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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TEL NO 884 OF 15 NOVEMBER 1983

FOR COLES, NO. 10 DOWNING STREET

YOUR TELNO 747 : STAFF FOR GOA RETREAT

1. NATWAR CONTINUES TO ASSURE ME THAT HE WILL SOLVE YOUR PROBLEM. BUT HE AND HIS STAFF ARE NOW BEING MUCH GLOOMIER WITH THE AUSTRALIANS WHO HAVE A SIMILAR PROBLEM. SO THE CHEQUE MAY YET BOUNCE. IF IT DOES WE SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

(A) ACCEPT THE INDIAN POSITION (LIMITING ACCOMPANYING STAFF TO ONE, PRESUMABLY A DETECTIVE), AND USE COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS FOR OTHER SUPPORT STAFF.

(B) AS ABOVE, BUT ATTEMPTING TO BADGER THE INDIANS INTO TRANSPORTING ONE PRIVATE SECRETARY AS WELL (FALL-BACK POSITION RELUCTANTLY CONFIRMED IN TUR).

(C) CHARTER AN AIRCRAFT OURSELVES. (POSSIBLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AUSTRALIANS).

(D) USE VC10 (OR ALTERNATIVELY THE AUSTRALIAN 707).

(E) IN THE LAST RESORT, THREATEN THE PRIME MINISTER'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE RETREAT IF ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HER SUPPORT STAFF CANNOT BE MADE.

2. MY COMMENTS ON THESE OPTIONS ARE RESPECTIVELY AS FOLLOWS:

(A) THE INDIANS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS WILL OPERATE ON BOTH 25 NOVEMBER (OUTWARD) AND 27 NOVEMBER (RETURN; BUT SEE BELOW). TIMINGS:



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Mr. COLES, No. 10. d.s.

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25 NOVEMBER:

LEAVE DELHI 0900, ARRIVE GOA 1255. (BUT TO BE CERTAIN OF CATCHING THE BOMBAY CONNECTION IT MAY BE SAFEST TO TAKE THE EARLIER DELHI-BOMBAY FLIGHT LEAVING DELHI AT 0710 INSTEAD.)

27 NOVEMBER:

LEAVE GOA 1345, ARRIVE DELHI 1905. THERE REMAINS A DANGER THAT THIS FLIGHT WILL BE CANCELLED, IN WHICH CASE SUPPORT STAFF WOULD NOT (NOT) BE ABLE TO GET BACK TO DELHI UNTIL MONDAY MORNING.

AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE MADE BOOKINGS ON THESE FLIGHTS FOR ALL FIVE SUPPORT STAFF.

(B) NATWAR HAD PREVIOUSLY DUG IN HIS HEELS AT PROVIDING FOR BOTH A DETECTIVE AND A PRIVATE SECRETARY FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTERS RETREAT (MY TELNO 858). WE SHALL HAVE TO PERSUADE HIM THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S NEEDS ARE QUALITATIVELY DIFFERENT. HOWEVER STRONG OUR CASE, HE MAY FEEL IT POLITICALLY UNWISE TO DISCRIMINATE ANY FURTHER IN OUR FAVOUR.

(C) THE ONLY SUITABLE AND AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT WOULD BE AN HS748. FLYING-TIME WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 4 1/2 HOURS, PLUS 45 MINUTES REFUELING. COST WOULD BE AROUND £8,000 EACH WAY. WE HAVE NOT ENQUIRED WHETHER THE INDIAN NAVY (WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR AIR MOVEMENTS IN GOA DURING THE RETREAT PERIOD) WOULD GIVE FLIGHT CLEARANCE (THERE ARE VARIOUS SOVIET-SUPPLIED MILITARY AIRCRAFT THERE ABOUT WHICH THEY MAY BE SENSITIVE). THEY MIGHT INSIST THAT THE PLANE REMOVES TO ANOTHER AIRFIELD (E.G. BOMBAY) RATHER THAN REMAINING AT GOA OVER THE WEEKEND: THIS WOULD INCREASE THE COST IF WE WERE THINKING OF CHARTERING THE PLANE FOR JOURNEYS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.

(D) WE ARE STILL NOT CERTAIN WHETHER IT IS TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE TO USE THE VC10. GOA AIRPORT HAS LCN60, WHICH PUTS IT JUST WITHIN THE ACCEPTABLE RANGE FOR A LIGHTLY-LOADED VC10. BUT WE ARE NOT SURE ABOUT OFF-RUNWAY PAVEMENT STRENGTHS. SECURITY OBJECTIONS MIGHT LOOM EVEN LARGER IN INDIAN EYES FOR AN RAF AIRCRAFT AND CREW THAN FOR AN LOCALLY CHARTERED PLANE. THEY MAY ALSO CLAIM NOT TO HAVE HANDLING FACILITIES FOR A VC10: AND/OR TO BE UNABLE TO HANDLE/ACCOMODATE THE CREW OVER THE WEEKEND. IF WE ARE TO INVESTIGAT THIS POSSIBILITY WE NEED TO START QUICKLY.

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18.11.83

10 DOWNING STREET

John,

O. K.

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Michael Stark

rang from the
High Commissioner in
Delhi.

The suggested time for
a bilateral with
Mrs. Gardner is
4.30 pm. on 22 Nov.

He will assume that
this is satisfactory
unless you ring to
tell him otherwise.

(we now have a direct line)
Telegram will follow to confirm.

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TO PRIORITY FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 886 OF 15 NOVEMBER

PM'S BILATERAL WITH MRS GANDHI

1. TELECON STARK/DUTY CLERK, NO10
2. MRS GANDHI WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE MRS THATCHER FOR A BILATERAL MEETING AT 1630 ON 22 NOVEMBER.
3. WE SHALL ASSUME THIS IS ACCEPTABLE UNLESS WE HEAR OTHERWISE BY 161100Z.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

15 November 1983

Dear John,

CHOGM: Mr Thatcher's Programme

/ Delhi telegram no 867 (enclosed) records that the High Commission propose to try to organise Mr Thatcher's three visits to firms in the Delhi area on the mornings of 24, 28 and 29 November. As you will see, the High Commission agree that given the constraints of the CHOGM programme it would be very difficult to include a worthwhile visit to Calcutta.

We understand that it is not proposed that Mr Thatcher should be involved in the lunches for Heads of Delegation on the three days of the proposed business visits. If you agree, the High Commission will therefore accept any offers of lunch from the firms in question for Mr Thatcher on 24, 28 and 29 November. Otherwise the Commercial Counsellor will be happy to entertain Mr Thatcher. A member of the High Commission staff will, of course, accompany Mr Thatcher on his visits.

Yours ever,

(P F Ricketts)
Private Secretary

Peter Ricketts

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

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TO ROUTINE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 867 OF 10 NOVEMBER
INFO SAVING CALCUTTA

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CHOGM : MR THATCHER'S PROGRAMME

1. WE PROPOSE TO TRY TO ORGANISE MR THATCHER'S THREE VISITS TO FIRMS IN THE DELHI AREA ON THURSDAY, MONDAY AND TUESDAY MORNING NOVEMBER 24, 28 AND 19. WE WILL FIT IN THE TRADE FAIR ONCE WE HAVE TIED UP THE THREE FIRMS: WE PRESUME THAT MR THATCHER WILL NOT ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER ON THE CHOGM VISIT TO THE FAIR ON THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER AT 12 NOON. WE COULD PUT THE BRITISH COUNCIL IN ON THE AFTERNOON OF WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER.
2. WE AGREE THAT GIVEN THE CONSTRAINTS OF THE CHOGM PROGRAMME IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO INCLUDE A WORTHWHILE VISIT TO CALCUTTA.
3. WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR CONFIRMATION THAT MR THATCHER WILL NOT BE INVOLVED IN CHOGM LUNCHES ON THE THREE DAYS OF HIS PROPOSED BUSINESS VISITS, AND THAT ANY OFFERS OF HOSPITALITY FROM THE FIRMS FOR LUNCH ON 24, 28 AND 29 NOVEMBER MAY BE ACCEPTED. OTHERWISE MY COMMERCIAL COUNSELLOR WILL BE HAPPY TO ENTERTAIN MR THATCHER. SUBJECT TO THIS WE SHALL NOW MAKE FIRM APPOINTMENTS FOR MR THATCHER'S PROGRAMME, AND A MEMBER OF MY STAFF WILL ACCOMPANY HIM.

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NOTE

If an RAF Tristar is used for this journey instead of a VC10, departure from LHR (Southside) will be delayed by 1 hour 40 minutes. The flight by Tristar to Delhi is non-stop. Final confirmation of the flight will be telephoned to offices on Monday morning 21 November.

M. Colas

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DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT OF THE PRIME
MINISTER AND SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND
COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS TO NEW DELHI FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING: 23-29 NOVEMBER, 1983

1. Travel Details

(a) The Prime Minister, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and those shown at Appendix I, will depart Heathrow Southside for New Delhi at 1400 hours GMT on Monday 21 November.

(b) The Prime Minister and party will travel in an RAF VC10 aircraft task number 1166.

(c) Flying time LHR to Bahrain is 7 hrs 5 mins; there will be a 1 hr refuelling stop in Bahrain; Bahrain to Delhi is 4 hrs 25 mins. Total 12½ hrs.

(d) London = GMT
Bahrain = GMT + 3
Delhi = GMT + 5½

(e) Those travelling are requested to arrive at LHR (Southside) at the times shown in Appendix II.

(f) The VC10 is presently scheduled to leave New Delhi at 2230 on Tuesday 29 November and arrive at Heathrow Southside at 0710 on the following day.

2. Security Boxes, Briefcases, Luggage etc.

(a) Two FCO security vans, each accompanied by an FCO Security Officer have been reserved for the journey to Heathrow. The vans will leave the FCO main courtyard at 1100 hours and No 10 Downing Street at 1130 hours.

(b) FCO confidential boxes and luggage etc should be left in Room 1 (Security), Downing Street West, FCO, any time up to 1000 hours on Monday 21 November.

(c) Luggage will taken by the FCO security van to LHR and should be left unlocked for the RAF inspection.

(d) Baggage labels and stickers issued by the Ministry of External Affairs New Delhi (CHGM Secretariat) are enclosed. (Orange for Head of Delegation only. White for all others.) They should be used in addition to labels

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already issued by Conference and Visits Section.

3. Transport to Heathrow

A schedule of arrangements is shown at Appendix II.

4. Any enquiries about these arrangements should be addressed to the undersigned.

Sheila Waghorn

S M Waghorn (Miss)
Conference and Visits Section
Protocol Department
(273-3633)

14 November 1983

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ANNEX 1

PASSENGER LIST OF THOSE TRAVELLING BY RAF VC10, TASK
NUMBER 1166 TO DELHI
(not in protocol order)

No 10 Downing Street

Prime Minister
Mr Thatcher
Mr Alison MP
Mr Butler
Mr Coles
Mr Ingham
Mr Murray
Mr Kerr
Miss Roche
Mrs Richards
Miss Harris
Miss Cummings
Miss Bond
Mrs Gaisman
Det Chief Insp Edgar
Det Sgt Kingston

Cabinet Office

Sir Robert Armstrong
Miss Iceton

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth
Affairs
Lady Howe
Mr Fall
Mr Ricketts
~~Miss Lewzey~~
Miss Brayshay
Det Sgt Sutherland
Sir Anthony Acland
Sir John Leahy
Mr Thomas
Mr Goulden

Central Office of Information

Mr Ensoll
Mr Gair

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Royal Military Police

Corporal Keith
W/Corporal Seaman

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Press Party

Mr H Young	Sunday Times
Mr C Moncrieff	Press Association
Mr D Buchan	Daily Star
Mr I Aitken	Guardian
Mr P Jordan	Time Magazine

Total number of passengers = ~~38~~ 39

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TRANSPORT TO LONDON HEATHROW (SOUTHSIDE)
 RAF VC10 DEPARTS AT 1400 HOURS
 MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER

<u>Details</u>	<u>Arranged by</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Leaving from/at</u>	<u>To arrive at LHR (Southside) no later than</u>
FCO Vans (2)	Conference Section	Mr Kerr Miss Roche FCO Security Officers	Foreign and Commonwealth Office Main Courtyard at 1100 then 10 Downing Street at 1130	1230
Own transport	Own arrangements	Press	as directed	1230
Own transport	Own arrangements	Mr Ensoll) COI Mr Gair)	as directed	1230
Own transport	Own arrangements	RMPs	as directed	1245
No 10 Cars	No 10	Mrs Richards Miss Harris Miss Cummings Miss Bond Mrs Gaisman Detective	as directed	1300
GCS Car	Conference Section	Miss Lewzey Miss Brayshay	FCO Main Courtyard at 1200	1300
GCS Car	Conference Section	Mr Fall Mr Ricketts	FCO Main Courtyard at 1230	1330

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GCS Car	Conference Section	Sir J Leahy Mr Thomas Mr Goulden	FCO Main Courtyard at 1230	1330
No 10 Cars	No 10	Mr Alison Mr Butler Mr Coles Mr Ingham Mr Murray	as directed	1330
Own Car	own office	Sir A Acland	as directed	1345
Own Car	own office	Sir R Armstrong Miss Iceton	as directed	1345
Own Car	Private Office	Secretary of State Lady Howe Sgt Sutherland	as directed	1350
Own Car	No 10	Prime Minister Mr Thatcher Detective	as directed	1355

Cars will meet the party on their return to the UK on 30 November.

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Private Secretary to Sir R Armstrong
Mr J L Wright

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Outward Bag Room

News Department

Protocol Department (10)

Security Department: Mr M J Harris, Room W1

FCO Car Pool

Ministry of Defence

SY(2)(RAF) Metropole Building Northumberland Avenue

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Department of the Environment

Government Car Service, Room C1/06, 2 Marsham Street, SW1

British Airports Authority

London Heathrow Airport: Mr Baxendale

Each Member of the Delegation

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From the Private Secretary

14 November, 1983

CHOGM: Menus of RAF Flights to and from Delhi

Thank you for your letter of 11 November.

We should be grateful if you would provide
Menu A for the London - Bahrain flight and
Menu B for the Bahrain - Delhi flight.

A. J. COLES

P. F. Ricketts, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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TO PRIORITY FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 870 OF 12 NOVEMBER.

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YOUR TELNO 698: PRIME MINISTER'S CHOGM PROGRAMME

1. YOUR PARA 2, LAST SENTENCE. THE QUEEN'S RECEPTION FOR THE BRITISH COMMUNITY WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HIGH COMMISSION COMPOUND JUST BEFORE HER DINNER WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER AND YOU ARE ATTENDING AT MY HOUSE. THERE WILL BE ABOUT 400 PEOPLE PRESENT, FROM ALL OVER INDIA. BUCKINGHAM PALACE HAVE MADE CLEAR (YOUR TELNO 598) THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE MOST WELCOME SEMICOLON AND THIS WOULD OBEVIOUSLY APPLY ALSO TO YOURSELF. ATTENDANCE BY HER AND YOU AND YOUR SPOUSES WOULD CERTAINLY BE MUCH APPRECIATED BY THE COMMUNITY AND WOULD BE LOGISTICALLY SIMPLE TO ARRANGE AS A STOP ON YOUR WAY TO DINNER. BUT IT IS SOMETHING WHICH EITHER OR BOTH OF YOU COULD EASILY DUCK IF YOU PREFERRED. MY RECOMMENDATION THEREFORE IS THAT ALL FOUR OF YOU SHOULD COME IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEMICOLON BUT THAT YOU SHOULD FEEL UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO DO SO.

2. IF THE PRIME MINISTER COMES, MR BUTLER (WHO IS ALSO ATTENDING THE SUBSEQUENT DINNER) MAY LIKE TO ACCOMPANY HER SEMI-COLON AND OTHER SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WOULD OF COURSE BE WELCOME. IT WOULD BE BEST TO ARRIVE AT 1845, FIVE MINUTES BEFORE THE QUEEN SEMICOLON AND TO LEAVE JUST BEFORE HER (AS I SHALL BE DOING), SO THAT SHE IS THE LAST TO ARRIVE AT DINNER.

3. A HIGHER PRIORITY, IN MY VIEW, WOULD BE TO FIX AN OCCASION FOR THE PRIME MINISTER AND YOU AND YOUR SPOUSES TO MEET MEMBERS OF MY STAFF (AS ALREADY RECOMMENDED IN YOUR OWN CASE BY MY TELNO 728). THE QUEEN'S RECEPTION FOR MY STAFF WILL HAVE TAKEN PLACE BEFORE THE PRIME MINISTER AND YOU ARRIVE. BUT A SEPARATE OCCASION WOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE AND NEED NOT TAKE MORE THAN 30-45 MINUTES. AS SEEN FROM HERE THE BEST TIME MIGHT BE EITHER BEFORE LUNCH OR AT TEATIME OF 22 NOVEMBER (WHICHEVER IS LEAST AFFECTED BY WHATEVER TIME MRS GANDHI SUGGESTS FOR HER BILATERAL WITH THE PRIME MINISTER). A CONVENIENT MEETING PLACE, GIVEN OTHER PREOCCUPATIONS AT MY RESIDENCE, WOULD BE THE GARDEN OF THE MINISTER'S HOUSE IN THE HIGH COMMISSION COMPOUND.

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4. FAILING 22 NOVEMBER IT WOULD NO DOUBT BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH THE STAFF FOR THE PRIME MINISTER AND FOR YOURSELF SEMICOLON EG ON 28 AND 24 NOVEMBER RESPECTIVELY.

5. GRATEFUL FOR EARLY GUIDANCE ON BOTH THESE POINTS.

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Submission of papers
before trips abroad.



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From the Principal Private Secretary

11 November 1983

Dear Private Secretary,

The Prime Minister will be abroad for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in India from Monday, 21 November until Wednesday 30 November.

It will, of course, be possible to communicate with the Prime Minister's party while she is abroad, but any routine papers which require her attention before her departure should reach this office by Friday, 18 November.

Yours sincerely,
Robin Butler

The Private Secretary.

JP

M. W. Kerr Esq
10 Downing St

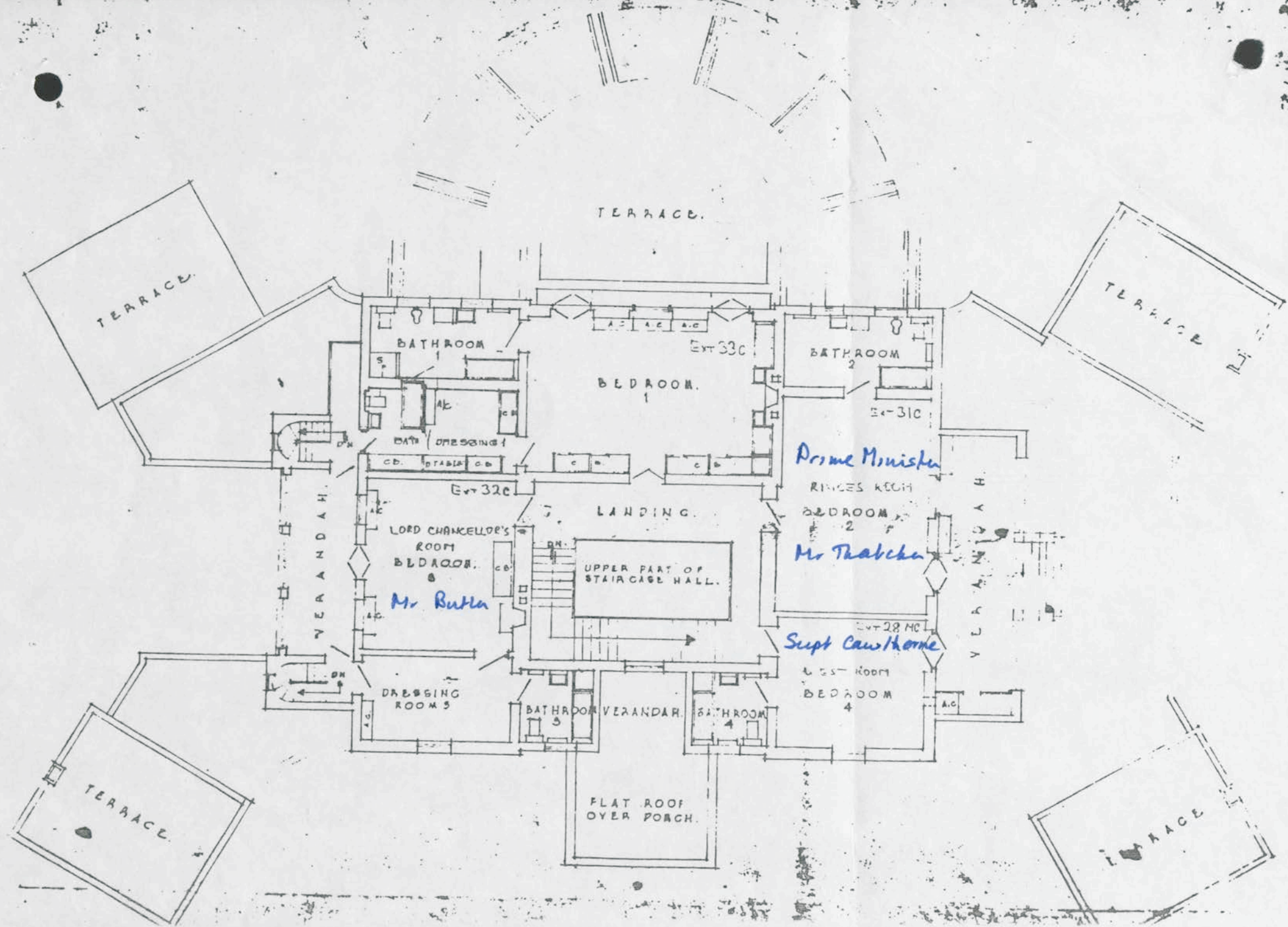


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**FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE
LONDON, SW1A 2AH**

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Prime Minister.

would you like to
choose?

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

A.J.C. "u".

11 November 1983

Dear John,

See LTR
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CHGM: Menus on RAF Flights to and from Delhi

I attach a note of two alternative menus which have been suggested for the meals on the RAF VC10 during the flights to and from Delhi.

I should be grateful to know as soon as possible which of the alternatives are preferred.

Yours ever,

Peter Ricketts

(P F Ricketts)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street



Outward

London - Bahrain

LUNCH

Menu A

Hot/cold canapes

Strasbourg Foie Gras en Croute

Poached Salmon/Hollandaise Sauce

Parsley Pots/Petits Pois/Courgettes Provencale

Groquembouche

Cheese/Biscuits/Fresh Fruit/Coffee

Wine

Menu B

Hot/cold canapes

Avacado with Prawns

Noisettes of Lamb du Barry

Marquise Pots/Brussels Sprouts/Braised Fresh Celery

Raspberry Vacherin/Cream

Cheese/Biscuits/Fresh Fruit/Coffee

Wine

Bahrain - Delhi

LIGHT DINNER

Menu A

Hot/cold canapes

Supreme of Chicken Doria (Garnished with shaped cucumbers)

Parisienne Pots/mixed salad

Cream caramel

Cheese/Biscuits/Fresh Fruit/Coffee

Wine

/Menu B



Menu B

Hot/cold canapes

Cold Roast Beef Salad

Pineapple cheesecake

Cheese/Biscuits/Fresh Fruit/Coffee

Wine



Return

Delhi - Bahrain

Substantial snacks

Bahrain - London

Full English Breakfast (no alternative)



~~AJC~~
WJ/a.



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I'm afraid as the Civil Service Medical Adviser is not prepared to recommend Streptatriol they can not provide our party with the drug.

Anybody wishing to take a course of the drug will have to make arrangements through their G.P.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

11 November 1983

Mark.
I would like some. You
could perhaps show others the
advice. A.S.C. " "

Dear John,

CHGM: Health

You asked us to enquire about the drug you used during your tour of India with the Prince of Wales, which was effective at keeping at bay stomach ailments.

The drug is called Streptatriad.

We have also asked the CSMA if he would recommend the Delegation to take these tablets while they are in India, or if it is something which should not be prescribed without reference to the GPs of the individual concerned.

The Senior Medical Officer at the CSMA has replied as follows:

"It is not our policy to recommend in a general manner prophylactic medication against stomach ailments for travellers overseas and although I have no particular objection to the drug you mention I would not choose to recommend it for a group in these circumstances. The best prophylactic is of course sensible food and hygiene and the party will be well accommodated. There is a resident British doctor in the High Commission available to give advice to any individual as required."

Yours ever,
Peter Ricketts

(P F Ricketts)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

BK 15 17/11 to Mark



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Paul.

what are the possibilities of
getting a box to sell?

when does the F.C. buy

v?

A.S.C. $\frac{11}{11}$

John

I have spoken to the Foreign
Office. They are looking into
it and will let us know
what the situation is.

Paul.

H. discuss with me Mark
next week. A.S.C. $\frac{11}{11}$.

cc ✓ FCO

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TO PRIORITY NEW DELHI
TELEGRAM NUMBER MISC 319 OF 11 NOV 83.

FOLLOWING FROM PS TO PRIME MINISTER.

YOUR TELEGRAM NUMBER 860: STAFF FOR GOA RETREAT.

MANY THANKS. I HOPE YOU CAN MANAGE THE SPECIAL AIRCRAFT
BUT AS A LAST RESORT I CONFIRM THAT, IF NECESSARY, WE WILL
REDUCE THOSE GOING TO GOA TO THOSE MENTIONED IN PARA 6 OF FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 738. THIS IS A POSITION ON WHICH I HOPE YOU WILL
NOT NEED TO FALL BACK.

