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Dear Prime Minister,

I have been asked to convey the following message from Mr. Rajiv Gandhi to you:-

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Dear Prime Minister,

I have your message <sup>at trap</sup> on the posting of British Drug Liaison Officer to Delhi and Bombay.

I feel that there has been a communication gap somewhere. We are determined to combat the drug menace with every resource at our command. We welcome and seek to strengthen international cooperation in tackling this problem. We had readily agreed, in principle, to a British Drug Liaison presence in India.

We have an equally pressing problem in relation to economic and commercial offenders, who operate from or seek foreign sanctuaries. Our Parliament and people continue to be exercised on what is perceived to be lack of adequate action against such offenders. Our Finance Minister had sought some cooperation from his British counterpart on a particular case in January. Our External Affairs Minister had also been given an assurance by Sir Geoffrey Howe that our concerns will be accommodated. We are awaiting a suitable response from your people.

I see no reason why mutually satisfactory arrangements should not be worked out for joint efforts in tackling the menace of drug trafficking and commercial offences.

Yours sincerely,

(RAJIV GANDHI)

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Yours sincerely,

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