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Foreign &  
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12 September 2000

London SW1A 2AH

*Dear Ann,*

*AW  
c: JB  
US  
PES*

Letter from President Noboa of Ecuador: Lord Levy

The Ecuadorean Embassy in London forwarded to you on 30 August a letter from President Noboa to the Prime Minister. President Noboa expresses the wish to see Lord Levy for talks on matters of bilateral interest when his visit to Ecuador, as the Prime Minister's personal representative, is reinstated.

We are now in the process of reorganising Lord Levy's mission to Latin America and the visit to Quito is planned for 22 and 23 November. It would be useful if you could write to the Ecuadorean Ambassador to acknowledge receipt of the President's letter and to engage the Ambassador's support for the reinstatement of Lord Levy's programme at the highest level.

... I attach a draft.

*Yours etc,  
Tim*

(Tim Barrow)  
Private Secretary

Ms Anna Wechsberg  
10 Downing Street

DRAFT LETTER FROM PS/NO 10 TO AMBASSADOR OF ECUADOR

HE Sr Oswaldo Ramirez-Landazuri  
Embassy of Ecuador  
Flat 3B  
3 Hans Crescent  
Knightsbridge  
LONDON SW1X 0LS

Please thank President Noboa for his letter to the Prime Minister transmitted under cover of your note for 30 August.

The Prime Minister is grateful to the President for offering to welcome Lord Levy for talks in Quito. Lord Levy is now hoping to be in Quito on 22 and 23 November and would very much welcome the opportunity to have discussions with President Noboa on matters of mutual interest. We have asked our Embassy in Quito to contact the President's Office to make the necessary arrangements. I should be grateful if you too could convey to the President the new dates when Lord Levy is hoping to visit as the Prime Minister's personal representative.

[Georgina Butler  
LACD 2479]



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*El Presidente de la República del Ecuador*

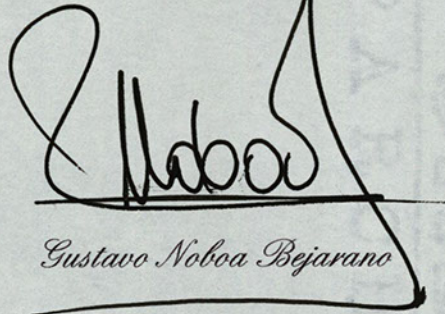
*Quito, a 7 de Agosto de 2000*

*Señor Primer Ministro:*

*Agradexco su atenta comunicación del 18 de julio pasado, por la que me comunica que su Representante Personal ha tenido que posponer su visita a Ecuador.*

*Tendré mucho gusto de recibir a Lord Levy para tratar temas de mutuo interés para nuestros países cuando venga al Ecuador.*

*Hago propicia la ocasión para expresarle los sentimientos de mi más alta y distinguida consideración.*



*Gustavo Noboa Bejarano*

*A su Excelencia  
Tony Blair  
Primer Ministro de Gran Bretaña  
Londres*



EMBASSY OF ECUADOR  
LONDON

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The EMBASSY OF ECUADOR presents its compliments to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office -Protocol Department- and has the honour to request that the enclosed letter sent by the Ecuadorian President, Dr Gustavo Noboa Bejarano, be forwarded to its addressee, The Right Honourable Mr Tony Blair, Prime Minister .

The Embassy of Ecuador avails itself of this opportunity to express to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office -Protocol Department- the assurances of its highest consideration.



London, 30th August 2000

To the  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
Protocol Department  
London.-

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HMA, Quito

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18 July 2000

THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear President,

As you know, I had very much hoped that Lord Levy would visit Ecuador from 19-22 July as my personal representative to discuss with you issues of mutual interest and concern. I share his disappointment that he has had to postpone his visit to Ecuador, and hope it can be reinstated soon.

With my best wishes,

Yours sincerely,  
Tony Blair

His Excellency Dr Gustavo Noboa Bejarano

JC





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LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

18 July 2000

*Dear Andrew*

I enclose the top copy of a letter the Prime Minister has written to HE Dr Gustavo Noboa Bejarano. I have not faxed a copy of the letter to his office and I should be grateful if you could arrange for it to be delivered as soon as possible.

I am copying this letter by fax to the Ambassador in Quito

*Yours ever*

*Michael*

**MICHAEL TATHAM**

Andrew Patrick  
FCO



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LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

26 July 1999

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*Dear President Mahuad,*

Thank you for your letter of 2 July.

