

SECURITY BRIEF FOR PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NEW DELHI
FOR THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING
23-30 NOVEMBER 1983

1. There is no intelligence to suggest that there is a specific threat against the Prime Minister, or her party, on this trip.
2. It is considered that the general threat to British interests worldwide made earlier this year by the Armenian group ASALA, and the Palestinian group Abu Nidhal still exist. However neither group has been active in India and it is unlikely that either group would mount a terrorist act against the Prime Minister.
3. The aspirations of the Sikh community has resulted in violence. Although these activities are largely confined to the Punjab, the Prime Minister's presence in New Delhi could attract the attention of the Sikhs. Anand Marg, the Indian sect which carried out a worldwide campaign of violence in 1977-78, has not been responsible for any terrorist act (except two internecine murders) since 1979.
4. We have no information about Irish Republican support organisations but do not envisage a threat from this quarter.
5. Information on the threats of violence or demonstrations which are not directed specifically against British targets will be provided by the High Commission on arrival. However the Indian Security authorities have proved effective in dealing with such demonstrations.
6. All major Communist countries maintain missions in New Delhi. The Soviet Embassy is the largest and most active, a number of known or suspected intelligence officers have been identified. The espionage threat is high. Care should therefore be taken to avoid eavesdropping on sensitive discussions.
7. A copy of the Security Rules for Visits Overseas is attached.

SECURITY DEPARTMENT
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