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THE PRIME MINISTER

8<sup>th</sup> November 1953

Madam,

Thank you so much for  
your letter and the lovely  
photograph. We are thrilled with  
it. I could wish that our own  
anxious efforts came out like that.

I'm so glad you enjoyed  
the Mountbatten ceremony. It was  
so nice and so unforgettable.

I have the honour to remain Madam  
Your Royal Highness's humble  
and obedient servant

Margaret Thatcher

H.R.H. The Princess Margaret



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*From the Private Secretary*

7 November, 1983.

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 4 November. She herself found the Unveiling Ceremony for the statue of Lord Mountbatten very moving and, like Her Majesty, is delighted that the arrangements went so well.

Mrs. Thatcher has in addition asked me to pass on to you a copy of her speech at the Unveiling Ceremony for you to give to Mrs. Pandit.

Timothy Flesher

Sir Martin Gilliat, GCVO, MBE.

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Attached is a letter from the Private Secretary to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother conveying her pleasure at the Mountbatten Ceremony last week.

I have, as Sir Martin Gilliat requests, sent a copy of your speech for him to pass on to Mrs. Pandit.

A handwritten signature, possibly 'M. Gilliat', written in dark ink.

7 November 1983

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5 November 83

Prime Minister

Dear Prime Minister,

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This is to thank you for your kindness in asking my wife and me to your reception in the Banqueting House after the unveiling of the statue of Lord Mountbatten on the Foreign Office Green.

It was a very happy occasion for us and one of the great days of my life.

Everyone agrees that the ceremony was magnificently organised and it was a great honour for me to be able to participate.

I remain, yours sincerely,

Frank Belsky



4 November,  
1983

CLARENCE HOUSE  
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Dear Prime Minister.

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Queen Elizabeth has asked me to tell you how delighted she was to be at that very morning ceremony for the unveiling of Lord Mountbatten's Statue - and at your excellent Reception at the Banqueting House.

Both occasions would have given



immense pleasure to Her Admiral  
and Queen Elizabeth is so  
very appreciative of all that  
you did to make the occasion  
so very special for the members  
of the Family and all your guests.

Mrs Pandit came to tea with  
Queen Elizabeth yesterday - and  
asked me if she could have a copy  
of your speech - Would it please  
be possible for your Private Secretary  
to send me a copy which I will pass on  
to Mrs Pandit -  
your sincerely  
Maxim Gilliat



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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

4 November 1983

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which the Prime Minister has received from Sir Philip Moore, expressing The Queen's appreciation of all that was done to make possible the ceremony for the unveiling of the Memorial to Lord Mountbatten on Foreign Office Green on Wednesday. The Prime Minister has seen this letter and has asked me to pass it on to you with the request that you should arrange for it to be seen by Mr. Ewen Broadbent, Major-General Mike Palmer, and all those in the Ministry of Defence who were involved in the ceremony.

I am copying this letter and the enclosure, with a similar request, to Brian Fall (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Hugh Taylor (Home Office) and John Ballard (Department of the Environment).

F. E. R. BUTLER

Richard Mottram, Esq.,  
Ministry of Defence.