would be appropriate: there are projects other than the steel mill and thermal power station where we have reasonable prospects of success.

I am copying this to Michael Palliser and the other recipients of his letter.

Yours ever,

Michael

M D M FRANKLIN

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YOUR TEL NOS 214 AND 217: MRS GANDHI'S VISIT

1. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONSULT MINISTERS BUT WE ARE SLIGHTLY APPREHENSIVE AT THIS CLEAR INDICATION OF THE INDIANS' THINKING ON THE FORM OF THE OFFICIAL TALKS. MRS GANDHI IN A TACITURN MOOD CAN BE HEAVY GOING AND TWO HOURS OF HER ON A VIRTUALLY TETE-A-TETE BASIS IS LIKELY TO BE A CONSIDERABLE STRAIN. FURTHERMORE WE REGARD THE TALKS ON 22 MARCH AS PROVIDING AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL AND OTHER ISSUES. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS DIRECTED THAT ALTHOUGH SHE MAY CONDUCT THE FIRST HOUR OF TALKS ALONE WITH MRS GANDHI SHE WISHES THE SECOND HOUR TO BE IN PLENARY. ON THIS UNDERSTANDING THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS ALSO WILLING TO RE-ARRANGE HIS TRAVEL PROGRAMME TO ENABLE HIM TO ATTEND THE PLENARY SESSION (AND THE LUNCH AT NO 10).

2. IT IS NOT FOR US TO DECIDE WHOM MRS GANDHI SHOULD INCLUDE IN HER PARTY AND IT MAY WELL BE THAT SHE FEELS NO NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY SENIOR MEA OFFICIALS. CLEARLY WE SHOULD NOT PUSH TOO HARD ON THIS. WE DO NEVERTHELESS THINK THERE WOULD BE ADVANTAGE IN YOUR INDICATING TO THE INDIANS IN WHATEVER WAY YOU CONSIDER APPROPRIATE THAT IN OUR VIEW THE TALKS ARE AN IMPORTANT FEATURE IN THE VISIT RATHER THAN AN APPENDAGE TO THE CULTURAL EVENTS AND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WAS THINKING OF INCLUDING A SMALL GROUP OF MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS FOR THE SECOND HOUR OF THE DISCUSSION.

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Festival of India

Thank you for your letter of 25 February.

The Prime Minister agrees that we should accept the new message which Mrs. Gandhi has approved for insertion in the Gala Concert programme, Mrs. Thatcher also wishes to maintain the original draft of her own message which she approved sometime ago.

JOHN COLES

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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FROM DELHI 011130Z MAR

TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 217 OF 01 MARCH 1982

MY TELEGRAM NUMBER 214 PARA 8:

MRS GANDHI'S VISIT

1. SINCE ALEXANDER (MRS GANDHI'S PRINCCIPAL SECRETARY) AND FOREIGN SECRETARY SATHE HAPPENED TO BE DINING WITH ME LAST NIGHT I ASKED WHAT LAY BEHIND THE DECISION NOT TO BRING EITHER THE FOREIGN MINISTER OR THE FOREIGN SECRETARY TO LONDON DURING MRS GANDHI'S VISIT. THEY REPLIED WITH ONE ACCORD THAT THIS WAS BECAUSE SHE WISHED THE VISIT TO BE PRIMARILY A CULTURAL EVENT CELEBRATING THE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. MRS GNDHI BELIEVED THERE WERE NO IMPORTANT BILATERAL ISSUES BETWEEN US AND TO MAKE SURE OF THIS SHE HAD JUST AUTHORISED THE MEA TO DISPOSE OF THE INDIAN COMPLAINT AGAINST BRITAIN AT THE COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN GENEVA.

