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Miss Pushpa Rege,  
Special Assistant to  
High Commissioner

PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T 598/82

No. LON/POL/123/1/82

5th April, 1982

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Dear Mr. Coles,

I have the honour to convey the following message from Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi to the Rt.Hon. Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister of United Kingdom:

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BEGINS:

"Thank you for your message on the occasion of our Republic Day.

I reciprocate your sentiments and sincerely hope that the friendly relations between our two countries will strengthen further.

My good wishes, for your wellbeing and for the prosperity of the friendly people of your country.

INDIRA GANDHI. "  
ENDS.

I shall be grateful if the message is brought to the attention of the Rt.Hon. Prime Minister as early as possible.

Yours sincerely,  
*P. Rege*  
( Pushpa Rege )

Mr. A.J. Coles,  
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister,  
10 Downing Street,  
LONDON SW1.

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I enclose two copies of a dispatch from Sir John Thomson which have reached me here. Neither of them is, as I implied on the telephone, a top copy. But it still seems better that you should decide whether a dispatch from one of our representatives abroad is to be brought to the Prime Minister's attention.

JOHN COLES

John Holmes, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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TO IMMEDIATE NEW DELHI  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 77 OF 23 JANUARY  
REPUBLIC DAY

1. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME  
MINISTER TO MRS GANDHI:

'IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO SEND TO YOU AND TO THE  
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF INDIA MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON  
THE OCCASION OF REPUBLIC DAY AND MY BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY  
AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE.

I RECALL WITH PLEASURE MY VISIT TO INDIA LAST APRIL AND  
LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOU IN BRITAIN IN MARCH. THESE VISITS  
STRENGTHEN OUR EXISTING CLOSE RELATIONS AND SYMBOLISE THE  
WARM AND AFFECTIONATE FEELING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.'

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PRIME MINISTER

cc: Duty Clerk

INDIA: REPUBLIC DAY MESSAGE

You usually send a message to Mrs. Gandhi on Republic Day (26 January).

If we are to get fully publicity value from the message it needs to be telegraphed to Delhi before Monday. The Duty Clerk has a copy of the attached draft.

Agree that the Duty Clerk should despatch this on Sunday?

A. J. C.

*[Handwritten signature]*

22 January 1982

Resident Clerk  
told on 23.1.82  
- see attached note

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*[Signature]* 24.  
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DRAFT MESSAGE TO MRS. GANDHI ON REPUBLIC DAY

On the occasion of Republic Day I send to you and to the Government of India my warmest congratulations and my best wishes for a happy and prosperous future.

I recall with great pleasure my visit to India last April and look forward to receiving you in Britain in March.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

22 January 1982

*Dear John,*

India: Republic Day Message from the Prime Minister

It is customary for the Prime Minister to send a message to the Indian Prime Minister on Republic Day, 26 January.

/ I attach a draft message from the Prime Minister to  
Mrs Gandhi in the form of a telegram to New Delhi. A copy  
/ of last year's message is also enclosed for reference.

If we are to gain full publicity value from the message it is necessary for it to be delivered on 25 January. I should be grateful for your approval in time for me or the Resident Clerk to send the telegram to Delhi before Monday.

*yours ever*  
*Roderic Lyne*

(R M J Lyne)  
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq  
10 Downing Street

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9 REPUBLIC DAY

10 1. Please convey the following message from the Prime  
 11 Minister to Mrs Gandhi:

12 *On the occasion of Republic Day*  
 "It gives me great pleasure to send to you and to the  
 13 Government and People of India my warmest congratulations ~~on~~  
 14 the occasion of Republic Day and my best wishes for a happy  
 15 and prosperous future.

16 I recall with <sup>great</sup> pleasure my visit to India last April and  
 17 look forward to receiving you in Britain in March. These visits  
 18 strengthen our existing <sup>close</sup> cordial relations and symbolise the  
 19 warm and affectionate feeling between our two countries."

20 *Your visit will provide a further opportunity to develop understanding between*  
 21 *our two countries and to emphasise the*  
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TELEGRAM NUMBER 25 OF 16 JANUARY

INDIA REPUBLIC DAY

1. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MRS GANDHI ON OR JUST BEFORE 26 JANUARY.

'I AM DELIGHTED, ON THE OCCASION OF REPUBLIC DAY, TO SEND TO YOU AND TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF INDIA MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AND MY BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE.

I VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN IN APRIL AND TO RENEWING AND EXTENDING MY ACQUAINTANCE WITH INDIA. I HOLD MANY HAPPY MEMORIES FROM MY PREVIOUS VISITS. IT IS MY SINCERE HOPE THAT OUR FORTHCOMING MEETING WILL STRENGTHEN FURTHER THE BONDS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES  
WARM REGARDS. MARGARET THATCHER'

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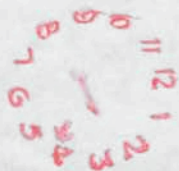
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SIR J GRAHAM

MR DONALD





22 JAN 1982

