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From the Private Secretary

5 January 1982

INDIA: VISIT OF THE RT. HON. JOHN PEYTON, M.P.

The above wrote just before Christmas to say that he is planning to visit India, together with his wife, for three weeks from 24 January. The visit begins with six days in Delhi. Mr. Peyton says that arrangements have been made for him to attend the Republic Day celebrations and to meet Mrs. Gandhi.

As you will recall, Mr. Peyton was a Member of the Shadow Cabinet until 3 May, 1979 and is now one of the most senior backbenchers in the Conservative Party. The Prime Minister would be grateful if everything possible could be done to facilitate his visit to India. In particular, you may think it would be helpful for Sir John Thomson to discuss the visit with Mrs. Gandhi's staff and let them know of the Prime Minister's interest. I think it would also be most helpful if Sir John Thomson could offer a meal, perhaps dinner, for the Peytons. I understand that they would be interested in meeting figures from Indian industry. Peyton is interested in high technology and is currently, I understand, a Director of Texas Instruments.

A. J. COLES

R.M.J. Lyne, Esq.,
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Prime Minister

John Peyton and his wife are
visiting India for 3 weeks from 24
January. A meeting with Mr. Gandhi
 has been arranged.

2. He has asked Sam Jones whether
 you could "support" his visit.

3. I propose to ask Sir John
 Thomson to alert Mr. Gandhi's office
 to the visit and to John Peyton's
 status in the Conservative Party. I think
 they will then make a fuss of him.

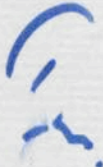
4. I will also ask our people to buy
on some entertainment for him to meet
interesting Indians

5. Agree? We must do
 everything possible
 for him. not

John Coles

1. Herewith letter dated 22nd December from John Peyton, together with a copy of my reply.
2. As you know, John Peyton was a member of the Shadow Cabinet until 3rd May 1979 and is one of our most senior backbenchers.
3. He is also a very staunch supporter of the Prime Minister's.
4. Is it possible, please, to do all that we can to "facilitate" the best possible treatment for John Peyton in India?

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From the Private Secretary

26 February 1982

I wrote to Roderic Lyne on 5 January informing him that The Rt. Hon. John Peyton MP was planning to visit Delhi and Bombay and asking that they should give him appropriate assistance. John Peyton has now returned and has written to express his particular gratitude to both the Foreign Office and our missions in Delhi and Bombay for the help they gave. I should be grateful if this could be passed on.

A. J. COLES

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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The Rt. Hon. John Peyton, M.P.

JOHN COLFS



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

24th February 1982

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I would be grateful if you would thank the Prime Minister for her help over my recent visit to India. It was an altogether enthralling experience.

I am particularly grateful to those in the Foreign Office in London and in the High Commission in Delhi and Bombay for their help.

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Ian Gow, Esq., M.P.

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27 January 1982

In his letter of 26 January Roderic Lyne described the efforts made by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the High Commission in Delhi and the Deputy High Commission in Bombay to give Mr. John Peyton MP and Mrs. Peyton a full and rewarding programme in India. This is just to say that we are most grateful for the arrangements that were made.

A. J. COLES

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Mr. COLES

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26 January 1982

Dear John,

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Thank you for your letter of 5 January about the forthcoming visit of Mr John Peyton MP and Mrs Peyton to India. I attach a copy of the programme arranged by the High Commission in Delhi and the Deputy High Commission in Bombay to supplement the private arrangements Mr Peyton has already made.

During his own visit to Delhi, Mr Hurd discussed Mr Peyton's plans with Sir John Thomson. Mr Hurd then briefed Mr Peyton on 21 January on the programme and on the present situation in India.

We arranged for the Indian High Commissioner, Dr Seyid Muhammed, to meet Mr Peyton before his departure and for the Department of Trade to brief him on commercial matters. I understand that Mr Nott had already arranged for briefs to be prepared on defence sales matters.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretary to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and to the Secretary of State for Defence, who also asked that Mr Peyton should receive appropriate briefing and assistance.

*yours ever
Roderic Lyne*

(R M J Lyne)
Private Secretary

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MR JOHN PEYTON MP AND MRS PEYTON'S VISIT TO INDIA, 24 JANUARY-
12 FEBRUARY 1982

PROGRAMME

- 24 January: Delhi Arrival. Mr and Mrs Peyton will be met at Palam Airport by a member of the High Commission staff and official transport. Note: Lord and Lady Brabourne, Mr James Blythe, Head of Defence Sales and Mr Richard Vernall, Defence Sales, Ministry of Defence, will also be travelling on Mr Peyton's flight.
- 26 January: Delhi Dinner (informal) Sir John and Lady Thomson.
Lord and Lady Brabourne and the Rt Hon James Callaghan and Mrs Callaghan will also attend.
- 27 January: Delhi Lunch, British Deputy High Commissioner and Mrs M K Ewans.
Industrialists will be present.
- 28 January: Delhi Call on Sri K P Singh Deo, Deputy
PM Minister for Defence (new appointment).
A member of the High Commission will accompany Mr Peyton.
- 29 January: Delhi Dinner. Sir John and Lady Thomson.
Fellow guests will be drawn from the Defence field.

/9 February:

9 February: Bombay

Dinner. British Deputy High Commissioner in Bombay and Mrs Colin Imray.

Guests: Chief Executive: Mercantile Bank.

Head: Chartered Bank.

President (designate): Bombay Chamber of Commerce.

President: UK Citizens Association.

Managing Director: Cadbury's Chocolate (India).

Managing Director: Glaxo (India).

Chairman: State Bank of India.

23rd December 1981

Many thanks for your letter of 22nd December about which we had a word on the telephone yesterday.

We will, of course, do the necessary.

Next month's trip sounds fascinating and I look forward to hearing all about it when you get back.

IAN GOW

The Rt Hon John Peyton MP

The Rt. Hon. John Peyton, M.P.



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Dec 22

Dear Ian

I am going to India (with Jane)

on 26 Jan for three weeks - starting

off with six days in Delhi. Arrangements

have been made for me to attend

Republic Day celebrations & to meet

Mrs Gandhi

I don't know if there is anything

which the Prime Minister feels she could

proprietor do to help. I need hardly say

that her support would make all the

difference

Thank her

Yours

I have not been there since 46/47

When I used to carry Walter Touchton's clubs.