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THE PRIME MINISTER

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PRIME MINISTER'S
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Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your message of 3 July.

Adherence to the rules of international law is fundamental to British foreign policy; so too is support for peaceful settlement of disputes between states. Actions such as Nicaragua's support for irregular groups operating against the governments of neighbouring countries and the build up of Nicaragua's Armed Forces and armaments have the effect of increasing instability rather than promoting peaceful co-operation. Moreover, the recent measures taken by the Nicaraguan Government further to restrict civil liberties are a cause for great concern.

Along with our partners in the European Community, Britain has stated that we do not believe that the problems of Central America can be resolved by force. We support a comprehensive negotiated settlement on the basis of the Contadora principles. Implementation and adequate verification of such a settlement would be the best means of re-establishing peace in Central America and guaranteeing the security of all the countries of the region.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

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His Excellency Senor Daniel Ortega