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FM NEW DELHI 030455Z APR 85  
TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
TELNO 452 OF 3 APRIL 1985

1/7/85

YOUR TELNO 373 : PM'S VISIT

1. TODAY IS A GOVERNMENT HOLIDAY. BUT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONTACT THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OR OTHER SENIOR OFFICIAL. WE WILL CONFIRM BY TELEPHONE TO YOU ONCE WE HAVE GOT THE NEWS THROUGH TO THEM.

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2. WE CAN ARRANGE ACCOMMODATION. SUGGESTED DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

3. A VISIT TO THE SAMADHI <sup>Funeral Pyre site</sup> COULD BEST BE FITTED IN ON THE WAY TO THE AIRPORT. ONE SHOULD ALLOW ABOUT 45 MINUTES FOR THE OPERATION (15 MINS TRAVELLING FROM 2KG, 10 MINS AT THE SITE AND 20 MINS AT AIRPORT). WE WOULD EXPECT THE INDIANS TO BE PLEASED AT THIS GESTURE.

4. IN THE NEW CIRCUMSTANCES, A MEETING WITH THE PRESS COULD BE FITTED IN EARLY (SAY 7.45 - 8.15 AT MY RESIDENCE). IF MRS THATCHER WERE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE THIS, I WOULD VERY MUCH RECOMMEND IT, AS THE BEST MEANS OF CAPITALIZING ON THE VISIT.

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Prime Minister  
This refers to your  
idea of visiting  
Mr. Gandhi's memorial.  
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