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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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12 March 1982

Dear Idm,

Visit by the Prime Minister of India

We have had a number of exchanges with the Indian Government about the detailed programme for Mrs Gandhi's visit subsequent to your letters of 11 and 15 February. A revised draft programme, which takes account of Mrs Gandhi's intention to extend her visit by one day to enable her to meet a large number of representatives from the Indian community and to give a lecture at the Royal Society, is enclosed. Also enclosed is a list of her immediate entourage.

The following are our comments on those aspects of the draft programme that are either new or require guidance from the Prime Minister.

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Sunday 21 March

Arrival. Mrs Gandhi has agreed in principle to meet a multiracial group of four children at the request of an Asian women's organisation based at Heston, Middlesex. This would take only a few minutes and could conveniently be held in the terminal building. Is this acceptable to the Prime Minister? The Indians have asked whether the Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi will travel into London together and, if so, in whose car. We should be grateful to know the Prime Minister's wishes.

Monday 22 March

Talks. We do not yet know which members of Mrs Gandhi's party will attend the talks. The Indians understand that the first hour will be tête-à-tête and that only a small number of Ministers/officials will be expected to participate in the plenary session.

Meeting with Sir Denis Hamilton. This event has been brought forward from 24 March and will take place at the Savoy. Sir D Hamilton will be accompanied by selected publishers and editors.

Reception. The Minister for the Arts will host. The Prince of Wales has agreed to attend.

/Tuesday 23 March

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Tuesday 23 March

Call by Mr Heath. This was included in the programme at the request of India House.

Hayward Gallery. The proposed arrangements for this event are set out in the enclosed draft timetable. The Arts Council would very much like the Prime Minister to extend her visit by between 15 and 30 minutes. We should be grateful for your advice.

IBA Dinner. Mr Swraj Paul well understands that the Prime Minister will not arrive until 2015. Arrangements are being made for Mrs Gandhi to arrive at the same time.

Wednesday 24 March

Meeting with intellectuals. The character of this event has been changed at the request of the Indians. Instead of a gathering under the joint sponsorship of the British Academy and the Royal Society, this will now be an event organised and paid for by the Indian High Commissioner to be held in the Drawing Room at Claridges. The great majority of invitees have been selected from a list drawn up by Sir John Thomson. Some 25 to 30 are expected to turn up.

Lunch with The Queen. Mrs Sonia Gandhi will accompany Mrs Gandhi.

Science Museum. Dame Margaret Weston's suggested arrangements for this event and the related Indian Government Reception are set out in the enclosed draft timetable. This provides for the Prime Minister to spend a full hour at the Science Museum. If this is too long, we could ask the organisers to look again at the time to be spent viewing the exhibition and to consider bringing forward the start of the reception by, say, 10 minutes.

Theatre. Mrs Gandhi has asked to see the musical "Cats". Mr Hurd has agreed to host this visit and to give supper afterwards at Admiralty House.

Friday 26 March

Lecture and dinner. Sir Harry Melville FRS of the Science Policy Foundation will host. The title of Mrs Gandhi's lecture is not yet known, but it will be a scientific topic.

Departure. Mrs Gandhi will be seen off by the Lord Privy Seal.

Yours ever
John Holmes
(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq

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VISIT TO THE UK BY MRS INDIRA GANDHI
21-26 MARCH 1982

Sunday 21 March

XX 1800 Arrival.

Monday 22 March

XX 1100-1200 Tête-à-tête talks between Prime Ministers.

XX 1200-1300 Plenary talks involving Ministers and officials.

XX 1300 for 1315 Lunch given by Prime Minister.

1700-1800 Meeting with Sir Denis Hamilton and senior representatives of the media at Savoy.

XX 2000 Inaugural Concert of Festival of India;

XX 2215 followed by HM Government Reception.

Tuesday 23 March

0900 Call by Leader of the Opposition.

0945 Private call by Mr Heath.

1030-1100 Visit to Spastics Society Assessment Centre.

1105-1130 Visit to Nehru Exhibition.

1245 for 1315 Lord Mayor's Lunch.

