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**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T 7/83**

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13 send to you and to the Government and people of India
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16 I very much look forward to seeing you again in New
17 Delhi in November. I have happy memories of my previous
18 visits to India and of your own visit to London last
19 March for the Festival of India. These exchanges do
20 much to strengthen further the bonds between our two
21 countries. Warm regards. Margaret Thatcher".

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From the Private Secretary

14 January 1983

INDIA: REPUBLIC DAY MESSAGE FROM
THE PRIME MINISTER

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The Prime Minister agrees that the message enclosed with your letter of 10 January should be despatched to Mrs. Gandhi on or just before 26 January.

A. J. COLES

John Holmes Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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London SW1A 2AH

10 January 1983

Prime Minister:

Dear John,

Yes
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Agree to send
message?

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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, which we will despatch if she is content. A copy of last year's message is also enclosed.

Yours ever

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

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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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