

PRIME MINISTER

MRS. GANDHI'S FUNERAL: BILATERAL MEETINGS

You need to consider whether to seek bilateral meetings while in Delhi.

We have already sought an appointment with Rajiv Gandhi.

Others from the long list attached who merit consideration for meetings are:

- NAKASONE *up to him*
- ✓ MAHATHIR
- ✗ ZIA
- ✓ SHULTZ (he has asked)
- ✗ TIKHONOV
- ✓ MITTERRAND

Time will be limited. You don't really need another meeting with Mitterrand. I am not sure it is wise to meet Zia in India. There is nothing pressing to be discussed with Nakasone.

There seems to me a strong case for a meeting with Mahathir, to compensate his disappointment at your postponed visit (now ~~taken~~ to be postponed even longer).

*No* Tikhonov is a border line case. There is much to be said for taking any opportunity to meet Soviet leaders though I believe he is pretty dour and ancient. But it would be a good signal.

I imagine you will want to agree to see Shultz. ✓

/You might

You might try to devote particular attention at the funeral to Jayewardene and Umar (Indonesia) because of the postponed visit, to Genscher (because we need him on Own Resources) and Nakasone (because he is a Good Thing).

Agree?

C.D.P.

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