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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

His Excellency Sr. Felipe Gonzalez.

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