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Dear Michael,

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18 December 1980 Prime Minister's Overseas Visits and Visitors 1981 You confirmed on 15 December the Prime Minister's agreement in principle to the proposal for an inward visit in 1981 by the Prime Minister of Peru, Dr Manuel Ulloa Elias. It is proposed that Dr Ulloa should be invited to visit the UK as a guest of HMG for about three days during late January or February next year. Dr Ulloa will be visiting the USSR during that period (for talks on a long-standing irrigation project) and has told our Ambassador in Lima that he would welcome the opportunity to balance this with a visit to the UK. If the timing is broadly convenient, you may wish to let me know on which days the Prime Minister could entertain Dr Ulloa. Dr Ulloa is also the Minister of the Economy and of Commerce and is the most powerful and influential person in Peru after the President. He speaks excellent English and is a highly successful businessman in his own right. He wants to re-establish personal contacts in the UK, not least the City. He could well prove a valuable friend for Britain. A meeting with the Prime Minister and an official function at No 10 would play an important part in ensuring the success of his visit. yours over Roberic Lyne 26/1 (R M J Lyne) Private Secretary M O'D B Alexander Esq 10 Downing Street LONDON CONFIDENTIAL

