



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

11 March 1982

Call by Senor Dr. Don Luis Percovich

Thank you very much for your letter to Caroline Stephens of 8 March, and for the briefing for Dr. Percovich's visit. Dr. Percovich called on the Prime Minister in her room at the House of Commons at 1540 hours this afternoon. The meeting was confined entirely to an exchange of courtesies. Before the meeting broke up at 1550 hours, Dr. Percovich handed the Prime Minister a book as a gift, and I attach a copy of the letter of thanks that she has sent to him.

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8 March 1982

Dear Caroline,

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/ Thank you for your letter of 1 February. I enclose a short brief for the call on the Prime Minister, after Questions on 11 March, by Sr Dr Don Luis Percovich, the President of the Chamber of Deputies of Peru.

attached

// I also attach a personality note, a copy of Dr Percovich's programme, and statistical data on Peru.

Dr Percovich will be making a courtesy call on Lord Carrington and will be given lunch by Mr Luce on 9 March.

Yours ever

John Holmes
(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

Miss Caroline Stephens
10 Downing St

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CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER
OF DEPUTIES OF PERU, SR DR DON LUIS PERCOVICH:
11 MARCH 1982

POINTS TO MAKE

BILATERAL RELATIONS

1. Keen to strengthen already excellent relations. Welcome regular exchange of high-level visits. Much enjoyed meeting Prime Minister Ulloa on visit to London last year.
2. Want to play a full part in Peru's development (especially in railway, mining, hydroelectricity and port construction projects).

PERU INTERNAL

3. Strength and vitality of Peruvian democracy. Congress appears to have established an active and influential role.

(If raised)

PERU/ECUADOR BORDER DISPUTE

4. Our interest solely in peaceful and agreed solution. Pleased to note some signs of relaxation.

(If raised)

EC/ANDEAN PACT

5. EC wants to strengthen relationship with Pact. Appreciate Pact's wish to resume negotiations with EC on Economic Cooperation Agreement. Hope this will soon be possible.

ESSENTIAL FACTS

PERU INTERNAL/EXTERNAL

1. Peru returned to democracy in July 1980, after 12 years of radical left-wing military rule. President Belaunde and Prime Minister Ulloa are pursuing a relatively severe monetarist economic policy - austerity budget, relaxation of import controls, removal of subsidies, restrictions on government expenditure. However inflation remains over 70%; and economy hit by low world copper prices. Also an increasing terrorist problem, though still minor by South American standards. Government has had a fair overall success.

2. Congress, composed of Chamber of Deputies and Senate, has considerable independent powers. Relationship to executive similar to US Congress. President of Chamber of Deputies is not apolitical but active politician, though with duty to organise business of Chamber in manner fair to all.

3. Previous military regime had close alignment with Soviet Union. Belaunde administration carefully cultivating relations with Western Europe to counterbalance ties with United States. Peru is a moderate member of Non-Aligned Movement, but her international political horizons are still limited.

PERU/ECUADOR BORDER DISPUTE

4. A longstanding border dispute with Ecuador erupted into several days' fighting in January 1981. Tension continues, although now less. Our position is impartial.

EC/ANDEAN PACT

5. Peru a founder-member of Andean Pact (headquarters in Lima). Other members are Ecuador, Bolivia, Colombia, Venezuela. Progress on economic and political integration has been slow. Recently further inhibited by 1980 coup in Bolivia and Peru/Ecuador border conflict.

6. Talks on an economic and commercial cooperation Framework Agreement with EC suspended after military coup in Bolivia in July 1980. We are now pressing in EC for negotiations to be resumed, against opposition of Dutch and Danes, who claim that human rights situation in Bolivia not yet good enough.

UK/PERU RELATIONS

7. Relations, cool under the military government, now warm. Prime Minister Ulloa visited London in March/April 1981. Minister for Trade (Mr Parkinson) visited Lima in July, and Lord Mayor of London in August. Princess Alexandra is to visit Peru from 29 April to 17 May. (Not for use: it is likely that President Belaunde will be invited to pay a State Visit to the UK in 1984.)

8. UK exports to Peru doubled in 1980 to £47 million, and further 30% rise in 1981; but the UK still holds only about 3% of market. The potential for expansion is considerable, and a number of major projects are being pursued.

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Señor Doctor Don Luis Percovich
President of the Chamber of Deputies, Peru

Dr Percovich is fifty years of age. He was born in the town of Yungay (population over 3000 approximately: altitude 8481 feet) which is about eighty miles from the coast in the Ancash Department of West Central Peru. He now lives in the Port of Chimbote (population 40,000 approximately), also in the Department of Ancash, and situated 240 miles north west of Lima the capital city. He owns an hotel and pharmacy in Chimbote.

He studied chemical pharmaceuticals and graduated from the National University of Trujillo.

The following is a summary of his career:

Longstanding member of Acción Popular; active in the youth section before joining as a full member in 1956.

Elected Deputy for Acción Popular in Ancash in 1963.

Appointed to the key post of Chairman of the Budget Committee in the first Belaúnde Government.

Appointed Peruvian representative to the Third Assembly of the Latin American Parliament and member of the Economic Integration Committee.

