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THE PRIME MINISTER

28 April 1981

My dear Mrs. Gandhi,

Although I sent a brief message from the aircraft on leaving India, I feel I should also write to express my gratitude more fully. I shall always remember the courtesy and kindness which you personally showed to me throughout my time in Delhi. The arrangements made and carried out by your colleagues and staff were flawless: an immense amount of trouble had clearly been taken.

For me the visit was as worthwhile as it was enjoyable. Our discussions together covered the full range of bilateral and international questions. They left me with a far deeper understanding than before of your own and your Government's views. I am confident that in the months ahead our talks will be seen to have given added impetus to our countries' co-operation in many fields.

Thank you, finally, for your generous gift. It is most attractive — and I was so happy to see you non one of us. He will be a tower of strength to you.

For so many of us, you are the spirit of India.

Warm regards.

Her Excellency Shrimati Indira Gandhi

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher