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Dear Michael,

El Salvador

You asked for further briefing for the Prime Minister on El Salvador.

The material provided for the Washington visit was concerned mainly with the immediate background to the present conflict. The Prime Minister may find it interesting to read the El Salvador Annual Review for 1980 (copy attached) which goes into recent events in rather more detail. The problems of El Salvador, however, have their roots deep in the injustices of a semi-feudal social system, which, while not being unique to El Salvador, for various reasons developed there in a more extreme form than in other countries in the region. A note on the social and political background against which the current conflict developed is enclosed. It includes, at the end, a note on the reform programme which the Salvadorean Government has been attempting to implement and on the composition of the opposition Democratic Revolutionary Front.

Yours ever,

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