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THE PRIME MINISTER

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your letter of 11 February about the 42nd session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights at Geneva. We warmly support your efforts to improve the human rights situation in El Salvador, and we have publicly paid tribute to your success in achieving a dramatic improvement since you took office.

As you will now know, we voted in favour of the resolution on El Salvador, at the United Nations, in company with the United States and the great majority of members of the Human Rights Commission. But we made clear in our explanation of vote that we should have preferred it to have taken fuller account of your Government's success in securing improvements. We shall continue to argue for proper recognition of this. You will, I know, continue your efforts to deal with any abuses.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Senor Ing José Napoleón Duarte