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TELEGRAM NUMBER 117 OF 25 JANUARY

REPUBLIC DAY: PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE

1. TELECON ARCHER/HALL REFERS. FOLLOWING IS REVISED MESSAGE WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR ISSUE.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR GANDHI

BEGINS ON THE OCCASION OF REPUBLIC DAY, I SEND YOU AND TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF INDIA MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS.

THE RECENT ELECTIONS HAVE DEMONSTRATED ONCE AGAIN, AND IN MOST CONVINCING MANNER, YOUR PEOPLE'S ATTACHMENT TO DEMOCRACY AND TO THE UNITY OF YOUR GREAT COUNTRY,

I LOOK FORWARD TO EVER CLOSE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

WARM REGARDS, MARGARET THATCHER. ENDS

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From the Private Secretary

25 January 1985

INDIA: REPUBLIC DAY MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

Thank you for your letter of 23 January enclosing a draft message to the Indian Prime Minister on Republic Day.

I enclose an approved version which should be telegraphed to New Delhi.

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(C.D. POWELL)

P.F. Ricketts, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR. GANDHI

On the occasion of Republic Day, I send to you and to the Government and people of India my warmest congratulations.

The recent elections have demonstrated once again, and in most convincing manner, your people's attachment to democracy and to the unity of your great country.

I look forward to ever closer friendship between the peoples of our two countries.

Warm regards,

Margaret Thatcher

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

23 January 1985

*Prime Minister
Agree
traditional message?*

Dear Charles, *ms*

*CPD
24/1*

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 enclose a draft message from the Prime Minister to Mr Gandhi in the form of a telegram.

/ I also enclose a copy of last year's message.

Yours ever,

Peter Ricketts

(P F Ricketts)
Private Secretary

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 28 OF 16 JANUARY
REPUBLIC DAY

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

'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 SHALL LONG TREASURE THE MEMORY OF MY VISIT TO INDIA FOR THE
COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE LAST NOVEMBER AND THE OPPORTUNITY IT GAVE
ME TO RENEW MY ACQUAINTANCE WITH YOUR GREAT COUNTRY. I AM
CONFIDENT THAT THE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN BRITAIN
AND INDIA WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH IN THE FUTURE'.

WARM REGARDS. MARGARET THATCHER.

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TO PRIORITY NEW DELHI

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REPUBLIC DAY: PRIME MINISTER'S
MESSAGE

1. Please convey the following message from the Prime Minister to Mr. Gandhi on, or just before, 26 January:

BEGINS:

On the occasion of Republic Day I send to you and to the Government and people of India my warmest congratulations.

The recent elections have demonstrated once again, and in most convincing manner, your people's attachment to democracy and to the unity of your great country.

I look forward to ~~working with you for~~ ever closer friendship ~~and cooperation~~ between the peoples of our two countries.

Warm regards.

Margaret Thatcher.

ENDS.

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