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Dear Prime Minister,

I thank you for your message of congratulations on my assumption of the office of Prime Minister.

Britain and India have enjoyed close and friendly relations for many years. It shall be the endeavour of my Government to work towards strengthening our friendly relations and enhancing our cooperation in many areas of mutual concern.

It is true that my many preoccupations at home prevent me from attending the Lusaka Conference of the Commonwealth Heads of Governments. I do hope, however, that my Foreign Minister, Shri S.N. Mishra, who will be representing me at the Conference, will have the opportunity of exchanging views with you.

I take this opportunity to convey my good wishes to you.

Yours sincerely,

(Charan Singh)

Her Excellency Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister of Britain, London.