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TELNO 535 OF 6 MAY 1985

FOR RESIDENT CLERK

YOUR TELNO 498: CONGRESS CENTENARY CELEBRATION

1. IT WILL SEEM ODD AND MAY GIVE OFFENCE HERE IF THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO RAJIV GANDHI PRAISES MAHATMA GANDHI AND NEHRU BUT MAKES NO MENTION OF INDIRA GANDHI.

2. BEFORE FINAL SENTENCE OF TEXT IN YOUR TUR, THEREFORE, I SHOULD LIKE TO INSERT THE FOLLOWING.

BEGINS

WE ALSO SHARE YOUR PRIDE AND SORROW IN THE MEMORY OF INDIRA GANDHI, WHOSE LONG AND DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP OF HER COUNTRY ENDED SO TRAGICALLY WITH HER DEATH IN ITS SERVICE.

ENDS

3. GRATEFUL FOR TELEPHONIC AUTHORITY SO TO PROCEED BY 1100Z.

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