



PRIME MINISTER

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I have asked the F.C.O. to consider a reply to
the last sentence. A.J.C. 19/4

New Delhi,
April 14, 1982

Dear Prime Minister,

My brief and hectic visit to London was a memorable one. It was a pleasure to meet you again.

I deeply appreciate your taking time out, in spite of your very busy schedule and multifarious problems, to attend all the festival's and other functions. I found our talks useful. You showed friendship to me personally, and understanding of my country's problems. Not only India but all developing countries are grateful and have benefited by your agreeing to restore the IDA contribution. You will have noticed that this example was soon followed by the French and some other Governments. My visit and especially your handling of it has done a great deal to create better understanding and closer cooperation between our two countries.

The Festival has got off to a splendid start. I have no doubt that your personal concern and the thought you gave to the details of its organization these last months were just the encouragement which various Governmental and voluntary bodies needed to work devotedly and with speed to make it a success.

These are troublesome days with mounting tensions and difficulties, and so many people waiting to take advantage of any sensitive situation. That is why our concern is to try and lessen tension and in so far as possible to avoid confrontation. It is everyone's hope that the crisis in the South Atlantic will be resolved soon and amicably.

With warm regards & good
wishes,

Yours sincerely
Indira Gandhi

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher