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THE PRIME MINISTER

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PERSONAL MESSAGE

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Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you very much for your letter of 22 March about the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

I of course agree with what you say about the character of the Commonwealth. There are inevitably issues on which different members of the Commonwealth have different points of view, and it would be wrong to pretend at our meetings that such differences do not exist. But I am confident that, under your chairmanship in November, the Commonwealth will maintain its tradition of frank and informal discussion in a way which will both encourage a common approach to such problems and strengthen, not weaken, the links that bind us together.

I am greatly looking forward to seeing you and other colleagues at the Heads of Government Meeting.

I have seen several people who attended the Non-aligned Summit. All have been very warm in their praise for your chairmanship. With every good wish.

Her Excellency Shrimati Indira Gandhi

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher