

Frank DOBSON MP

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*From the Private Secretary*

5 August 1983

I enclose a copy of a letter the Prime Minister has received from Mr. Frank Dobson MP.

I should be grateful if you could let me have a draft reply which the Prime Minister might send to Mr. Dobson, to reach me by ~~10~~ August.

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(Timothy Flesher)

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FROM: FRANK DOBSON MP

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LONDON SW1A 0AA

Rt. Hon. Mrs. M. Thatcher MP,  
Prime Minister,  
10 Downing Street,  
LONDON, SW1

4 August 1983

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Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

Involvement of British Personnel in Central America

I have received a letter from Belize which says that it is a common rumour there that British military and civilian personnel are involved as "advisers" in El Salvador and that actions in support of the Government of El Salvador have been launched from Belize and possibly Britain's Caribbean guard ship.

I have, of course, no means of checking on such rumours. I would be grateful, therefore, if you could make clear -

- (a) what British personnel are at present in El Salvador and what their functions are;
- (b) whether any air strikes have been launched by British aircraft anywhere in Central America;
- (c) whether Britain has supplied intelligence or surveillance assistance to any Government or other group in Central America, including the United States;
- (d) whether Britain intends to give any military or other assistance to the current US adventures in Central America.

Yours sincerely,

*F. Dobson*  
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Dictated by Mr. Dobson and  
Signed in his absence