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11 November 1983

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Dear Private Secretary,

ck | I have just returned from a visit to Delhi, where I heard that at the forthcoming conference there the Prime Minister is likely to present an Indian literary award to the Hindi writer Mahadevi Varma. If this is correct, and if it would be of assistance, I would be glad to provide you with a brief note on Mahadevi Varma's work. We could also provide a cassette with a few Hindi phrases and translation if you wish.

Yours sincerely,

R.S. McGregor

R.S.McGregor
UL in Hindi

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 860 OF 11 NOVEMBER.

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Coles No 10 D. Pt

(LH)

FOLLOWING FOR COLES, 10 DOWNING STREET

YOUR TELEGRAM NUMBER 738: STAFF FOR GOA RETREAT

1. I WELL UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM AS YOU DESCRIBE IT. AS REPORTED IN PARA 6 OF MY TELNO 858, I HAD A FURTHER GO AT NATWAR ON THIS YESTERDAY AND HE ACCEPTS THAT THE BALL IS IN HIS COURT. I MADE CLEAR THAT THERE WERE FOUR MINIMUM STAFF (IN ADDITION TO THE ONE FOR WHOM INDIAN ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY CATER) WHO WOULD BE NEEDED BY THE PRIME MINISTER URGENTLY AT BOTH ENDS OF HER JOURNEYS TO AND FROM GOA AND WHO SHOULD THEREFORE TRAVEL AS NEAR AS POSSIBLE SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH HER. WE ARE ALSO CONCERTING WITH THE AUSTRALIANS, WHO HAVE A SIMILAR PROBLEM AND HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE SAME ANSWER. CLEARLY WHAT WE NEED IS A SPECIAL AIRCRAFT SEMICOLON AND WE WILL GO ALL OUT TO GET IT.

2. IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IF YOU COULD CONFIRM THE FALL-BACK POSITION IN YOUR PARA 6, WHICH I WOULD OF COURSE ONLY USE AS THE VERY LAST RESORT. TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS FROM GOA SHOULD BE EXCELLENT. WE ARE INSTALLING DIRECT LINES AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE FORT AGUADA (WHERE PM PLUS ONE WILL BE) TO DELHI AND THENCE TO LONDON SEMICOLON AND FROM THE CINDADE DE GOA HOTEL (WHERE THE OTHER FOUR STAFF WILL BE) TO LONDON ONLY. LESLIE WRIGHT IN THE CABINET OFFICE HAS ALL THE DETAILS.

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TO IMMEDIATE DELHI
TELEGRAM NUMBER MISC 315 OF 10 NOVEMBER.

PERSONAL FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER FROM PS TO PRIME MINISTER.

- 1 REGRET THE DELAY IN REPLYING TO YOUR TELEGRAMS NOS 830 AND 835 OWING TO MY ABSENCE FROM LONDON WITH THE PRIME MINISTER ON 7, AND 8 AND 9 NOVEMBER.
2. THE PROBLEM OF THE GOA RETREAT CONTINUES TO CAUSE US CONCERN. THE PRECEDENTS ARE NOT VERY HELPFUL. NO SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE:
- (A) IN MELBOURNE (BUT THERE WERE REGULAR COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS TO AND FROM THE RETREAT IN CANBERRA)=
 - (B) IN LUSAKA (BECAUSE THE 'RETREAT' WAS ALSO IN LUSAKA)=
 - (C) IN LONDON (BECAUSE THERE WERE REGULAR COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS TO AND FROM SCOTLAND).
3. THE DIFFICULTY WITH GOA IS ITS INSOLATION AND THE UNSATISFACTORY NATURE OF THE COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS.
4. YOU WILL APPRECIATE THAT IF, FOR EXAMPLE, THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONTINUES OR WORSENS BEFORE 25/27 NOVEMBER, WE COULD FACE SOME VERY DIFFICULT DECISIONS AND THE PRIME MINISTER MAY NEED TO BE IN CONSTANT TOUCH. THAT IS SIMPLY ONE EXAMPLE.
5. THE EXTENT OF THE PROBLEM DEPENDS IN SOME DEGREE ON THE NATURE OF TELEPHONIC AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN DELHI AND GOA BUT I DO NOT IMAGINE THEY ARE GOOD.
6. IF IT WOULD HELP, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO REDUCE THE PRIME MINISTER'S SUPPORT STAFF DURING THE WEEKEND. THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM MIGHT BE A PRIVATE SECRETARY PLUS ONE (IN ADDITION TO THE DETECTIVE WHO WILL ACTUALLY BE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER). BUT I SHOULD HAVE TO THINK FURTHER ABOUT THAT.
7. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF, IN THE LIGHT OF ANY FURTHER CONTACTS YOU MAY HAVE WITH THE INDIANS, YOU COULD RECOMMEND THE BEST POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENT.

NNNN

SENT/RCVD AT 101245Z PB/JPC



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

10 November 1983

CHOGM: CONFIGURATION OF RAF VC10

Thank you for your letter of 3 November.
I agree with the suggested allocation of
seats and divans.

J. COLES

P.F. Ricketts, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

8 November, 1983

Dear John,

CHOGM: Commonwealth Secretariat Documentation

/ I enclose six sets of the Commonwealth Secretariat's documentation for CHOGM as agreed in John Holmes' letter of 14 October and your reply of 17 October.

Yours ever,

Peter Ricketts

(P F Ricketts)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

Sq. Leader Colin Fames.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE UK DELEGATION
ATTENDING THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING
IN NEW DELHI, INDIA: 22-29 NOVEMBER 1983

1. DATES AND PLACE OF MEETING

- a) The Meeting will be held from Wednesday 23 November to Thursday 29 November 1983 in the Vigyan Bhavan Conference Centre, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi. It will be preceded by a Meeting of Senior Officials on Tuesday 22 November at 1500 hours in the same building.
- b) The opening ceremony for the 1983 CHGM will take place in the auditorium on the ground floor of the Vigyan Bhavan Conference Centre.

2. PROGRAMMES

- a) The latest programme, as known at the time of publication, is shown at Appendix I.
- b) Programmes for Mr Thatcher and Lady Howe will be circulated separately.

3. RETREAT WEEKENDS

- a) The traditional CHGM Retreat Weekend for Heads of Delegation will take place at the Fort Aguada Beach Hotel in Goa, from Friday 25 November to Sunday 27 November. Heads of Government, accompanied by their spouses, and one aide will fly to and from Dabolim Airport, Goa in a special aircraft provided by the Indian Government. The flying time from Delhi to Goa is about 2 hours 30 minutes.
- b) Other members of the UK Delegation required in Goa during the weekend will also travel by special aircraft. Details to be confirmed. This party will stay at the Cidade de Goa Hotel which is located some 30 minutes by car from the Fort Aguada Hotel. Mr Peter Morris, 2nd Secretary DHC, Bombay will travel to Goa to assist the No 10 Party staying at this hotel.
- c) A Retreat weekend is also planned for Foreign Ministers in either Jodhpur or Udaipur.

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- d) During this weekend the Government of India will arrange a day's outing for senior officials remaining in Delhi to one of the cities in the region.

4. COMPOSITION OF THE UK DELEGATION

- a) A list of the United Kingdom Ministers, officials and support staff who will be in New Delhi for the Meeting, together with details of their living accommodation is given at Appendix II.
- b) A list of British High Commission staff based in New Delhi and accredited to the UK Delegation is also shown.

5. AIR TRAVEL (OUTWARD)

- a) The Prime Minister, Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and their immediate parties will travel to India by RAF VC10 (Task Ascot 1166) arriving in New Delhi on Tuesday 22 November. A press party will, subject to confirmation, also be carried and a refuelling stop will be made in Bahrain.
- b) All other UK based members of the party will travel to India by scheduled air services.
- c) Flight details, including for the VC10 are given at Appendix III. Details for the return from India, in so far as they are known, are also given at this Appendix.

6. PASSPORTS ENTRY VISAS

- a) All members of the party should carry valid passports.
- b) No visas are required by British passport holders for entry to India.

7. HEALTH

- a) As far as the Indian Authorities are concerned there are currently no vaccination certificates required for entry to India, except for persons travelling from, or transiting through, yellow fever endemic zones. A transit through a yellow fever zone,

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however brief, will require a vaccination certificate.

- b) The Civil Service Medical Adviser has advised that immunisation against typhoid, cholera, polio and tetanus should be obtained by all those travelling in advance of their arrival in India.
- c) The party should also take protection against malaria and for this purpose a course of Paludrin tablets is recommended; one taken daily starting 2 days before arrival in India and continuing for 6 weeks after leaving the country. Tablets are enclosed for those who have not already received them from other sources.
- d) Detailed guidance on health and hygiene whilst in India will be issued with the local administrative arrangements distributed to the party on their arrival in Delhi, although at all the accommodation being used standards of hygiene should be good.
- e) In case of emergency or need, the British High Commission is equipped with its own hospital and has a full time doctor on its staff (Dr E R H Tennant in New Delhi).

8. BAGGAGE

- a) Those travelling on the VC10 are requested to confine their hold loaded baggage to one reasonable sized suitcase
- b) Coloured labels for those travelling in the VC10 are enclosed on the following coding:-

BLUE	-	Residence
RED	-	Ashok/Samrat
GREEN	-	Maurya
PINK	-	Kanishka
ORANGE	-	Claridges
GREY	-	Press
YELLOW	-	Cabin load

- c) The luggage allowances for those travelling on scheduled services to New Delhi are:-

FIRST CLASS	-	30 kilos
CLUB Class	-	20 kilos

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9. INSURANCE

A note covering baggage and insurance regulations during official travel is attached at Appendix V.

10. CLIMATE

- a) In New Delhi November marks the beginning of winter. The weather is likely to be warm during the day but temperatures drop markedly at night. Maximum recorded temperatures at this time of year are in the region of 80°F (27° Centigrade) and minimum temperatures around 50°F (10° Centigrade). The mean temperature is therefore about 65°F.
- b) In Goa, which is located some 1200 miles south of Delhi, the temperatures will be higher, fluctuating between 70°F and 90°F.
- c) In both Delhi and Goa short thunderstorms can be expected.

11. DRESS

- a) In Delhi appropriate day time dress would be as for a good British summer. Although rain is unlikely, folding umbrellas could be a wise precaution against a freak thunderstorm. Account should be taken of the drop in temperature in the evening and woollens/sweaters should be taken. Heavy coats are not needed but the Prime Minister and Lady Howe might wish to bring light coats for evening wear. Formal clothes (dinner jacket, decorations, tiara) are needed by those attending the CHGM Banquet on 23 November but not otherwise. Dress for other social engagements will usually be lounge suit or casual. Casual dress (swimming, tennis etc) should be brought for off-duty wear.
- b) The temperatures in India at this time of year will not be high enough to qualify the UK party for warm climate clothing allowances.

12. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

The voltage in New Delhi is 220 AC/50 cycles.

13. LIVING ACCOMMODATION

- a) The Prime Minister and her immediate party will stay

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at the British High Commissioner's Residence, 2 Rajaji Marg, New Delhi.

- b) The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and his immediate party and other senior officials will stay at the Ashok/Samrat Hotel complex, Chanakyapuri, the hotels designated by the Government of India for the CHGM delegations. Each delegation has been allocated 2 suites, 12 single rooms and one office in the complex. These hotels are located over the road from the British High Commission which is also in Chanakyapuri.
- c) The balance of the party will stay at the following hotels:-
 - Maurya Sheraton
Sandar Patel Road (Located in the Diplomatic Enclave)
 - Kanishka Hotel
9 Ashok Road (The designated press hotel)
 - Claridges Hotel
12 Aurenzzeb Road (Royal Military Police team)
 - Taj Palace Hotel
Sandar Patel Marg (RAF Aircrew) Adjacent to Maurya Sheraton
- d) The detailed allocation of accommodation is shown at Appendix II.

14. WORKING ACCOMMODATION

- a) The No 10 Private Office will be located at the British High Commissioner's Residence at 2 Rajaji Marg.
- b) The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's Private Office will be set up in the room in the Ashok/Samrat Hotel.
- c) Five offices have been reserved on the 3rd floor of the British High Commission for the following:-
 - 1. Meeting Room cum Advisers Office
 - 2. Advisers
 - 3. Delegation Secretariat
 - 4. Administration team
 - 5. Secretarial staff

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- d) Two further offices will be available on the first floor of the High Commission (outside the secure area)
- e) The size of the Vigyan Bhavan Conference Centre is such that the CHGM organisers have been unable to offer offices to any of the participating delegations. Those not taking part in Conference Sessions will have to remain in the various lounges.
- f) A suite for informal press briefings has been reserved at the Kanishka Hotel. This will be occupied by Mr Iain Murray (No 10 press office).

15. TELEGRAM PREAMBLE

Those in London or elsewhere sending telegrams to particular members of the CHGM party should ensure that they are prefaced so as to reach the correct addressee quickly eg 'Following for Private Secretary, Secretary of State or for Permanent Under-Secretary etc'.

16. COMMUNICATIONS

- a) All telegram and telex traffic for the UK party will be sent to the Communications Centre in the British High Commission, New Delhi which will work on a 24 hours basis while the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary are in India.
- b) The COI's daily summaries of the UK press will also be sent to this Centre.

17. TELEPHONES

The following special facilities will be provided:-

- a) 3 private wire circuits between the switchboards in No 10 Downing Street and the British High Commission.
- b) A special PABX switchboard in the High Commission (Delhi 619940 or 619901) with extensions to:-
 - i) the No 10 office in the Residence.
 - ii) the Private Office of the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary at the Ashok/Samrat and to the bedrooms of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Cabinet, the FCO

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Permanent Under-Secretary, Mr Ingham, Mr Fall, Mr Goulden and Mr Ricketts (APS).

- iii) the Royal Party Office in the Rashtrapati Bhavan.
 - iv) the Vigyan Bhavan Conference Centre. (Point to be identified).
 - v) the press suite at the Kanishka Hotel (Mr Murray).
 - vi) Fort Aguada Hotel. There will also be arrangements to link in the Cidade de Goa Hotel.
- c) These facilities will enable direct dialling (or operator assistance) between extensions and via the No 10 switchboard in London, with Whitehall and elsewhere internationally.
 - d) Secure speech facilities will be available for use between selected extensions in New Delhi, with Goa, 10 Downing Street/Cabinet Office and the FCO.
 - e) Useful telephone numbers in Delhi and in Goa are shown at Appendix IV.

18. RADIO NETWORK

- a) Hand held VHF sets will be available for use as necessary by the administrative support staff. Subject to confirmation, base stations will be located in the Delegation's Administration Office in the British High Commission and in the No 10 Private Office at the Residence.
- b) This network will not be suitable for the communication of classified information.

19. TRANSPORT

- a) The following transport will be used by the UK delegation while in Delhi:-

4 chauffeur driven cars provided by the Indian Government for the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State, Mr Thatcher, and Sir Robert Armstrong.

14 hired Ambassador cars

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2 High Commission Saloon cars (1 for safe-hand services)

1 High Commission minibus

- b) The High Commission will also provide baggage vehicles for arrivals and departures at Delhi Airport.
- c) A conference bus service will operate between major hotels and the Vigyan Bhavan Conference Centre.
- d) In Goa 2 cars belonging to the Deputy High Commission in Bombay will be available to those staying at the Cidade de Goa.

20. SECURITY

- a) The No 10 and FCO Private Offices will be guarded during silent hours ie from 2300 hours to 0700 hours each day. At other times these offices should be manned.
- b) Combination lock and other Security Cupboards will be placed in the Private Offices at the Residence and Ashok Hotel.
- c) Members of the party should carry their official CHGM passes in order to obtain access to the British High Commission.
- d) A safe hand service will operate between the British High Commission and the 2 Private Offices, and when necessary, the Vigyan Bhavan. 3 sets of safe hand boxes, 1 each for the No 10 and FCO Private Offices and 1 for the Secretary of the Cabinet will be in use throughout the meeting.
- e) An Indian Police Escort Officer will be assigned to the Prime Minister.
- f) Mr Kerr and Miss Roche will act as Special Couriers for the No 10 party, and Miss Lewzey for the FCO Private Office. Mr Byrne, Delegation Secretary, will also be documented as a Special Courier. Classified items to be entered on waybills should be notified to Mr Chapman, COD, 233 3706.
- g) A security brief for the visit to India is enclosed. This should not be taken out of the UK.

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21. CONFERENCE PASSES

- a) Heads of Delegation and the Commonwealth Secretary General will have unrestricted access to all areas, and subject to confirmation, will not be issued with identity passes.
- b) At Executive Sessions, there will be seating for the Delegation Head and 2 Advisers only (In the case of the UK usually the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Cabinet Secretary).
- c) All other members of delegation will be issued with photographic identity passes and these will be required for access to the Conference Centre and to the major hotels where delegations are staying. These will be issued shortly after arrival in Delhi.

22. OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND STATIONERY

- a) The following photocopy machines will be placed in the UK offices:
 - No 10 Private Office (Residence) - Rank Xerox
1035 with collator
 - FCO Private Office (Ashok/Samrat)- Rank Xerox
1035 with collator
 - Delegation Offices (British High
Commission) - Rank Xerox
1035 with collator
- b) Seven IBM electric typewriters, 4 standard electric typewriters and 4 manual machines have been requested for use by the party.
- c) General purpose stationery in appropriate quantities will be provided in all offices, including the Press Suite at the Kanishka.
- d) Private Offices are required to provide their own special items of stationery.
- e) Desk lamps wherever possible will be placed in offices outside the High Commission.

23. PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

- a) The CHGM media centre will be located in the Annex to the Vigyan Bhavan.

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- b) The briefing facilities consist of one main hall seating 200 and one smaller room seating 25 on the first floor.
- c) As there is insufficient room in the Centre for a UK Press Office, Mr Murray's press suite at the Kanishka Hotel will double as a press office.
- d) It will also be possible for UK press briefings/conferences to be held in the Recreation Hall at the High Commission (seating 100 +) or in an adjacent lounge seating 30.
- e) The two designated press hotels in New Delhi for the CHGM are:-
 - i) Hotel Kanishka
9 Ashok Road
Tel: 343 400
Telex: 5668
 - ii) Hotel Janpath
Janpath Road
Tel: 3500 70
Telex: 2468
- f) In Goa it is expected that the press will stay at the Hotel Fidalgo, Swamis Vivekananda Road, Panjim: Telephone 4280: Telex 0194 213. A CHGM Media Centre will be set up at this hotel.
- g) Press facilities for the coverage of the Goa weekend will be limited and consist mainly of a photographic pool of about 40 media personnel.

24. COI NEWS SUMMARIES AND NEWSPAPERS

- a) The COI's daily summaries of the UK press will be sent to the party via the British High Commission each day while in India.
- b) Six sets of the UK newspapers will be supplied on a daily basis to the party, one set each distributed to the following:-

Prime Minister's Party (Residence)
Secretary of State's Party (Ashok)
Mr Ingham/Mr Goulden (Ashok)
Senior Advisers (Ashok)
Mr Murray (Kanishka)
Delegation Secretariat (British High Commission)

25. UK OFFICIAL ENTERTAINMENT

- a) The Prime Minister will give 2 lunches for fellow

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Heads of Delegation at the High Commissioner's Residence: on Monday 28 November and Tuesday 29 November. Invitation cards have been printed in the UK.

- b) The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary will give a lunch for fellow Foreign Ministers on Friday 25 November at the High Commissioner's Residence (to be confirmed).
- c) Duty free liquor and cigarettes will be available both for official entertainment purposes and private purchase. A supply will be placed in the press suite in the Kanishka Hotel.

26. TRANSPORT TO/FROM HEATHROW

- a) Those travelling in the Prime Minister's RAF VC10 will have transport arranged for them to and from Heathrow.
- b) Those travelling on scheduled air services independently of Ministers should make their own arrangements to travel to and from Heathrow Airport.

27. FINANCE

- a) The costs of the No 10 party (serials 1-14) and serials 39,40,46, 47 and the Royal Military Police team will be met by the Management and Personnel Office.
- b) Common service costs such as special telephone and telex installations, hire of transport and office equipment rental will be a charge to MPO.
- c) The costs of the Prime Minister's lunches on 28 and 29 November will be met by the MPO. The Secretary of State's lunch on 25 November will be charged to the FCO Vote D1(11)(a)(iii).
- d) All other costs, such as air fares and subsistence will be met by Parent Departments. FCO costs to D1(11)(a)(iii).
- e) Detectives' costs to the Metropolitan Police.
- f) The Indian Government will pay for the following accommodation (including meals, laundry and local telephone calls) at the Ashok.

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The suite of Sir Geoffrey and Lady Howe
The suite of Sir Robert Armstrong
The room of Sir Antony Acland
The room used as the FCO Private Office

- g) The Indian Government will provide the 4 cars mentioned at paragraph 18(a) for the Prime Minister, Mr Thatcher, the Secretary of State and Sir Robert Armstrong.
- h) Those in the Ashok (apart from those who are guests of the Indian Government), Maurya and Kanishka Hotels will be on conference terms ie the bill for room, standard breakfast, tax and service will be paid by the Delegation Accountant, while each individual will receive a residual allowance of $\frac{1}{2}$ the appropriate standard rate each day with which to meet other personal expenses, principally meals.
- i) Those who are guests of Government at the Ashok Hotel will receive 1/10 Class A subsistence per day.
- j) Those staying at the Residence will receive 1/3 the appropriate standard rate per day, intended for meeting gratuities and other incidental expenses.
- k) Those in the Claridges Hotel will receive standard Class B subsistence each day with which to meet all expenses including the cost of hotel room and breakfasts.
- l) Daily subsistence rates for New Delhi:

Class A 809 Rupees

Class B 533 Rupees

Exchange rate £1 = 15.30 Rupees

It should be noted that under Indian currency regulations no Indian currency may be brought into or taken out of the country. The rupee is divided into 100 paise.

28. ADMINISTRATION

- a) The delegation will be administered in New Delhi by Mr M M Hall and Mr I Davenport of Protocol Department, FCO, in conjunction with the staff of the British High Commission in New Delhi, and the

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Deputy High Commission in Bombay (for Goa).

- b) Mr Hall and Mr Davenport leave for Delhi on 10 November. After their departure enquiries about these arrangements should be addressed to Miss S M Waghorn of Conference Section, Protocol Department, FCO, Tel 273 3633.

Michael Hall.

M M Hall
Overseas Conference and Visits Section
Protocol Department

8 November 1983

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

STOP PRESS

Since these arrangements were printed, a telegram has been received from Delhi saying that the Indian Government are changing the arrangements for the accommodation of delegations and therefore the accommodation details of those staying at the Ashok/Samrat and Maurya hotels must be regarded as subject to change.

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE CHGM, NEW DELHI 1983
(As at 8 November 1983)Monday 21 November

1400 Prime Minister and Secretary of State
depart UK by RAF VC10

Tuesday 22 November

0800 Prime Minister and Secretary of State
arrive New Delhi

0930 Prime Minister attends opening of Textile
Exhibition.

1300 Prime Minister's lunch for Mr Hawke (to be
confirmed)

1500 Senior Officials Meeting (Cabinet Secretary)

2000 High Commissioner's private dinner for HM Queen
(Prime Minister, Mr Thatcher, Secretary of
State, Lady Howe and Mr Butler).

Wednesday 23 November

0800 Prime Minister's working breakfast with Mr
Hawke. (To be confirmed)

1030 Formal opening of CHGM at Vigyan Bhavan

1130 Executive Session (Order of Agenda, Type and
format)

1200 Reception by Commonwealth Secretary General

1500 First Executive Session

1730 Reception by the President of India for Heads
of Delegation

2000 Queen's CHGM Banquet for Heads of Delegation

Dinner for Foreign Ministers by the Indian
Foreign Minister.

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Thursday 24 November

0930 Executive Session

1200 Visit to International Trade Fair followed by lunch for Heads of Delegation by the Vice-President.

1500 Executive Session

evening Dinner by the Prime Minister of India for Heads of Delegation.

Friday 25 November

0930 Executive Session

1200 Departure of Heads of Government for Retreat in Goa (Mr Butler, Mr Ingham, Mr Coles, Duty Clerk, PA also travel to Goa)

1300 for 1315 Lunch for Fellow Foreign Ministers by Secretary of State at the Residence.

1800 Queen's Reception for CHGM. Foreign Ministers and other senior delegates

evening Foreign Ministers depart for Retreat in Jodhpur/Udaipur

Saturday 26 November

Retreat in Goa/Retreat in Jodhpur/Udaipur

Sunday 27 November

Retreat in Goa/Retreat in Jodhpur/Udaipur.

Evening Prime Minister returns from Goa to Delhi
Secretary of State returns from Jodhpur/Udaipur

Monday 28 November

0010 Secretary of State departs Delhi for Amsterdam and Brussels (see travel arrangements)

0930 Executive Session

1300 for 1315 Prime Minister's first lunch for fellow Heads of Government (Residence)

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1500 Executive Session
1730-1910 Prime Minister presents Jnanpith Literary Award,
Siri Fort Building, Asian Games Village.

