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From the Private Secretary

4 April 1985

EL SALVADOR

The Prime Minister has agreed that the message to President Duarte attached to your letter of 3 April, should be sent as drafted. She has noted that delivery will be delayed until the election results are confirmed.

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Prime Minister.
Agree message?
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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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3 April, 1985

Dear Charles,

Yes Mr

El Salvador: Message of Congratulation to President Duarte

The El Salvador National Assembly and municipal elections took place on 31 March. President Duarte's Christian Democrat Party (PDC) are unofficially estimated to have won a majority with 32 or 33 seats (compared with their previous 24) against the 22 seats of the far-right ARENA Party in alliance with the National Conciliation Party (PCN).

Our Ambassador reports that voting was orderly and free from any sign of interference at the polls. These elections consolidate three years of democratic development in El Salvador.

We recommend that the Prime Minister send a short message of congratulation to President Duarte on his party's victory as she did when he won the Presidential election in June 1984. I enclose a draft.

The result is as yet unofficial. The Electoral National Council announcement is expected within the week. I suggest that the Embassy should delay the delivery of the message until the results are confirmed. ||

Yes ever,

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	10	1. Please deliver the following message from the Prime	
	11	Minister to President Duarte. You should delay delivery until	
	12	the election results are officially confirmed.	
	13	BEGINS	
	14	Warm congratulations on your Party's victory in the National	
	15	Assembly elections. Following this further demonstration of	
	16	the consolidation of democracy in El Salvador, I wish you	
	17	and your Government every success in tackling the many	
	18	challenges that still remain. You will continue to have	
	19	our support in your efforts to secure democratic progress and	
	20	stability, both in El Salvador and in the region.	
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