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*From the Private Secretary*

28 March 1984

MEXICAN MINISTER OF FINANCE

Thank you for your letter of 26 March.

I am afraid that it will not be possible for the Prime Minister to have lunch with Sr. Silva Herzog but she would be glad to receive him at 4 o'clock p.m. on 16 May for 45 minutes.

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Prime Minister.

You could not do lunch  
but could see him at  
4.00 p.m. on 16 May for  
45 minutes. Agree?

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

26 March 1984

Dear John,

A.F.C. 27/3.

Yes

Mexico

You should know that the Mexican Minister of Finance, Sr Silva Herzog, is probably coming to London for a few days to attend an Anglo-Mexican seminar on 14 May and to make other contacts. Mr Tiny Rowland of Lonrho mentioned to Sir John Leahy recently that Sr Silva Herzog had asked him whether he could possibly arrange for him to see Mrs Thatcher any time on 16 May. Silva Herzog had wondered whether, if Mrs Thatcher were free, they could have lunch together that day. Sr Herzog did not wish to put his suggestion through the Mexican Ambassador in London. Rowland said that he would strongly recommend that Mrs Thatcher should see him.

Sir Geoffrey would wish to see Silva Herzog if time permits, and we shall also be looking into the possibility of a call on the Chancellor. This should provide sufficient opportunity for discussions. In view of the pressure on the Prime Minister's timetable we would not want to press the Prime Minister to receive him, although if she wished to do so, this would of course be a very welcome addition to Sr Silva Herzog's programme.

Yours ever,  
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