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**PRIME MINISTER'S
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TO ROUTINE NEW DELHI
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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From the Private Secretary

9 December 1983

INDIA: REPUBLIC DAY MESSAGE FROM THE
PRIME MINISTER

Thank you for your letter of 8 December.

The Prime Minister has approved the proposed message with the substitution of "close and friendly" for "deep and warm".

BK

I should be grateful if you would ensure that the message remains appropriate by the time it comes to despatch it.

A. J. COLES

P.F. Ricketts,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Prime Minister.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

Agree message (we shall
know that it is still
appropriate on 26 January)?

8 December, 1983

A.J.C. - 9/12

Dear John,

Yes not

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 Mrs Gandhi in the form of a telegram to New Delhi, which we would propose to despatch from here after approval by the Prime Minister. I also enclose a copy of last year's message.

Yours ever,

Peter Ricketts

(P F Ricketts)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

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	9	REPUBLIC DAY
	10	1. Please convey the following message from the Prime Minister
	11	to Mrs Gandhi on or just before 26 January:
	12	"It gives me great pleasure to send to you and to the
	13	Government and people of India my warmest congratulations
	14	on the occasion of Republic Day and my best wishes for a
	15	happy and prosperous future.
	16	I shall long treasure the memory of my visit to India for
	17	the Commonwealth Conference last November and the opportunity
	18	it gave me to renew my acquaintance with your great country.
	19	I am confident that the deep and warm ^{close and friendly} relations between
	20	Britain and India will continue to flourish in the future".
	21	Warm regards. Margaret Thatcher.
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