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Prime Minister.
 Agree attached message Foreign and Commonwealth Office
 to Mr. Gandhi?
 London SW1A 2AH

Ad 22.
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29 May 1984

Dear John,

Yes not

London Economic Summit: Message from Mrs Gandhi

Thank you for your letter of 18 May giving a record of Mr L K Jha's call on the Prime Minister.

We consider that it would be tactically better for the Prime Minister to reply to Mrs Gandhi before the Summit. She can thereby reasonably avoid having to take up the issues of substance raised by the Indian Prime Minister. To reply afterwards would risk a prolonged exchange of correspondence. We should leave Sir Crispin Tickell to report the outcome of the Summit when he visits New Delhi as Mrs Thatcher's personal emissary.

I enclose the text of a suggested short reply to Mrs Gandhi. If the Prime Minister is content, we suggest that the High Commission in New Delhi should be asked to deliver the text in advance of receipt of the signed original.

Yours ever,
 Peter Ricketts

(P F Ricketts)
 Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
 No 10 Downing Street

India 7183 Mr Jha.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office
London SW1A 2AH





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Prime Minister

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Shrimati Indira Gandhi
Prime Minister of India

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.....In Confidence

Dear Prime Minister

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Thank you for your letter of 16 May. I am grateful to you for sending Mr Jha to hand it to me personally and to explain the purpose of your message.

I am very conscious of your concerns and I shall bring your letter to the attention of the other participants at the London Economic Summit. We shall certainly wish to discuss the propositions which you have advanced.

As I told Mr Jha, I ^{should be glad to} ~~shall~~ send an emissary to India after the Summit to give you an account of our discussions on these and other matters.

Warmest regards

Margaret Thatcher

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