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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

3 May 1984

EL SALVADOR

Thank you for your letter of 2 May about the invitation to the United Kingdom to be officially represented at the International Fair in San Salvador in November 1984.

I do not need to trouble the Prime Minister with this. I am sure that she would agree that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary should reply on her behalf - and along the lines which you suggest.

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~~Prime Minister~~

2 May 1984

~~Agree to
the response
proposed by the
Foreign Secretary?~~ JT 2/r

Dear John

El Salvador

I enclose a letter from Dr Fidel Chavez Mena, Minister for Foreign Affairs of El Salvador to the Prime Minister inviting the United Kingdom to be officially represented at the XI International Fair at San Salvador from 3-20 November 1984. This was forwarded to us by the Salvadorean Ambassador to London.

Sir Geoffrey Howe considers that it would be more appropriate for him to reply on behalf of the Prime Minister. HM Ambassador at Tegucigalpa (who is also accredited to El Salvador) had earlier received an invitation to this fair and passed it to the Department of Trade and Industry for them to notify British firms who might wish to participate. He commented at that time that we have nothing to gain by having an official stand at the fair, which the COI estimate would cost £45-50,000. We share this view and propose that in replying Sir Geoffrey should politely turn down the invitation.

Yours ever,

Peter Ricketts

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No.

San Salvador, marzo 15 de 1984

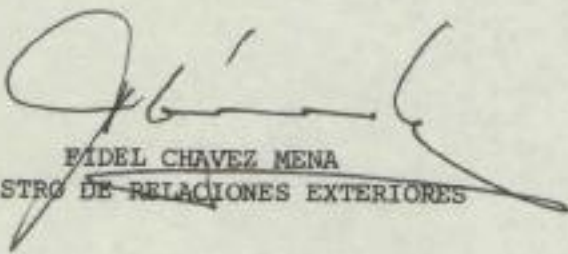
Señora Primer Ministro:

Tengo el honor de dirigirme a Vuestra Excelencia, en ocasión de referirme a la invitación que a nombre de mi Gobierno esta Cancillería presentó a su Excelentísimo Embajador acreditado ante nuestro pueblo y Gobierno, para que su país participe en la XI Feria Internacional que se realizará del 3 al 20 de noviembre de 1984, en esta ciudad.

Deseo manifestar a Vuestra Excelencia, la importancia que mi Gobierno le otorga a este evento, el cual dentro de las actuales circunstancias por las que mi país atraviesa, se convierte en el deseo ferviente de cada uno de los salvadoreños que con esfuerzo y empeño, hacemos de esta Feria, la expresión de paz y concordia, como resultado del proceso de democratización en que estamos empeñados en lograr.

Mi Gobierno por mi medio reitera a Vuestra Excelencia la atenta invitación, para que su país asista oficialmente a nuestra XI Feria Internacional, con lo que se le dará mayor realce al evento.

Al agradecer la atención que esta nota le merezca, aprovecho complacido la oportunidad para reiterar a Vuestra Excelencia, las demostraciones de mi distinguida consideración y estima.


FIDEL CHAVEZ MENA
MINISTRO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES

Excelentísima Señora
Margaret Thatcher M.,
P. Primer Ministro de
Gran Bretaña

FREE TRANSLATION

Opening courtesies. . .to confirm the invitation, which in the name of my Government was presented by the Foreign Ministry to His Excellency the British Ambassador accredited to our people and Government for your country to participate in the XI International Fair which will take place from 3 to 20 November 1984 in this city (San Salvador).

I wish to inform Your Excellency of the importance which my Government, by agreeing to hold this fair in the present circumstances which my country is going through, attaches to this event. All Salvadoreans are pledged to make this fair an expression of peace and harmony as a result of the process of democratisation we are seeking to achieve.

On behalf of my Government and myself I reiterate to Your Excellency this invitation for your country to take part officially at our XI International Fair, thereby enhancing the event.

Usual closing courtesies.