



PRIME MINISTER

New Delhi
October 4, 1987

Dear Mr. President,

I greatly appreciate the sentiments conveyed in your letter of March 13. These fully reflect the constructive spirit of our dialogue on issues of mutual concern.

You are aware that the development of our relationship with your great country is an important priority in the foreign policy agenda of my Government. Collaboration in advanced technology is an exciting new facet of this relationship.

Though there are many areas which can be explored in furthering our technological cooperation, at the present time the Super Computer and the Light Combat Aircraft Project appear to have acquired a special symbolic status.

Your decision to licence the sale of a super computer to India reflects the mutual trust and confidence that is so essential for raising the level of our cooperation in advanced technology. I know that we have reached this milestone in large measure due to your personal interest and initiative. We are going ahead with the purchase of a super computer from the United States. We are confident that the model offered will be regarded as a precursor of greater cooperation in advanced technology. We hope it will be upgraded quickly to fully meet our requirements.

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We have reason to be satisfied with the progress achieved thus far in our cooperation in the Light Combat Aircraft Project. I hope that the draft cooperation agreement will be concluded soon. I believe that visible success with American technological inputs in such an important and sophisticated indigenous project will pave the way for our cooperation in other advanced technology areas as well.

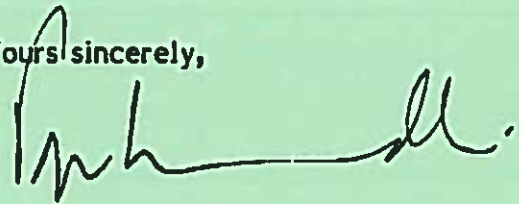
I take this opportunity to express our great appreciation to your Government for the special efforts made in securing an early launch for the INSAT-1D satellite.

I read with considerable interest the views expressed in your letter on the Pakistani nuclear weapons programme and on the Afghanistan situation. I hope to benefit from discussions on these and other issues with you when we meet in Washington.

Sonia and I look forward to the pleasure of meeting Mrs Reagan and you this month.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Indira Gandhi', written in a cursive style.

The Hon'ble Ronald Reagan,
President of the United States of America,
Washington D.C.

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