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PRIME MINISTER'S REPLY TO MRS GANDHI

1. I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF A PREVIOUSLY-SCHEDULED CALL ON P C ALEXANDER (MRS GANDHI'S PRINCIPAL SECRETARY) YESTERDAY EVENING TO DELIVER THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESPONSE TO MRS GANDHI'S LETTER OF 16 MAY.

2. I SAID I UNDERSTAND THAT JHA'S VISIT TO LONDON HAD GONE WELL. ALEXANDER HAD AGREED. IN HIS VIEW THE IMPORTANT POINT NOW WAS TO SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY AFTER THE LONDON SUMMIT, WHEN MRS THATCHER WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE ECONOMIC SEVEN AND MRS GANDHI OF THE NAM, FOR THE TWO OF THEM TO TAKE SOME INITIATIVE IN THIS FIELD. WORLD OPINION WOULD GREATLY WELCOME SUCH A GESTURE. EVEN IF IT SHOULD PROVE UNSUCCESSFUL, THEY SHOULD BE SEEN TO HAVE TRIED. DRAWING ON COLES' LETTER TO RICKETTS OF 18 MAY I STRESSED MRS THATCHER'S VIEW THAT WHAT THE WORLD LACKED WAS PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS RATHER THAN FORA FOR MEETINGS. ONE NEEDED TO THINK OF CONTENT AS WELL AS PROCEDURE. ALEXANDER AGREED BUT REPEATED THAT WORLD OPINION WOULD EXPECT THE TWO LEADERS TO TAKE SOME NEW INITIATIVE.

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