Tuesday 29 November

0930 Executive Session
1300 for 1315 Prime Minister's second lunch for fellow Heads
of Government
1500 Executive Session
1700 Press Conference: Prime Minister of India
and Commonwealth Secretary General
2230 Prime Minister departs New Delhi for UK

Wednesday 30 November

0710 Prime Minister arrives UK.

COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING

NEW DELHI - 1983

COMPOSITION OF UK DELEGATION

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Accomodation</u>
NO 10 DOWNING STREET			
1.	The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP	Prime Minister	Residence
2.	Mr Denis Thatcher MBE		Residence
3.	Mr M Alison MP	Parliamentary Private Secretary	Maurya Hotel
4.	Mr F E R Butler	Private Secretary	Residence
5.	Mr A J Coles	Private Secretary	Residence
6.	Mr B Ingham	Chief Press Secretary	Ashok/Samrat
7.	Mr I R Murray	Assistant Press Secretary	Kanishka Hotel (suite)
8.	Mr M W Kerr	Duty Clerk	Maurya Hotel
9.	Miss N Roche	Duty Clerk	Maurya Hotel
10.	Mrs K Richards	Secretarial Assistant	Maurya Hotel
11.	Miss S Harris	Secretarial Assistant	Maurya Hotel
12.	Miss V S J Cummings	Secretarial Assistant	Maurya Hotel
13.	Miss L M Bond	Secretarial Assistant (Press)	Kanishka Hotel
14.	Mrs T M Gaisman	Personal Assistant to serial 3	Residence

15.	Det Supt G Cawthorne	Detective	Residence
16.	Det Ch Insp D R Edgar	Detective	Maurya Hotel
17.	Det Sgt R Kingston	Detective	Maurya Hotel

CABINET OFFICE

18.	Sir Robert Armstrong KCB CVO	Secretary of the Cabinet	Ashok/Samrat
19.	Miss V Icton	PA to Sir Robert Armstrong	Ashok/Samrat
20.	Mr J L Wright OBE	Communications Co-ordinator	Maurya Hotel

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

21.	The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe QC MP	Secretary of State	Ashok/Samrat
22.	Lady Howe		Ashok/Samrat
23.	Mr B J P Fall	Private Secretary	Ashok/Samrat
24.	Mr P F Ricketts	Private Secretary	Ashok/Samrat
25.	Miss A J Lewzey	Personal Assistant	Ashok/Samrat
26.	Miss S P Brayshay	Personal Assistant	Ashok/Samrat
27.	Det Supt D Paton	Detective	Ashok/Samrat
28.	Det Sgt S Sutherland	Detective	Ashok/Samrat
29.	Sir Antony Acland KCMG, KCVO	Permanent Under-Secretary	Ashok/Samrat
30.	Sir John Leahy KCMG	Deputy Under- Secretary	Ashok/Samrat
31.	Mr J C Thomas	Assistant Under- Secretary	Maurya Hotel

32.	Mr A K Goldsmith	Head of Commonwealth Co-ordination Department	Maurya Hotel
33.	Mr A C Watson CMG	Designate Head of Commonwealth Coordination Dept	Maurya Hotel
34.	Mr P J Goulden	Head of News Department	Ashok/Samrat Hotel
35.	Mr T N Byrne	Delegation Secretary	Maurya Hotel
36.	Mr N C MacKenzie	Assistant Delegation Secretary	Maurya Hotel

OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

37.	Mr M R Ainscow	Under Secretary	Maurya Hotel
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CENTRAL OFFICE OF INFORMATION

38.	Mr J Ensoll	Chief Political Correspondent	Kanishka Hotel
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SUPPORT STAFF

39.	Mr M M Hall	Conference Officer	Maurya Hotel
40.	Mr I H Davenport	Conference Officer	Maurya Hotel
41.	Miss E McDougall	Delegation Archivist	Maurya Hotel
42.	Miss D Laing	Delegation Archivist (BHC New Delhi)	
43.	Miss J Nicholson	Delegation Archivist	Maurya Hotel
44.	Mr I A C Macdonald	Delegation Accountant (BHC New Delhi)	
45.	Miss B Tillyard	Shorthand Typist	Maurya Hotel

46.	Mrs Yvonne Berry	Shorthand Typist	Maurya Hotel
47.	Miss D Webster	Shorthand Typist	Maurya Hotel
48.	Sgt F N Bennett	Royal Military Police	Claridges Hotel
49.	Sgt P Callinan	Royal Military Police	Claridges Hotel
50.	Cpl R Silva	Royal Military Police	Claridges Hotel
51.	Cpl R Gratton	Royal Military Police	Claridges Hotel
52.	Cpl D Keith	Royal Military Police	Claridges Hotel
53.	Cpl S Mudge	Royal Military Police	Claridges Hotel
54.	W/Cpl G Gallimore	Royal Military Police	Claridges Hotel
55.	W/Cpl J Seaman	Royal Military Police	Claridges Hotel

BRITISH DIPLOMATIC STAFF ACCREDITED TO THE UK DELEGATION

1.	Sir Robert Wade-Gery KCMG	British High Commissioner, New Delhi
2.	Mr R C Samuel CMG	Deputy High Commisisoner
3.	Mr M C Stark	First Secretary

CHGM, NEW DELHI 1983TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS
(as known at 7 November)

All times local: UK = GMT
 New Delhi and Goa = GMT + 5½
 Bahrain = GMT + 3

OUTWARDThursday 10 November

Mr Hall	BA 147	ETD LHR	1015
Mr Davenport		ETA New Delhi	
Miss Webster		(11 November)	0420

Monday 14 November

Supt Cawthorne	Al 116	ETD LHR	0935
		ETA New Delhi	2359

Wednesday 16 November

Supt Paton	BA 147	ETD LHR	1015
Mr Byrne		ETA New Delhi	
(Casual Courier)		(17 November)	0420

Mr MacKenzie
 Mrs Berry
 Miss Nicholson
 Mr Wright
 Sergeant Bennett
 Corporal Silva
 Corporal Mudge

Thursday 17 November

Supt Cawthorne	IC 186	ETD New Delhi	0710
		ETA Bombay	0900
	IC 163	ETD Bombay	1230
		ETA Goa	1325

Saturday 19 November

Supt Cawthorne	IC 164	ETD Goa	1415
		ETA Bombay	1505
	IC 406	ETD Bombay	1715
		ETA New Delhi	1905
Mrs Tillyard	BA 03	ETD LHR	1700
		ETA New Delhi	
		(20 November)	0700

Sunday 20 November

Mr Goldsmith	Al 112	ETD LHR	0935
Mr Watson		ETA New Delhi	2359

Miss McDougall	BA 147	ETD LHR	1015
Miss Laing		ETA New Delhi	
		(21 November)	0420

Sergeant Callinan
 Corporal Gratton
 Corporal Keith
 W/Corporal Gallimore
 W/Corporal Seaman

Monday 21 November

Mr Thomas	Al 116	ETD LHR	0935
Mr Ainscow (subject to confirmation)		ETA New Delhi	2355

Prime Minister

Mr Thatcher

Mr Alison MP

Mr Butler

Mr Coles

Mr Ingham

Mr Murray

Mr Kerr

Miss Roche

Mrs Richards

Miss Harris

Miss Cummings

Miss Bond

Mrs Gaisman

Det Chief Insp Edgar

Det Sgt Kingston

Sir Robert Armstrong

Miss Iceton

Secretary of State for

Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

Lady Howe

Mr Fall

Mr Ricketts

Miss Lewzey

Miss Brayshay

Det Sgt Sutherland

Sir Antony Acland

Sir John Leahy

Mr Goulden

Mr Ensoll

RAF VC10	ETD LHR	
	(Southside)	1400
	ETA Bahrain	0005
	(22 November)	

ETD Bahrain	
(22 November)	0105
ETA New Delhi	
(22 November)	0800

Task No Ascot 1166

Total flying time 11 hrs 30 minute
 plus 1 hour refuelling stop
 in Bahrain

No. of passengers:

29 + press party of 12
 (subject to confirmation)

a) Lunch will be served
 1 hour after take off
 from Heathrow

b) Night snacks before
 arrival in Bahrain

c) Light dinner after
 Bahrain

RETURNMonday 28 November (Subject to alteration)

Secretary of State	KL 836	ETD New Delhi	0010
Lady Howe		ETA Amsterdam	0740
Mr B J P Fall			
Mr P F Ricketts		Party will divide in Amsterdam	
Miss A L Lewzey		Secretary of State and several	
Miss S P Brayshay		members will travel to Brussels	
Supt D Paton		in an RAF HS 125.	
Sgt S Sutherland		Remainder will travel as follows:	
	BA 401	ETD Amsterdam	0900
		ETA LHR	0900

Tuesday 29 November (not in Protocol order)

Prime Minister	RAF VC10	ETD New Delhi	2230
Mr Thatcher		ETA Bahrain	
Mr Alison MP		(30 November)	0115
Mr Butler			
Mr Coles		ETD Bahrain	
Mr Ingham		(30 November)	0215
Mr Murray			
Mr Kerr		ETA LHR	
Miss Roche		(Southside)	
Mrs Richards		(30 November)	0710
Miss Harris			
Miss Cummings	Task No:	Ascot 1166	
Miss Bond			
Mrs Gaisman	Total Flying time:	13 hours 10 minutes	
Det Supt Cawthorne		plus 1 hour refuelling stop in Bahrain	
Det Chief Insp Edgar			
Det Sgt Kingston	No of passengers:		
Sir Robert Armstrong		28 + press party of up to 12	
Miss Icton			
Sir Antony Acland	Night snacks and breakfast will		
Sir John Leahy	be served on this flight		
Mr Thomas			
Mr Ainscow			
Mr Goulden			
W/Corporal Gallimore			
W/Corporal Seaman			
Corporal Silva			
Corporal Mudge			

APPENDIX IV

CHGM INDIA 1983

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

New Delhi Numbers

Special switchboard in British High Commission for CHGM party	619940 or 619901
British High Commission, New Delhi:	Main number 690371 Telex:2135
High Commissioner's Residence Sir Robert Wade-Gery KCMG (There are also extensions off BHC switchboard)	373117 (Direct)
Minister's House (Mr R C Samuel CMG)	ext: 494 off BHC switchboard
Head of Chancery's House (Mr M J Williams OBE)	ext: 321 off BHC switchboard
Ashok Hotel	370101
Samrat	323000
Maurya Sheraton	370271
Kanishka	343400
Claridges	370211
Vigyan Bhavan Conference Centre:	381114
Vigyan Press Centre	385362/385982
Taj Palace Hotel (RAF Aircrew)	323500
<u>Numbers for Retreat weekend in Goa:-</u>	
Fort Aguade Beach Hotel Sinquerim, Bardes, Goa	3401 Telex:0194-206 Taj In
Cidade de Goa Hotel Dona Paula, Goa	3301 to 3308 Telex:194257
British Deputy High Commission Bombay (Nearest British Diplomatic Post)	274874 Telex:011-2850

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TRAVEL ON SPECIAL FLIGHTS
BAGGAGE AND INSURANCE REGULATIONS

1. BAGGAGE

- a. Those travelling by RAF aircraft are reminded that baggage should be left unlocked for the customary check. Butane gas lighter refills and matches, other than safety ones, may not be taken on the aircraft; certain aerosol sprays are now accepted on flights, provided they are not used on the aircraft. Any electrical items must be disconnected from their batteries.
- b. For space reasons those travelling in the VC 10 are asked to limit their personal baggage to one medium suitcase.

2. INSURANCE

- a. No refund of insurance premium is payable from public funds for officers on short-term visits overseas. When the personal property (other than money or luxury articles) of an officer sent overseas on a short-term visit is lost or damaged during transit to or from the UK or while he or she is in receipt of subsistence allowance during his stay overseas, and the loss or damage is not covered by an existing insurance policy, and the officer himself has not been negligent, compensation would be based on the current cost of replacing the articles, less the amount for depreciation or, if less, the full cost of repair.
- b. Those travelling in the VC 10 are advised to check whether their insurance policies provide cover for travelling by non-commercial flights and to consult their insurers if they are in any doubt about their position. At present claims on HMG for compensation are subject to a liability limit of £25,000. Claims on British Aerospace for compensation are subject to a limit of £250,000 per person.

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FOR CONFERENCE SECTION FROM STARK

CHGM : MISCELLANEOUS

1. ACCREDITATION. THE INDIANS PROPOSE TO LIMIT ACCESS TO VIGYAN BHAVAN AND THE TWO MAIN HOTELS TO UP TO 25 NAMED INDIVIDUALS PER DELEGATION (NOT COUNTING HEADS PLUS SPOUSES), WHO WILL RECEIVE NON-TRANSFERABLE ACCREDITATION CARDS. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO DESIGNATE OUR 25 NAMES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. EVEN ASSUMING (PERHAPS WRONGLY) THAT DETECTIVES ACCOMPANYING HEADS/FOREIGN MINISTERS NEED NO ACCREDITATION, IT IS DIFFICULT TO KEEP THE NUMBERS BELOW ABOUT 32 (A BARE MINIMUM MIGHT BE SERIALS 3-7, 18-24, 29-37, 39-40 PLUS HIGH COMMISSIONER AND TWO OTHERS FROM HERE). WE PROPOSE TO DELAY A RESPONSE TILL HALL'S ARRIVAL.

2. S OF S'S LUNCH ON 25 NOVEMBER. IS THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND/OR LADY WADE-GERY LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED ? IF SO, AND IF IT IS STILL FEASIBLE, A STARTING-TIME OF 1315 WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR HIM TO GET BACK ON TIME FROM A ROYAL ENGAGEMENT IN WHICH HE WILL BE INVOLVED UNTIL 1300. MENU : DIANA SCOTT PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING - CONSOMME : BAKED CHICKEN IN WHITE WINE WITH MUSHROOMS : SALAD : ORANGES IN BRANDY.

3. PM'S LUNCHES. AGAIN, ARE EITHER THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OR LADY WADE-GERY INVOLVED ?

4. TEXTILE EXHIBITION. WE NOTED (FCO TELNO 718) THAT THE PM RAISED THIS WITH RAO. WE HAVE ASKED THE INDIANS TO CHECK WHETHER MRS GANDHI WOULD PARTICULARLY WELCOME THE PM'S ATTENDANCE.

5. MRS GANDHI'S ATTENDANCE AT PM'S LUNCH ON 28 NOVEMBER. WE ARE PRESSING FOR AN ANSWER.

6. ADVANCE VISITS BY DETECTIVES. WE ARE NOT SETTING UP APPOINTMENTS YET : STILL TOO EARLY. IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO GET THEM IN TO THE RIGHT PEOPLE NEARER THE TIME.

7. SECRETARY OF STATE'S RETURN FLIGHT. GRATEFUL TO KNOW IF ANY OF THE OPTIONS IN HALL'S LETTER OF 30 SEPTEMBER HAS FIRMED UP.

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YOUR TELNO 693: TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

WE HAVE PUT IN FOR ROOMS AT ASHOK FOR ALL THOSE LISTED (IE 12 BEDROOMS), PLUS ONE OFFICE. BUT AT THIS STAGE WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN THAT OUR DELEGATION WILL BE ALLOCATED ROOMS AT ASHOK AT ALL, LET ALONE HOW MANY. ALLOCATION, ON WHICH WE AND OTHER HIGH COMMISSIONS HAVE BEEN PRESSING FOR WEEKS, IS APPARENTLY BEING DECIDED IMMINENTLY AND WE WILL BE INFORMED QUOTE BY THE END OF THE WEEK UNQUOTE.

2. ALTERNATIVE TO ASHOK IS NOW NO LONGER SAMRAT (STILL NOT READY) BUT TAJ MAHAL. THIS IS A COMFORTABLE HOTEL AND LOCATED CLOSE TO VIGYAN BHAVAN BUT IN OTHER WAYS HIGHLY INCONVENIENT:

A) IT IS TEN MINUTES' DRIVE FROM BHC (ASHOK IS ONLY TWO MINUTES' WALK FROM BHC). THE INDIANS HAVE SAID THAT, AS FOR NAM SUMMIT, THEY WILL GIVE CAR PASSES ONLY FOR CARS THEY THEMSELVES PROVIDE (FOR HEAD OF DEL, SPOUSE, FOREIGN MINISTER AND ONE ADDITIONAL DELEGATION CAR), PLUS FIVE OTHERS PER DELEGATION. SINCE CAR PASSES AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL DELEGATE ACCREDITATION WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ACCESS TO ASHOK AND TAJ MAHAL AS WELL AS VIGYAN BHAVAN, THIS IS LIKELY TO PRESENT A FORMIDABLE LOGISTICAL PROBLEM. READY ACCESS ON FOOT FROM BHC WOULD BE A REAL ASSET.

B) WE HAVE ALREADY ARRANGED (AND PAID FOR) 8 PRIVATE WIRES TO ASHOK. IT IS DOUBTFUL WHETHER THESE COULD BE DIVERTED TO TAJ MAHAL IN TIME.

3. I AM THEREFORE PUTTING IN A STRONG PLEA TO CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, DRAWING ON ABOVE POINTS, FOR OUR DELEGATION TO BE ACCOMMODATED AT ASHOK.

4. IT IS PERHAPS POINTLESS TO SPECULATE ON ACTION IF WE ARE ALLOCATED ROOMS AT ASHOK BUT LESS THAN REQUESTED IN TUR. BUT MAY WE ASSUME THAT IF SPACE WERE TIGHT SERIALS 19, 25 AND 26 MIGHT BE ACCOMMODATED MAURYA (WHERE WE ARE HOLDING THEIR BOOKINGS) AS ENVISAGED IN YOUR EARLIER LIST?

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FOR COLES, NO10 DOWNING STREET

MY TELNO 830: STAFF FOR GOA RETREAT

PARA 1 LINE 4. PLEASE CORRECT TO READ: TO DEAL WITH IT, WHILE REFUSING TO BE DRAWN ON HOW (R) HOW. I MADE CLEAR THAT

WADE-GERY



10 DOWNING STREET

Mark for your CHOGM File

Cards have been sent to Mike Hall

With the compliments of

Sue Goodchild



In Confirmation

On the occasion of the Meeting of the Commonwealth Heads of Government

The Prime Minister
requests the honour of the company of

*at Luncheon at the British High Commissioner's Residence,
2 Rajaji Marg, New Delhi
on Monday, 28th November 1983 at 1.00pm for 1.15pm*



In Confirmation

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10 DOWNING STREET

John ✓

CHOGM

Tessa, not Michael
Aison, will be
staying in the
Residence.

Would you like
me to tell Mike
How?

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 835 OF 07 NOVEMBER

FOR COLES, 10 DOWNING STREET

MY TELNO 830: GOA RETREAT

1. AT A PROGRAMME MEETING FOR HIGH COMMISSIONERS TODAY NATWAR SINGH CONFIRMED THAT THE INDIANS WOULD ARRANGE TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION FOR THE GOA RETREAT ONLY FOR HEADS OF DELEGATION, SPOUSE, AND ONE AIDE/SECURITY OFFICIAL, PLUS AN INDIAN SECURITY OFFICER FOR EACH HEAD OF DELEGATION. MY AUSTRALIAN COLLEAGUE RAISED THE PROBLEM OF TRAVEL FOR OTHER SUPPORT STAFF, AND NATWAR SINGH SAID THEY WOULD QUOTE ARRANGE SOMETHING UNQUOTE: THEN QUICKLY TURNED TO OTHER SUBJECTS.

2. HE LATER EXPLAINED THAT THOSE STAYING AT OTHER HOTELS IN GOA WOULD NOT HAVE FREE ACCESS TO THE FORT AGUADA. THE INDIAN LIAISON OFFICERS IN EACH HOTEL WOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUPPORT STAFF TO SEE THEIR HEAD OF DELEGATION IF AND WHEN SUMMONED. THE DRIVE BETWEEN THE FORT AGUADA AND OTHER HOTELS WAS AROUND 40 MINUTES.

3. IT WILL BE USEFUL TO HAVE THE BACKGROUND IN TUR FOR FOLLOW-UP WITH NATWAR. MEANWHILE YOU MAY LIKE TO NOTE THAT THE OPTION YOU MENTIONED AS A LAST RESORT - TAKING THE VC10 TO GOA - IS NOT ON AS THE RUNWAY IS TOO SMALL.

WADE-GERY



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John

Attached is a
reply for Robert
Wade-Gery about
transport arrangements
for GOA. I asked
Mark to undertake the
research requested in
para 3 of RWG's
telegram + the results
are also attached.

J.
7/11.

CHOGM: Goa Retreat.

You asked me to find out the answers to para 3 of Delhi tel: 830 of 7 November.

The ~~the~~ FCO advise the precedents are ~~as~~ ^{as} follows:-

Melbourne

The retreat was in Canberra. The Officials who attended made their way on the regular scheduled flights between Melbourne & Canberra. The Australians made no special arrangements.

Lusaka

With the Rhodesian war the retreat was held in Lusaka so the problem did not arise.

London

For the Glenegles retreat no special arrangements were made ~~because of the~~ ~~for the same reason~~ because of the regular scheduled flights to Scotland.

FCO said that they would be happy to make their own ~~own~~ travelling arrangements for officials going to Goa but because of its isolated position this is not possible. They ~~had~~ feel that as the Indians chose the location they have some responsibility to ~~it~~ facilitate some senior support staff.

Mark
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FOR COLES, NO.10 DOWNING STREET
YOUR TELNO 697: STAFF FOR GOA RETREAT

1. I TOOK THIS UP ON 5 NOVEMBER WITH NATWAR SINGH (PUS LEVEL FOREIGN MINISTRY COORDINATOR OF CHOGM ARRANGEMENTS, WHO IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH MRS GANDHI). HE READILY TOOK THE POINT AND PROMISED TO DEAL WITH IT, WHILE REFUSING TO BE DRAWN ON NOW. I MADE CLEAR THAT OUR ESSENTIAL NEED WAS TRANSPORT TO AND FROM GOA FOR FIVE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S STAFF WHO OUGHT TO MOVE AT AS NEAR AS POSSIBLE THE SAME TIME AS THE PRIME MINISTER HERSELF SINCE SHE WOULD NEED THEM URGENTLY AT BOTH ENDS OF BOTH JOURNEYS.

2. AS REPORTED TO THE FCO BY TELEPHONE, SINCE OUR TELNO 728 THE INDIANS HAVE RELENTED TO THE EXTENT OF ALLOWING COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS INTO GOA ON THE MORNING OF 25 NOVEMBER AND OUT AGAIN ON AFTERNOON OF 27 NOVEMBER. THIS WOULD REDUCE THE MINIMUM SEPARATION OF STAFF FROM HEADS OF DELEGATION - THOUGH SINCE COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS TO GOA GO VIA BOMBAY IT IS STILL A FAR FROM IDEAL ARRANGEMENT.

3. I SHALL NEED TO KEEP AFTER NATWAR SINGH FOR A SATISFACTORY ANSWER. IN THAT CONTEXT, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF YOU COULD ASK THE FCO TO LET ME KNOW URGENTLY ABOUT THE PRECEDENTS: E.G. HOW MANY STAFF DID THE PRIME MINISTER TAKE TO THE RETREATS FROM MELBOURNE AND LUSAKA (AND HOW NEAR HER DID THEY TRAVEL AND STAY) SEMICOLON AND WHAT DID WE PROVIDE FOR THE INDIAN PRIME MINISTER'S STAFF WHEN THE RETREAT WAS AT GLENEAGLES? HITHERTO THE INDIAN LINE HAS BEEN THAT THE RETREAT IS FOR HEADS OF DELEGATION, THEIR SPOUSES AND ONE AIDE OR SECURITY MAN, UNENCUMBERED BY OTHER OFFICIALS: THEY SAY THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT HAVE BACKED THIS LINE, CONFIRMING THAT NO SPECIAL PLANE FOR ADVISERS NEED BE LAID ON. THE INDIANS HAVE HITHERTO REMAINED FIRM ON THIS POINT, IN THE FACE OF REPEATED REPRESENTATIONS FROM US: APART FROM REASONS OF COMMONWEALTH INFORMALITY, THEY SAY THAT THE PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS IN GOA (ISOLATION OF THE FORT AGUADA HOTEL) MAKE IT QUITE DIFFICULT TO CATER FOR ADDITIONAL OFFICIALS.

WADE-GERY

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher present their compliments to the Master of the Household and have the honour to accept the invitation conveyed by command of Her Majesty to a Dinner for the Commonwealth Heads of Government at Hyderabad House, New Delhi on Wednesday 23 November.

7 November 1983



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*The Master of the Household
is commanded by Her Majesty to invite*

The Prime Minister and Mr. Denis Thatcher

*to a Dinner to be given by
The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh
for the Commonwealth Heads of Government
at Hyderabad House, New Delhi
on Wednesday, 23rd November, 1983 at 8.00 p.m.*

A reply is requested to:

*The Master of the Household
on the enclosed card—*

Guests are asked to arrive between 7.30 and 7.45 p.m.

*Dress: National Dress
Dinner Jacket
Decorations*

The Master of the Household presents his compliments
and has to inform you, with regret, that it will not be possible to
provide a dinner at Hyderabad House for either an A.D.C. or a
Personal Protection Officer on Wednesday, 23rd November, 1983.

JOHN COLES

7.11.1983

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CHOGM: Mr Thatcher

MONDAY 21 November

Mr Thatcher has re-arranged his Board Meeting at ATTWOODS (Drinkwater Sabey, Stockley Road, West Drayton) to start at 10.30 am. As he is likely to be the Chairman that day he will certainly be able to leave Drinkwater Sabey offices, Stockley Road, by 1300 hours. As a GCS car will take him to Drinkwater Sabey, and wait, there will be no problem of being at the South Side, V.I.P. by 1320 hours.