After a break in his political career caused by the military coup of 1968 he was, in 1978, appointed a member of the National Finance Committee of Acción Popular and later in the same year made a member of the National Plenary Committee.

Re-elected Deputy for Ancash in May 1980.

Appointed Vice-Chairman of the bicameral Budget Committee of Congress.

Elected President of the Chamber of Deputies, 28 July 1981.

He does not speak English. He is married to Señora Haydeé Bambarén de Percovich and has three children, Luis, Magali and Jorge.

The Peruvian Ambassador

The post of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary is vacant. Señor Armando Lecaros de Cossio, Minister/Counsellor is Chargé d'Affaires.

Señora Haydeé Bambarén de Percovich does not speak English. Señora Lecaros, the wife of the Chargé d'Affaires, speaks good English.

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PERCOVICH ROCA, Dr Luis

President of the Chamber of Deputies from 28 July 1981.

Born in Yungay in the Department of Ancash on 14 July 1931. Now lives in the port of Chimbote, where he owns a hotel and a pharmacy.

Graduated from the National University of Trujillo in the field of chemical pharmaceuticals. He is a longstanding member of Acción Popular who was active in the youth section of the party before joining as a full member in 1956. After working within the party, he was nominated and elected deputy for Acción Popular in Ancash in 1963. During the first Belaúnde Government he was given the key post of Chairman of the Budget Committee. He has been the Peruvian representative to the Third Assembly of the Latin American Parliament and member of the Economic Integration Committee of this body.

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His present position owes much to his support for his close friend and ally, Dr Javier Alva Orlandini (qv), the Second Vice-President of Peru and President of the Senate. Like Alva, he has worked his way up through the grass roots organisation of Acción Popular and retains much party support. In 1981, he was proposed as a candidate for the Secretary-Generalship of the party, a post presently held by the Foreign Minister, Dr Arias Stella (qv), but then stood down in favour of Alva. President Belaúnde thereupon postponed the party elections until May 1982, apparently to avoid further in-fighting in the party.

He does not speak English.

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STATISTICAL DATA

Land Area	1,285,216 km ²			
Population (mid-1980)	17 m (growth rate about 2.8 pa)			
GNP per capita (1979)	US\$ 730			
Exports (1980)	US\$ 3,475 m			
Imports (1980)	US\$ 2091 m			
Principal exports		<u>1975</u>	<u>1979</u>	%
	Petroleum and derivatives	3.4	19.4	
	Copper	12.1	18.6	
	Silver	11.3	11.4	
	Fish meal	12.1	6.8	
	Coffee	4.1	6.0	
Principal Imports		<u>1975</u>	<u>1978</u>	%
	Manufacturers	33.0	28.0	
	Foodstuffs	12.0	7.0	
	Oil	11.0	2.0	
Major markets		<u>1975</u>	<u>1980</u>	%
	USA	24.2	35.8	
	Japan	11.5	11.8	
	UK	3.3	4.5	
	FRG	4.4	4.2	
	Italy	2.6	4.2	
Major importers		<u>1975</u>	<u>1980</u>	
	USA	31.5	39.4	
	Japan	8.7	10.3	
	FRG	10.7	6.5	
	Italy	2.3	6.1	
	UK	3.9	3.6	
Trade balance	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u> US\$m
	-879	-387	-320	570
Official Foreign Currency Reserves	356.8	389.7	1,520.7	US\$m
UK exports	35.51	25.18	23.97	46.54 £m
UK imports	37.58	29.02	61.52	77.49 £m

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DR. PERCOVICH
of Peru

1 February 1982

The Prime Minister will be meeting the Speaker of Peru, Dr. Percovich after Questions on Thursday 11 March and we would be grateful if you could provide us with a short brief to reach us by close of play on Wednesday 10 March.

WILLIAM RICKETT

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1 February 1982

I am replying to your letter to Clive Whitmore regarding the possibility of the Prime Minister receiving the Speaker of Peru, Dr. Percovich. Mrs. Thatcher would be happy to do this after Questions on Thursday 11 March. I should warn you, however, that it might have to be a rather brief meeting as the budget debate will still be going on and the Prime Minister should really be in the Chamber at that time.

WILLIAM RICKETT

Brigadier Sir Noel Short, M.B.E., M.C.

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PRIME MINISTER

The Speaker wonders whether you would be prepared to receive the Speaker of Peru, Dr. Percovich, after Questions on Thursday 11 March. The budget debate will still be going on so you would not be able to see him for very long but would you have any objection to shaking his hand after Questions on that day?

Answered not es.

29 January 1982



Mr Speaker

Speaker's Office House of Commons London SW1A 0AA

27th January 1982

My dear Clive,

As you know, the Prime Minister has been kind enough to receive from time to time Speakers visiting this country at the invitation of Mr Speaker.

We have the Speaker of Peru, Dr Percovich, visiting London between 8th and 12th March, accompanied by his wife and an official. It would be a considerable help to Mr Speaker if the Prime Minister could agree to receive Dr Percovich, who will depend on the services of an interpreter, sometime during his visit. He has a Parliamentary day on Thursday, 11th March, so that the most convenient moment might be after Prime Minister's Questions on that date.

The Speaker hopes that something on these lines may be possible.

Yours ever,

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28 JAN 1982

