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From the Private Secretary

12 August 1983

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Thank you for your letter of 10 August with which you conveyed a message from the head of the military government in Bangladesh. I should be grateful if you could arrange for the draft reply enclosed with your letter to be despatched.

(TIM FLESHER)

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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10 August 1983

Dear Tim,

Bangladesh

/ The Bangladesh High Commission have passed on the enclosed message to the Prime Minister from Lt Gen Ershad, the head of the military government in Bangladesh.

General Ershad called on the Prime Minister for talks during his last visit to London in June 1982. The Prime Minister is likely to meet him again at the CHOGM in New Delhi. The Queen will pay a State Visit to Bangladesh on 14-17 November, immediately before Her visit to India.

/ I enclose a draft telegram with a proposed reply from the Prime Minister to General Ershad.

Yours ever

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MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO GENERAL ERSHAD

1. Please pass the following message to Ershad from the Prime Minister:

Begins:

Many thanks for your kind message about my recent eye operation. This was most thoughtful of you. I look forward to meeting you again in the near future.

Ends.



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The High Commission for the People's Republic of Bangladesh presents its compliments to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and has the honour to state that the following message has been received from Lieutenant General H M Ershad, ndc, psc, President of the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom:

Quote

Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

I had learned with much concern about your eye ailment and am now happy to know that the operation you underwent has been totally successful.

I extend to Your Excellency my sincere good wishes for a speedy and complete recovery as well as for your good health, happiness and long life.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and personal esteem.

Lieutenant General H M Ershad, ndc, psc
President of the Council of Ministers
of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Unquote

The High Commission shall be grateful if the above message is kindly conveyed to Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

The High Commission for the People's Republic of Bangladesh avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office the assurances of its highest consideration.

London, August 9, 1983

Foreign and Commonwealth Office
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