Mr Thatcher's luggage for CHOGM will be available at any time so directed if someone will let me know.

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Mr. New.
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TO PRIORITY FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 827 OF 6 NOVEMBER.

CHGM

1. YOUR TELNO 685 : OFFICE SPACE IN THE RESIDENCE. THE ONLY ROOM BIG ENOUGH TO HOUSE THE DEPUTY CLERKS, SECRETARIES, AND ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT IS THE GARDEN ROOM. THE STUDY COULD THEN BE USED BY THE PRIVATE SECRETARIES (THOUGH WE WOULD EXPECT THESE TO OPERATE PRINCIPALLY FROM THEIR BEDROOMS), THE PARLIAMENTARY PRIVATE SECRETARY AND THE TWO PRESS SECRETARIES AS NECESSARY. MY OWN SECRETARY WILL BE UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE THROUGHOUT THE QUEEN'S VISIT AND CHGM AND IT WOULD NOT BE PRACTICAL TO MOVE HERE ELSEWHERE OR USE HER OFFICE. USE OF THE LIBRARY IS ALSO NOT PRACTICAL SINCE IT SERVES TWO PURPOSES : (A) IT IS AN ESSENTIAL PASSAGE-WAY (SEMICOLON) (B) IT SERVES AS A USEFUL THIRD RECEPTION ROOM FOR RECEIVING ONE LOT OF VISITORS WHILE OTHERS ARE STILL USING THE DINING/DRAWING ROOMS. THERE IS GOOD TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE GARDEN ROOM AND STUDY, AND I THINK YOU WOULD FIND THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL WORK SATISFACTORILY.

2. AS CONFIRMED BY TELEPHONE IN AUGUST, WE CAN MANAGE YOUR LUNCH FOR FELLOW FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THE RESIDENCE. WE WILL PREPARE A SUITABLE MENU, FOR DISCUSSION WITH HALL ON ARRIVAL. (ON MENUS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S LUNCHESES, STARK'S TELELETTER OF 24 OCTOBER, DIANA SCOTT HAS TAKEN CARE OF ALL POINTS IN HALL'S TELELETTER OF 19 OCTOBER.)

3. TRANSPORT. CONFIRMED BOOKING FOR 14 AMBASSADOR CARS 21-30 NOVEMBER INCLUSIVE. ALSO TWO MINI-BUSES FOR COLLECTION AND DESPATCH OF VISITING PRESS. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT YOU HAVE NO USE FOR THE TWO POOL VEHICLES BEYOND 20 NOVEMBER : WE HAVE MADE PROVISION FOR THESE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU BEYOND THAT DATE, AND THEY MIGHT ALLOW YOU TO RELEASE TWO OF THE HIRED VEHICLES.

4. TELEPHONES. WE HAVE INSTALLED AN ADDITIONAL CHGM SECTION TO BHC PABX, FOR EXTENSIONS OF CHGM DELEGATES ETC IN BHC, RESIDENCE AND THE HOTELS. EXTENSIONS FROM IT INTERCOMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH EXISTING BHC EXTENSIONS. BUT OUTSIDE CALLERS SHOULD IDEALLY RING 619940 OR 619901 FOR CHGM EXTENSIONS, USING MAIN BHC NUMBER 690271 ONLY IF BOTH THESE ARE BUSY. GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD AMEND BRIEFING NOTES ACCORDINGLY. WE SHALL SHORTLY BE ALLOCATING EXTENSION NUMBERS AND PREPARING A DIRECTORY.

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Mr Thatcher

Could you please note the attached and bear in mind the two parts marked ie with regard to departure from Attwoods, and eventually let me know.

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For Attwood's send

Drinkwater Sabej

STOCKLEY ROAD

West Jaylin

P. COLES

Joy.

This might be better. Please let
David know whether Mr. Thatcher goes.

CHOGM: Mr. Thatcher

Joy's note about Mr. Thatcher's programme for the morning of 21 November is attached.

It seems perfectly practicable to me for Mr. Thatcher to attend his meeting at Attwoods, but I think a few minor changes to Joy's plans would help things to run even more smoothly.

Agreed
S I would suggest a GCS car is made available to transport Mr. Thatcher to and from his meeting. This avoids his car being left at Attwoods and ensures his arrival at Southside at the correct time. I would hope Bob Rumble (an ex-No.10 driver) would be able to cover this for us. He knows Mr. Thatcher and, more importantly, knows the layout of Heathrow Airport.

Agreed
S I am told Attwoods is actually in Stockley Road (not Stockleigh) and that it should only take 20 minutes to get to Southside. Mike Hall has said that the Prime Minister and Mr. Thatcher would board the plane together some 5 or 10 minutes before take-off (which is at 1400). If Mr. Thatcher leaves Attwoods at 1300, or just after, he should arrive at Southside at 1320 or so. He could then wait in the lounge where coffee is served until the Prime Minister's party arrive.

Nox
Note Alternatively he could delay his departure from Attwoods until 1330 (at the latest) and still be in time for a 1400 hours take-off.

Note The only other thing I shall have to bear in mind is the luggage, but I would expect that this will all be dealt with on the Monday morning, and in any event will not affect Mr. Thatcher.

Mark
MK

3 November, 1983.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

3 November 1983

Dear John,

CHOGM: Configuration of RAF VC10

I enclose a suggested configuration of the VC10 taking the Prime Minister to Delhi on 21 November, together with a suggested allocation of seats/divans during the silent hours of the flight. In the event this will be a fairly short period since owing to the time difference between London and Delhi the aircraft will be arriving in Delhi at the equivalent of 2.30 a.m. UK time. The Foreign Secretary is content with this suggested allocation.

I also enclose a copy of the full delegation list for CHOGM so that you can identify the names on the diagram.

Yours ever,

Peter Ricketts

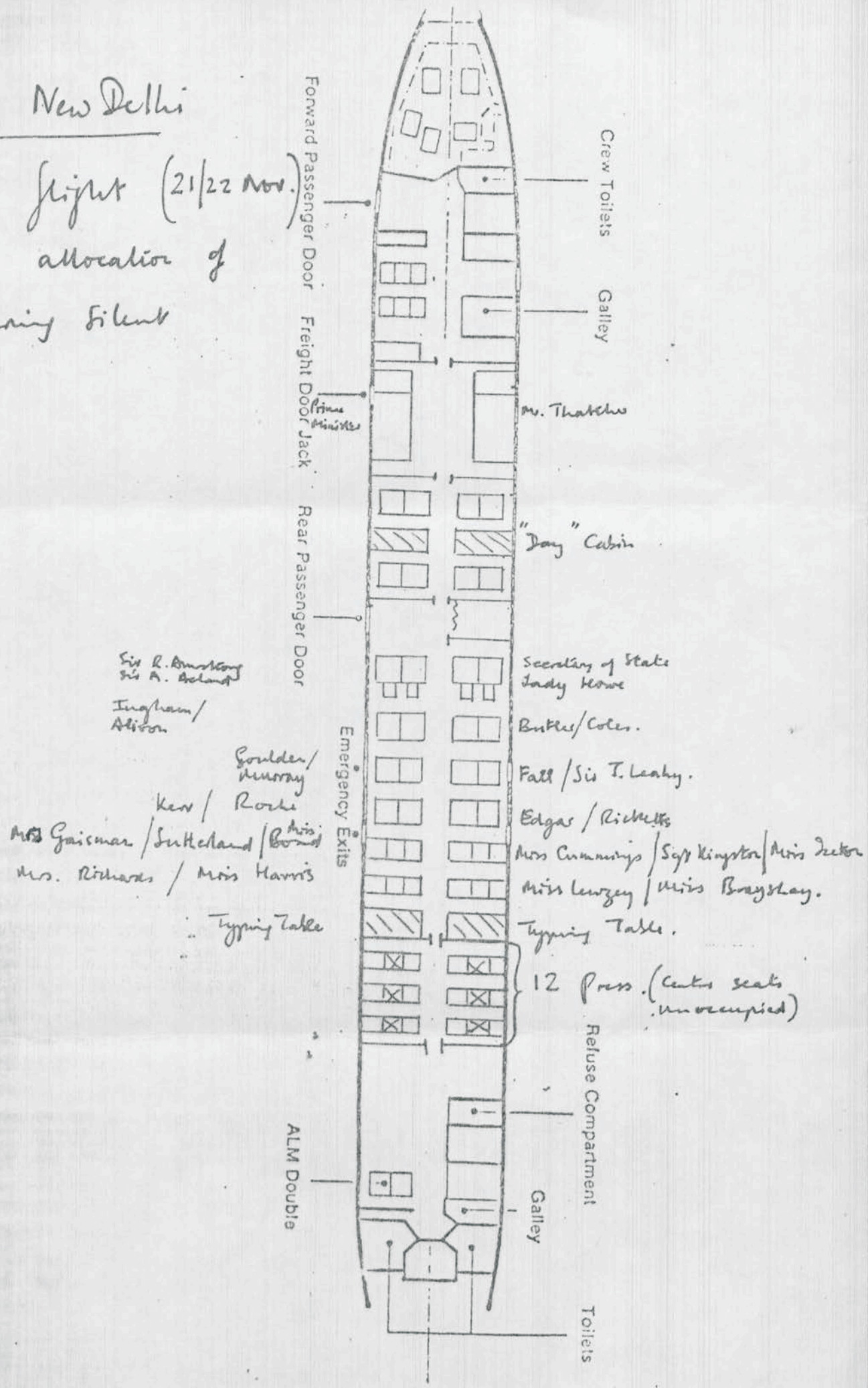
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COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING

NEW DELHI - 1983

COMPOSITION OF UK DELEGATION

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Accomodation</u>
NO 10 DOWNING STREET			
1.	The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP	Prime Minister	Residence
2.	Mr Denis Thatcher MBE		Residence
3.	Mr M Alison MP	Parliamentary Private Secretary	Residence
4.	Mr F E R Butler	Private Secretary	Residence
5.	Mr A J Coles	Private Secretary	Residence
6.	Mr B Ingham	Chief Press Secretary	Ashok/Samrat
7.	Mr I R Murray	Assistant Press Secretary	Kanishka Hotel (suite)
8.	Mr M W Kerr	Duty Clerk	Maurya Hotel
9.	Miss N Roche	Duty Clerk	Maurya Hotel
10.	Mrs K Richards	Secretarial Assistant	Maurya Hotel
11.	Miss S Harris	Secretarial Assistant	Maurya Hotel
12.	Miss V S J Cummings	Secretarial Assistant	Maurya Hotel
13.	Miss L M Bond	Secretarial Assistant (Press)	Kanishka Hotel
14.	Mrs T M Gaisman	Personal Assistant to serial 3	Maurya Hotel

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15.	Det Supt G Cawthorne	Detective	Residence
16.	Det Ch Insp D R Edgar	Detective	Maurya Hotel
17.	Det Sgt R Kingston	Detective	Maurya Hotel

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18.	Sir Robert Armstrong KCB CVO	Secretary of the Cabinet	Ashok/Samrat
19.	Miss V Icton	PA to Sir Robert Armstrong	Ashok/Samrat
20.	Mr J L Wright OBE	Communications Co-ordinator	Maurya Hotel

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21.	The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe QC MP	Secretary of State	Ashok/Samrat
22.	Lady Howe		Ashok/Samrat
23.	Mr B J P Fall	Private Secretary	Ashok/Samrat
24.	Mr P F Ricketts	Private Secretary	Ashok Hotel
25.	Miss A J Lewzey	Personal Assistant	Ashok Hotel
26.	Miss S P Brayshay	Personal Assistant	Ashok Hotel
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28.	Det Sgt S Sutherland	Detective	Ashok Hotel
29.	Sir Antony Acland KCMG, KCVO	Permanent Under-Secretary	Ashok/Samrat
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36.	Mr N C MacKenzie	Assistant Delegation Secretary	Maurya Hotel

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37.	Mr M R Ainscow	Under Secretary	Maurya Hotel
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38.	Mr J Ensoll	Chief Political Correspondent	Kanishka Hotel
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42.	Miss D Laing	Delegation Archivist (BHC New Delhi)	
43.	Miss J Nicholson	Delegation Archivist	Maurya Hotel
44.	Mr I A C Macdonald	Delegation Accountant (BHC New Delhi)	
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1.	Sir Robert Wade-Gery KCMG	British High Commissioner, New Delhi
2.	Mr R C Samuel CMG	Deputy High Commisisoner
3.	Mr M C Stark	First Secretary

JOHN COLES

2.11.1983

CHOGM

Stockley Rd?

Mr Thatcher must attend a Board Meeting of ATTWOODS, at Stockley Road, West Drayton, Middx on Monday 21 November at 1100. It should be finished by 1300. Bearing in mind that Stockley Road is only about a quarter of an hour from London Airport, would it be possible for him to be picked up from there to join the P.M. for the flight to Delhi? It will mean someone will have to bring his car back from Stockley Road but we can arrange this later.

Goj

Narl.

Pl. let me know whether this is practicable and what the details are.

20 min's

14:00 take-off

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13:20 min's

Bob Pumble (GES)

Southside

13:50 Lounge Southside
Coffee etc.

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TO IMMEDIATE DELHI

TELEGRAM NUMBER 684 OF 2 NOVEMBER

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FROM CONFERENCE SECTION

CHGM: PROGRAMMES

1. MR THATCHER'S PROGRAMME. NO 10 CONFIRM THAT MR THATCHER WOULD PREFER IN GENERAL THAT HIS PROGRAMME SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT UNDER HIGH COMMISSION RATHER THAN INDIAN GOVERNMENT AUSPICES. HE ALSO HOPES THAT A MEMBER OF YOUR STAFF WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMPANY HIM ON HIS VISITS. OF THE COMPANIES LISTED IN YOUR TEL 706 HE WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN THE MODI GROUP, USHA TELEHOIST AND SOMANY PILKINGTONS (HE HAS VISITED ESCORTS BEFORE). REGARDING A VISIT TO CALCUTTA, MR THATCHER DOES NOT THINK HE CAN RECONCILE THIS WITH THE LIKELY REQUIREMENTS OF THE OVERALL CHGM PROGRAMME AND IT SHOULD THEREFORE BE DROPPED. IF IT WOULD BE HELPFUL HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT THE BRITISH COUNCIL AND HE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN THE VISIT TO THE TRADE FAIR (YOUR TEL 728 PARA 5). FINALLY YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT MR THATCHER DOES NOT WISH TO PLAY GOLF DURING THIS VISIT BUT THAT HE WILL NOT IN THE LEAST MIND EARLY STARTS INORDER TO AVOID A LESS RUSHED PROGRAMME.
2. LADY HOWE'S PROGRAMME. WE SHALL NEED TO BE SUBMITTING ON THIS. GRATEFUL THEREFORE FOR DETAILS OF THE OFFICIAL SPOUSES PROGRAMME AND OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR HER PRIVATE PROGRAMME BEYOND THOSE IN YOUR TEL 728, BEARING IN MIND THE INTERESTS GIVEN IN OUR TEL 588.

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From the Private Secretary

31 October 1983

CHOGM: PROGRAMME FOR MR. THATCHER

You will have seen New Delhi telegram No. 706 but may not have seen Mike Hall's letter of 21 October to me. I think it would be tidier if Mr. Thatcher's programme was dealt with through your office.

I should be grateful if the following points could be conveyed to the High Commission in Delhi:-

- a) Mr. Thatcher would prefer in general that his separate programme should be carried out under High Commission rather than Indian Government auspices. He also hopes that a member of the staff will be able to accompany him on his visits.
- b) of the companies listed in Delhi tel. No. 706 he would be most interested in the MODI Group, Usha Telehoist and Somany Pilkingtons (he has visited Escorts before).
- c) he does not think he can reconcile a visit to Calcutta with the likely requirements of the CHOGM programme. This should be dropped.
- d) if it would be helpful he would be happy to visit the British Council.
- e) Mr. Thatcher will not wish to play golf during the visit.
- f) he would be interested in the visit to the trade fair (para. 5 of New Delhi tel. No. 728).
- g) he does not in the least mind early starts in order to avoid a less rushed programme than would otherwise be possible.

A. J. COLES

Peter Ricketts, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Mr Thatcher

31.10.83

Could you please let me have the
name of the firm outside Delhi
you would like to visit (for John Coles)?

Joy

John. JT is not now
visiting the firm - this
was what he wanted to
tell you.

Joy

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PRIME MINISTER

CHOGM

When you saw the attached letter from the FCO over the weekend, you did not indicate whether you wanted to take up the engagements which Sir Robert Wade-Gery suggests on the last page (they are highlighted). My own view is that, since the Commonwealth Conference will now be very busy, it might be wise to avoid any extra commitments. But are you interested in a, b, c or d?

A. J. COLES

31 October 1983

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PRIME MINISTER

CHOGM

The attached letter deals with three subjects:

(a) The Literary Award Ceremony at which you have agreed to make a speech. Could you indicate your decisions on the various points I have noted in the margin?

(b) Some suggestions from Robert Wade-Gery as to other engagements which you might undertake in Delhi. I think you will need to bear in mind that, following Grenada, CHOGM is going to be a livelier and more demanding Meeting than it would otherwise have been. If you want to take up any of Robert's four suggestions, perhaps you would again indicate in the margin.

(c) A message from you to the Indian press to be published on the eve of the Meeting. A text is attached. Are you content with it?

A.J.C.

Yes

(but in view of the Dick visit - doesn't seem presumption to say the interest indicated)

mt

28 October 1983

DRAFT MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

I AM DELIGHTED TO BE RETURNING TO INDIA ONCE MORE, THIS TIME FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. IT IS MY FOURTH VISIT TO A COUNTRY WHICH HAS ALWAYS DEEPLY INTERESTED ME.

WE IN BRITAIN CHERISH GREATLY OUR MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMONWEALTH, THAT UNIQUE FAMILY OF NATIONS BOUND TOGETHER BY SHARED VALUES AND LINKS OF FRIENDSHIP. OUR REGULAR MEETINGS, WHETHER OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, OR OF THE MANY OTHER COMMONWEALTH BODIES NOW FLOURISHING, SYMBOLISE THE WARMTH OF THE ASSOCIATION. SUCH MEETINGS ADVANCE CO-OPERATION IN MANY FIELDS, BETWEEN NATIONS, BETWEEN ORGANISATIONS, AND BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS. THIS IS ONE OF THE MAIN STRENGTHS OF THE COMMONWEALTH RELATIONSHIP. I AM CONFIDENT THAT UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF YOUR PRIME MINISTER, MRS. INDIRA GANDHI, THE COMMONWEALTH MEETING IN NEW DELHI WILL MAKE A STRONG CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMONWEALTH IDEAL.

I ALSO HOPE THAT MY VISIT WILL HELP STRENGTHEN THE CLOSE TIES BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND INDIA. IN PARTICULAR I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSIONS WITH MRS. GANDHI, WHO BRINGS TO HER CONSIDERATION OF AFFAIRS SUCH EXPERIENCE AND VISION.

TODAY, INDIA IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING INDUSTRIAL NATIONS. HER RESOURCES, BOTH MATERIAL AND HUMAN, REPRESENT AN ENORMOUS POTENTIAL FOR THE FUTURE. INDIA HAS ALSO PIONEERED WORK AT THE FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. IN THESE AND OTHER AREAS THERE IS GREAT SCOPE FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. SUCH COLLABORATION BENEFITS US BOTH, AND PROMOTES OUR SHARED OBJECTIVES OF ECONOMIC GROWTH. TODAY, BRITAIN IS ONE OF INDIA'S LARGEST TRADING PARTNERS AND FOR MANY YEARS WE HAVE MADE THE LARGEST NET BILATERAL AID CONTRIBUTION TO INDIA'S DEVELOPMENT. IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO STRENGTHEN FURTHER THIS ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH FRAMEWORK.

I SEND THROUGH YOUR PAGES MY WARM WISHES TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF INDIA.

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From the Private Secretary

28 October, 1983

CHOGM

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As you know, the Prime Minister will on present plans arrive in Delhi on the early morning of Tuesday, 22 November. Now that there is no possibility of a meeting with the Australian Prime Minister on that day, we need to consider whether the Prime Minister should seek to arrange any other meetings. In particular, should she be advised to offer lunch to any of the participants. One possibility, in the light of recent events, might be some of the Commonwealth Caribbean representatives. I should be grateful for any advice you may wish to offer and shall well understand if you think it too early to advise the Prime Minister on this possibility now.

Alternatively, we could consider a lunch with some of the Africans. The Prime Minister asked me the other day whether an early meeting with Nigeria might be useful.

P. F. Ricketts, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Mr Ricketts
Private Office

FROM: M M Hall
DATE: 27 October 1983

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1. On 11 October John Holmes minuted that Mr Coles had asked for considered advice on what the Prime Minister should and should not eat and drink whilst in India for this years' CHGM. We have now received advice from the High Commission in New Delhi and this is incorporated in the attached draft.

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M M Hall
Protocol Department
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SUBJECT: CHGM, NEW DELHI: HEALTH

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CAVEAT.....

1. You will recall that earlier this month you asked John Holmes to obtain advice on what the Prime Minister should and should not eat during her visit to India for this years' CHGM. We have now received a reply from our High Commission in New Delhi and if I may will set this out verbatim:-

'It is impossible in India to guarantee avoidance of illness. Usually these are only mild attacks of stomach upset but occasionally something more serious. Bringing bottled water would be a rather extreme precaution since bottled water is available locally, and in any case one cannot guarantee that the glasses, crockery, etc will be germ-free. Water in the major hotels, and of course the Residence, will be safe (filtered or boiled or both). Food and general hygiene in these places will also be good. There are no particular foods or drinks which should be avoided, except that in general spicy food is best avoided (at Indian meals there is invariably a wide choice of dishes)'

Enclosures—flag(s).....

2. I understand that you are receiving separate advice through Protocol Department on vaccinations and other protection against illness.

MARK

CHOGM: NEW DELHI: 1983
MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

Following the blood tests you will by now have received the Civil Service Medical Adviser's recommendation that you should have a gamma globulin injection for immunity against viral hepatitis before going to New Delhi.

(In addition some of you (Linda and Stephanie?) will need your second 'servings' of typhoid and cholera).

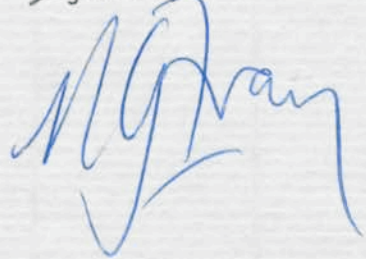
I have arranged for the Doctor and Sisters to come here at 1500 hours on Monday 14 November and provide the necessary injections. As before we will be using the Principal Private Secretary's bedroom.

If this is an inconvenient time you can of course make your own arrangements. I am afraid the Doctor will take a dim view of people 'crying-off' at the last minute, so if you have decided not to go through with it please let me know as soon as possible.

PP

Mark Kerr

25.10.83



- cc: Mr. Butler —
Mr. Coles
Mr. Alison
Mrs. Gaisman
Miss Bond
Mrs. Richards
Mrs. Cummings
Mrs. Harris
Ch. Insp. Edgar

For information:

Miss Robilliard

Mr. Taylor



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Athens
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Summit Bonn

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From the Private Secretary

24 October 1983

OVERSEAS TRAVEL BY THE PRIME MINISTER

The Prime Minister would propose to make the following overseas journeys in November and December:

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| 8-9 November | Visit to the Federal Republic of Germany for the next Anglo/German Summit |
| 21-29 November | Attend Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, New Delhi |
| 4-6 December | Attend European Council meeting in Athens |

I should be grateful if you would seek The Queen's permission for the Prime Minister to be absent from the country on the days listed above.

A. J. COLES

Robert Fellowes, Esq., M.V.O.



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From the Private Secretary

24 October 1983

CHOGM: Entertainment

Would you please refer to John Holmes's letter of 20 October.

The Prime Minister agrees that invitations should be issued to the Heads of Delegation listed in the enclosure to the letter (though Grenada should clearly be excluded and reconsidered nearer the time). I should therefore be grateful if you would act as suggested in the last paragraph of the letter and let us here know when confirmatory invitation cards should be issued.

The Prime Minister would like Mr. Alison and the officials listed in the third paragraph of the letter to be included in the lunches. As regards the place for one Private Secretary, this will either be Robin Butler or myself and it would suit us if we could confirm which of us it will be the day before each lunch.

A. J. COLES

Peter Ricketts, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'L. S.', located in the bottom right corner of the page.


