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Prime Minister

There is something to be said for seeing him, and delivering some home truths which he won't hear elsewhere in London.

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Yes

Agree to see him?
Yes
the Foreign Secretary
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not

Dear Charles

Agree to see him?

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Request by the Nicaraguan Vice-President to call on the Prime Minister

The Nicaraguan Ambassador has requested on instructions from Managua that the Nicaraguan Vice President, Dr Sergio Ramirez Mercado, who will be visiting Britain from 5-10 February, should call on the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State. His visit here will begin a tour of Western European countries including Ireland, France, Spain, Greece and Italy. He wishes to explain directly to the governments of these countries the problems of Central America and his government's policies and to confirm their peaceful intentions and support for the Contadora process. He will be participating in a debate at the Oxford Union, a twinning lunch at the Oxford City Hall and be meeting, separately, Messrs Kinnock, Steel and Owen and the Archbishop of Canterbury. He also hopes to meet Sir Anthony Kershaw and the Foreign Affairs Committee, take tea in Parliament and address a meeting at Chatham House.

The Foreign Secretary believes that it would be right for him to meet this senior representative of the Nicaraguan leadership and proposes to do so on 6 February. The Foreign Secretary does not consider it necessary for the Prime Minister to receive Dr Ramirez, unless she particularly wishes to do so.

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