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**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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Dear Prime Minister,

I do not believe in interfering in the affairs of other countries. However, once in a while there is an issue which moves one.

I have earlier spoken to you about Benazir Bhutto. Now the news that her mother, Mrs. Bhutto is being denied the necessary medical treatment in spite of her serious illness and deteriorating condition, is disturbing. The Bhutto family have not been friends of mine at any time. But in the present circumstances, it seems cruel not to allow Mrs. Bhutto to go abroad for medical treatment.

There is strong feeling in India, especially amongst our women. Several organizations are approaching me to take up the issue. I have written to President Zia-ul-Haq requesting him to consider this matter on purely humanitarian grounds.

With regards to good wishes
Yours sincerely
Indira Gandhi.

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher
Prime Minister and First Lord
of the Treasury
London