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*Dear Willie,*

Mexico: Visit by Jorge Castaneda

The Mexican Minister for Foreign Affairs, Jorge Castaneda, has written to the Prime Minister expressing his thanks for the meeting which took place during his visit and congratulating the Prime Minister on the agreement reached with Guatemala which will lead to independence for Belize. I attach a translation of the letter; I do not think that a reply by the Prime Minister is necessary.

*Yours ever*

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TRANSLATION

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Dear Prime Minister,

On my return to Mexico I wish to express my gratitude for the opportunity you gave me on 10 March of meeting you and discussing certain international questions which concern Mexico as well as Great Britain.

I am particularly pleased that coinciding with my stay in London, the Governments of Great Britain and Guatemala agreed the Heads of Agreement to enable Belize to achieve independence, in the terms envisaged by the corresponding resolution of the UN General Assembly.

The Government of Mexico is convinced that these Heads and the steps being taken to put them into practice will contribute significantly to the peace and security of a region which is unfortunately characterised by unrest.

I should be grateful, Prime Minister, if you would accept the assurance of my high consideration and personal appreciation.

Jorge Castaneda

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Tlatelolco, D. F., marzo 31 de 1981.

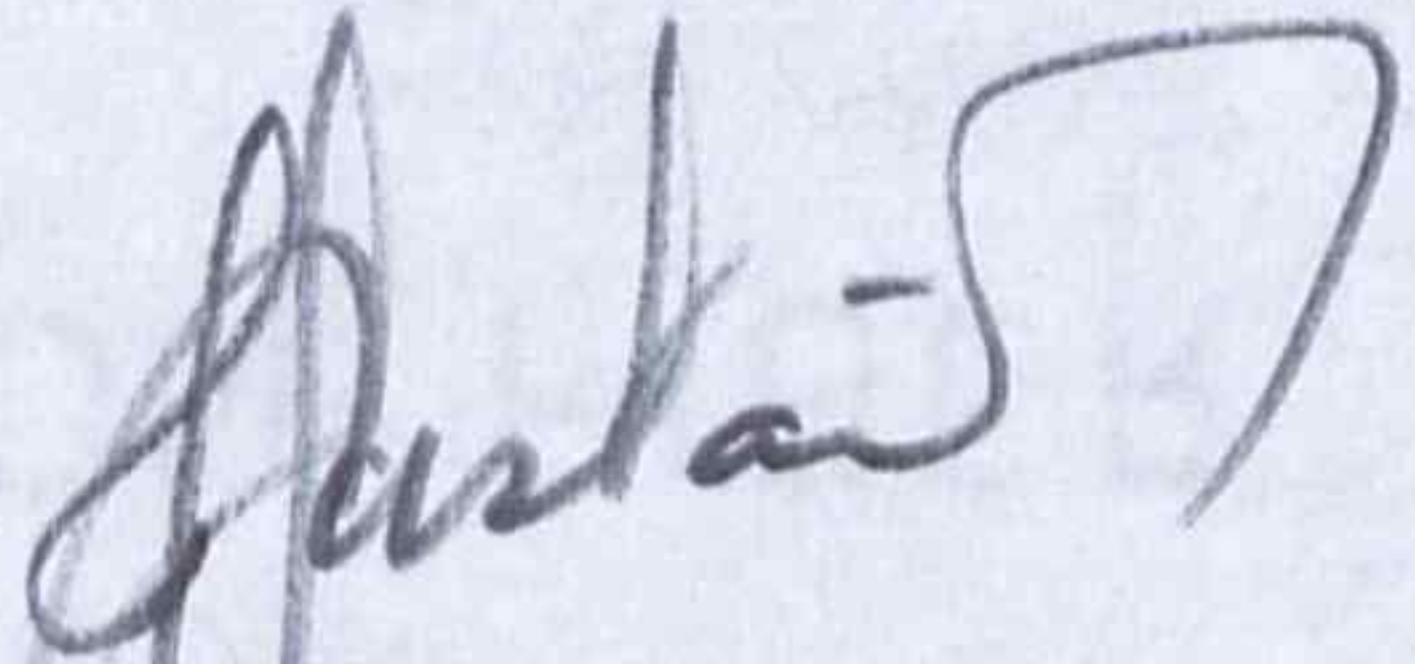
Estimada Señora Primera Ministra:

De vuelta en México deseo agradecerle la oportunidad que me brindó, el 10 de marzo último, de saludarla y de conversar sobre algunas cuestiones internacionales que preocupan a México tanto como a la Gran Bretaña.

Me alegra particularmente que, coincidiendo con mi estancia en Londres, los Gobiernos de la Gran Bretaña y de Guatemala hayan acordado las bases de entendimiento para que Belice acceda a la independencia, en los términos previstos por la correspondiente resolución de la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas.

El Gobierno de México está convencido de que estas bases y los pasos que se den para llevarlas a la práctica contribuirán significativamente a la paz y la seguridad de una región que, desafortunadamente, se caracteriza actualmente por su turbulencia.

Ruego a usted, Señora Primera Ministra, aceptar el testimonio de mi más alta consideración y personal aprecio.

  
Jorge Castañeda.

Excelentísima Señora Margaret Thatcher,  
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