1455 Visit ''See India'' Exhibition at Selfridges.

XX 1630 Opening of Hayward Gallery Exhibition by Mrs Gandhi.

1800-1900 Reception by Indian High Commissioner for Indian Community.

XX 2015 Indo-British Association Dinner.

Wednesday 24 March

0945-1045 Press Conference.

1115-1215 Meeting with Intellectuals.

1300 Lunch with HM The Queen.

XX 1600 Opening of Science Museum Exhibition by Prime Minister; followed by Indian Government Reception.

1740 Meet the Speaker.

1800-1845 Meeting with Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

1945 See ''Cats'' at New London Theatre; followed by supper at Admiralty House.

/Thursday



Thursday 25 March

To be spent privately.

Friday 26 March

AM

Receive representatives of Indian Community.

1100

Call by Lady Lothian.

AM/PM

Meeting with India League.

1930-2130

Lecture by Mrs Gandhi at Royal Society arranged by Science Policy Foundation; followed by dinner.

2230 (approx)

Departure.



VISIT TO THE UK BY MRS INDIRA GANDHI: 21-26 MARCH 1982

MRS GANDHI'S ENTOURAGE

Mrs Sonia Gandhi, daughter-in-law

Dr P C Alexander, Principal Secretary to Prime Minister

Mr H Y Sharda Prasad, Information Adviser to Prime Minister

Mr K K S Rana, Joint Secretary, Prime Minister's Office

Mr S C Tandon, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs

Mr R K Dhawan, Special Assistant to Prime Minister

Dr K P Mathur, Personal Physician

Mr D K Bhatt, Security Officer

Mr Y Dave, Additional Private Secretary to Prime Minister

Mr Nathu Ram, Personal Attendant

Mr Jag Ram, Security Attendant



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PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR OPENING OF HAYWARD GALLERY EXHIBITION:
23 MARCH

- 1625 Arrival of Prime Minister. Met by Rt Hon Kenneth Robinson, Chairman of Arts Council. Escorted to Foyer by Miss Joanna Drew, Director of Art, Arts Council.
- 1630 Arrival of Mrs Gandhi. Met by Mr Robinson who will escort her to Foyer. Greeted by Prime Minister.
- Following to await Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi in Foyer:
- Minister for the Arts
 - Indian High Commissioner and Mrs Seyid Muhammad
 - Sir John and Lady Thomson
 - Sir Michael and Lady Walker
 - Mrs Pupul Jayakar
 - Mrs Kenneth Robinson.
- 1640 Foyer party to join assembled guests in entrance gallery. Prime Minister, Mrs Gandhi and Mr Robinson to mount low platform. Mr Robinson to introduce Mrs Gandhi, who will make a short speech and then move to entrance of exhibition to cut ribbon.
- 1645 Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi introduced to specialist advisers who will escort them around the exhibition.
- 1700 Prime Minister to depart. Mrs Gandhi to continue tour of exhibition.
- 1715 Mrs Gandhi to take refreshments with representatives of Arts Council, Festival of India Trust and Indian High Commission.
- 1750 Mrs Gandhi to depart.



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PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR OPENING OF SCIENCE MUSEUM EXHIBITION:
24 MARCH

1600 Arrival of Mrs Gandhi
1602 Arrival of Prime Minister
Both will be met by Minister for the Arts, Dame Margaret Weston, Director of the Science Museum and Mr John Duckworth, Chairman of the Science Museum Advisory Council and escorted by them into museum.
Following to await Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi in entrance hall:
- Countess Mountbatten and Lord Brabourne
- Indian High Commissioner and Mrs Seyid Muhammad
- Sir John and Lady Thomson
- Sir Michael and Lady Walker
- Mrs Pupul Jayakar
- Professor M G K Menon
1604 Dame Margaret Weston to introduce proceedings.
1605 Mrs Gandhi to say a few words.
1610 Prime Minister to speak and declare exhibition open.
1615 Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi to be taken around exhibition in the following two groups:
- Prime Minister
- Professor Menon
- Mrs Jayakar
- Mr Channon
- Mr Duckworth
- Mr and Mrs Seyid Muhammed
- Sir Michael and Lady Walker
- Mrs Gandhi
- Dame Margaret Weston
- Dr M M Dhar
- Dr R G W Anderson
- Countess Mountbatten and Lord Brabourne
- Sir John and Lady Thomson



1645

Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi to
proceed to Indian Government Reception.
Joint hosts Mrs Jayakar and
Professor Menon.

