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My dear Margaret

It was very good to see you in London, and I found our discussions on CHOGM and other matters very useful.

I wanted to let you know that I had a helpful discussion with Indira Gandhi in Delhi on CHOGM matters generally and on the question of Pakistan's rejoining the Commonwealth.

On the latter issue, it is her view that the question is one to be left for discussion between Heads of Government during the CHOG Meeting; but she is quite relaxed about it being discussed there. On the assumption that there would be no objection to Pakistan's rejoining, Indian officials were talking in terms of a reference being included in the communique.

I have spoken with Sonny Ramphal and informed him of this outcome. I indicated to him that I expected this issue to attract increasing attention as CHOGM approaches, and I thought it would be helpful for Commonwealth leaders to have some idea of India's thinking. I know it is his view that this would be an appropriate topic for discussion at the Retreat.

I look forward to seeing you in Melbourne.

Yours sincerely

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