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You received the attached message from President Zia who was over-flying this country on 26 December.

"Excellency, as I am over-flying your great country I wish to extend my warm greetings to your Excellency and to the people of Britain. We greatly value our relations of traditional friendship and co-operation with your country and share with its deep rooted commitment to the maintenance of international peace and security. My wife joins me in wishing you, Mr. Thatcher and the family seasonal greetings and a happy new year."

I am seeking advice on whether a reply is needed.

T. FITCHER

29 December 1982