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Camera: V.PARKASH

Story : Lord Mountbatten arrives in Delhi.

Length : 200' Plus X. Daylight.

India's last Viceroy Lord Mountbatten was given tremendous welcome when he arrived in Delhi ever after the expiry of his term. Thousands of Indians had walked 12 miles to reach Palam airfield and they raised slogans " Lord and Lady Mountbatten Zinda Bad" (Long Live Lord and Lady Mountbatten) as the distinguished visitor and his popular wife walked through at the airport. Brushing aside the protocol, Prime Minister Nehru and ~~Radha~~ Vice President Radha Krishnan were personally present at the airport to receive Lord and Lady Mountbatten who arrived by a Royal Airforce plane. Both Lord and Lady Mountbatten appeared fittingly well as they ~~stixix~~ came down from the steps of the aircraft and to some it was a felling of home coming of a very good friend after a period of nearly 8 years.

Roll, 1.

Close up of Navy contingent which presented the guard of / honour. Shot of Malcom Macdonald , the UK High Commissioner in India as he waits for the arrival of the plane. Nehru's arrival with daughter. Dr. Radha Krishnan and Prime Minister Nehru anxiously wait for the arrival of the plane and Mr. Nehru points towards the plane as it is sighted. Shot of the plane arriving towards the camera. Shot of Lord Mountbatten followed by Lady Mountbatten coming down the steps and being received by Nehru and other high officials of the Government of India. Close up of Lord and Lady Mountbatten with Nehru and Dr. Radha Krishnan. Close up of Lord Mountbatten who looked extremely well.

Roll, 2.

Lord Moubatten taking the salute from a contingent of Indian Navy and later inspecting the guard of honour. He stopped to talk to sailors who were putting on the medals of last war. Medium shot of small girls who waited with flower garlands. Shot of Lord and Lady Mountbatten being garlanded. Close up of Lord and Lady Moubatten. At the airport Lord and Lady Moubatten were introduced to a large number of diplomats who had come to greet the distinguished visitors. Lord Mountbatten shaking hands with Mr. Sherman Cooper (US Ambassador in India). After meeting the diplomats, Lord and Lady Mountbatten were introduced to high ranking civil and military officials many of whom were good old friends of Mountbattens. Shot of public ovation, Shot of Lord and Lady Mountbatten as they walk pass the crowd which had collected at the airport and was sheering and raising slogans, Long Live Lord and Lady Mountbatten. Shot of Lord Mountbatten's car as it drove through the lined up spectators.

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Camera : V.PARKASH

Story : Civic Reception for the Mountbattens.

Plus X 300 Mostly interiors with artificial lights.

Indian were very happy in welcoming Lord and Lady Mountbatten and they had constructed illuminated arches from which the distinguished guests passed for receiving the civic address. In the historic red fort, thousands of important citizens had collected and the Mayor of Delhi while reading the civic address said " You have received many high honours in the course of your illustrious life, but your choice by our people as the first constitutional Governor-General of India was an honour unique and without parallel." On the arrival of Lord and Lady Mountbatten, songs praising them were sung a group of girls. They were garlanded by the Mayor who also presented them gifts made out of ivory.

Earlier Lord and Lady Mountbatten visited Raj Ghat (Gandhi Memorial) and laid a wreath on the platform where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated. Lord and Lady Mountbatten were in India when the great Indian leader was assassinated and they squatted with Nehru at the time of the cremation which took place on the same spot where they were now laying the wreaths.

At the President's House which used to be the official residence of Lord and Lady Mountbatten, the distinguished guests were happy to to be received in the study room of the President by Dr. Prasad. Lord Mountbatten complimented the President for the maintenance of the house.

Roll 1,2,3.

Lord and Lady Mountbatten being received by the President of India Dr. Prasad. Various shots of Dr. Prasad and Lord & Lady Mountbatten. Close up of Lord Mountbatten, Dr. Prasad and Lady Mountbatten.

Lord and Lady Mountbatten followed by others arriving at Gandhi memorial for laying a wreath on the memorial platform. Shot of laying the wreath after which Lord Mountbatten saluted in the memory of the great Indian leader.

*Late evening time.

* Shot of illuminated arches. Lord and Lady Mountbatten with Nehru coming out of the car at Red Fort. Shot of Lord and Lady Mountbatten with Nehru coming through the illuminated arches. Lord and Lady Mountbatten arrive at the dias. Shot of the Mayor of Delhi reading the civic address. Shot of Lord and Lady Mountbatten and Nehru. Shot of the seated citizens of Delhi. Shot of the Mayor of Delhi presenting the scroll (on which the address was printed) to Lord Mountbatten. Later the Mayor garlanding Lord and Lady Mountbatten. Shot of Lord Mountbatten replying. Lord Mountbatten said that

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that UK would be pleased to give technical assistance to India and Britain had already earmarked Rs. 9 crores (90,000,000 rupees) for this purpose under the Colombo Plan.
Shot of Prime Minister Nehru praising the distinguished guests who are so popular with the Indians.

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