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MRS GANDHI'S VISIT: 21-26 MARCH

There is no intelligence to suggest that Mrs Gandhi will be the subject of a violent personal attack whilst in this country. But protests and demonstrations are being arranged by various organisations. The principal organisations likely to be involved in protest demonstrations are:

- (i) the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front;
- (ii) the Sikh Separatist Movement (the Shromani Akali Dal (SAD) is the principal nationalist group in the United Kingdom);
- (iii) the Dr Ambedkar Memorial Foundation (a group representing the Indian Harijan Community);
- (iv) the Indian Marxist-Leninist lobby; and
- (v) the Anandamarga Clan.

2. The organisations at 1(i)-(iv) have demonstrations regularly against Indian Government policy. The Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (membership about 800) and the Dr Ambedkar Foundation are judged capable of fielding 20 to 100 noisy but non-violent demonstrators.

3. The Shromani Akali Dal enjoys the support of over 130 Sikh temples. The leadership of the SAD has spoken out strongly against violence. But the SAD has organised many pickets and petitions for presentation to the Indian High Commission. A march to the Indian High Commission on 7 February 1982 attracted over 1,000 supporters, many of them women and children. The SAD is centred on the Midlands and Southall. It is known that they intend to demonstrate against Mrs Gandhi during her stay - probably at Heathrow and Claridges Hotel and the other major venues.

4. The Indian Marxist-Leninist lobby is centred on the Indian Workers Front (a Southall faction), the Hind Mazdhoor Lehr - the Indian Workers Movement - and the London branches of the Indian Workers Association. Demonstrations by this group have been boisterous and its supporters have indulged in egg-throwing and tossing or spinning coins at the principal.

5. The AnandaMarga is an organisation which in the past has engaged in acts of terrorism. It was founded in India but it has a large number of European,

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Australian and American supporters. A number of the European hierarchy have recently entered this country and the organisation is seeking to obtain false passports in London. A leading member of the organisation, Mr Stephen James Manley, who holds an Australian passport, attempted to enter the country at Folkestone earlier this week. He was refused entry on the Home Secretary's personal certification under section 13(5) of the Immigration Act 1971 on the grounds that his exclusion would be conducive to the public good. He was removed to Ostend yesterday afternoon.

6. None of the organisations mentioned above is known to be planning other than peaceful demonstrations during Mrs Gandhi's visit but pro- and anti-Mrs Gandhi factions could clash.

7. The police are likely to be faced with difficult personal protection and public order problems during this visit. The Metropolitan Police have been in close touch with the Indian High Commission about the detailed arrangements for the visit. All reasonable precautions are being taken to ensure Mrs Gandhi's personal safety and to deal with any demonstrations that may take place.

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From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

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~~Prime Minister~~

Dear Clive,

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P.A. 22. 3

I attach for the Prime Minister's information an assessment of the personal protection and public order issues in relation to this visit.

A copy of this letter and the enclosure go to Francis Richards in Lord Carrington's office.

Yours ever,

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