2. I SAID THAT I AGREED ABOUT THE HAPPY STATE OF INDO/BRITISH RELATIONS AND FELT THAT IT WAS INDEED RIGHT THAT THE FESTIVAL AND ALL THAT IT SYMBOLISES SHOULD TAKE FIRST PLACE BUT I HAD HEARD A RUMOUR THAT MRS GANDHI MIGHT BE INTENDING TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF THE IDA DISTRIBUTION AND RELATED ISSUES. ALEXANDER SAID THAT SHE DID INDEED INTEND TO DO THIS. I SAID I DID NOT COUNT THAT AS A CULTURAL ITEM. THE UPSHOT IS THAT I AM TO SEE ALEXANDER AND SATHE SEPARATELY LATER IN THE WEEK, (TIMES NOT YET FIRM) ABOUT WHAT POINTS THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS MIGHT WISH TO MAKE TO EACH OTHER. IF YOU WISH TO SEND ME ANY INSTRUCTIONS I WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT IF NECESSARY I CAN PROBABLY COPE WITH THE SITUATION WITHOUT THEM.

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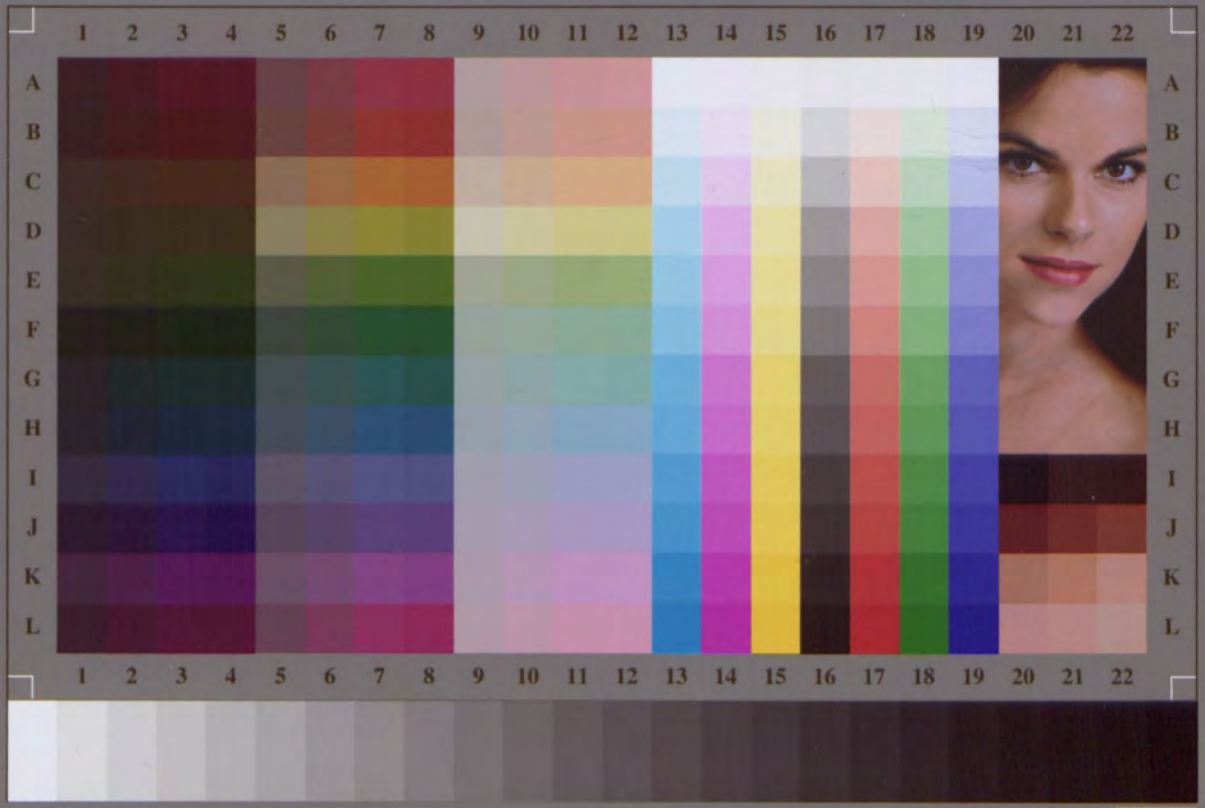

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