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THE PRIME MINISTER

21 December 1981

Dear Mr. Waldheim.

At the end of your distinguished period of office as Secretary-General of the United Nations I should like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the British Government and the people of Britain, to express to you our warm thanks for your untiring efforts on behalf of the United Nations over the last 10 years. Throughout a period of great political difficulty and rapid change, you have defended the rule of international law and upheld the provisions of the Charter. You have worked with the greatest devotion to duty for the peaceful settlement of many intractable disputes. And you have enjoyed through this long and immensely difficult period the confidence and respect of the international community. All this represents a remarkable achievement for which you deserve the congratulations and thanks of the Member States and their governments.

Please accept my very best wishes for your future.

Yours sincerely,

Raymond Whelan

His Excellency Dr. Kurt Waldheim, G.C.M.G.

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MY TELNO 888 : NEW SECRETARY-GENERAL : MESSAGES

1. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS AGREED TO THE TEXT OF THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PEREZ DE CUELLAR WHICH YOU HAVE DISCRETION TO DELIVER IF IT SHOULD BECOME APPROPRIATE, EG IF THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF OTHER PERMANENT MEMBERS SEND MESSAGES.

'ON BEHALF OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, I SEND WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ELECTION TO THE POST OF SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

YOUR ELECTION IS A FITTING TRIBUTE TO THE OUTSTANDING QUALITIES YOU HAVE SHOWN IN MANY YEARS OF DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY. THERE HAS SADLY BEEN NO DIMINUTION IN THE NUMBER OF DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE UNITED NATIONS. I ASSURE YOU OF THE WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN DEALING WITH THEM. AS A PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, BRITAIN LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING IN CLOSE HARMONY WITH YOU.

WITH BEST WISHES
MARGARET THATCHER''

CARRINGTON

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

8 February 1982

Prime Minister

To see.

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Dear John,

A.S.C. 10/2

Election of UN Secretary-General: Messages

p.a.

You wrote on 21 December to Roderic Lyne enclosing a letter from the Prime Minister to the outgoing UN Secretary-General.

Dr Waldheim has now replied, in a letter dated 29 January and transmitted via our Permanent Mission in New York. I enclose this reply.

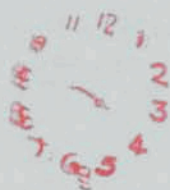
Yours ever,

John Holmes

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

8 FEB 1982



Dr. Kurt Waldheim

29 January 1982

Dear Prime Minister,

I should like to thank you most sincerely for your thoughtful letter of 21 December 1981.

May I take this opportunity to express, for my part, my sincere gratitude to you personally and to the members of your Government for the help and support you have given me in my challenging task. I also wanted at this time to tell you that I indeed deeply appreciated the kind words of recognition you found for my work.

Let me also say again how much I valued our meetings and the constructive and cordial exchanges of views we had on those occasions. This has greatly encouraged me in my efforts to promote peace and better international understanding.

My wife joins me in sending you and your family our warmest good wishes for your personal well-being and success in all your future endeavours.

With kind personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Kurt Waldheim

Her Excellency
The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland



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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

25 January 1982

Prime Minister

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Dear John,

Message from the new Secretary-General of the UN

You will recall that in December the Prime Minister wrote to Mr Perez de Cuellar congratulating him on his appointment as Secretary-General of the United Nations.

I enclose Mr Perez de Cuellar's reply, received through our Mission in New York.

yours etc
Rodric Lyne

(R M J Lyne)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing St



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

8 January 1982

Excellency,

I should like to thank you most sincerely for your kind message on my appointment as Secretary-General of the United Nations.

I deeply appreciate your good wishes for the unique and challenging task entrusted to me. The confidence and support expressed in this regard by the Member States of the United Nations will indeed be a constant source of strength and encouragement for my endeavours in the service of the international community. In this connexion, I look forward to our close and constructive co-operation in the strengthening of peace and the promotion of greater understanding among the nations of the world.

With my best wishes for your personal well-being and for the prosperity of the people of the United Kingdom, please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Javier Pérez de Cuéllar', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Javier Pérez de Cuéllar

Her Excellency
The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher M.P.
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
London

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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Prime Minister
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earlier and no further letter is
necessary.

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26 December 1981

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M.G.

Excellency,

As I am about to leave office after having served as Secretary-General of the United Nations for the past ten years, I want to thank you most sincerely for the kind co-operation you have consistently extended to me.

As you know, the support of Member States has been of the utmost importance to me in my endeavours. In this regard, our constructive collaboration and the valuable assistance which you personally and your Government have given me have always been a source of strength and encouragement. I have highly valued the opportunities I have had to meet with you and the very cordial and helpful exchanges of views we had on those occasions.

I am confident that the excellent relations prevailing between the United Nations and your country will be maintained and further strengthened under my successor. You may be sure that I shall continue to follow with interest and commitment the efforts of the world community to promote peace and international understanding.

