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ELECTION OF UN SECRETARY -GENERAL

1. I HAVE SEEN GOULDING'S TELELETTER OF 19 OCTOBER ON THE QUESTION OF HOW YOU SHOULD VOTE IN THE EVENT OF A DEADLOCK BETWEEN WALDHEIM AND SALIM.
2. I ACCEPT THAT OF THE THREE LATIN AMERICAN CANDIDATES ALREADY KNOWN TO BE WAITING TO COME FORWARD, WE SHOULD LEAN TOWARDS PEREZ DE CUELLAR. I WOULD NOT HOWEVER AT THIS STAGE WHOLLY EXCLUDE SUPPORTING ORTIZ (AS WE DID IN 1971). IT IS CERTAINLY TRUE THAT HE IS OBSESSED WITH THE FALKLANDS BUT THE SCOPE THE SECRETARY-GENERALSHIP WOULD GIVE HIM TO EMBARRASS US ON THAT SUBJECT IS PROBABLY LIMITED. IN LONDON WE HAVE KNOWN HIM GENERALLY AS AN ABLE AND MODERATE MAN. I WOULD NOT (NOT) WANT TO SEE RAMPHAL EMERGE, NOT LEAST BECAUSE OF HIS VERY DETERMINED ADVOCACY OF SOUTHERN POINTS OF VIEW IN THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE.
3. OF THE POSSIBLE CANDIDATES MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE TELELETTER, CASTANEDA, THE MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER MIGHT GIVE US AN UNCOMFORTABLE TIME WITH HIS LEFT-OF-CENTRE VIEWS. YOUR MEXICAN COLLEAGUE MUNOZ LEDA SEEMS, FROM REPORTS OF SOME OF HIS ERRATIC ACTIVITIES IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, TO BE MOST UNATTRACTIVE. I DOUBT IF WE COULD SUPPORT ANY AFRICAN CANDIDATE. I HAVE BEEN TAKING THE LINE WITH SALIM AND OTHERS THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO HAVE AN AFRICAN SECRETARY-GENERAL AT A TIME WHEN AFRICAN ISSUES ARE SO MUCH TO THE FORE AT THE UN.
4. I AGREE THAT YOU MAY START VOTING FOR THIRD CANDIDATES WHEN IT IS GENERALLY THOUGHT THAT DEADLOCK HAS BEEN REACHED, EVEN IF WALDHEIM IS STILL IN THE RUNNING. I AM CONTENT TO LEAVE DETAILED TACTICAL DECISIONS TO YOU.
5. I DO NOT AT PRESENT ENVISAGE ANY CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH I WOULD WISH YOU TO USE THE VETO.

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29 October 1981

UN Secretary General

I enclose a copy of the message which the Prime Minister has received from the Prime Minister of Peru asking her to support the candidature of Senor Perez de Cuellar for the Secretary Generalship of the United Nations. You have already acknowledged receipt of Senor Ulloa's message.

MICHAEL ALEXANDER

R.M.J. Lyne, Esq.,  
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THE RT. HONORABLE  
MRS. MARGARET THATCHER

PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T. 150/81

DEAR PRIME MINISTER,

FORGIVE THE INTRUSION BUT IT APPEARS THAT THE ELECTION OF  
SECRETARY GENERAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS IS IN STALEMATE AND THAT  
THE TWO PRINCIPAL CONTENDORS DO NOT HAVE THE NECESSARY SUP-  
PORT. IN THIS SITUATION IT APPEARS THAT PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR PEREZ  
DE CUELLAR, WHO HAS BEEN NUMBER TWO MAN AT UNITED NATIONS FOR  
THE PAST TWO YEARS AND COMMISSIONAIRE IN AFGHANISTAN IS A  
POSSIBLE COMPROMISE CANDIDATE STOP IF THIS IS THE CASE AND  
THE SITUATION EVOLVES FAVOURABLY, MY GOVERNMENT WOULD BE  
VERY APPRECIATIVE FOR ANY HELP OR ASSISTANCE YOUR GOVERNMENT  
COULD GIVE THIS POSSIBLE PERUVIAN OPTION WHICH WOULD HAVE  
GREAT SIGNIFICANCE FOR US STOP MANY THANKS AND MY CONTINUED  
BEST WISHES FOR YOUR SUCCESS. WE ARE TRYING HARD HERE.

VERY CORDIALLY,

MANUEL ULLOA ELIAS  
PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER  
OF ECONOMY, FINANCE AND COMMERCE

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YOUR TELEGRAMS 1118 AND 1119; ELECTION OF UN SECRETARY-GENERAL

1. In view of our repeated assurances of support for Waldheim I should like you to continue to vote for him until he withdraws. You may start voting for Perez de Cuellar as soon as his hat is in the ring. I should like you to abstain on Ortiz initially in the hope of giving Perez a clear lead. But you may start voting for Ortiz if he begins to score substantially better than de Cuellar.