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THE PRIME MINISTER

10 November 1983

PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

SERIAL No. T.181/83

Dear Prime Minister,

I read with much interest your letter of 30 August about Chile.

The British Government shares your concern about events in recent months there, and I appreciate your call for an initiative by Western leaders to underline our common desire to see a re-establishment of democracy in Chile.

For our part, we have welcomed the Chilean Government's decision to open a dialogue with opposition leaders. We have expressed the hope that democracy be restored by peaceful means in full respect for human rights. At the same time, we have left the Chilean Government in no doubt at our concern where further violations of human rights occur. You may rest assured that the UK, together with our friends in Europe, will continue to work to advance the cause of democracy in Chile. In so doing, we hope we may, without interfering in Chile's internal affairs, be a source of strength and support to all those who wish, without resort to violence, to restore Chile's democratic traditions.

I shall be much interested to hear of any proposals you may decide to formulate as a result of the enquiries you have been making.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Thatcher
dr

His Excellency Sr. Felipe Gonzalez.

Message passed by telephone to FCO
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PRIME MINISTER

The response to Sr. Gonzalez
has been delayed by the decision
to reach agreement with our
EC partners on a common response.

Our Embassy in Madrid assured
Sr. Gonzalez's office some time
ago that his letter was receiving
careful attention.

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9 November, 1983

No excuse! This
letter is comprehensive.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

8 November 1983

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Dear John,

Spanish Initiative on Chile

You wrote to John Holmes on 7 September enclosing a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from the Spanish Prime Minister suggesting a European initiative in support of the re-establishment of the democracy of Chile.

As Sr Gonzalez had written to most Western European Heads of Government, we agreed with our EC partners that the Ten should consider in the framework of political co-operation what response should be made to Sr Gonzalez's initiative. At the Political Committee in New York on 26 September it was decided that the Greek Presidency should circulate possible elements for inclusion in replies. After some delay, the Presidency duly circulated suggestions, a copy of which I enclose. As you will see, they are uncontentious and couched in general terms. As such, they present us with no difficulties. We have therefore prepared the enclosed draft letter which draws upon the Presidency's language and which the Prime Minister might like to send Sr Gonzalez.

In view of the lapse of time, we asked our Embassy in Madrid some time ago to confirm to Sr Gonzalez's office that his letter to the Prime Minister was receiving careful attention and that a reply would soon be sent.

Yours ever

Peter Ricketts

(P F Ricketts)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

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Prime Minister

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His Excellency Sr Felipe Gonzalez
Prime Minister of Spain

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WITH REFERENCE TO THE DISCUSSION HELD IN THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE ABOUT THE REPLY TO BE GIVEN TO THE LETTER OF THE SPANISH PRIME MINISTER ON THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN CHILE, THE PRESIDENCY SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS OF REPLY FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF PARTNERS.

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION FOR INITIATIVE OF MR. GONZALES AND READINESS TO RESPOND TO IT. CONCERN FOR INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS IN CHILE, WHICH RUN COUNTER TO THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE CHILEAN PEOPLE FOR A PROMPT RETURN TO DEMOCRACY. DETERMINATION OF THE TEN TO CONTINUE, COLLECTIVELY AND INDIVIDUALLY, EFFORTS, I.A. IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA, FOR ACCELERATION OF DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND RESPECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS. CONTINUING SUPPORT OF DEMOCRATIC FORCES BOTH WITHIN THE COUNTRY AND ABROAD.

COMMENTS OF PARTNERS ARE INVITED, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT EACH RECIPIENT OF THE LETTER WILL ANSWER INDIVIDUALLY.

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