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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
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It was a great honor to meet with you in London on last September 26th, and to be able to inform you of the situation in Central America and in my country. We are determined, as Government, to bring back to El Salvador the peace and prosperity we once enjoyed, but as we discussed it, this will not be an easy task after ten years of conflict and social bitterness.

We have just completed the second round of dialogue with the FMLN in Costa Rica. Although the outcome of the meeting did not produce a favorable result, we have agreed to continue the meetings next month in Caracas, Venezuela. I can assure you, Mrs. Prime Minister, that our commitment remains intact to provide the necessary political space for the FMLN to participate in the democratic process.

While in London, the Minister of Economy and the Vice-Minister of Planning met with Mr. Minister Richard Ryder at HM Treasury, and also with the Overseas Development Administration and Export Guarantee Credit Department. The British Embassy has told me that ECGD may shortly send a representative to El Salvador, to examine our situation. I am sure their visit will be fruitful and that thereafter Britain will be able to take full advantage of the trade opportunities offered by our programme of economic recovery, to be led by public sector infrastructure works and private industry investment and expansion in our economic climate.

HER EXCELLENCY  
MRS. MARGARET THATCHER  
PRIME MINISTER  
LONDON, ENGLAND



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In the 1970's Britain had an excellent assistance programme in El Salvador, in veterinary work and running our principal Technical Institute in Santa Tecla. Both are areas of importance to our development. With the beginning of our troubles, that highly regarded programme lapsed. I am concerned that the Technical Institute should again provide the high standard of training that our young people need, and from which our industries can recruit high calibre technicians. If your Government could once again assist the Technical Institute, which we are privatising in the interest of efficiency to a business orientated foundation, it would assist us. Three or four technical experts from England would ensure that the Institute, once again, would be an effective force.

It is my intention to visit other European countries next year, and I hope it may be possible to continue our discussion on that occasion, by when, I trust, the peace process in El Salvador will be well advanced.

Again let me thank you for the time you dispensed us during our visit to London and for your interest in our country.

  
Alfredo F. Cristiani