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Telephone 01- 273 3632

A J Coles Esq
 No 10 Downing Street

Your reference

Our reference

Date 21 October 1983

Dear John,

CHGM: MR THATCHER'S PROGRAMME

- / 1. I enclose a copy of New Delhi telegram 728 of 18 October which was sent in response to my telegram on programmes of 13 October (FCO tel 558). A copy of this is also enclosed. I included the paragraph about a programme for Mr Thatcher because I was unaware that you had already sent a personal telegram to the High Commissioner on the same subject.
2. I am a little concerned that the High Commission, by informing the Indians of Mr Thatcher's interests (para 4 of the Delhi telegram) might have given them the impression that the GOI will be primarily responsible for Mr Thatcher's programme, ^{which} could result in a programme which is both onerous and wide of the mark. For example, the Indians might include visits which will demonstrate Indian industrial achievement rather than British activity on the Indian industrial scene, although a little of the former may be of interest to Mr Thatcher. Therefore, if you agree, I propose to ask the High Commission to ensure that they, rather than the GOI, remain in control of Mr Thatcher's programme outside the official CHGM programme.
3. Turning to specific programme suggestions in Delhi telegrams 706 and 728 (the former being in answer to your telegram to the High Commissioner), my personal view is that a day visit on 28 November to Calcutta would be very tiring for Mr Thatcher. He will have spent the weekend in Goa (which one hopes would be reasonably restful) but the journey from Goa to Bombay, thence to Calcutta and from there back to Delhi, all in one day, would be very taxing. One also has to bear in mind that Mr Thatcher will

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have an overnight flight back to the UK on 29 November.
Regarding the visits to industrial firms proposed in Delhi telegram 706, the geographical department's recommendation would be the first two ie the Modi Group and Escorts, the former having the advantage of possibly being able to provide helicopter transport.

*Yours ever,
Mike.*

M M Hall
Overseas Conferences and Visits Section
Protocol Department

cc Mr Byrne - CCD
Mr Cleghorn - SAD

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10 Downing Street
Whitehall

To: A. J. C.

From: D. T.

Subj: CHOGRI

1. Nos 1, 2, and 3 on Lord Gery's list are most satisfactory. I have been to Escorts.
2. There will be an additional one to be included in the programme. This is a company in / near Delhi with whom Quinlan Hazell are in negotiations. It's a Q.H. Director I can do some real good. I will give you full details of this when I return from Spain.
3. I will certainly welcome the suggested golf. I am not keen on leading my own clubs

because the Press take pictures etc
etc. Could one of WG's staff
inquire whether I could borrow
a set of LEFT HANDED clubs.
If not, perhaps I must "risk"
taking my own.

4. Calcutta. I do NOT think
this is "on". If I miss some
official engagement which I
should or ought to be present
there is found to be comment
or criticism.

5. I do NOT mind early starts
(I am a pretty hard worker!)
and "rushed" visits are worse
than no visits at all.

6. I MUST have one of WG's
staff as a "beer leader".

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

20 October 1983

Prime Minister

Clearly, we must not invite Grenada now
but should consider nearer the time.

otherwise content?

Dear John,

CHOGM: Entertainment

A. J. C. 21.
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/ As requested in your letter of 13 September, I attach draft guest lists for the lunches for Heads of Delegation which the Prime Minister has now agreed to give on 28 and 29 November. Now that both the lunches are to take place after The Queen's departure from India, there is no need for adjustment to take account of any entertainment she may be offering.

A simple alphabetical division of delegations produces a good regional balance. I assume that, as in Melbourne and Lusaka, Heads of Delegation unable to accept an invitation on the appropriate day may be offered, if space permits, an invitation for the other day. The result of this juggling may produce a slightly different mix, but is unlikely to disturb the overall balance.

We have added also some senior representatives from the Commonwealth Secretariat. Additionally, the Prime Minister might like Mr Alison and four or five senior officials to be included for each lunch (the Foreign Secretary will of course already have left). The officials might include Sir Robert Armstrong, Sir Antony Acland and Sir John Leahy, plus of course Sir Robert Wade-Gery and at least one Private Secretary. This would produce a total of about 32 people for each lunch. Numbers could of course be made up if necessary from the other members of our delegation.

✓ If the Prime Minister agrees these proposals, we shall ask our High Commissioners to issue invitations to Heads of Delegations concerned, and will ourselves issue them to those concerned in the Commonwealth Secretariat. You will presumably as usual follow up later with confirmatory invitation cards. We will also let the Indian organisers of CHOGM know of the proposed guest lists.

Yours ever

John Holmes

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street



LUNCH ON MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER

Heads of Delegation of:

Antigua and Barbuda
Australia
Bahamas
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belize
Botswana
Canada
Cyprus
Dominica
Fiji
The Gambia
Ghana
To be considered near the time. Grenada
Guyana
India
Jamaica
Kenya
Kiribati
Lesotho
Malawi
Malaysia

Commonwealth Secretariat:

Mr Ramphal
Secretary-General
Mr M Malhoutra
Assistant Secretary-General

Mr D Anderson
Assistant Secretary-General

LUNCH ON TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Heads of Delegation of:

Malta
Mauritius
New Zealand
Nigeria
Papua New Guinea
St Kitts-Nevis
St Lucia
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Solomon Islands
Sri Lanka
Swaziland
Tanzania
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Uganda
Vanuatu
Western Samoa
Zambia
Zimbabwe

Commonwealth Secretariat:

Sir Peter Marshall
Deputy Secretary-General
Mr H Craft
Director of International Affairs
Division and Conference
Secretary for CHOGM

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

20 October 1983

CHOGM: Prime Minister's Accommodation

Thank you for your letter of 19 October.

In the light of your further advice, the Prime Minister would now like you to plan on the basis that she and her immediate staff will stay at the Residence in New Delhi.

A. J. COLES

J.E. Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Prime Minister

There is no way of
avoiding all risk of
criticism if you stay at
the Residence rather than an hotel.
But in the light of the advice,
do you wish to stay in the
Residence?

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

19 October 1983

Dear Sir,

A.F.C. $\frac{20}{10}$

Yes not

CHOGM: Prime Minister's Accommodation

Following my letter of 10 October, you told me that the Prime Minister would like Sir Robert Wade-Gery to ask Natwar Singh whether the Indians would have any objection if she and her party were to stay at the Residence during CHOGM.

Sir Robert has now spoken to Natwar Singh (New Delhi telno 713 - enclosed). Briefly, Natwar Singh said firmly that the Indians would have no objection to the Prime Minister staying at the Residence if she preferred to do so. The Residence was conveniently situated, so that there would be little additional security burden. Natwar concluded that staying at Residences was not something he would want every Head of Government to do; but that in our case there seemed little objection. He spoke confidently, and showed no disposition to consult Mrs Gandhi. Sir Robert comments that, so far as the Indian Government is concerned, we can take this as the green light we wanted.

We cannot, of course, rule out the possibility that some Commonwealth Heads of Government might be disappointed at the Prime Minister's absence from the "collegiate" atmosphere of the hotel complex; but, as I noted in my letter of 10 October, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary does not regard this as an over-riding consideration.

Should we now plan on the basis that the Prime Minister and her party will stay at the Residence? Sir Robert would like to tell the Indians as soon as a decision has been reached.

Yours ever

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

John Holmes

A J Coles Esq
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FM NEW DELHI 170530Z
TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 713 OF 17 OCTOBER 1983

YOUR TELNO 570 : PRIME MINISTER'S ACCOMMODATION DURING CHOGM

1. I SAW NATWAR SINGH ON 15 OCTOBER ON MY RETURN FROM BOMBAY. AS WELL AS DEALING WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER ROYAL VISITS AND CHOGM POINTS, I SAID THAT I NEEDED EITHER TO OFFER THE PRIME MINISTER AN UNLOADED CHOICE BETWEEN STAYING WITH ME AND STAYING AT THE CONFERENCE HOTELS (SEMI COLON) OR TO OFFER ADVICE IN FAVOUR OF THE LATTER, EG BECAUSE THAT WOULD FIT IN BETTER WITH THE ORGANISERS' PLANS FOR THE CONFERENCE MANAGEMENT. DID HE HAVE ANY VIEWS ON THIS?

2. NATWAR SUGGESTED FIRMLY THAT I SHOULD OFFER AN UNLOADED CHOICE. MRS THATCHER SHOULD DO WHICHEVER SHE PREFERRED. AT THE CHOGM, LAST YEAR, FOR INSTANCE, MALCOLM FRASER HAD OPTED FOR A DIFFERENT HOTEL AND THIS HAD NOT MATTERED. I SAID I HAD THE IMPRESION THAT HIS DECISION HAD BEEN UNPOPULAR WITH THE INDIANS. NATWAR REPLIED THAT HE HAD NO PATIENCE WITH HIS COUNTRYMEN WHO FUSSED OVER SUCH MATTERS. BUT CHOOSING ANOTHER HOTEL, AND ONE INCONVENIENTLY SITUATED FROM A SECURITY POINT OF VIEW, HAD PERHAPS BEEN CARRING FREEDOM OF CHOICE TO FAR. IN THE PRESENT CASE, BY CONTRAST, MRS THATCHER IF SHE CHOSE MY RESIDENCE WOULD BE GOING TO HER OWN HIGH COMMISSION AND TO A HOUSE WHICH LAY HALFWAY BETWEEN THE CONFERENCE HOTELS AND THE CONFERENCE CENTRE AND WOULD THEREFORE IMPOSE LITTLE ADDITIONAL SECURITY BURDEN. IN ANY CASE, HEADS OF GOVERNMENT COULD NOT BE DICTATED TO IN SUCH MATTERS.

3. I COMMENTED THAT HIS OWN WISH NOT TO DICTATE WAS IN THE BEST TRADITIONS OF INDIAN HOSPITALITY. BUT MY POSITION WAS DIFFERENT. MY JOB WAS TO ADVISE AGAINST ANYTHING ON OUR SIDE WHICH MIGHT SEEM IMPOLITE OR INCONSIDERATE. WAS HE SURE THAT IF MRS THATCHER CHOSE MY RESIDENCE THIS WOULD NOT BE REGRETED BY THE CONFERENCE ORGANISERS (EG FOR COLLEGIALITY REASONS) AND PARTICULARLY BY THOSE RESPONSIBILTY FOR SECURITY? NATWAR REPLIED THAT THE COLLEGIALITY ARGUMENT WAS SIMPLY ONE FACTOR AMONG OTHERS (SEMI COLON) AND THAT ALTHOUGH STAYING IN MY HOUSE WOULD MARGINALLY INCREASE THE SECURITY TASK THE POSITION OF THE HOUSE COULD HARDLY BE BETTER FROM A SECURITY POINT OF VIEW. STAYING AT RESIDENCES WAS NOT SOMETHING HE WOULD WANT EVERY HEAD OF GOVERNMENT TO DO. BUT IN OUR CASE THERE SEEMED LITTLE OBJECTION.

4. I WARNED HIM THAT, IN MY PRIVATE JUDGEMENT UNLOADED ADVICE MIGHT WELL LEAD TO A DECISION TO STAY WITH ME BUT HE STUCK TO HIS GUNS. SHE WAS MORE THAN WELCOME TO DO WHICHEVER SHE CHOSE.

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5. COMMENT. AT NO STAGE DID NATWAR SUGGEST THAT HE SHOULD CONSULT MRS GANDHI ON THIS SUBJECT (THOUGH HE DID IN THE CASE OF ONE OF THE OTHER TOPICS WE DISCUSSED). SO FAR AS THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT ARE CONCERNED, THEREFORE, I THINK WE CAN TAKE THIS AS THE GREEN LIGHT WE WANTED.

6. GRATEFUL FOR AUTHORITY TO TELL INDIANS AS SOON AS THE PRIME MINISTER'S DECISION HAS BEEN MADE.

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 351 OF 18 OCTOBER
INFO DELHI
CHOGM AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER

1. YOU SHOULD ARRANGE FOR EARLY DELIVERY OF FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO MR HAWKE.
2. MESSAGE BEGINS

I AM VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU IN DELHI NEXT MONTH.

I KNOW FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT HOW QUICKLY ONE GETS IMMERSSED IN LONG, FORMAL SESSIONS WITH ALL TOO LITTLE OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIVATE INFORMAL DISCUSSION.

I THEREFORE WONDERED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY CHANCE OF OUR MEETING BEFORE THE CONFERENCE STARTS. I DO NOT KNOW WHEN YOU PLAN TO ARRIVE, BUT I WOULD BE VERY GLAD TO OFFER YOU LUNCH AT THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION IN DELHI ON TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE A TALK BEFORE DINNER THAT DAY (I AM ALREADY COMMITTED TO A DINNER ENGAGEMENT).

IN EITHER CASE I SUGGEST THAT WE KEEP THE NUMBERS DOWN (PERHAPS THREE PER SIDE) SO THAT WE CAN TAKE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF THE TIME FOR TALKING.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING WHETHER A MEETING WILL BE POSSIBLE. MEANWHILE, I SEND YOU MY VERY BEST WISHES.
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TO PRIORITY FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 728 OF 18 OCTOBER.YOUR TELNO 588
CHGM PROGRAMMES
FOR CONFERENCE SECTION.

1. HEAD OF CHANCERY CALLED YESTERDAY ON LAMBAH, JOINT SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF CHGM IN THE MEA TO DISCUSS THE PROGRAMME AND OTHER DETAILS. LAMBAH STRESSED REPEATEDLY THAT MANY POINTS HAD NOT YET BEEN DECIDED. HE EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO GIVE US FIRM INFORMATION IN ANOTHER FOUR DAYS.

PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME

2. WILLIAMS TOLD LAMBAH THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE HOSTING LUNCHES FOR OTHER HEADS OF DELEGATION ON 28 AND 29 NOVEMBER AT MY RESIDENCE. LAMBAH SAID THAT THESE WOULD NOT BE MENTIONED IN THE OFFICIAL PROGRAMME OF THE MEETING.

3. LAMBAH CONFIRMED THAT THE GOA RETREAT WOULD END ON P.M. SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER, NOT A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE DINNER GIVEN BY MR YUNAS AT THE TRADE FAIR ON 28 NOVEMBER WOULD NOT BE FOR HEADS OF DELEGATION (AS WE HAD PREVIOUSLY UNDERSTOOD). THE PRESIDENT MIGHT BE GIVING A RECEPTION ON THE EVENING OF 23 NOVEMBER, PROBABLY FOR HEADS OF DELEGATION AND SPOUSES ONLY, BEFORE THE QUEEN'S BANQUET.

MR THATCHER'S PROGRAMME

4. AS NATWAR SINGH HAD ON MRS GANDHI'S INSTRUCTIONS ASKED ME ABOUT THIS WITH SOME SOLICITUDE ON 15 OCTOBER, WILLIAMS INFORMED LAMBAH OF MR THATCHER'S INTERESTS AS IN YOUR TELNO 588, AND ALSO OF THE IDEAS WE HAD SUGGESTED IN MY TELNO 706. THE ONLY POSSIBLE DAY FOR A VISIT TO CALCUTTA SEEMED TO BE 28 NOVEMBER, ESPECIALLY SINCE HE WAS NOT EXPECTED AT THE YUNUS DINNER THAT EVENING. LAMBAH SUGGESTED THAT HE CONSIDER FLYING DIRECT FROM BOMBAY TO CALCUTTA AFTER THE GOA RETREAT, RATHER THAN RETURNING TO DELHI. THIS WOULD BE COMPLICATED, SINCE GOA AIRPORT WOULD BE GIVEN OVER TO VIP MOVEMENTS, BUT HE WAS SURE IT COULD BE ARRANGED IF THAT WAS WHAT MR THATCHER WANTED. WILLIAMS AGREED TO LET LAMBAH KNOW MR THATCHER'S PREFERENCES, BOTH FOR THE SUGGESTIONS IN MY TELNO 706 AND FOR THE POSSIBLE CALCUTTA VISIT.

*This would be very
firing, assuming a
day trip is envisaged.*

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/S. LAMBAH

5. LAMBAH SAID THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE OPENING ON 23 NOVEMBER WOULD PROBABLY NOT INCLUDE SPOUSES. THE VISIT TO THE TRADE FAIR AND LUNCH BY THE VICE PRESIDENT ON 24 NOVEMBER WAS NOT INTENDED FOR WIVES, FOR WHOM MRS HIDAYATULLAH WOULD BE ARRANGING A SEPARATE PROGRAMME AND LUNCH. MR THATCHER WOULD PROBABLY BE MORE INTERESTED IN THE TRADE FAIR. WILLIAMS AGREED. GRATEFUL FOR ADVICE ON WHETHER MR THATCHER WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS.

SECRETARY OF STATE'S PROGRAMME

6. WILLIAMS CONFIRMED THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE WOULD LIKE TO HOST A LUNCH ON 25 NOVEMBER, FOR SOME BUT NOT ALL OF HIS COLLEAGUES. LAMBAH SAID THIS WOULD NOT BE PUT INTO THE OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

7. THE INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD PROBABLY BE OFFERING DINNER ON 23 NOVEMBER TO VISITING FOREIGN MINISTERS AND WIVES. THE PLACE FOR THE MINISTERIAL RETREAT WAS STILL NOT DEFINITELY FIXED. IT MIGHT BE JODHPUR (FOR A VISIT ONLY) THEN ON TO STAY OVERNIGHT AT UDAIPUR. UDAIPUR MIGHT NOT BE INCLUDED. THERE MIGHT BE NO OVERNIGHT STAY. THE HOST WOULD BE THE INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER. PROBABLY ALL VISITING MINISTERS WOULD BE INVITED, NOT JUST FOREIGN MINISTERS (SEMICOLON) BUT NO AIDES AT ALL.

8. ALTHOUGH UDAIPUR IS AS CLOSE TO BOMBAY AS TO DELHI, LAMBAH AGREED THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHOULD PLAN ON TRAVELLING TO EUROPE FROM DELHI ON THE EVENING OF 27 NOVEMBER, AT LEAST UNTIL THE DETAILS OF THE MINISTERIAL RETREAT WERE FIXED.

9. IN ADDITION TO HIS OTHER ENGAGEMENTS, I RECOMMEND THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHOULD VISIT THE BRITISH COUNCIL IN DELHI (INDIA, AS YOU WILL KNOW, IS THEIR LARGEST OVERSEAS OPERATION, AND THEY ARE ORGANISATIONALLY A DIVISION OF THE HIGH COMMISSION) (SEMICOLON) AND THAT HE SHOULD ALSO HAVE A MEETING WITH DIPLOMATIC SERVICE MEMBERS OF MY STAFF (INCLUDING SECONDEES).

LADY HOWE'S PROGRAMME

10. WILLIAMS PASSED ON THE INFORMATION IN YOUR TELNO 588 ABOUT LADY HOWE'S PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS. LAMBAH SAID IT HAD NOT YET BEEN DECIDED WHETHER WIVES OF MINISTERS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAMME FOR WIVES OF HEADS OF DELEGATION. IT DEPENDED IN PART ON HOW MANY OF THE FORMER ATTENDED. HE ACCEPTED THAT, IF GENERALLY INCLUDED, LADY HOWE MIGHT WISH TO ABSENT HERSELF FROM SOME ITEMS IN THE WIVES' PROGRAMME TO PURSUE PARTICULAR INTERESTS.

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11. I UNDERSTAND THAT LADY HOWE PLANS TO STAY ON IN DELHI AND RETURN WITH THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY. WE SHALL ARRANGE FOR HER TO SEE SOMETHING OF OUR ACCOMMODATION, IN WHICH SHE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST. WOULD SHE ALSO LIKE TO MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DSWA E.G. AT LUNCH ON 28 OR 29 NOVEMBER? I AM SURE THIS WOULD BE WELCOMED.

To be
Classified.

SENIOR OFFICIALS' PROGRAMME

12. LAMBAH SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE ONE MEETING OF SENIOR OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THE AGENDA ON THE AFTERNOON OF 22 NOVEMBER. THE INDIAN REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE THE FOREIGN SECRETARY (IE PUS), RASGOTRA, WHO WOULD ALSO HOST A DINNER THAT EVENING FOR THE SENIOR OFFICIALS INVOLVED.

13. THE VENUE AND EVEN THE DATE OF THE SENIOR OFFICIALS' RETREAT HAD NOT YET BEEN FIXED - BUT IT WOULD BE A DAY'S OUTING ONLY.

INDIAN DELEGATION

14. THE INDIAN DELEGATION HAD NOT YET BEEN DECIDED ON, EXCEPT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER, THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE FOREIGN SECRETARY (SEMICOLON) BUT DR ALEXANDER, THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER, WOULD OF COURSE ALSO BE INCLUDED. NOR HAD THEY YET DECIDED WHO WOULD BE LOOKING AFTER VISITING SPOUSES, EXCEPT FOR MRS HIDAYATULLAH'S LUNCH ON 24 NOVEMBER.

GOA RETREAT

15. LAMBAH DENIED A PRESS REPORT THAT TRANSPORT FROM GOA TO THE FORT AGUADA WOULD NOW BE BY ROAD (SEMICOLON) THIS WAS MERELY AN OPTION IF ANY HEADS OF DELEGATION DID NOT WISH TO GO BY HELICOPTER. ON PRESENT PLANS ANY OFFICIALS TO STAY AT THE CIDADE DE GOA WOULD HAVE TO TRAVEL SEPARATELY, NOT IN THE SPECIAL AIRCRAFT FOR HEADS OF DELEGATION, AND ON A DIFFERENT DAY. WILLIAMS OBSERVED THAT THIS WOULD BE MOST INCONVENIENT. LAMBAH RECOGNISED THAT THERE WAS A PROBLEM HERE, WHICH WAS BEING LOOKED INTO FOLLOWING EARLIER REPRESENTATIONS IN LONDON.

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From the Private Secretary

17 October, 1983

CHOGM : Administrative Arrangements

Thank you for your letter of 6 October.

The Prime Minister has now given her agreement to the arrival and departure arrangements suggested in paragraph 2 of your letter.

The question of accommodation is being dealt with separately.

As regards the Goa Retreat, the Prime Minister would like the following to be accommodated in the Cidade de Goa: Mr. Butler, myself, Mr. Ingham, a Garden Room Girl and a Detective.

The question of the dates of the Prime Minister's lunches has been dealt with separately. Sue Goodchild will be in touch with you about the menus for these lunches. The Prime Minister has confirmed that she would like to take a certain amount of white English wine on the VC10 to be used as appropriate at her lunches.

A. J. COLES

M. M. Hall, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office



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From the Private Secretary

17 October, 1983

Commonwealth Heads of Government
Meeting

Thank you for your letter of 14 October.
I am content with the procedure you propose
for submission of the Commonwealth Secretariat
documentation to No. 10.

A. J. COLES

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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From the Private Secretary

Dear Mike,

I attach Tessa Gaisman's
photo's as agreed.

As far as I'm aware you've
now received all the details
of the No 10 party.

Thanks

Mark Kerr.

17 October 1983

Attendance at CHOGM: Lady Howe

The Prime Minister agrees that Lady Howe should accompany the Foreign Secretary to CHOGM and that the costs of her travel and accommodation should be met from public funds (your letter of 12 October refers).

JOHN COLES

Roger Bone, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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14 October 1983

Dear John,

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting

We are now beginning to receive from the Commonwealth Secretariat the documentation promised in the first paragraph of the Commonwealth Secretary-General's letter of 29 September (a copy of the list he attached is enclosed). For the 1981 CHOGM we did not send the papers across to you as they arrived. Instead we made up six sets, each placed loose in a folder which was appropriately classified. All the complete sets were sent across to you about three weeks before the delegation's departure.

I should be grateful if you would let me know whether you are happy for us to handle the papers in the same way this time, with one minor difference. That is that since the Prime Minister will on this occasion be going direct to the meeting we need not get them to you until a fortnight before departure, i.e. 8 November.

Yours ever

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
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COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING

NEW DELHI - 1983

DRAFT AGENDA : DOCUMENTATION

1. OPENING SESSION
2. ORDER OF AGENDA AND STYLE AND FORMAT
 - Letter from Secretary-General to Heads of Government dated 19 September 1983
3. WORLD POLITICAL SCENE
 - (a) Note for information:
 - Extracts from UN Secretary-General's Reports for 1982 and 1983
 - Report of the President of the Security Council on enhancing the effectiveness of the Security Council (Document S/15971 of 12 September 1983)
 - (b) Report of the Commonwealth Committee on Southern Africa (HGM(83)4)
4. WORLD ECONOMIC ISSUES
 - (a) Studies mandated by Heads of Government Meeting 1981
 - (i) "Protectionism: Threat to International Order"
Report by Group of Experts
 - (ii) "North-South Dialogue: Making it Work"
Report by Group of Experts
 - (b) "Towards a New Bretton Woods: Challenges for the World Financial and Trading System"
Report by a Group of Experts
 - (c) Memorandum by the Commonwealth Secretary-General on the Reports of the three Experts' Groups (HGM(83)5)

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5. COMMONWEALTH FUNCTIONAL COOPERATION

Ninth Report of the Commonwealth Secretary-General

(a) CFTC

Special Commonwealth Stamp Issue: Note by the
Commonwealth Secretariat
(HGM(83)6)

(b) Commonwealth Student Mobility

Second Report of the Commonwealth Standing Committee
on Student Mobility

Resolution by Executive Heads of Commonwealth
Universities

Memorandum by the Commonwealth Secretary-General
on the Standing Committee's Report
(HGM(83)7)

(c) Commonwealth Youth Programme

Memorandum by the Commonwealth Secretary-General
(HGM(83)8)

(d) Commonwealth Science Council

Note by the Commonwealth Secretariat
(HGM(83)9)

(e) Commonwealth Foundation

Memorandum by the Chairman and Trustees of the
Commonwealth Foundation
(HGM(83)10)

(f) Culture

Note by the Commonwealth Secretariat on
Cooperation in the Cultural Field
(HGM(83)11)

6. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. COMMUNIQUE

Note: Some Governments have indicated a wish to submit papers.
These will be circulated when received.