May I take this opportunity to send you my warmest good wishes for your personal well-being and success in the discharge of your important responsibilities.

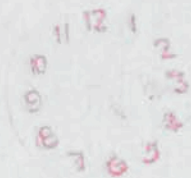
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Yours sincerely,

Kurt Waldheim

Her Excellency
The Rt.Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

21 December 1981

Election of UN Secretary-General: Messages

My letter of 17 December promised that a signed letter from the Prime Minister to Dr. Waldheim would follow.

I now enclose a signed letter and would be grateful if you would arrange for it to be delivered.

A. J. COLES

Roderic Lyne, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

17 December 1981

Election of UN Secretary-General: Messages

Thank you for your letter of 15 December. The Prime Minister has approved:

- 13/14
- (a) the message to the Prime Minister of Peru as drafted;
 - (b) the message to Mr. Perez de Cuellar, though the third sentence should stop at the words "the United Nations". The next sentence should begin "I assure you".
 - (c) the message to Mr. Waldheim.

✓ The procedure you propose for handling these messages is also acceptable. A signed letter from the Prime Minister to Mr. Waldheim will follow.

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R.M.J. Lyne, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

15 December 1981

Prime Minister

Yes
not

Agree the 3 messages attached?

A.F.C. 16/12

Dear John,

Election of UN Secretary-General:
Messages

The Prime Minister of Peru has sent Mrs Thatcher a telex thanking us for our support in the election of Mr Perez de Cuellar as Secretary-General of the United Nations. We recommend that the Prime Minister should reply to this message, and I enclose a draft. If agreed, we will telegraph this reply to HM Embassy, Lima, for delivery to Mr Elias.

Lord Carrington will be sending a message to Mr Perez de Cuellar as soon as the General Assembly have confirmed his appointment, and will take the opportunity to invite the new Secretary-General to visit London fairly soon during his period of office. We would see advantage in giving Sir A Parsons discretion also to deliver a message from the Prime Minister if he judges it appropriate to do so (eg if the Heads of Government of other Permanent Members send messages). A draft is enclosed accordingly.

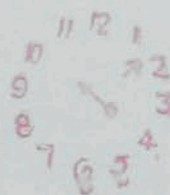
When Mr Waldheim's term of office expires at the end of the year it would be appropriate for the Prime Minister, as well as Lord Carrington, to send him a message of appreciation. A text is suggested in the third enclosed draft. If agreed, it will be held until 31 December and handed over, together with that from Lord Carrington, by the Permanent Representative in New York on that day. On this occasion I think that a signed copy, dated 31 December, would be appreciated (in confirmation of the telegraphic text).

Yours
Roderic Lyne

(R M J Lyne)
Private Secretary

John Coles Esq
10 Downing St

16 DEC 1981



MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER
OF PERU

Dear Prime Minister

Thank you for your message about the Security Council's decision to recommend Mr Perez de Cuellar as the new Secretary General of the United Nations. We are delighted at the success of Mr Perez de Cuellar, who has already given outstanding service to the United Nations. We have every confidence that, as Secretary General, he will carry out his important and ~~d~~ difficult task with distinction and impartiality. His election is indeed a credit to Peru.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

MARGARET THATCHER

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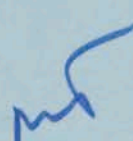
DRAFT MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR PEREZ DE
CUELLAR

On behalf of the British Government and the people of the United Kingdom, I send warm congratulations on your election to the post of Secretary General of the United Nations.

Your election is a fitting tribute to the outstanding qualities you have shown in many years of diplomatic activity. There has sadly been no diminution in the number of difficult and dangerous problems confronting the United Nations, ~~and I would~~ assure you of the wholehearted support of the British Government for your efforts in dealing with them. As a Permanent Member of the Security Council, Britain looks forward to working in close harmony with you.

With best wishes.

MARGARET THATCHER



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MESSAGE FROM THE ~~PRIME~~ MINISTER TO MR WALDHEIM

~~Dear Mr Waldheim/Dear Kurt (as appropriate)~~

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Please accept my very best wishes for your future.

Yours sincerley
MARGARET THATCHER

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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UNCLASSIFIED
FM LIMA, 11TH DECEMBER 1981

TO THE RT. HONORABLE
MRS. MARGARET THATCHER

*cc Thatcher sec
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DEAR PRIME MINISTER:

WE ARE HAPPY AND GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THE ELECTION FOR AMBASSADOR JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR AS SECRETARY GENERAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS. WE ARE HONORED AS A NATION AND THANKS TO YOUR FRIENDLY SUPPORT, WE INTERPRET THIS EVENT AS REPRESENTATIVE OF INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT TO THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT OF PERU.

VERY CORDIALLY,

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

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