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From the Private Secretary

18 June 1984

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Prime Minister of Peru

Thank you for your letter of 18 June recording the resignation of Dr. Schwalb as Prime Minister of Peru, and his succession by Dr. Mariategui, together with the assessment that the latter is likely to be only in office for a short time. I agree that in the circumstances it makes sense to drop the proposal for a visit by the Peruvian Prime Minister this autumn.

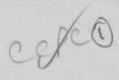
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Dear Charles,

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Prime Minister of Peru

In John Coles' letter of 16 February he confirmed that the Prime Minister agreed that Dr Schwalb, the then Prime Minister of Peru, should be invited to pay an official visit to the United Kingdom from 30 September to 5 October and that Mrs Thatcher would receive him for talks on 3 October followed by lunch.

Dr Schwalb resigned as Prime Minister in April and our Ambassador in Lima considers that the benefits accruing from a visit here by his successor, Dr Mariategui, would at most be marginal and short-term. Dr Mariategui is heading a lame-duck administration which at best will limp through until the elections scheduled for March 1985. The Foreign Secretary therefore recommends that the proposal for a visit by the Peruvian Prime Minister this autumn should be dropped.

(P F Ricketts)
Private Secretary

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10 DOWNING STREET From the Private Secretary 16 February 1984 Prime Minister of Peru Thank you for your letter of 10 February. The Prime Minister agrees that Dr. Schwalb should be invited to pay an official visit to the United Kingdom between 30 September and 5 October. Mrs. Thatcher would be prepared to have talks with him at 12 o'clock on Wednesday, 3 October and give him lunch afterwards. Peter Ricketts, Esq., Foreign and Commonwealth Office

PRIME MINISTER

You agreed earlier that we could invite the Prime Minister of Peru (Dr. Schwalb) for an official visit.

He has now proposed the dates of 30 September - 5 October.

These dates fall between your return from an overseas visit (to Malaysia etc.) and the Party Conference.

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8 December, 1983

Prime Minister of Peru

Thank you for your letter of 7 December.
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Prime Minister should be invited to visit
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Dear John,

Possible visit to the UK by the Prime Minister of Peru

Lady Young has just made a successful visit to Peru. It was clear from the particular warmth with which President Belaunde and members of his government received her that the Peruvians are now keen to be back on good terms with us after the setback to our relations resulting from the Falklands war.

During the visit, Dr Schwalb, the Peruvian Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, made it clear that he would much welcome an invitation to pay an official visit to Britain. The Foreign Secretary believes it to be in our interest to respond. There is clearly advantage in taking this opportunity to develop our relations with a major Latin American country, which has in the past been susceptible to Argentine influence. It is also useful to retain the ability to bring the Peruvians into play, if it so suits us, over our own relations with Argentina. President Belaunde's undertaking to Lady Young to convey to the new Argentine Government our wish for a gradual normalisation of relations is an example of how they can be helpful. On the other hand, he clearly still has hopes of acting as a mediator between ourselves and Argentina; and his suggestion of dividing sovereignty between the islands is the latest example of this. The Foreign Secretary has considered whether an invitation to Dr Schwalb might whet President Belaunde's appetite once more. He believes that this is not a real danger. President Belaunde has already had a polite but firm message discouraging him from taking his latest ideas on the Falklands any further and a visit to London by Dr Schwalb would, in practice, give us a good opportunity to put our own views clearly to him.

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An additional consideration is that Peru has just been elected to the Security Council. There are therefore a number of issues on which an exchange of views with Dr Schwalb would be helpful. The Foreign Secretary therefore recommends that an official invitation should be extended to Dr Schwalb for a visit next year.

You ever, Peter Zidalts

(P F Ricketts) Private Secretary

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