

From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY



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QUEEN ANNE'S GATE
LONDON SW1H 9AT

21 May 1982

Dear Mr Coles,

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ML 24/5.*

Prime Minister

To note.

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As you will know, it was agreed that the Argentinian Nobel Peace prize winner Senor Esquivel should be issued with a visa to enable him to make a short visit to the United Kingdom. We have made this known through letters to Dame Judith Hart and Lord Brockway, copies of both of which are enclosed.

Copies of this letter and its enclosures go to the Private Secretaries to the Foreign Secretary and the Secretary of State for Defence.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Pallett.

MRS L PALLETT

A J Coles, Esq.

20 MAY 1982



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Dear Judith

You raised in the Commons the Question of Senor Esquivel's application for a visa to come to this country. I am writing to let you know that I have now reached a decision on the application and Senor Esquivel will shortly be issued with a visa for a short visit.

I understand that he was last known to be in Rome. We are not aware of his present whereabouts and if you are able to give my Private Secretary this information my officials will ensure that the visa authorisation is forwarded to the nearest United Kingdom mission.

I have today informed Lord Brockway of my decision.

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Rt. Hon. Dame Judith Hart, M.P.



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Dear General

You have expressed an interest in the visa application made by Senor Adolfo Perez Esquivel on 5 May in Buenos Aires to spend a short visit in the United Kingdom.

I have now decided that Senor Esquivel's application should be authorised; a short visit visa will be issued as soon as my officials are informed of his present whereabouts. In reaching my decision, I have taken account of Senor Esquivel's background and the purpose of his proposed visit as outlined in your recently tabled Question, but I would wish to stress that at no time was it decided that his visa should be refused.

I have today informed Dame Judith Hart of my decision in this case.

The Lord Brockway

Yours faithfully
William Whitelaw