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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

31 July, 1984.

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T138/84

Dear Prime Minister,

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achieve a settlement acceptable to both the Sinhalese and Tamil communities. I shall of course have a further opportunity to discuss these matters with President Jayewardene in September.

With best wishes,

Warm regards.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Her Excellency Shrimati Indira Gandhi

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From the Private Secretary

31 July, 1984.

Sri Lanka: Letter from Mrs. Gandhi

Thank you for your letter of 30 July enclosing a draft reply from the Prime Minister to Mrs. Gandhi's message about Sri Lanka.

I enclose a signed original of the reply. I should be grateful if you could arrange for its delivery.

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30 July 1984

Dear Charles,

Sri Lanka: Letter from Mrs Gandhi

Thank you for your letter of 17 July enclosing a letter from Mrs Gandhi to the Prime Minister about Sri Lanka.

I enclose a draft reply which takes into account the visit by the Sri Lankan Minister of National Security, Mr Athulathmudali, the week before last, and the Prime Minister's previous exchange of correspondence with Mrs Gandhi on this subject in June.

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

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