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I understand the very difficult economic circumstances the Ecuadorian people are currently suffering. I am well aware that, while the El Niño weather phenomenon severely affected the economies of many countries in the region, it hit Ecuador particularly hard. The UK's response to this natural disaster was rapid. In November 1997, the Department for International Development (DFID) donated US\$100,000 to the UN Department of Humanitarian Assistance in Geneva for the purchase of relief supplies. In March 1998, DFID donated a further £20,000 to Care International for food parcels for the province of Esmeraldas. The UK has also made a significant contribution to the ECHO relief effort through its contributions to the European Union.

The UK continues to be at the forefront of the international effort to provide debt relief to the world's poorer countries. At the meeting of G8 Heads of State in Cologne, I pressed for debt reduction to be delivered faster, wider and deeper for very poor, highly indebted countries (HIPC). This goal was achieved. We were particularly pleased that the link between debt relief and poverty reduction had been strengthened.

*AD*

Although Ecuador is highly indebted, it is fortunately in a better economic position than countries which will qualify under the HIPC initiative extended at Cologne. Countries are eligible for inclusion in the HIPC initiative only if they meet the World Bank's International Development Association criterion. This is based on a country's poverty (GNP per capita per annum less than US\$925) and lack of credit worthiness for IBRD lending.

I understand that you are currently negotiating with the International Monetary Fund to reach an agreement on a Standby Arrangement. As Tony Lloyd emphasised during his discussions with you earlier this year, it is important that an agreement is reached. The UK would look sympathetically at the possibility of Paris Club re-scheduling, if an IMF agreement is signed.

I can assure you that the UK will play its full part in assisting Ecuador and Peru with cross-border reconstruction, in the wake of the peace agreement between your two countries. Like our EU partners, we are committed to giving serious consideration to the project proposals of the Binational Commission on Border Integration once these emerge. It was helpful to hear of your plans in this area during the visit of the Binational Commission experts, including Ambassador Suarez to the UK, last month.

*Yours sincerely*  
*Tony Blair*

His Excellency Sr. Jamil Mahuad Witt



EMBASSY OF ECUADOR  
LONDON

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CC: JPO  
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The EMBASSY OF ECUADOR presents its compliments to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Protocol Department, and has the honour to enclose two letters addressed to The Right Honourable Mr Tony Blair, the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, and Mr Tony Lloyd, Under-secretary of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, send by His Excellency Dr Jamil Mahuad, President of the Republic of Ecuador.

The EMBASSY OF ECUADOR wishes to request that the aforementioned letters be delivered to its addressees.

The EMBASSY OF ECUADOR avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Protocol Department, the assurances of its highest consideration.



London, 24th May 1999

To the  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
Protocol Department  
King Charles Street  
London.-



PRESIDENCIA DE LA REPUBLICA

Quito, abril 21 de 1999

Señor Primer Ministro:

Tengo a honra dirigirme a Vuestra Excelencia, con el propósito de expresarle mi particular agradecimiento por el gentil mensaje de aliento que ha tenido a bien hacerme llegar por intermedio del señor Anthony Lloyd, Ministro de Estado para Asuntos Exteriores del Reino Unido y de la Mancomunidad Británica, ante las difíciles circunstancias económicas que está atravesando el Ecuador y en el que ha reiterado, además, el deseo del Reino Unido de contribuir a impulsar los procesos de privatización y de reforma del sector público ecuatoriano.

Coincido con Vuestra Excelencia en que mediante el diálogo y el consenso entre los diversos sectores políticos, sociales y económicos de la nación, será posible llevar adelante las transformaciones estructurales requeridas.

Tenga Vuestra Excelencia la seguridad de que mi Gobierno continuará realizando todos los esfuerzos que sean necesarios para afianzar el bienestar del pueblo de mi país, en el marco del mayor respeto de los derechos y libertades públicas.

Al renovar mi agradecimiento, reitero a Vuestra Excelencia, los sentimientos de mi más alta y distinguida consideración.

Jamil Mahuad Witt  
Presidente Constitucional de la República del Ecuador

Al Excelentísimo señor  
Anthony Blair  
Primer Ministro del Reino Unido e  
Irlanda del Norte  
Londres.-



PRESIDENCIA DE LA REPUBLICA

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Quito, 3 de diciembre de 1998

Señor Primer Ministro:

Me es grato dirigirme a usted para expresarle mi agradecimiento por la felicitación que me hiciera llegar con motivo de la firma del Acuerdo de Paz entre Ecuador y Perú.