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From the Private Secretary

14 October 1983

CHOGM Delegation

Thank you for your letter of 14 October.
I see no difficulty about the addition of
Arthur Watson to the list of the British
delegation.

A. J. COLES

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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TO IMMEDIATE NEW DELHI
TELEGRAM NUMBER 588 OF 13 OCTOBER 1983

FROM CONFERENCE SECTION
CHGM PROGRAMMES

1. WE NOTE FROM YOUR TEL 695 THAT THE INDIANS ARE STILL CONSIDERING NOT RETURNING THE HEADS OF DELEGATION TO DELHI FROM GOA UNTIL MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER. NO 10 DO NOT WISH TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF THIS, BUT FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE IF THE PRIME MINISTER WERE NOT SEPARATED FROM SECURE TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION FOR AS LONG AS THREE NIGHTS. GRATEFUL IF THIS COULD BE MENTIONED TO THE INDIANS. IT MAY TIP THE DECISION BACK TO A RETURN ON SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER.
2. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST IF SHE GAVE TWO LUNCHES FOR FELLOW HEADS ON 28 AND 29 NOVEMBER. PLEASE NOTIFY THOSE CONCERNED WITH THE CHGM PROGRAMME.
3. WE AWAIT DETAILS OF THE OFFICIAL SPOUSES PROGRAMME BUT WE ASSUME A GOOD DEAL OF IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR MR THATCHER. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL, THEREFORE, TO HAVE SUGGESTIONS FOR AN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMME. AS WE MENTIONED DURING OUR VISIT IN JUNE HIS INTERESTS LIE GENERALLY IN THE INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS FIELD AND HE IS GLAD TO VISIT PROCESSES AND PROJECTS WITH AN ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL BRITISH CONTENT IN THE CONTEXT OF EXPORT PROMOTION. MR THATCHER DOES NOT INCIDENTALLY UNDERTAKE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS. IF GOLF IS INCLUDED IN HIS PROGRAMME PLEASE NOTE THAT HE REQUIRES CLUBS FOR A LEFTHANDER. AS FAR AS SIGHTSEEING IS CONCERNED, PLEASE CHECK THE PROGRAMME HE CARRIED OUT WITH THE PRIME MINISTER IN 1981 TO ENSURE PLACES HE HAS SEEN ALREADY ARE NOT REPEATED.
4. LADY HOWE'S INTERESTS ARE WOMENS ORGANISATIONS, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND SHE IS A PRACTISING MAGISTRATE IN THE JUVENILE COURTS. THIS WILL BE HER FIRST VISIT TO INDIA AND THEREFORE SOME SIGHTSEEING MIGHT BE INCLUDED. SHE IS ALSO

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MR. THATCHER

CHOGM

I asked Robert Wade-Gery to let me have some suggestions for things you might do while we were in Delhi. The attached telegram is his answer. Could you kindly let me know your answers to his various questions?

A. J. Wals.

13 October 1983

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Please pass to John

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TO PRIORITY FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 706 OF 12 OCT.

FOLLOWING FOR COLES, NO 10
YOUR TELNO 558 : PROGRAMME FOR MR DENIS THATCHER

1. WE CAN ARRANGE SEVERAL INTERESTING VISITS IN AND AROUND DELHI WHERE MR THATCHER WILL BE ABLE TO SEE AND DISCUSS A RANGE OF BRITISH BUSINESS INTERESTS. THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES WOULD ALL BE WORTH VISITING :

1. THE MODI GROUP (CONNECTED WITH RANK XEROX, BLUE CIRCLE, LAND ROVER AND COURTAULDS). ESCORTS (AUTOMOTIVE COMPANY CONNECTED WITH JCB, FORD TRACTORS AND RANSOMES AND RAPIER).
2. USHA TELEHOIST (JV WITH TELEHOIST LTD FOR HYDRAULIC TIPPING GEAR).
3. SOMANY PILKINGTONS LTD (MANUFACTURE PILKINGTON'S CERAMIC AND GLASS TILES).

EACH OF THESE WOULD REQUIRE, AND JUSTIFY, A FULL DAY VISIT UNLESS A VERY EARLY START WAS MADE. HOWEVER MODIS HAVE THEIR OWN HELICOPTER, WHICH MIGHT ENABLE A VISIT TO THEIR COMPANY, AND POSSIBLY TO OTHERS IF THEY WERE WILLING TO LEND IT, TO BE FITTED INTO HALF DAYS.

2. IN ADDITION TO THESE VISITS IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE FOR MR THATCHER TO PLAY GOLF IN DELHI WITH SENIOR INDIAN BUSINESSMEN AND THEREBY DISCUSS A WIDER RANGE OF BUSINESS TOPICS. I SUGGEST THAT MR THATCHER CONSIDERS BRINGING HIS OWN GOLF CLUBS WITH HIM. THE FOLLOWING HAVE SUITABLE GOLFING AND BUSINESS CREDENTIALS:

(A) MOHNI SABARWAHL (SEMICOLON) FORMER CHAIRMAN OF DUNLOP INDIA, AND CURRENTLY REPRESENTATIVE OF KLEINWORT BENSON.

(B) C R JAGANNATHAN (SEMICOLON) CHAIRMAN OF OIL INDIA LTD AND FORMER EMPLOYEE OF BURMAH OIL.

(C) S P WAHI (SEMICOLON) CHAIRMAN OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION.

(D) BHARAT RAM (SEMICOLON) CHAIRMAN OF DCM GROUP, A MAJOR CORPORATIVE GROUP BASED IN TEXTILES, BUT NOW DIVERSIFYING INTO COMPUTERS AND DATA PROCESSING.

(E) VIJAY KAPOOR (SEMICOLON) GUEST KEEN WILLIAMS, HEAVY INDUSTRY, ASSOCIATED WITH GKN.

3. I WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND THAT MR THATCHER SHOULD CONSIDER PAYING A 36-HOUR VISIT TO CALCUTTA, WHERE THERE IS GOOD COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATION AND INTEREST. BUT GIVEN THE OTHER FORMAL ENGAGEMENTS ALREADY FIXED FOR THE CHOGM, I SHOULD OF COURSE UNDERSTAND IF HE DID NOT FEEL ABLE TO BE AWAY FROM DELHI FOR THE TIME NECESSARY FOR THIS. TO BE WORTHWHILE THIS WOULD INVOLVE AN EARLY START ON ONE DAY, LEAVING DELHI ON THE 0845 FLIGHT TO ARRIVE IN TIME FOR LUNCH, FOLLOWED BY A FACTORY VISIT AND DINNER WITH LEADING LOCAL BUSINESSMEN (SEMICOLON) AND ON THE SECOND DAY A FURTHER FACTORY VISIT, PERHAPS PRECEDED BY A GAME OF GOLF, THEN LUNCH, AND DEPARTURE BY THE AFTERNOON FLIGHT TO ARRIVE DELHI AT 1940. AN ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO LEAVE CALCUTTA AT 0630 ON THE EARLY MORNING FLIGHT ON THE SECOND DAY, AND ARRIVE DELHI 0835.

4. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER MR THATCHER WOULD LIKE US TO ARRANGE ANY OF THE ABOVE SUGGESTIONS. DOES HE HAVE ANY PARTICULAR BRITISH COMMERCIAL INTERESTS HE WOULD WISH TO PURSUE, OR PARTICULAR FIRM, IN WHOSE ACTIVITIES OR OPPORTUNITIES HE WOULD BE INTERESTED ?

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See Memo

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If P.M. is not going to visit British Council I will

2. If a second afternoon of golf with 'Brits' is considered useful I will be happy but "useful" is the criterion

File to

- ✓ Mr. Butler BT/GG
- ✓ Mr. Coles BT/GG
- ✓ Mrs. Gaisman (for Mr. Alison) BT/GG ✓
- ✓ Mr. Ingham ✓ finished
- ✓ Miss Bond ✓ 2nd Typhoid/Cholera
- Miss Roche ? GG next trip
- ✓ Mrs. Richards ✓ ? GG / BT
- ✓ Mrs. Cummings ✓
- ✓ Mrs. Harris ✓ requires 2nd Typhoid ? ~~BT~~ / Cholera *
- ✓ Mr. Cawthorne ✓ finished
- ✓ Mr. Edgar ✓ BT/GG
- ✓ Mr. Kingston ✓ finished
- Mr. Murray ✓ finished
- Mr. Kerr - BT/GG

For information:
 Miss Robilliard
 Mr. Taylor

all III

CHOGM: NEW DELHI: 1983
MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

As you will see from the attached, all delegation members are advised to have immunisation against various nasty diseases for this year's CHOGM.

I have arranged for the Civil Service Medical Adviser to provide the necessary injections, etc., on Monday, 17 October, at 1500 hours in the Principal Private Secretary's bedroom.

If you are unable to attend at that time, would you please make your own arrangements by contacting the CSMA on tel. 213 4111. You should bear in mind that for the treatment to be effective, the innoculations should be given a reasonable period of time before travelling. You have been warned!

MARK KERR
Duty Clerk

10 October, 1983.

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London SW1A 2AH

14 October 1983

Dear John,

CHOGM Delegation

You wrote on 25 July to say that the Prime Minister had approved the provisional list of the British delegation which we sent you on 15 July.

We would now like to add one Counsellor to the FCO list. The present Head of Commonwealth Co-ordination department, Alick Goldsmith, is leaving the Department immediately after CHOGM on posting to Hong Kong. His successor, Arthur Watson, who was High Commissioner in Brunei until earlier this year, will therefore be responsible for co-ordinating and implementing whatever action may be required as a result of CHOGM; and Sir Antony Acland believes that he could do this more effectively if he had first-hand experience of the Meeting. It would be very useful for him to get at first hand the feel of a Head of Government Conference and see some of the personalities and the members of the Commonwealth Secretariat in action.

Watson would travel on the Prime Minister's plane, and the only extra expense would therefore be for his hotel accommodation. Perhaps you would let me know if you see any problem about this.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield in the Cabinet Office.

Yours ever
John Holmes
(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

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Agree that Lady
Howe should accompany
the FCS to CHOGM
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12 October, 1983

John S. J.

A.S.C. 13/10

Yes - she comes on
the VC10.

Attendance at CHOGM: Lady Howe

As in previous years the hosts for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting - this year the Indians - are offering a programme of events and hospitality to the spouses of Heads of Delegation and other Ministers attending the Conference.

It has been customary for the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary to be accompanied by his wife at these Meetings, and for her to take part in the spouses' programme. The Foreign Secretary would accordingly be grateful for the Prime Minister's agreement that Lady Howe should accompany him to New Delhi, and that the costs of her travel and accommodation should as usual be met from public funds.

(R B Bone)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

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PRIME MINISTER

CHOGM

Three points which it will be helpful to settle now:-

- (a) We are planning for you to leave London at 1400 hours on Monday, 21 November. This will get you to Delhi at 0800 hours local time on Tuesday, 22 November. You will be able to get some sleep on the flight and spend the day preparing for CHOGM. As you know, you are attending a dinner for The Queen that evening and we are considering the possibility of your meeting Mr. Hawke either at lunch or over a drink before the dinner.

Are you content with these departure plans?

- (b) You, Mr. Thatcher and a detective will be staying at a hotel in Goa during the retreat weekend. There will be places in a hotel some 25 minutes away for a very limited number of your party. I propose that these should be Robin, Bernard, a Garden Room girl, a detective and myself.

Acceptable?

Yes no

- (c) Would you like to select two menus for the lunches which you will be giving. Some suggestions are attached. Also, do you wish to take English wines on the VC 10 to serve at your meals?

White wine only - we
don't produce a red wine I know of.

A.S.C. 11/10.

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10 October 1983

I have asked the F/C-O to get the High Commissioner to act a lty delicately over the Indians. We can then decide.

Dear John,

CHOGM

A.F.C.-10

As requested in your letter of 5 October, we have asked our High Commissioner for his advice as to how the Indians would react if the Prime Minister and her party were to stay at the Residence.

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The High Commissioner's response is contained in New Delhi telegram No 683 (copy attached).

Briefly, the High Commissioner would personally like the Prime Minister and her party to stay with him. On the other hand, he believes that most, if not all, the other Heads of Delegation will stay in the Ashok/Samrat hotel complex, and that for security reasons the Indians would prefer to keep all Heads of Delegation together. He suggests that we should either conclude now that the safest course would be for the Prime Minister to stay in the hotel complex, or that he should seek advice from Natwar Singh, who would in turn almost certainly consult Mrs Gandhi.

Quite apart from the Indians, some Heads of Commonwealth delegations might well regret it if the Prime Minister were to stay outside the main complex; but the Secretary of State feels that this need not be an over-riding consideration.

Another point to bear in mind is that the space and facilities available for the Private Office would be a great deal less satisfactory at the Residence than they would be in the hotel complex.

On balance, the Foreign Secretary is inclined to think that it would be politically safer to opt for the hotel, but it would be perfectly possible to sound out the Indians if the Prime Minister continues to prefer the Residence.

Yours ever
John Holmes

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

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YOUR TELNOS 559 AND 560: CHOGM: PRIME MINISTER'S ACCOMMODATION

1. FROM MY PERSONAL POINT OF VIEW IT WOULD OF COURSE BE MOST WELCOME IF THE PRIME MINISTER AND HER PARTY STAYED WITH ME.

2. WE COULD COPE WITH THE PRACTICAL POINTS IN FIRST TUR. IN MY CHILDREN'S ABSENCE THERE ARE FIVE GUEST BEDROOMS IN THE RESIDENCE. ASSUMING THAT (LIKE LAST SEPTEMBER) THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR THATCHER WOULD NOT REQUIRE SEPARATE ROOMS, WE COULD THEREFORE ACCOMMODATE MICHAEL ALISON AS WELL AS THE OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN PARA 2. BY USING THE GARDEN ROOM (50 YARDS AWAY) TOGETHER WITH MY STUDY WE COULD PROVIDE THE OFFICE SPACE MENTIONED IN PARA 3: BUT THE ASSUMPTION IN THE LAST SENTENCE OF THAT PARA IS CORRECT. ON PARA 4, WE COULD TAKE STEPS TO MINIMISE CONGESTION.

3. AS YOU KNOW, THE TWIN HOTELS (ASHOK AND SAMRAT) DESIGNATED BY THE GOV FOR HEADS OF DELEGATION BOTH HAVE THEIR DISADVANTAGES. THE ASHOK BADLY NEEDED THE MAJOR FACELIFT IT HAS JUST BEEN GIVEN AND IS STILL A BIT GROTTY: AND ITS LAYOUT IS NOT IDEAL IN THAT MOST MAJOR SUITES ARE BY THEMSELVES IN ONE AREA. THE SAMRAT IS SO BRAND NEW AS TO BE (AT THIS STAGE) STILL INCOMPLETE AND MY THEREFORE HAVE TEETHING TROUBLES. BUT BOTH ARE NEXT DOOR TO OUR HIGH COMMISSION OFFICES AND COMPOUND, WHEREAS MY RESIDENCE IS FIVE MINUTES DRIVE AWAY.

4. IT IS NOT FOR ME TO JUDGE HOW OTHER COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES WOULD REACT TO THE PRIME MINISTER STAYING ELSEWHERE THAN IN THE TWIN HOTELS RESERVED FOR HEADS OF DELEGATION. WE HAVE HOWEVER CONSULTED IN CONFIDENCE FOUR COMMONWEALTH MISSIONS HERE AS TO THEIR OWN HEAD OF DELEGATION'S ACCOMMODATION PLANS, WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:

(H) CANADA: MR TRUDEAU WILL STAY AT THE ASHOK/SAMRAT. THE CANADIAN ADVANCE PARTY WHICH CAME OUT IN APRIL/MAY CONCLUDED THAT THE INDIANS WOULD BE OFFENDED IF THEY SUGGESTED THAT HE SHOULD STAY ANYWHERE ELSE, INCLUDING WITH THEIR HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(H) AUSTRALIA: MR HAWKE WILL STAY AT THE ASHOK/SAMRAT. ON THE OCCASION OF THE CHGRM LAST YEAR THE AUSTRALIAN MADE A FUSS, SAYING THAT THE ASHOK WAS INADEQUATE FOR THEIR PRIME MINISTER, AND GOT HIM MOVED TO ANOTHER HOTEL (MAURYA). SEVERAL MONTHS AGO NATWAR SINGH HAVE THEM A CLEAR STEER THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE AT THE CHOGM FOR HEADS OF DELEGATION TO BE ACCOMMODATED IN HOTELS OTHER THAN THOSE DESIGNATED BY THE MEA (IE THE ASHOK/SAMRAT). THEY DID NOT RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS STAYING WITH THE AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER.

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(iii) SRI LANKA. PRESIDENT JAYEWARDENE WILL STAY AT THE ASHOK/SAMRAT.

(iv) MALAYSIA. THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WILL STAY AT THE ASHOK/SAMRAT.

5. AS FOR LIKELY INDIAN REACTIONS, I HAVE NOT FELT FREE TO CONSULT ANYONE AT THIS STAGE BUT WOULD GUESS THAT THE FOLLOWING POINTS WOULD WEIGH WITH THEM:

(i) IT IS EVIDENT THAT THEY WOULD PREFER TO KEEP ALL HEADS OF DELEGATION TOGETHER IN THE LINKED ASHOK/SAMRAT COMPLEX IN ORDER TO FACILITATE RELAXED INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN CHGM PARTICIPANTS.

(ii) THEY WILL ALSO BE ANXIOUS TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF HEADS OF DELEGATION. IF MRS THATCHER STAYS AT THE RESIDENCE THEY WOULD NEED TO DETACH A SPECIAL FORCE TO PROVIDE SECURITY THERE.

(iii) THEY WILL CLEARLY NOT TOLERATE HEADS OF DELEGATION ASKING TO STAY IN OTHER HOTELS. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THEY WOULD REGARD A PROPOSAL FOR A HEAD OF DELEGATION TO STAY AT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RESIDENCE AS EQUALLY UNACCEPTABLE. AT THE TIME OF THE NAM SUMMIT WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE MEA TOLD NAM AMBASSADORS THAT IT WOULD BE PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE FOR NAM LEADERS TO STAY WITH THEIR AMBASSADORS. THE IRAQI PRESIDENT (WHO IN THE EVENT DID NOT COME) HAD PLANNED TO DO THIS. OF COURSE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE NAM SUMMIT WERE DIFFERENT: THE 100-ODD HEADS OF DELEGATION WERE SPLIT AMONGST FIVE HOTELS IN SEPARATE LOCATIONS SO THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF MAINTAINING A COLLEGIATE ATMOSPHERE.

6. I DO NOT THINK WE SHOULD TAKE A DECISION THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD STAY WITH ME UNLESS WE HAVE FIRST SOUNDED OUT THE INDIANS. I THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT THE ADVICE TO THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD FOCUS ON TWO CHOICES:

(A) WE COULD REGRETFULLY CONCLUDE (WITHOUT CONSULTATION) THAT THE SAFEST COURSE WOULD BE FOR HER TO STAY AT THE ASHOK/SAMRAT.

(B) I COULD CAST A FLY OVER NATWAR SINGH, WHO WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY CONSULT MRS GANDHI BEFORE RESPONDING. IF HE RAISED NO OBJECTION, WE COULD GO AHEAD WITH THE IDEA OF THE PRIME MINISTER STAYING WITH ME. BUT IF HE DID DEMUR I FEAR WE SHOULD HAVE TO ABANDON THE IDEA: TO ASK FOR A STEER AND THEN IGNORE IT WOULD CLEARLY GET US THE WORST OF ALL WORLDS.

7. TWO FINAL THOUGHTS.

(i) IF WE DECIDE, BY EITHER ROUTE, IN FAVOUR OF THE ASHOK/SAMRAT WE COULD STILL REVERT TO THE RESIDENCE IDEA IF THE ACCOMMODATION WE ARE EVENTUALLY OFFERED AT THE HOTELS IS CLEARLY INADEQUATE EG IN SIZE OR LOCATION.

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(H) EVEN IF WE GO FOR (B) ABOVE AND ARE NOT WARNED OFF, THERE WOULD REMAIN SOME RISK THAT THERE COULD BE SNIDE PRESS COMMENT AT THE TIME SHOULD THE PRIME MINISTER TURN OUT TO BE IN A VERY SMALL MINORITY IN NOT STAYING AT THE HOTELS. BUT INDIA'S PRESS IS KNOWN TO BE FREE, AND I WOULD NOT MYSELF TAKE SUCH A DEVELOPMENT TOO TRAGICALLY.

WADE-GERY

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Mr. Butler ✓
Mr. Coles
Mrs. Gaisman (for Mr. Alison)
Mr. Ingham
Miss Bond
Miss Roche
Mrs. Richards
Mrs. Cummings
Mrs. Harris
Mr. Cawthorne
Mr. Edgar
Mr. Kingston
Mr. Murray.

Mask
Do we have to
typhoid, cholera, polio, tetanus
if we had them last year
for China?

For information:
Miss Robilliard
Mr. Taylor

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10.10.

I will let the Doctor have
a look at the Health Certificates
in your passport and he will decide.
Good Luck!

Mark
10.10.

CHOGM: NEW DELHI: 1983
MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

As you will see from the attached, all delegation members are advised to have immunisation against various nasty diseases for this year's CHOGM.

I have arranged for the Civil Service Medical Adviser to provide the necessary injections, etc., on Monday, 17 October, at 1500 hours in the Principal Private Secretary's bedroom.

If you are unable to attend at that time, would you please make your own arrangements by contacting the CSMA on tel. 213 4111. You should bear in mind that for the treatment to be effective, the inoculations should be given a reasonable period of time before travelling. You have been warned!

MARK KERR
Duty Clerk

10 October, 1983.

COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING, NEW DELHI 1983:
MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

1. We have been advised that immunisation against typhoid, cholera, polio and tetanus should be obtained by all those attending this year's CHGM in New Delhi. The party should also obtain protection against malaria and the recommendation is that they should take Paludrin tablets, one daily starting 2 days before arrival in New Delhi and continuing for 6 weeks after leaving the country.
2. As far as the Indian Authorities are concerned, there are no vaccination requirements for entry into India except for persons travelling from, or transiting through, yellow fever endemic zones. A transit through a yellow fever zone, however brief, will require a vaccination certificate.
3. All those travelling to Delhi should contact Sister Moira Wells or Sister Anne Jones at the offices of the Civil Service Medical Adviser at Tilbury House, Petty France (213 4111) to arrange appropriate appointments.

Michael Hall

M M Hall
Overseas Conferences and Visits Section
Protocol Department
FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

6 October 1983

cc Members of the CHGM Delegation
Dr P J Constable - FCO Medical Adviser
Sister Moira Wells) CSMA Tilbury House
Sister Anne Jones,)

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10 October 1983

CHOGM: ENTERTAINMENT

Thank you for your letter of 7 October.

The Prime Minister agrees that, as proposed in your last paragraph, you should tell the Indians that Mrs. Thatcher would like to give her lunches on 28 and 29 November.

A. J. COLES

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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From the Private Secretary

7 October 1983

COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING

Sir Robert Wade-Gery wrote to me on 14 September (I believe Brian Fall has seen a copy) to ask among other things whether the Prime Minister and Mr. Thatcher would like to attend the dinner which he is giving for The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in Delhi on 22 November.

I should be grateful if you would let the High Commissioner know that the Prime Minister and Mr. Thatcher would indeed like to attend the dinner. Mrs. Thatcher would also be glad if invitations could be extended to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary (and Lady Howe if she is accompany Sir Geoffrey to Delhi) as well as her Principal Private Secretary.

JC

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

Agree last page:

Yes Mr A.J.C. 2/10.

7 October, 1983

Dear John,

CHOGM: Entertainment

In your letter of 13 September you recorded the Prime Minister's agreement to her offering two lunches for Heads of Delegation, on 24 November and 28 November. Unfortunately the Indians have now decided that their Vice-President will offer lunch to all Heads of Delegation on 24 November.

It appears that the only lunchtime or dinner slots not pre-empted by The Queen, the Indians, the Commonwealth Secretary-General or by the visit to Goa are lunchtime on 28 November (which we have secured) and lunchtime on 29 November.

29 November is of course the final day of the Conference, and is thus not ideal. But it is in our view the only practicable proposal. The only real alternative would be a single lunch for all Heads of Delegation on 28 November. But this could be very cramped. The absolute limit for a lunch at the High Commissioner's residence is 46, and even this would involve six guests being squeezed into an alcove. With 43 possible guests - not including Mr Ramphal and his deputies - this would leave very little leeway. Another venue would be difficult to arrange and likely to be very expensive.

Accordingly, if the Prime Minister agrees, we would now propose to tell the Indians that the Prime Minister would like to give her lunches on 28 and 29 November.

Agreed Mr

Yours ever

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

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OUTLINE PROGRAMME FOR THE CHGM, NEW DELHI 1983

Monday 21 November

pm Prime Minister departs UK by RAF VC10

Tuesday 22 November

0800 approx Prime Minister arrives New Delhi
1500 Senior Officials Meeting
2000 High Commissioner's dinner for HM Queen
(Prime Minister invited)

Wednesday 23 November

1030 Formal opening of CHGM
1200 Reception by Commonwealth Secretary General
1500 First Executive Session
1730 Reception by the President of India for Heads
of Delegation
2000 Queen's CHGM Banquet

Thursday 24 November

0930 Executive Session
1200 Visit to International Trade Fair followed
by lunch for Heads of Delegation by the
Vice-President.
1500 Executive Session
evening Dinner by the Prime Minister of India for
Heads of Delegation.
Separate dinner for Foreign Ministers

Friday 25 November

0930 Executive Session

1200 Departure of Heads for Retreat in Goa

1300 Lunch for Fellow Foreign Ministers by Secretary of State

afternoon Foreign Ministers depart for Retreat in Jaipur

1800 Queen's Reception for CHGM. Ministers (?) and Officials

Saturday 26 November

Retreat in Goa/Retreat in Jaipur

Sunday 27 November

Retreat in Goa/Retreat in Jaipur

Prime Minister returns from Goa to Delhi.

