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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Could you confirm the sidelined point?

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6 May 1981

Dear Michael,

Prime Minister's Visit to India

I enclose a copy of Sir John Thomson's despatch on the Prime Minister's visit.

We are in general agreement with the judgements in the despatch. Sir John Thomson has made separate proposals as to how we can best follow up the various economic and commercial documents which were signed. We shall consider these together with the other Whitehall departments concerned. Action on the Indian complaints about various aspects of bilateral trade is the subject of separate correspondence.

Sir John Thomson states (paragraph 14) that Mrs Gandhi has accepted the Prime Minister's invitation to visit London in the Spring of 1982 to coincide with the opening of the Festival of India. Our understanding is that while the Prime Minister conveyed the invitation Mrs Gandhi replied to the effect that she found it too early to discuss dates. Subject to any comments you may have we will clarify this point with New Delhi.

I am copying this letter and its enclosure to John Rhodes (DOT) and Ian Ellison (Dept of Industry).

That is also my understanding.

And sure

She clearly said she would undertake commitments so far ahead

Yours ever
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Prime Minister's Visit to India

The Prime Minister has seen your letter to me of 6 May covering Sir John Thomson's despatch on her visit to India. The Prime Minister confirms your understanding that Mrs Gandhi told her that it was too early to enter into a commitment about her attendance at the Festival of India.

I am copying this letter to John Rhodes (Department of Trade) and Ian Ellison (Department of Industry).

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