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PRIME MINISTER'S  
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Dear Mr. Butler,

I have been asked to transmit the following message from the Prime Minister of India, Shri Rajiv Gandhi, addressed to The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

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Dear Prime Minister,

I hope you had a comfortable flight back home. It was good to have you and Mr. Thatcher with us, even though only for a few hours. I found our exchange of views on bilateral and other issues very useful. I was particularly interested in your analysis of the situation in Sri Lanka.

I welcome your reassurances of dealing firmly with the activities of extremists in the UK. You mentioned the legal constraints within which the British authorities have to operate. We appreciate the measures that your government has already taken. At the same time, I should like to reiterate the deep concern that the Parliament and public opinion in India have about this matter.

We also spoke about Pakistan's nuclear programme. We have reason to believe that our apprehensions are well founded. Most of the technology, of course, has leaked out from the developed countries. We learn that a move has been initiated in the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee and House Sub-Committee for Asia and the Pacific Region to amend the legislation to plug such loopholes.

We are looking into the various matters that we discussed.

Thank you once again for your invitation to visit the UK en route to the Bahamas in October. I should very much like to come. However, like yourself, I cannot be away from the country for too long. May I let you know a little later?

Sonia joins me in sending you and  
Mr. Thatcher our best wishes.

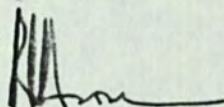
Yours sincerely,

Sd/- (Rajiv Gandhi )

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Signed letter will be forwarded when it  
is received.

*Yours sincerely,*



( R.C. Arora )

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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

18 April 1985

I enclose a copy of a message to the Prime Minister from the Prime Minister of India which was delivered to 10 Downing Street this morning. The Prime Minister wishes it to be given only a very limited circulation.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence) and to Hugh Taylor (Home Office) and would ask them to ensure that it is seen only by a very small number of people.

(Charles Powell)

Peter Ricketts Esq  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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