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THE PRIME MINISTER

14 December 1983

Dear Senor Duarte,

Thank you for sending me a message on 24 November about the forthcoming Presidential elections in El Salvador. We share your desire to see democracy upheld and reinforced in El Salvador.

As I said in my letter to you of 26 September one of the first priorities in countries such as El Salvador must be to restore peace and stability. To this end the British Government, in common with her European partners, will continue to explore ways of playing a constructive role in the efforts being made to promote peace, stability and democratic freedom in Central America.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Senor Ing. Jose Napoleon Duarte

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

12 December 1983

Dear John,

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El Salvador

Your letter of 28 November asked for a draft reply to the message of 24 November from ex-President Duarte to the Prime Minister, for signature by either the Prime Minister or the Private Secretary as appropriate. We consider a reply from the Prime Minister would be appropriate since the Prime Minister has met him personally, and wrote to him on 26 September. I enclose a draft reply.

Sr Duarte, leader of the Christian Democrat Party, is so far the only candidate to have announced his intention to stand in the Presidential elections to be held on 25 March 1984. The reply to Sr Duarte refers to this announcement, but avoids any apparent endorsement of his candidature.

Yours ever,

Peter Ricketts

(P F Ricketts)
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Prime Minister

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His Excellency
Senor Ingeniero Don Jose Napoleon
Duarte

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.....In Confidence

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CAVEAT.....

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