Secretary of State departs Delhi for Europe.

Monday 28 November

0930 Executive Session

1300 Prime Minister's lunch for fellow Heads of Government

1500 Executive Session

1700 approx Prime Minister presents Literary Award

evening Dinner by Mr Yunus, Chairman of Trade Fair Authority of India

Tuesday 29 November

0930 Executive Session

1500 Executive Session

1700 Press Conference: Prime Minister of India and Commonwealth Secretary General

evening Prime Minister departs New Delhi for UK

Wednesday 30 November

Prime Minister arrives UK


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 No 10 Downing Street

Your reference

Our reference

Date 6 October 1983

Dear John,

CHGM 1983, NEW DELHI: ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

1. I am writing to follow up a number of points which were raised during our meeting yesterday.

2. Arrival and Departure in Delhi

Subject to the Prime Minister's approval, we are now planning on Mrs Thatcher arriving in Delhi at 0800 hours local time on Tuesday 22 November which will mean a departure from London at 1400 hours on Monday 21 November. For the return, we agreed that it might be preferable for the VC 10 to arrive at LHR at 0700 hours on Wednesday 30 November (to avoid commuter traffic, etc) which would mean a departure from Delhi at 2230 hours local time on Tuesday 29 November. For the record the total journey time outward, including a refuelling stop of one hour at Bahrain is 12 1/2 hours. Because of prevailing winds the return journey, also including a stop in Bahrain is 14 hours. The UK will be on GMT and New Delhi on GMT + 5 1/2 hrs

3. Accommodation

Commonwealth Coordination Department are seeking the advice of the High Commission in New Delhi on possible Indian reactions to the Prime Minister electing to stay at the Residence, rather than the hotel accommodation, designated for Heads of Government. At the same time we are looking into the practical implications of Mrs Thatcher staying at the Residence, such as whether there is sufficient accommodation for the fairly large No 10 Private Office that is usually needed during these Commonwealth meetings. I should also mention the problem of the RMP having to guard 2 separate locations overnight - a No 10 Private Office at the Residence and an FCO Private Office at the hotel - although this could be overcome by our increasing the RMP team or by our requesting the FCO Private Office to return its papers overnight to the High Commission.



4. Goa Retreat

In accordance with the tradition of these Retreat weekends, only the Prime Minister, Mr Thatcher and one other (almost invariably a detective) will be staying at the Fort Aguada Hotel. We have, however, requested 6 rooms at the hotel where the Indians propose to accommodate any support teams which need to be in Goa at the same time. This hotel is the Cidade de Goa and is some 25 minutes by road from the Fort Aguada. We propose that a member of the Deputy High Commission in Bombay is on hand at this hotel in order to assist the party coming down from Delhi. I would therefore be grateful to know who the 5 members of this party are likely to be. At the last CHGM in Australia in 1981 the following were accommodated at a nearby hotel during the Retreat weekend at the Lakeside Hotel in Canberra:-

Sir Robert Armstrong
 Sir Michael Palliser
 Mr Whitmore
 Mr Ingham
 Secretarial Assistant
 Detective

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On this occasion the party will have to be more restricted (a) because of the limited number of rooms available to us in the Cidade de Goa and (b) because of the limited number of seats we are likely to be allocated on any special flight the Indians might be providing to take support officials from Delhi to Goa.

5. Prime Minister's lunches

I mentioned that Thursday 24 November was no longer available for the Prime Minister's first lunch for fellow Heads of Government and we agreed that it was more likely that the Prime Minister would wish to move this lunch to Tuesday 29 November rather than attempt to entertain all Heads at one lunch on Monday 28 November. The latter option carries the risk that if all Heads accepted the Prime Minister's invitation the conditions for the lunch could be somewhat cramped and it would not be possible to provide matching china and cutlery. You asked whether Wednesday 23 November might be a possible date for one of these 2 lunches. The problem here is that the Commonwealth Secretary General is holding a Reception at noon for all Heads of Government on that day and that as this will be the first major social occasion of the Meeting it will, in all likelihood, run on for some time.

6. Medical

At your suggestion I am enquiring about the tablets which proved to be such an excellent protection against stomach ailments during the tour of India by the Prince of Wales. We shall shortly be issuing guidance on all inoculation and related requirements.

Yours ever,

M. M. Hall

M M Hall
Overseas Conferences and Visits Section
Protocol Department

cc Mr Holmes - Private Office
Mr Byrne - CCD
Mr Cleghorn - SAD
Mr Wright - Cabinet Office
Colonel Durrant

PM Tows June 82 CH GM



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Yes. ^{h a.}
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Paul
Will you be supplying
Paludrin tablets?

Reference

A.J.C. 12/10

COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING, NEW DELHI 1983:
MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

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Michael Hall . . .

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6 October 1983

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Sister Anne Jones)

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

5 October 1983

CHOGM

In a letter to me of 14 September, Robert Wade-Gery has raised the question of accommodation arrangements at CHOGM.

The Prime Minister's preference is that she, Mr. Thatcher, the Principal Private Secretary, myself and one detective, should be accommodated at the High Commissioner's Residence. But before taking a final decision she would be grateful for advice on how the Indians and other Commonwealth Heads of Government would be likely to react to this. I understand that arrangements are being made for all Heads of Government and Foreign Ministers to be put up at the Ashok/Samrat Hotel Complex. It may be that the Indians would look askance at any exceptions.

I should be grateful if you could consult the High Commissioner urgently and let me have advice by the end of this week.

A. J. COLES

John Holmes Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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PERSONAL FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER FROM COLES, NO. 10.

Begins:

I hope to reply shortly to the questions in your letter of 14 September (which we were unable to consider before the Prime Minister's recent visit to North America).

Meanwhile, Mr. Thatcher has told me that he hopes you will be able to arrange for him to have separate programmes, where appropriate, which will enable him to visit places of interest to British industry and business. It would be helpful if you could let me have some ideas as soon as possible.

Ends

A. J. COLES

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5 October 1983

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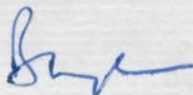
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CHOGM/ATHENS

No 10 Press Office and FCO News Department take one secretary between them to Summits and arrange this between them.

You will recall that Linda Bond went to Stuttgart in place of Angela Lawrence, John Goulden's PA.

We have agreed that Linda Bond should go to CHOGM and Angela Lawrence to Athens.



B. INGHAM

4 October 1983



10 DOWNING STREET

27 September 1983

Dear Michael,

CHGM: NEW DELHI

As promised I enclose some more completed forms with photographs. You should now have details for 11 of the No. 10 party.

Prime Minister
Mr. D. Thatcher
Mr. F.E.R. Butler
Mr. A.J. Coles
Mr. B. Ingham †
Mr. I. Murray †
Mr. M. Kerr †
Miss N. Rochet †
Mrs V. Cummings †
Mrs S. Harris *
Mrs J. Richards

This leaves three problems. It has not yet been possible to decide which detectives will be going. Staff changes and the recent overseas trips have complicated the issue. Additionally Mr. M. Alison (PM's PPS) and Mrs J. Richards are on leave; both are returning to the office on Monday 3 October.

I will let you have the rest of the details as soon as possible.

Mark Kerr

MARK KERR

M. Hall, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

* Since dictating this a problem has cropped up with Mrs Harris' form. PM send it with the others.

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† details attached.



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Your reference

Our reference

Date 23 September 1983

Dear John.

Minute to J.R.

AM 1/10.

CHGM, NEW DELHI: PRIME MINISTER'S LUNCHES

1. The High Commission in New Delhi have written to give us some menu suggestions for the lunches which the Prime Minister will give during this year's CHGM at the Residence. These are attached. I would be most grateful if a selection could be made.

2. Regarding wines, you will recall that last year on the visit to China the Prime Minister wished to have English wines served at her return banquet and I would be grateful to know whether this will be her wish on this occasion. If they are required, the wines will probably be flown out in the Prime Minister's VC10.

Yours ever,

Mike.

M M Hall
Overseas Conferences and Visits Section
Protocol Department



SUGGESTED STARTERS

Tomato and orange soup (hot or cold)
Smoked fish pate
Spinach galette with tomato sauce
Egg croquettes with tomato sauce
Shrimp and bacon kebabs

SUGGESTED MAIN COURSES

Rolled, stuffed lamb
Fish mousseline with seafood/mushroom salpicon
Chicken mousse
Whole baked fish
Beef Stroganoff
Chicken vol au vent

SUGGESTED DESSERTS

Pears in red wine
Apple pie with cream
Apple with spun sugar top
Fruit baskets
Meringue baskets
Tangarine/nimbu sorbet
Oranges in brandy

Green Salad, or whatever salad is available at the time to be served - the salads are good and we like to have some sort of salad with most meals

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15 September 1983

INDIA

Thank you for your letter of 13 September. The Prime Minister has agreed to the Indian proposal that she should present this year's Bhartiya Jnanpith Award. I have so informed Mr. Johari and asked him to discuss further details with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

SEP 15 1983

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION
NEW DELHI, INDIA

14 September 1983

John Coles Esq
10 Downing Street
London

Dear John,

COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING (CHOGM)

As you know The Queen will be paying a State Visit to India from 17 to 22 November and will also be in Delhi during 23 to 26 November during the first four days of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. We are already well under way with the planning for the Royal Visit, and it has been agreed that The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh should dine privately at my house at 8 pm on 22 November. There would be not more than about 30 guests, at least half of whom would be distinguished Indians.

2. I have drawn the Palace's attention to the fact that the Prime Minister and Mr Thatcher may already be in Delhi by that time. They have responded that if so The Queen would be delighted if the Prime Minister and Mr Thatcher would like to attend the dinner; but equally that She would of course understand if they would not be free to do so on the evening before the CHOGM opens. I should be grateful if you would let me know whether the Prime Minister will indeed be in Delhi in time for dinner on 22 November; and if so whether she and Mr Thatcher would wish to accept an invitation to dine with The Queen that evening.

3. If the Prime Minister were to accept, we would need to consider who else from the CHOGM party (eg the Foreign Secretary and/or Robert Armstrong and/or Robin Butler or you) should also be included. Let me know if the Prime Minister has any views on that, or if you yourself have any advice to offer.

4. I should perhaps add that I am leaving it to those in London responsible for CHOGM arrangements to let me know in due course whether the Prime Minister and Mr Thatcher would

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wish to stay in the Ashok/Samrat hotel complex (which is being set aside for Heads of Delegations and their closest advisers) or with me. I suspect that the advice may for understandable practical reasons favour the former; but I should of course be delighted personally if the answer turned out to be the latter. Either way, my house is about four minutes drive from the Ashok.

Yours ever

Robert

Robert Wade-Gery

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PRIME MINISTER

The Indians have asked whether you would agree that during your visit to Delhi for CHOGM you should present India's most prestigious literary prize to this year's winner.

The prize is called the Bhartiya Jnanpith Award. It is worth about £10,000. This year's recipient is a Mrs. Mahadevi Verma, who is a Hindi poetess and is 76 years old.

Normally, either the President of India or the Prime Minister present the Award. But this time they would be delighted if you would.

It can be fitted into your timetable without difficulty. We should arrange for the presentation to take place in the late afternoon of 28 November, after any session of CHOGM has concluded.

Are you willing to do this?

Yes *A. J. C.*

14 November, 1983

September



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

13 September, 1983

Dear Sir,

India

Thank you for your letter of 9 September asking for advice on the Indian proposal that the Prime Minister should present the Bhartiya Jnanpith Award, India's most prestigious literary prize, on the afternoon of 28 November during the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in New Delhi.

This is an attractive proposal. Presentation of the Award by the Prime Minister would provide an excellent means of underlining the close relationship between Britain and India. The occasion, which would almost certainly also be attended by Mrs Gandhi, will be a considerable media event attracting extensive press, radio and television coverage, at a time when the Indian media will otherwise be preoccupied with Commonwealth rather than specifically Indo-British affairs. We can confirm Mr Johari's description of the Award and this year's recipient and we recommend that the Prime Minister accept the invitation.

It has been proposed that, on the afternoon of 28 November, the Prime Minister should give a lunch for a number of Commonwealth Heads of Government and thereafter attend the afternoon session of the Commonwealth meeting. We assume, therefore, that the Indians would arrange for the presentation to take place in the late afternoon. At present, no other engagements are envisaged for the Prime Minister at that time.

Yours ever

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

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From the Private Secretary

13 September 1983

CHOGM: Entertainment

Thank you for your letter of 9 September.

The Prime Minister agrees that she should entertain all her colleagues at CHOGM and that this should involve two separate lunches including all Heads of Delegation, whether Heads of Government or not, without spouses. She further agrees that we should aim to do this on 24 November and 28 November.

I note that both lunches will be given in the High Commissioner's house.

You will no doubt let me see draft guest lists in due course.

I am sure that the Prime Minister will be grateful if, as you suggest, you would keep in touch with the Palace to ensure that no clashes arise with the entertainment which The Queen is giving.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

A. J. COLES

John Holmes Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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PRIME MINISTER

CHOGM: Entertainment

You wanted to know The Queen's plans.

They are as follows:

- Tuesday 22 November - Lunch for 3 Heads of Government
- Wednesday 23 November - Lunch for 3 Heads of Government
Banquet for Heads of Delegation
- Thursday 24 November - Lunch for 3 Heads of Government
- Friday 25 November - Lunch for Ministers and senior officials

It is proposed that you should give two separate lunches including all Heads of Delegation, whether Heads of Government or not, without spouses.

The suggestion is that one lunch should be on Thursday, 24 November and the other on Monday, 28 November. Both lunches would be given in the High Commissioner's house.

The FCO would keep in touch with the Palace to ensure that there were no clashes with The Queen's invitations.

May we go ahead on this basis?

Yes nt

A.J.C.

12 September 1983



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

9 September 1983

India

I received a telephone call yesterday from the Deputy High Commissioner of India who asked whether, during her visit to Delhi for the Commonwealth Conference, the Prime Minister would be prepared to present the Bhartiya Jnanpith Award to this year's recipient, Mrs. Mahadevi Verma. I asked Mr. Johari if he could let me have a letter setting out in more detail what would be involved. A copy of this is now enclosed. Since I agreed to Mr. Johari's request that I should treat his letter as having been sent on a personal basis I should be grateful if you would not reveal to him that I have copied it to you.

BF | I should be grateful for early advice on the proposal so that I may speak to Mr. Johari in the early part of next week.

A. J. COLES

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

9 September, 1983

Dear Tony

CHOGM: Entertainment

Thank you for your letter of 5 September.

We understand that The Queen will give a banquet for Heads of Delegation on Wednesday 23 November and a reception for Ministers and senior officials on Friday 25 November. As part of Her programme of audiences She will also offer three lunches, each for three Heads of Government, on Tuesday 22 November, Wednesday 23 November and Thursday 24 November. It has not been yet decided who will be invited to Her lunch on 24 November.

We had assumed that the initial guest lists for the two proposed Prime Ministerial lunches, split alphabetically as I suggested in my letter under reference, would as usual need continuing adjustment to take account of potential clashes such as that which might arise with The Queen's lunch on 24 November. We shall continue to keep in touch with the Palace through our Protocol Department to overcome such problems. These problems have been resolved in the past without undue difficulty.

I am copying this to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever
John Holmes

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

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Pushkar Johari
Deputy High Commissioner

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THE HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA,

DEPARTMENT,

INDIA HOUSE,

ALDWYCH,

LONDON, W.C.2.

TELEPHONE: 01-836 8484 EXT.

TELEGRAMS: HICOMIND, LONDON, W.C.2.

No. 370 /DHC/83

September 8, 1983

Dear *Mr. Coles,*

With reference to our telephone conversation this morning I am giving below some details about the Bhartiya Jnanpith Award, the presentation ceremony of which is to take place in New Delhi on the afternoon of 28th November, 1983.

2. The Award is the country's highest and most prestigious in the field of literature and was instituted in 1965. The Award is made annually with the twin objectives of shouldering the cardinal national responsibilities of rediscovering the neglected treasures of Indian philosophy and of encouraging original creative writing in 15 Indian languages. The Award carries a cash prize of Rs.150,000/- (approximately £10,000/-). This year's recipient is Mrs. Mahadevi Verma who is a very distinguished and eminent poetess in the Hindi language. She is now 76 years old and is the last surviving member of the Romantic School of Hindi poetry. She has been chosen for this honour for her distinguished work "Yama", a collection of outstanding poems which was first published in 1939 and the Fifth Edition of which was brought out in the late 70s. A special feature of the collection is the beautiful illustrations painted by Mrs. Mahadevi Verma herself.

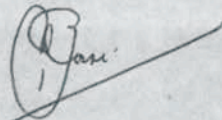
3. As I had mentioned on the phone it is customary for either our President or Prime Minister to give the Award. However, since this year the ceremony is happily coinciding with the Commonwealth Heads of Governments meeting in New Delhi, my Government has made the suggestion which I mentioned on the phone.

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4. I look forward to hearing from you at your very early convenience.

with regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Pushkar Johari', written over a horizontal line.

(Pushkar Johari)

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



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

5 September 1983

CHOGM: ENTERTAINMENT

Thank you for your letter of 30 August.

Before deciding on the hospitality which she will wish to extend during CHOGM, the Prime Minister would like to know what entertainment Her Majesty The Queen is proposing to offer. Apparently, there have been one or two occasions in the past when invitations have clashed. I should be grateful if you could let me have the necessary information as soon as possible.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield in the Cabinet Office.

A. J. COLES

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

30 August 1983

Prime Minister:

Do you wish to
offer hospitality as proposed
at x overheat.

Dear Tim,

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Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 1983:

Entertainment

I should be grateful for your advice on what hospitality the Prime Minister will wish to offer her fellow Heads of Government/delegation at the CHOGM later this year (23 - 29 November) in New Delhi. We shall not be able to consider what bilateral meetings should be arranged for the Prime Minister (and what informal hospitality might thereby be entailed) until we have information about which Heads of Government and Foreign Ministers will be attending. However, we need to take a decision in principle now on the general form and extent of any formal group entertainment the Prime Minister might offer in order to reserve appropriate slots in the schedule of entertainment which the Indian organisers are already compiling.

There are three broad options. The first is that the Prime Minister should offer no hospitality whatsoever. But the absence of British hospitality would constitute a sharp break with precedent and might be interpreted as indicating a diminution of enthusiasm for the Commonwealth. Past practice has been that the Prime Minister has offered a formal meal to all colleagues, even when not acting as host to the meeting.

The second option is that the Prime Minister should entertain selectively. This would be more flexible and need not be pre-arranged. The main disadvantage is the difficulty of being selective without causing gratuitous resentment.

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*In Melbourne - we used
the Govt's house*

The third option is that the Prime Minister should entertain all her colleagues. This is what she did in both Lusaka and Melbourne. The obvious disadvantage of this course is the expense but this should not be as great as in Melbourne.

The third option is the one we recommend: that is, two separate lunches taking in all Heads of Delegations, whether Heads of Government or not, without spouses. If the Prime Minister agrees with this recommendation, we suggest that we aim for Thursday, 24 November and Monday, 28 November. We could invite half the Heads of Delegations, split alphabetically, to each lunch, together with a number of senior Commonwealth Secretariat officials and a small British element in support. Both lunches would be given in the High Commissioner's house.

Sir Geoffrey Howe would also, in accordance with precedent, undertake some (selective) entertainment of his colleagues, in particular those with whom he will not have a substantive bilateral meeting.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

*① I will see what
The Queen is giving. One or two
some of our invitations have
checked with Head.
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Yours ever

J E Holmes

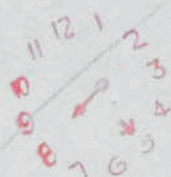
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Your reference

Our reference

Date 10 August 1983

Dear Mark,

CHGM, NEW DELHI

1. The Indian organisers of this year's CHGM have asked for 2 photographs measuring 35 mm x 45 mm of each delegate. They have asked to receive these by 31 August. I appreciate that it is possible that not all of those going to Delhi have yet been nominated but I would be very grateful to receive as many photographs as possible by ~~Friday 26 August~~. *mid Sept.*

*Yours sincerely,
Michael Hall.*

M M Hall
Overseas Conferences and Visits Section
Protocol and Conference Department

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From the Private Secretary

25 July 1983

COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING

Thank you for your letter of 15 July.

The Prime Minister has approved the proposed delegation to the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in New Delhi in November.

A. J. COLES

Roger Bone, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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MR. ALISON

The Prime Minister would be grateful
if you could accompany her to the Commonwealth
Heads of Government meeting in New Delhi
from 23 to 30 November, 1983.

A. J. COLES

25 July 1983



Prime Minister

The proposed delegation is Foreign and Commonwealth Office
 slightly smaller than the
 one which went to Melbourne.

London SW1A 2AH

Content? Yes not

15 July 1983

do you want Michael Alison to come? Yes please.

A.S.C. 22/7. The Commonwealth
 Conference is important
 as so many nations attend,
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Jan. 1981

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM): New Delhi
1983

It is time to consider the composition of the British Delegation to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in New Delhi from 23 to 30 November. We have drawn up the enclosed provisional list which also takes into account the findings of the recent reconnaissance visit to India by a team from the FCO Protocol and Conference Department and by Leslie Wright of the Cabinet Office. As it stands, the delegation numbers 58 as compared with 67 for Melbourne in 1981.

As far as senior officials are concerned, the composition of the team has to take account of the likely shape of the agenda which the Commonwealth Secretariat expect to issue in draft in late September. But I think we can be certain that developmental issues and Southern Africa (in particular Namibia and sporting contacts) will feature prominently. I am sure that it would also be helpful, as in 1981, to have someone from the Overseas Development Administration. We have also followed the 1981 precedent by including the Chief Political Correspondent from the COI.

The numbers of communications and security staff will be smaller than those for our delegation to Melbourne, since we will be able to use staff from the High Commission in New Delhi - a much larger post than the Consulate-General in Melbourne. On the other hand, the High Commission will not be able to provide as much clerical and secretarial support as was provided at Melbourne by the Canberra High Commission. So the extra staff will have to be flown out from Britain.

/Since both

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Since both the Prime Minister and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary will need to maintain close contact with London, the three communications officers shown will be needed to reinforce the existing team in the High Commission. The Royal Military Police detachment will provide safe-hand services and guard the delegation offices during the night: we are planning to take four fewer than in 1981, since High Commission staff will be able to take on some of these duties.

? Unless you/ or No 10 see objection, we shall work on this basis for the time being.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Sir W Ryrie (ODA) and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R B Bone', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

(R B Bone)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

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COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING (CHOGM):
NEW DELHI, 23-30 NOVEMBER 1983

PROVISIONAL LIST OF UK DELEGATION

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Supporting Staff</u>
<u>No 10 Downing Street</u>		
1	Prime Minister*	
2	Parliamentary Private Secretary	? ✓
3-4	Private Secretaries (2)	
5	Chief Press Secretary	
6	Assistant Press Secretary	
7-8		Duty Clerks (2)
9-11		Secretarial Assistants (3)
12-14		Detectives (2)
15		Personal Assistant (Tessa) Linda Bond.
<u>Cabinet Office</u>		
16	Secretary of the Cabinet (Sir R Armstrong)	
17		Personal Assistant
18	Communications Coordinator (Mr Wright)	
<u>Foreign and Commonwealth Office</u>		
19	Secretary of State	
20-21	Private Secretaries	
22-23		Personal Assistants
24-25		Detectives
26	Permanent Under-Secretary	
27	Deputy Under-Secretary (Political) (Sir J Leahy)	

* Accompanied by spouse



<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Supporting Staff</u>
28	Deputy or Assistant Under-Secretary (Economic)	
29	Head of News Department (Mr Goulden)	
30	Head of Commonwealth Coordination Department (Mr Goldsmith)	
31		Personal Assistant
32	Delegation Secretary (Mr Byrne)	
33		Conference Officer (Mr Hall)
34		Assistant Conference Officer
<u>Overseas Development Administration</u>		
35	Under-Secretary (Mr Ainscow)	
<u>Central Office of Information</u>		
36	Chief Political Correspondent	
<u>Additional Support Staff</u>		
37		Assistant Delegation Secretary
38-40		Delegation Archivists
41-43		Shorthand-typists
44-51		Royal Military Police detachment
52-54		Communications Officers
<u>British High Commission, New Delhi</u>		
55	British High Commissioner (Sir R Wade-Gery)	
56	Deputy High Commissioner (Mr Samuel)	
57	First Secretary (Mr Stark)	
58		Delegation Accountant

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A REPORT ON A RECONNAISSANCE VISIT TO NEW DELHI AND GOA FOR
THE 1983 COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING

INTRODUCTION

1. This report is the result of a visit to New Delhi and Goa by Mr Leslie Wright of the Cabinet Office, Colonel Peter Durrant of PCD, FCO and the undersigned over the period 11 to 18 June. Three days were spent in Delhi following a comprehensive programme made up by the British High Commission, meeting key Indian officials involved in the preparations, visiting the Conference sites and inspecting hotels; half a day was spent in Bombay discussing with the Deputy High Commissioner there the extent of their support and involvement in the Retreat weekend in Goa and a day and a half was spent in Goa, again meeting key Indian officials and visiting the sites which will feature in the Retreat weekend.