La paz que hemos conseguido contribuirá significativamente al desarrollo armonioso de nuestros pueblos. La cooperación, la amistad y la confianza mutua que se consolidarán luego de la firma del acuerdo, serán el eje fundamental en las relaciones de nuestros países en el próximo siglo.

Todo ello ha sido posible gracias a la firme determinación del Ecuador y el Perú, de acordar una solución digna y global a su histórica controversia y gracias también a la cooperación dinámica y eficaz de los países Garantes del Protocolo de Río de Janeiro.

Hago propicia la oportunidad para reiterarle el testimonio de mi distinguida consideración.

Jamil Mahuad Witt,  
Presidente Constitucional de la República del Ecuador

Al Honorable Señor  
Tony Blair,  
Primer Ministro de Gran Bretaña  
Londres.



EMBAJADA DEL ECUADOR  
EN LONDRES

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The EMBASSY OF ECUADOR presents its compliments to the, Protocol Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and has the honour to enclose an envelope send by His Excellency Dr Jamil Mahuad, President of Ecuador, to His Excellency Mr Tony Blair, British Prime Minister.

This Diplomatic Mission will appreciate if the Protocol Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office kindly forward the above mentioned envelope to its addressee.

The EMBASSY OF ECUADOR avails itself of this opportunity to express to the Protocol Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office the assurances of its highest consideration.



London, 4th January 1999

To the  
Protocol Department  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
London.-



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PRESIDENCIA DE LA REPUBLICA

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Oficio No.001-DPR-98  
Quito, 18 de agosto de 1998

Excelentísimo Señor  
Tony Blair  
Primer Ministro del Reino Unido  
Londres  
Reino Unido

Excelentísimo Señor Primer Ministro:

A nombre del pueblo ecuatoriano y en el mío propio, me es grato dirigirme a usted para expresarle mi agradecimiento por su afectuoso mensaje de felicitación.

Confío en que la salud, el trabajo y la justicia no volverán a faltar a mi pueblo. Sé que Dios me ayudará a cumplir con este anhelo. Trabajaré con ahínco para no defraudar las esperanzas de los ecuatorianos.

Nuestro pueblos, unidos por una misma vocación de paz y justicia, esperan de sus gobernantes la respuesta a sus necesidades más apremiantes, y una lucha frontal contra la corrupción y la violencia.

Afectuosamente,

Dr. Jamil Mahuad Witt  
Presidente Constitucional de la República del Ecuador





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London SW1A 2AH

21 July 1998

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*CC JEM  
MCJB*

*Dear Philip*

President-Elect of Ecuador

Dr Jamil Mahuad Witt of the Popular Democratic Party (DP) won the Ecuadorean Presidential elections on 12 July. Official figures reveal that Mahuad won by a narrow margin (51% of the votes cast versus 48% for his rival candidate). International observers have expressed satisfaction with the conduct of the election.

Ecuador is divided economically, politically and culturally. The interim government elected under a constitutional fudge in February 1997 has proved to be weak, ineffective and incapable of persuading a divided Congress to approve sensible economic measures in the light of damage to the coastal regions by El Nino weather phenomenon and the fiscal impact of oil prices well below those assumed in the 1998 budget. If Ecuador is to do more than muddle through, the new government will have to undertake substantial economic reform.

Dr Mahuad has been Mayor of Quito since 1992 and has a reputation for getting things done. The hope is that he will be able to get a grip on the country and help it to realise more of its considerable potential (e.g. in terms of energy and mineral resources). British interests in Ecuador are limited, but we are an important investor, and have an interest in encouraging the new President.

We therefore recommend that the Prime Minister send a congratulatory message to Dr Mahuad. I enclose a draft.

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*Yours ever  
Andrew Patrick*

(Andrew Patrick)  
Private Secretary

Philip Barton Esq OBE  
10 Downing Street

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ECUADOR: PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: CONGRATULATIONS

SUBJECT: ECUADOR: PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: CONGRATULATIONS

1. Please convey the following message from the Prime Minister to President-elect Mahuad:

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Please accept my congratulations on your election as the next President of Ecuador. I wish you and your government every success. I look forward to the continued development of the good relations that exist between our two countries, including through increased trade and investment.

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2. There will be no signed original.

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