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[Telex from Daniel Ortega Saavedra to Mrs Thatcher]

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Managua, Nicaragua, 4 April 1984

PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

SERIAL No. T51A184

Dear Madam,

I wish to inform you of the present action being taken by my country at the Security Council.

Nicaragua has submitted to the Members of the Security Council a draft resolution requesting the condemnation of the escalation aggression against our people and territory, and especially of the attempts to impose a maritime blockade on Nicaragua by mining our main ports, which, as you know, has resulted in Nicaraguans being killed and people of other nationalities being wounded, in violation of the most fundamental principles of international law and free navigation and trade.

We have considered it necessary to have recourse to the highest world authority responsible for protecting peace and security in view not only of the seriousness and escalation of the aggression, but also in view of the need to spare no efforts or measures which may lead to the establishment of conditions enabling the negotiating process backed by the Contadora Group to proceed.

We trust, therefore, that your government will support the draft resolution submitted by Nicaragua at the Security Council and that it will declare itself at that organisation in defence of our right of self-determination and against the military activities, especially the mining of ports, which amounts to a virtual blockade of our country and is jeopardising the work towards peace undertaken by the Contadora Group, into which so much effort has been put.

Yours etc.

Daniel Ortega Saavedra

Coordinator of the Junta of the

Government of National Reconstruction of

Nicaragua

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MANAGUA , NICARAGUA 4 DE ABRIL DE 1984

A SU EXCELENCIA  
SEÑORA MARGARET THACHER  
PRIMER MINISTRO DEL  
REINO UNIDO DE GRAN BRETAÑA E  
IRLANDA DEL NORTE,  
LONDRES.

EXCELENTISIMA SEÑORA:

ME DIRIJO A USTED A FIN DE INFORMARLE DE LA ACTUAL GESTION DESARROLLADA POR MI PAIS ANTE EL CONSEJO DE SEGURIDAD.

NICARAGUA HA PRESENTADO A LOS MIEMBROS DEL CONSEJO DE SEGURIDAD UN PROYECTO DE RESOLUCION QUE SOLICITA SE CONDENE EL ESCALAMIENTO DE LAS AGRESIONES EN CONTRA DE NUESTRO PUEBLO Y TERRITORIO, Y PARTICULARMENTE A LOS INTENTOS DE IMPONER UN BLOQUEO MARITIMO A NICARAGUA MEDIANTE EL MINADO DE NUESTROS PRINCIPALES PUERTOS QUE, - COMO ES DE SU CONOCIMIENTO, HA OCASIONADO PERDIDAS DE VIDAS NICARAGUENSES Y HERIDOS DE OTRAS NACIONALIDADES, EN VIOLACION DE LOS PRINCIPIOS MAS ELEMENTALES DEL DERECHO INTERNACIONAL Y DE LA LIBRE NAVEGACION Y COMERCIO.

HEMOS CONSIDERADO INDISPENSABLE ACUDIR A LA MAXIMA INSTANCIA MUNDIAL ENCARGADA DE VELAR POR LA PAZ Y LA SEGURIDAD ATENDIENDO NO SOLO A LA GRAVEDAD Y EL ESCALAMIENTO DE LA AGRESION, SINO TAMBIEN A LA NECESIDAD DE NO ESCATIMAR ESFUERZOS E INSTANCIAS QUE CONTRIBUYAN A LOGRAR LAS CONDICIONES QUE PERMITAN QUE EL PROCESO NEGOCIADOR AUSPICIADO POR EL GRUPO DE CONTADORA PUEDA AVANZAR.

CONFIAMOS, POR TANTO, QUE SU GOBIERNO PUEDA APOYAR AL PROYECTO DE RESOLUCION PRESENTADO POR NICARAGUA EN EL CONSEJO DE SEGURIDAD PRONUNCIANDOSE ANTE ESE ORGANISMO EN DEFENSA DE NUESTRO DERECHO DE AUTODETERMINACION Y EN CONTRA DE LAS ACTIVIDADES MILITARES , ESPECIALMENTE EL MINADO DE PUERTOS QUE CONSTITUYE UN VIRTUAL BLOQUEO CONTRA NUESTRO PAIS Y QUE PONE EN PELIGRO LA LABOR DE PACIFICACION DEL GRUPO DE CONTADORA EN EL QUE TANTOS ESFUERZOS HEMOS INVERTIDO.

FRATERNALMENTE.

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COORDINADOR DE LA JUNTA DE GOBIERNO  
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Daniel SAAVEDRA  
(19 NICARAGUA JUNTA)

9 April 1984

I enclose a copy of a letter which the Prime Minister has received from the Co-ordinator of the Nicaraguan Junta, together with a translation. The letter asks that HMG support the draft Resolution recently submitted by Nicaragua to the UN Security Council.

I should be grateful if you would let me have a draft reply, to reach this office by Thursday 19 April.

Peter Ricketts, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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12 April 1984

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*No reply.*

*AD 12/4*

*h-a.*

*Dear John,*

*with AJC?*

Thank you for your letter of 9 April about the telex which the Prime Minister has received from Sr Daniel Ortega, the Co-ordinator of the Nicaraguan Government. The same message has been sent to many other Governments seeking support for a Security Council Resolution sponsored by Nicaragua on which a vote was taken on 4 April. We abstained on the Resolution, which was vetoed by the US.

We do not consider that a reply is necessary. But I enclose a short draft acknowledgement in case the Prime Minister wished to send one.

*Yours ever,  
Peter Ricketts*

(P F Ricketts)  
Private Secretary

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Prime Minister

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TO:

Your Reference

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Embassy of Nicaragua, London

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SUBJECT:

.....In Confidence

CAVEAT.....

Thank you for your message of 4 April in which you informed me of the action which your Government was taking in the Security Council of the United Nations. The views of the British Government were expressed in the Security Council by our Permanent Representative.

Enclosures—flag(s).....



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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

2 May 1984

Thank you for your letter of 12 April (not received until today), about the telex which the Prime Minister had received from Sr. Daniel Ortega, the Co-ordinator of the Nicaraguan Government.

In view of the lapse of time, I do not think any purpose would now be served in sending the acknowledgement enclosed with your letter.

Tim Flesher

Peter Ricketts, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

SSK

Tina

You wrote to FCO about the attached letter on 2/5.

I'm afraid we had the original letter on a CF file all the time. It seems GR had kept the Omega letter & had been chasing FCO for a draft reply, but when it came it went to CF & was never linked with the GR papers.

A classic case in support of a centralised filing system!

Nicky