1700

Prime Minister to depart.

1730

Mrs Gandhi to depart.



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

12 March 1982

VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

Thank you for your letter of today's date.

Sunday 21 March

I do not think the Prime Minister will have any objection to the plan for Mrs. Gandhi to meet the childrens group at the airport.

The Prime Minister would be pleased if Mrs. Gandhi would travel into London with her - in the Prime Minister's car.

Tuesday 23 March

The Prime Minister could stay at the Hayward Gallery until 1715 hours (it seems desirable that she should leave before Mrs. Gandhi takes refreshments at that time).

Wednesday 24 March

I think you may assume that the Prime Minister will be prepared to spend a full hour at the Science Museum.

AJC

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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YOUR TELNOS 254 AND 255: MRS GANDHI'S VISIT

1. WE HAVE BEEN OVER THE GROUND COVERED IN YOUR TOURS WITH RANA TO CROSS-CHECK THE ARRANGEMENTS.
2. INDIAN PARTY. RANA SAID THAT FOLLOWING VERY RECENT DECISIONS IN DELHI THE LIST SHOULD INCLUDE TWO ADDITIONAL NAMES: DR K P MATHUR, MRS GANDHI'S PERSONAL PHYSICIAN AND MISS USHA BHAGAT FROM MRS GANDHI'S SECRETARIAT. HE CONFIRMED THAT MRS JAYAKAR WOULD NOT BE COUNTED AS A MEMBER OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY, BUT THIS IS A TECHNICALITY SINCE SHE WILL BE IN LONDON IN HER OWN RIGHT AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INDIAN FESTIVAL COMMITTEE.
3. THEATRE AND SUPPER PARTY. WE PRESSED RANA ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE INDIAN PARTY. HE SAID THAT THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE LEFT OPEN, PROBABLY UNTIL THE VERY LAST MOMENT. HE EXPECTED THAT SONIA GANDHI, MRS JAYAKAR AND MISS BHAGAT WOULD BE GOING. HE DOUBTED WHETHER ALEXANDER WOULD WISH TO BE INCLUDED. THERE WILL OF COURSE BE A COUPLE OF SECURITY MEN. WE EXPECT THE TOTAL INDIAN PARTY TO BE IN THE REGION OF 10 TO 12.
4. GIFTS. RANA SAID ONCE AGAIN THAT HE WAS CERTAIN THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD NOT BE BRINGING GIFTS, BUT THAT HE WOULD DOUBLE-CHECK TO MAKE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN. WE HAVE IMPRESSED UPON HIM THE DIFFICULTIES IF THERE WERE NOW TO BE A CHANGE OF MIND ON THE INDIAN SIDE.
5. NEHRU CHAIR. RANA SAID THAT THE MISTRESS OF NEWNHAM COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE HAD ASKED TO CALL ON MRS GANDHI ABOUT THE NEHRU CHAIR. THIS WAS BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE MORNING OF 26 MARCH.
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From The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor
Sir Christopher Leaver, G.B.E., D.Mus.

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10th March 1982

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Mr Giffard
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My dear Secretary of State,

A.J.C. 11/3

P.A.

- will request approval

Further to my letter of 26th January, 1982, I confirm that the Court of Common Council unanimously agreed that, on the occasion of her visit to this country as a guest of Her Majesty's Government, the Prime Minister of the Republic of India, Shrimati Indira Gandhi, should be entertained at a Luncheon in the Mansion House on Tuesday 23rd March, 1982.

An invitation has been issued accordingly through the Indian High Commissioner in London.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Leaver.

The Right Honourable
the Lord Carrington, K.C.M.G., M.C.,
Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs,
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