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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Do you wish to see him?

24 February, 1983

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Dear John,

You will know that Professor Miguel Schweitzer, the Chilean Ambassador in London, has been appointed as the new Chilean Foreign Minister. Professor Schweitzer is planning to return to London in the week beginning 21 March to pay his farewell calls. He will be received by The Queen on Wednesday 23 March. Mr Pym also hopes to see him.

The Chileans have asked whether Professor Schweitzer could pay a brief farewell call on the Prime Minister. This would be very unusual, would certainly become known and could set a precedent. The Chile Lobby might pick it up and make something of it. It is unusual for a departing ambassador to be taking up the post of Foreign Minister but not particularly unusual for ambassadors, especially from Latin America, to return to take up important jobs. While our relations with Chile are good

* there are no strong foreign policy reasons for seeing the Chilean and some disadvantages in doing so.

Perhaps you could let me know whether the Prime Minister would wish to see him.

Yours ever

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From the Private Secretary

2 March 1983

THE NEW CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER

RC // Thank you for your letter of 24 February. The Prime Minister has considered the arguments and has concluded that she would like to see Professor Schweitzer, particularly as he has been appointed as the new Chilean Foreign Minister. She could do this at 1700 hours on 23 March. Could you kindly let me know whether this is convenient. I should be grateful for a brief in due course.

A. J. COLES

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Caroline

Can you pl. give me a
time in the week beginning
21 April ?

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John

Would 1700 on
23/3 suit?

Tf.