



BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: SENOR LICENCIADO JULIO ADOLFO
REY PRENDES, APPOINTED MINISTER FOR THE PRESIDENCY,
31 JULY 1984

Born 5 October 1932, Santa Ana, El Salvador.

BA political sciences Tulane University, New
Orleans, USA.

Previous positions include an appointment at the
Central Reserve Bank, 1958; Director-General of Tourism,
Ministry of Economy (1959-1961); Visiting Professor,
School of Journalism, 1960; Director (and Co-Owner) of
Magazine 'Exitos', 1962; Chief of Public Relations,
Central American Bank Economic Integration, 1962/63;
served as Christian Democrat (PDC) Member on the
Legislative Assembly, June 1964 to May 1972 and June 1974
to May 1976; Mayor of San Salvador, November 1979 to
December 1981; elected to Constituent Assembly and
served from April 1982 to December 1983, and Vice
President of the Legislative Assembly, December 1983 to
31 July 1984.

/Senor

Señor Rey Prendes is a founder member of PDC, and Secretary General of PDC from June 1982 to September 1984. He was Head of the PDC 1984 Presidential campaign. Accompanied President Duarte at negotiations with FMLN/FDR at La Palma, October 1984. He attended the EDU Conference in Oslo in June 1984 and is participating in the Konrad Adenauer Foundation Conference in UK 19-21 October on Central America.

Señor Rey Prendes is married with 6 children. He speaks English.

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Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

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I really don't think you need see him.

You gave a lot of attention to Duarte, and you can

Sen Charles consider his letter without having delivered personally. This is what FCO Ministers should do.

El Salvador: Visit to Britain by Senor Licenciado Julio Adolfo Rey Prendes, Minister of the Presidency

Agree not

Senor Rey Prendes, who is effectively the most senior and influential Minister of President Duarte, will be in the UK from 19-23 October. The Salvadorean Foreign Ministry have just informed us that he will be bringing a message from President Duarte to the Prime Minister about the dramatic meeting held with the FMLN/FDR guerrillas on 15 October. The message, which the Foreign Ministry hope can be delivered personally to the Prime Minister, also contains a response to the Prime Minister's letter of 6 August.

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Senor Rey Prendes, together with the Minister of Defence, accompanied President Duarte to the meeting with the FMLN/FDR. The meeting, which was successful beyond all expectations, opens up a real prospect of national reconciliation. Both sides agreed according to the joint communique to the creation of a joint commission "to seek ways of bringing about peace and humanising the armed conflict".

*Just
10 minutes
No more
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The Minister is speaking at the Konrad Adenauer Foundation EDU Conference on Central America in Croydon during the weekend of 19-21 October.

Sir Geoffrey Howe realises that the Prime Minister will be very busy at the beginning of next week, but believes that she would wish to consider receiving Senor Rey Prendes, in view of her successful meeting with Senor Duarte, and the subsequent encouraging developments in El Salvador. Sir Geoffrey will himself be in Luxembourg on 22 and 23 October; if the Prime Minister were unable to see Senor Rey Prendes, he will arrange for Mr Renton to see him and take delivery of the message.

Tom ever,

(P F Ricketts)
Private Secretary

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