2. INDIAN PREPARATIONS

Meetings were held with the following officials in Delhi:-

Mr Satish Lambah - Joint Secretary in the MEA

Mr U C Tiwari - Principal Government Spokesman, GOI

Mr C P Joshi - Communications Consultant to the CHGM

Mr Upendara Lal - Director (Conferences) in the MEA

Mr Wanchoo - Assistant Director (security) Ministry of Home Affairs

It was clear from our discussions with the above, that Indian thinking on the arrangements for CHGM is being heavily influenced by their experience of the Non-Aligned Summit which India hosted in March and which it appears organisationally was a considerable success. There is however a danger that;

- a) there will be complacency on the part of the Indians during their preparations for CHGM and
- b) that they could slavishly repeat arrangements made at the NAM Meeting, regardless of whether they are appropriate to a CHGM, which is a very different type of meeting from a NAM gathering.

We detected, for instance, a tendency for a great deal of attention to be focused on the Heads of Delegations in the

proposed arrangements with little or none devoted to the Foreign Ministers. Foreign Ministers will not be assigned liaison or security officers, their cars will not be radio controlled and as matters stand they will receive little preferential treatment on arrival or departure at Delhi Airport. All this is in keeping with what occurred during the NAM which was perhaps understandable given the limited resources of the Indians and the fact that there were well over 100 countries participating, but it is less appropriate in an organisation with only 40 or so member countries. However steps are being taken to warn the Commonwealth Secretariat about this potential problem and we hope generally that they will put the Indian organisers on to the right lines regarding the requirements and character of a CHGM.

CONFERENCE SITE

3. The Conference sessions will take place in the Vigyan Bhavan, the GOI Government Conference Centre. This is a somewhat undistinguished building with gloomy interiors and here again one detected a wide gulf between the arrangements for the Heads of Government and those for the remainder of each Delegation. Extensive areas will be reserved for the Heads while comparatively little accommodation will be accessible to others. However the rooms designated for working groups at official level are large and well equipped. The opening ceremony of the CHGM will also take place in a large auditorium within the Vigyan Bhavan complex. One possible problem identified was that the Indians appeared to have made little or no provision for communication between Senior Advisers and Heads/Ministers during meeting sessions and an attempt was made to persuade them to introduce more flexibility in this regard.

4. Each Delegation is being allocated one very small office measuring no more than 15' x 15' which at certain times could present our Delegation with a severe problem of congestion. The allocation of one room per Delegation is however within the CHGM tradition and practice. Only communal photocopiers will be available - 3 per floor.

LIVING ACCOMMODATION

5. The Indians are proposing to accommodate all Heads of Government and Ministers in a pair of inter-connecting hotels owned by the Government of India. These 2 hotels are the Ashok and the Samrat and are located very close to the

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British High Commission. Each Delegation will be allocated one large suite, one smaller suite and 12 ordinary rooms, (one designated as an office). Both these hotels have disadvantages for which our Delegation should be prepared. The Ashok was built some 20 years ago and is showing distinct signs of age while the Samrat is not yet complete and therefore teething troubles can be expected. We do understand however that efforts are being made to give the Ashok a face lift and to ensure that all systems such as telephones, plumbing etc are in good working order by November.

6. Five hotels in the vicinity of the British High Commission and the Ashok/Samrat were visited with a view to finding accommodation for the balance of the UK party, and it was decided to book the bulk into the Maurya Hotel, which is part of the Sheraton Group. Ten rooms were booked at the Claridges Hotel for the RMP team and 15 rooms at the Taj Palace Hotel for the RAF aircrew. The Maurya has established a good reputation for efficient service, comfortable rooms and a broad range of cuisine and all this was borne out by our inspection visit.

WORKING ACCOMMODATION

7. The Private Offices of the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary will in the usual way have to be set up in the Ashok/Samrat. However after careful consideration it was decided that the best location for the offices of the Delegation Secretariat, the Senior Advisers and the Administrative support would be in a suite of offices in the British High Commission (which is just over the road). There were three major reasons for arriving at this conclusion. First, the rooms in the Ashok are arranged in an unusual way: all suites are grouped together: as are all single and double rooms. Thus the more offices we have in this huge hotel the more likely they are to be scattered throughout it. Second, the more offices we put into the Ashok the fewer senior advisers and other key support staff will be able to stay there. Third, in siting our offices within the High Commission they would be close to the essential services it can provide, such as communications, transport etc. There would be sufficient accommodation for the Cabinet Secretary to hold his daily morning meetings in the High Commission building. Also given the inadequacy of the office accommodation at the Conference Centre, it is anticipated that much greater use than usual will be made of these offices. Overall they are far more likely to function well in one of our Diplomatic posts than in an hotel. ?

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PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

8. Mr Bruce Cleghorn, First Secretary (Information) in the High Commission, who accompanied us on all visits and calls, has reported in some detail about the proposed press media arrangements for the meeting (see his letter of 15 June to Mr Kydd of the No 10 Press Office) but a summary of the relevant principal locations may be useful. The main facilities for the press will be located in a Media Centre in an annex to the Vigyan Bhavan. The main briefing hall seats about 200 but it would not be possible to exclude non British journalists from briefings held here. A more suitable venue, if British only briefings were required, might be the Recreation Hall at the British High Commission. Two hotels have been designated for the press accommodation the Kanishka and the Janpath. A suite, which will double as a briefing room and an office, has been reserved at the Kanishka for Mr Kydd. It is envisaged that Mr Ingham will have a room at the Ashok Hotel but that he will use Mr Kydd's suite at the Kanishka for informal briefings of the British press. As a fallback position, a suite has also been booked at the Maurya Hotel in case the rooms allocated to the UK at the Ashok are not as anticipated.

9. SECURITY

Colonel Durrant of PCD has written a separate detailed report on the Indian security arrangements for both Delhi and the retreat weekend in Goa. Indian thinking in this area is still strongly influenced by their arrangements for the NAM which tended to be on a large and restrictive scale. Again this was understandable given the number of delegations taking part and the many cases of mutual suspicion and antipathy between delegations. It is to be hoped that the arrangements for CHGM will be scaled down to an appropriate level. Sources of concern at present are possible restrictions on access to the Ashok/Samrat complex by those delegates not staying there and an overrigid separation between Heads of Government and their advisers at the Vigyan Bhavan. These concerns are however being conveyed to the Indian Government via the Commonwealth Secretariat and there is optimism that in the event a reasonable compromise will be reached. As Colonel Durrant has recorded, only the Prime Minister will be assigned an armed Indian protection officer but the Indians did say they would be prepared to assign one to the Secretary of State also, should a threat of any significance be brought to their attention.

COMMUNICATIONS

10. Here again a detailed separate report is being submitted; in this case by Mr Wright, Head of communications at the Cabinet Office. He has identified the points in Delhi where both direct lines and private wires to London will be located, as well as the positions of base stations for a radio network, the latter to be used primarily for administrative purposes, although the Special Branch officers accompanying our Ministers will have access to it. The main communications problem arises over the Retreat weekend in Goa where a combination of distances between hotels linked by winding roads and an inadequate existing telephone system could cause difficulties. On present planning a secure link telephone will terminate in the room of the aide accompanying the Prime Minister to Goa.

11. For its telegraphic traffic with London and elsewhere, the Delegation will be using the Communications Centre of the British High Commission, whose staff will be reinforced to provide the necessary 24 hour cover while our Ministers are in India.

ARRANGEMENTS AT DELHI AIRPORT

12. Here again the proposed arrangements bear the imprint of the NAM precedent. The Indians propose that only the Heads of Government will be met by limousines at the end of the aircraft steps while all other delegates, including Foreign Ministers, will proceed by airport bus to a VIP lounge in a new terminal building whence they will then walk through the building to embark in a motorcade. Between now and November, efforts will be made to negotiate a somewhat more dignified reception for Foreign Ministers. We shall also try to ensure that it will not be necessary for each member of our party to personally present their passports and personally identify and remove their baggage.

TRANSPORT

13. The Indian Government will provide each Delegation with one Mercedes for the Head of Government, a second Mercedes for the spouse of the Head of Government, one chauffeur driven Ambassador car (an Indian vehicle, based on the 1953 Morris Oxford) for Foreign Ministers and one other chauffeur driven Ambassador car for the use of one or two other senior members of the Delegation. For the rest of the UK party's transport needs a combination of British High Commission

allocation of cars will shortly be sent to the British High Commission.

ENTERTAINMENT

14. If the pattern of previous CHGM'S is followed, the Prime Minister is likely to give 2 lunches for her fellow Heads of Government and/or possibly spouses and Foreign Ministers and again if past practice is followed, it is likely that the Residence of the British High Commissioner will be used for the purpose. The Residence was visited by the recce team and while the dining room would appear to be too small for these functions, a set of tables set out on the horseshoe-shaped veranda appeared to be an attractive solution.

FINANCE

15. The High Commission did not see the need for any extra funds to be drafted to their account to meet the expenditure arising out of CHGM, estimated at £50,000 to £60,000. They have nominated Mr Ian McDonald to act as accountant to the Delegation and detailed charging instructions for all items such as car hire, subsistence, accommodation etc will be forwarded to Mr Reed, Head of Administration in the BHC.

RETREAT WEEKEND IN GOA

16. The London recce party accompanied by staff from the British High Commission, New Delhi and Deputy High Commission, Bombay called on the Lt Governor, the Chief Secretary, and the Inspector General of Police in Goa in order to discuss arrangements for the Retreat. They also visited the principal sites involved in the Retreat.

17. The Head of Government, their spouses and aides will be accommodated in the Fort Aguada Beach Hotel which occupies an impressive position overlooking an old Portuguese Fort and a long wide beach. New chalets are being constructed on the hill above the Hotel and some Heads may be located there. In the adjacent Taj village complex, about a 5 to 10 minute walk away, members of the Commonwealth Secretariat and GOI support staff will be accommodated. The whole of this area will be sealed off by the security authorities. The Heads will transfer from Dabolim Airport to the Fort Aguada by helicopter, a journey which by car takes a good hour along narrow winding roads. The Indians have also made block bookings at the Cidade de Goa Hotel for Advisers and other delegates who may be needed to be in Goa, and at the

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block bookings at the Cidade de Goa Hotel for Advisers and other delegates who may be needed to be in Goa, and at the Hotel Fidalgo for any press who may be covering the retreat. These hotels are approximately 25 and 30 minutes drive respectively from the Fort Aguada. No alternative suitable accommodation is to be found any nearer than this to the Fort Aguada, and if we have a number of senior advisers in the Cidade de Goa round the clock transport will need to be on hand.

18. It was recognised that given the infrequency of flights between Bombay and Goa, and the unreliability of the telephone system, there was little role for the DHC in Bombay during the Retreat. It might however be valuable for Mr Morris of DHC Bombay to be present in Goa to assist those staying at the Cidade de Goa.

19. One difficulty will be the travel to and from Goa of any British support staff. The journey by scheduled services involved changing aircraft in Bombay and from door to door takes the best part of the day, a period of time which Private Secretaries and security officials in particular will not be able to afford. A request is therefore being made to the Indians for the provision of a second special aircraft to fly direct from Delhi to Goa, possibly also taking press representatives.

20. Press coverage of the Retreat is likely to be confined to a photo call carried out by a pool of press/cameramen.

21. As to the programme of the retreat, the Indians intend to organise an excursion for the Heads by river launch to see what remains of old Goa, the former capital of the territory. There will also be recreational facilities such as swimming, clock golf, etc. For the last day there is a proposal that the Heads lunch at the Residence of the Lt Governor. It is very much hoped that this is arranged since the Lt Governor himself is a delightful personality with a keen interest in the environment and conservation and his Residence is a beautiful old Portuguese colonial mansion commanding superb views of the coast. The grounds are equipped with a helipad.

22. The Indians indicated that they were also arranging Retreat weekend excursions for Foreign Ministers to Udaipur and for senior officials to Jaipur or Agra. Confirmation of these plans is awaited.

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23. MEDICAL

It has to be recognised that a good proportion of all new arrivals in India will succumb to some form of stomach complaint within the first few days. This happened in varying degrees to all members of the recce party. It is therefore indeed fortunate that the British High Commission has its own hospital on compound, staffed by a British doctor and a team of nurses. Given that the total British party going to India for CHGM could number about 70 including the RAF aircrew, the medical team have been alerted that the demand on their services in the early stages of CHGM at least could be high.

24. OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

The High Commission will be able to meet many of the Delegations requirements for stationery, office furniture, duty-free liquor etc. Where they are unable to do this the supplementary supplies will be sent from London. The main problem arises over photocopiers, 4 of which were innitally requested for various parts of the Delegation. However, with the cost of hiring a photocopier in India running at £200 per day we may need to consider reducing this number to 2: one Rank Xerox 3107 machine to be shared by the 2 Private Offices in the Ashok Hotel and one to be located in the Delegation Secretariat in the High Commission building. This will still mean a bill of about £5,000 for a 10 day period including the cost of paper and a round the clock service cover. The cost of purchasing one of these machines in India is about £7,000. Bringing photocopiers out in the VC10 will also be considered but experience has shown this to be an unsatisfactory solution since these machines do not travel well.

COMPOSITION OF THE UK DELEGATION

25. The Indian Government have requested the names and numbers in each delegation, together with 2 photographs of each delegate, measuring 35 mm x 45 mm, to be submitted to them by 31 August. As many UK names as possible will be forwarded by this date.

Michael Hall.

M M Hall
Overseas Conferences and Visits Section
Protocol and Conference Department

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE
28 June 1983

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COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING, 1983

Thank you for your letter of 29 April. I confirm that the Prime Minister will not wish to have different transport arrangements at CHOGM from those made for her fellow Heads of Government - and thus she is prepared to use a car provided by the Indian Government.

A. J. COLES

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Prime Minister



Agree to use at
CHGM a car provided
by the Indian Government?

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

29 April, 1983

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Yes

Dear John,

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting: 1983

I am sorry to trouble you with a trivial matter, but it would be helpful to settle a particular question finally. At the end of last year the British High Commission in New Delhi wrote to us to ask whether the High Commissioner's Rolls Royce Silver Wraith, due for replacement this year by a Rolls Royce Silver Spirit, should be kept on for use during the CHGM, although doing so would result in the probable loss of some £3600 in the selling price.

We replied that the Wraith should not be kept on, particularly if doing so would result in such a substantial drop in the selling price. We also said that the provision of transport for Heads of Government at CHGM Meetings was a host Government responsibility and that if the British Prime Minister were to be the only Head using a Rolls Royce it could invite unfavourable comment. We would therefore recommend that other things being equal she should be seen to be using the same facilities as her fellow Heads of Government. At Lusaka in 1979 and at Melbourne in 1981 the Prime Minister used cars provided by the Zambians and the Australians. A further argument put forward by the High Commission was that the Wraith is bullet-proofed, but again it was pointed out that the provision of any specially secure vehicles on these occasions is still the responsibility of the host Government.

Although the High Commission appeared to accept this verdict, a recent visitor to Delhi has reported that they are still anxious on this point. Could you therefore confirm that the Prime Minister will not wish to have different transport arrangements from the rest of her fellow Heads of Government?

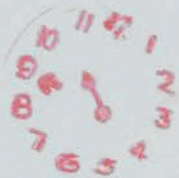
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3 February 1983

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Dear Sir,

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting: 1983

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I enclose a message from the Commonwealth Secretary-General formally confirming that the 1983 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting will be held in New Delhi from 23 to 30 November. The Prime Minister accepted these dates in principle in her letter to Mr Ramphal of 19 July 1982.

There is no need for the Prime Minister to reply to Mr Ramphal's message.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield in the Cabinet Office.

Yours ever
John Holmes

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq,
10 Downing Street.

Circular Letter No. 5/83

14 January 1983

I should be grateful if you would transmit the following message to your Head of Government as rapidly as possible:

BEGINS

"In my letter 47/82 of 22 June I suggested the dates for the 1983 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in New Delhi.

As I told the Commonwealth Senior Officials Meeting in Arusha last month a large majority of Heads of Government have indicated agreement to the proposal.

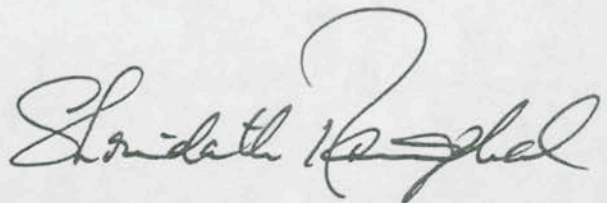
I am therefore advising Mrs Gandhi, as Head of the host Government, that the Meeting will convene in New Delhi from 23 to 30 November 1983 and detailed planning is proceeding on this basis.

I am issuing a press notice to this effect on Monday, 17 January.

With deep respect,

Shridath S. Ramphal"

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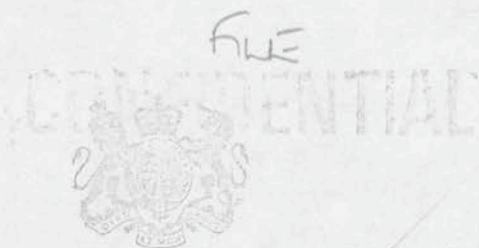
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From the Private Secretary

20 July, 1982

CHOGM 1983: WEEKEND RETREAT IN GOA

Thank you for your letter of 19 July.
The Prime Minister agrees, with regret, that
in view of the considerations which you advance
she should attend the weekend retreat in Goa.

W. J. COLES

B J P Fall, Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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THE PRIME MINISTER

19 July 1982

Dear Mr. Ramphal,

Thank you for your circular letter of 22 June proposing that next year's Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting should take place in New Delhi from 23 to 30 November. I am happy to confirm that a meeting between these dates is in principle acceptable to me.

However, as I think you know, I have some misgivings about the way these meetings have developed recently. I believe that the last meeting was rather longer than necessary. I hope that Senior Officials will be able to consider this point in Arusha later this year.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Mr. Shridath S. Ramphal, A.C., Kt., C.M.G., Q.C.

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Prime Minister

In view of the facts at X
below, and the possibility of
upsetting the Queen's visit to
India, I recommend that you
go to Goa for the weekend.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

19 July 1982

Dear John,

Agree?

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Respectfully Yes
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CHOGM 1983: Weekend Retreat in Goa

You have asked for advice about the possibility of the Prime Minister spending the weekend of the CHOGM retreat visiting a part of India which she does not know. I gather that the Prime Minister has expressed some doubts about whether it would be right for her to attend the retreat, which will be in Goa, because it might appear to condone the Indian use of force in seizing Goa from the Portuguese in 1961. We have discussed this with the High Commission in New Delhi, but have not of course spoken to the Indians.

Our High Commission could undoubtedly arrange a useful and interesting programme for the Prime Minister in a part of India which she does not know. Sir John Thomson - whom we were able to consult on his return to London - believes that, if the Prime Minister were to carry out such a programme instead of attending the retreat in Goa, the Government of India would be likely to take serious offence and there would be widespread criticism in the Indian press. A decision by the Prime Minister not to attend the retreat would also of course disappoint the Prime Minister's Commonwealth colleagues (some of whom would no doubt express their disappointment publicly). To ask the Indians now to change their plans about Goa or to warn them now that the Prime Minister might at the time feel unable to go there, would be bound to arouse Indian resentment, without achieving any positive result.

In practice, there are very real differences between Goa and the Falkland Islands. In particular:

a. Geographical and historical

Goa is part of the Indian mainland. Its population was predominantly of Indian ethnic origin and prior to its acquisition by Portugal (1510) it had been governed by Indian rulers.

b. Legal

By a treaty with India of 31 December 1974, Portugal has formally recognised Indian sovereignty over Goa and over the other four former Portuguese enclaves in India. The Portuguese Foreign Minister went to Goa during a

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visit to India in November 1981, and this was seen as marking the end of any residual ill-feeling about Goa between the two countries. We extended de jure recognition in 1975, when our Deputy High Commissioner in Bombay paid an official visit to Goa. Since then a number of British officials, including successive High Commissioners, have been there.

In the light of these considerations, Mr Pym considers that the Prime Minister should attend the weekend retreat in Goa. To do otherwise could impose serious strains on the atmosphere of the Meeting; would certainly cause offence to the Indians, and might well affect the atmosphere for the bilateral State Visit by The Queen which will precede the opening of the Heads of Government Meeting.

Yours ever
J. P. Fall

(B J P Fall)
Private Secretary

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

13 July 1982

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Dear John,

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHGM): New Delhi

I enclose a circular letter from the Commonwealth Secretary-General conveying to Commonwealth Heads of Government a proposal from the Government of India that the next CHGM should take place in New Delhi from 23 - 30 November 1983.

Unfortunately the Greeks, who will be occupying the Presidency at the time, have just proposed a meeting of the European Council for 28 and 29 November 1983. However, in view of the number of governments involved in CHGM (43) and of the fact that Mr Ramphal put his proposal in first, Mr Pym hopes that the Prime Minister will agree to accept the dates now proposed for CHGM. We would then tell the Greeks that the dates they have proposed for the European Council would not be possible for us. (Our Embassy in Athens have already indicated to them that this is likely to be the case.)

It was widely felt after Melbourne that a full week for CHGM was too long. We have it in mind to use the forthcoming meeting of Commonwealth Senior Officials (Tanzania, early December) to press for shorter, more businesslike and more productive CHGMs, and shall be hoping to enlist Mr Ramphal's support. There would be no harm in the Prime Minister indicating this to Mr Ramphal, who told Sir Michael Palliser and Sir Antony Acland earlier this year that he would favour a shorter meeting in 1983.

The Palace are aware of the dates proposed and have indicated that they are happy with them. They are of course subject to agreement by Commonwealth Heads of Government before becoming firm.

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I enclose a draft letter from the Prime Minister to Mr Ramphal.

I am sending a copy of this letter to David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J E Holmes', written in a cursive style.

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

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Thank you for your circular letter of 22 June proposing that next year's Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting should take place in New Delhi from 23 ~~to~~ 30 November ~~1980~~. I am happy to confirm that a meeting between these dates is in principle acceptable to me.

However, as I think you know, I have some misgivings about the way these meetings have developed recently, ^{I believe} and ~~feel amongst~~ ~~othe~~ things that the last meeting was rather longer than necessary. I hope that Senior Officials will be able to ^{consider this point} ~~discuss these issues~~ in Arusha later this year.

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From the Private Secretary

25 June 1982

I have, as promised, carried a little further the question of the CHOGM weekend retreat in Goa.

I do not think the Prime Minister will wish to make an issue of the retreat being held in Goa. I believe she accepts that it is too late to change Indian plans.

The Prime Minister has however put the thought to me that she might spend the weekend visiting a part of India (probably the south) which she does not know.

You may like to consider how far this will be possible and arrange for me to receive advice. I think it is too early to mention anything of the sort to the Indians because much could change between now and the time of the Conference.

A. J. COLES

Andrew Burns, Esq.,
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Circular Letter No.47/82

22 June 1982

I should be grateful if you would kindly arrange to transmit the following message to your Head of Government by the speediest means possible.

BEGINS

"You will recall that Commonwealth Heads of Government at their Meeting in Melbourne last year accepted with pleasure the invitation extended by Mrs Indira Gandhi, on behalf of the Government of India, to hold their next Meeting in New Delhi.

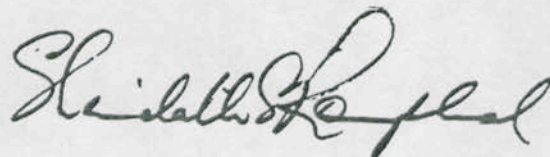
The Government of India have now proposed that the meeting should take place from Wednesday, 23 November to Wednesday, 30 November 1983.

Preliminary planning for the Meeting has already started but it would naturally be helpful to the host Government in its more detailed preparations if agreement could be reached on these dates as early as possible. As great difficulties will attend their variation, I would very much hope that you could confirm their acceptability to you; and if you would, of course, earmark them in next year's diary in anticipation of your attendance.

With deep respect,

Shridath S. Ramphal
Commonwealth Secretary-General"

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Shridath S. Ramphal

PRIME MINISTER

Next Commonwealth Conference

We discussed the problem of the weekend retreat in Goa.
May I pursue this a little further.

If we are to attempt to change Indian plans to hold the weekend retreat in Goa, it would be better to do so now rather than have a row nearer the time. But my own feeling is that we should not make an issue of it. The Indian occupation of Goa was thoroughly objectionable but it is now well in the past. I doubt if other Commonwealth countries, even Guyana or Belize, will make an issue of attending the weekend retreat if it is held in Goa.

The Commonwealth Secretary General is already aware of your views (and I have no doubt that he will let others know them as well). But I understand that he feels that Indian plans are too far advanced to be challenged now. You may like to have a word with him during your lunch for Mr. Seaga on Monday. It would be helpful to have guidance thereafter as to whether you want any action to be taken with the Indians.

A.S.C.

Perhaps I could visit a part of India
(South) which I don't know.

18 June 1982

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