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THE PRIME MINISTER

**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T 142/83**

4 October 1983

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your letter of 18 August which awaited my return from my recent visit to Canada and the USA. I am most grateful to you for sending me a copy of your Development Plan for 1983 to 1988.

I have been following closely the courageous steps of your Government since you took office to tackle Mexico's financial difficulties and to set the country on the right road for the future. I am glad to see that the same determination and breadth of vision is reflected in the statement of objectives set out in your letter and wish you and your colleagues every success in your efforts to achieve them.

You may be sure that these efforts will be followed closely by all those in this country who have an interest in the future of Mexico. You know well the part which Britain has played in the development of your country over the years. I was privileged to take part in furthering this co-operation when I signed the Memorandum of Understanding between our countries during my visit to Mexico in 1981 and to see for myself an outstanding example of it in the work being done towards the Sicartsa steel project. In that context, I am sure you are aware of our concern that proper provision will be made for the Sicartsa project as your National Plan is implemented.

With all best wishes,

*Yours sincerely
Raymond Whelan*

His Excellency Mr. Miguel de la Madrid Hurtado

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