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 TELEGRAM NUMBER 25 OF 16 JANUARY  
 INDIA REPUBLIC DAY

1. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER  
 TO MRS GANDHI ON OR JUST BEFORE 26 JANUARY.

' I AM DELIGHTED, ON THE OCCASION OF REPUBLIC DAY, TO SEND  
 TO YOU AND TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF INDIA MY WARMEST  
 CONGRATULATIONS AND MY BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS  
 FUTURE.

I VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN IN APRIL AND  
 TO RENEWING AND EXTENDING MY ACQUAINTANCE WITH INDIA. I  
 HOLD MANY HAPPY MEMORIES FROM MY PREVIOUS VISITS. IT IS  
 MY SINCERE HOPE THAT OUR FORTHCOMING MEETING WILL STRENGTHEN  
 FURTHER THE BONDS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES  
 WARM REGARDS. MARGARET THATCHER'

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