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Dear Anna,

El Salvador: Earthquake: Message of Condolence

You will have seen reports of the earthquake which has caused extensive damage and loss of life in El Salvador. We recommend that the Prime Minister should send a message of condolence. I enclose a draft letter.
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Yours ever,

Patrick

(Patrick Davies)
Private Secretary

Ms Anna Wechsberg
10 Downing Street

DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT FLORES

President Francisco Flores
San Salvador

I was appalled to learn of the death, injury and destruction caused by the earthquake in El Salvador on Saturday. The families who have lost loved ones have our deepest sympathy.

I hope that the emergency assistance that the United Kingdom has been able to provide will add to your efforts to bring relief to those Salvadoreans who are suffering as a result of this natural disaster.

[Carol Wright
LACD, 2475]

PM has seen.

FROM: Matt Baugh
(GH 708, 0040)

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cc: Press

DATE: 14 January 2001

CC:

Duty Clerk, No 10 — *as discussed*
DHM San Salvador
~~Rurik Marsden, Press Office~~

El Salvador Earthquake - DFID Response

DFID's initial response to the El Salvador earthquake:

- UN. In response to a request from OCHA, DFID has made an immediate pledge of \$50,000 to support the deployment and activities of their Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) Team. The team will include UK UNDAC member Mr J Bishop. We are awaiting project proposals from other UN Agencies who are making their assessments in the affected area.
- International Organisations and NGOs. We have made an initial pledge of £100,000 in response to the preliminary appeal from the IFRC. We are also in close touch with the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) and Oxfam, both of whom are expected to present appeals/proposals for funding on Monday 15 January. As soon as we receive these, we will consider appropriate responses.
- Government of El Salvador. The government has appealed for international assistance and has issued a preliminary list of needs, including earth-moving equipment and shelter items, such as tents and blankets. We are currently considering the most appropriate response, including regional procurement of relief items.
- DFID continues to monitor the situation closely and stands ready to respond appropriately based on the best available information reaching us from the region.
- DFID's Conflict and Humanitarian Affairs Department is providing 24 hour manning in their emergency response operations centre in Grosvenor Gardens. A full information note, including situation assessment, will be prepared tomorrow.

Matthew Baugh
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THE PRIME MINISTER

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19 May 1999

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Dear President Flores.

Please accept my best wishes as you begin your term as President of El Salvador. I wish you and your government every success in pursuing the New Alliance with the Salvadorean people to which you are committed.

I look forward to the continued development of the good relations that exist between our two countries, including through increased trade and investment.

*Yours sincerely
Tony Blair*

His Excellency President Francisco Flores

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● **Top papers with the
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President Flores
El Salvador



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11 May 1999

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for signature.

Philip 11/5

Dear Philip

Message of Congratulations to the President of El Salvador

On 8 March, Francisco Flores of the ruling right-wing ARENA Party, won an uninspiring presidential election with 51% of the vote. Flores' victory was facilitated by low voter turn-out and a divided opposition party.

The elections took place in a free and generally fair and open manner. The low turn-out contributed to the calm atmosphere and lack of disturbance during the voting.

El Salvador's strong economic performance has helped her weather the impact of both El Nino and Hurricane Mitch in 1998, but the new government must take urgent action to address the pressing social problems in the country such as the rising levels of violent crime and an inadequate education system.

It is traditional for the Prime Minister to send a message of congratulation to democratically elected Heads of Government. Baroness Amos, Government Whip and speaker for DFID will be representing us at the inauguration on 31 May - 1 June. We therefore recommend a message be sent along the lines of the enclosed draft.

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Yours ever

Andrew Patrick

(Andrew Patrick)
Private Secretary

Philip Barton Esq OBE
10 Downing Street

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EL SALVADOR: PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS

1. Please arrange for the following message from the Prime Minister to be delivered to President Flores by Baroness Amos on the occasion of his inauguration:

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Please accept my best wishes as you begin your term as President of El Salvador. I wish you and your government every success in pursuing the New Alliance with the Salvadorean people to which you are committed.

I look forward to the continued development of the good relations that exist between our two countries, including through increased trade and investment.

~~Ends~~

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The Embassy of El Salvador presents its compliments to the Protocol Department of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and would kindly request the following message from our President Dr. Armando Calderón Sol, to be forwarded to the Rt. Hon. Primer Minister Tony Blair:

"TENGO EL HONOR DE DIRIGIRME A VUESTRA EXCELENCIA EN OCASION DE PRESENTAROS EN NOMBRE DEL PUEBLO Y GOBIERNO DE EL SALVADOR Y EN EL MIO PROPIO, NUESTRAS MAS SINCERAS Y CORDIALES FELICITACIONES POR CELEBRARSE EN ESTA FECHA EL NATALICIO DE SU MAJESTAD LA REINA ELIZABETH II. ME COMPLACE EXPRESAR A VUESTRA EXCELENCIA NUESTRO RECONOCIMIENTO POR LOS AVANCES EN EL DESARROLLO Y AMISTAD QUE EXISTEN ENTRE NUESTROS PUEBLOS, DESEAMOS QUE LOS LAZOS DE AMISTAD QUE FELIZMENTE UNEN A EL SALVADOR Y GRAN BRETAÑA SE FORTALEZCAN AUN MAS EN LOS AÑOS VENIDEROS. AL REITERAR A VUESTRA EXCELENCIA NUESTRAS SINCERAS FELICITACIONES, HAGO PROPICIA LA OPORTUNIDAD PARA OFRECEROS EL TESTIMONIO DE MIS MAS ALTA Y DISTINGUIDA CONSIDERACION. ARMANDO CALDERON SOL, PRESIDENTE DE LA REPUBLICA DE EL SALVADOR."

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

London, 24 April 1998



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