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Prime Minister

I am not so sanguine that the tone of the Ten's message will be as moderate as suggested: France & Italy will want a tough one.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Agree to principle of the message subject to your being satisfied with the text?
Agree but Sir W. Harding should visit Chile?

Dear Charles,

Anglo-Chilean Relations

Thank you for your letter of 25 January.

I mentioned in my letter of 24 January that there had been discussions on Chile by the Ten in Political Cooperation. The FRG, in consultation with ourselves, along the lines which the Foreign Secretary reported at the plenary of the recent Anglo-German Summit, have put it to the Ten that the Presidency might send a message to the Chilean Government urging the resumption of a political dialogue between the Government and democratic opposition groups. The intention is that the tone of the message should be moderate and constructive. The Ten will be considering how to make the most effective use of this message with other political leaders in Chile. This is not designed as an exercise in browbeating Chile over her human rights performance, but rather in encouraging the restoration of political stability and the orderly return to democracy which we, along with our Community partners and the Americans, consider to be in the Western interest. This proposal is to be looked at by the Political Directors at their meeting on 5 and 6 February. The Foreign Secretary believes this could be a helpful response to the present situation in Chile.

Both the Americans and the Germans have recently sent senior officials to Santiago to take stock of the situation themselves. We have not sent anyone from London to Santiago since the then Minister of State at the Foreign Office, Mr Cranley Onslow MP, visited Santiago in April 1983. The Foreign Secretary believes that, as the pace of our exchanges with the Americans and the Ten is increasing, there is a need to have a senior official visit Santiago. He therefore has it in mind to ask Sir William Harding, the Deputy Under-Secretary who supervises Latin America, to visit Chile in the week of 25 February. Sir William would hope to sound a range of Chilean opinion, both inside and outside Government.

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I think this is more useful

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CDP Yes/No
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Finally, the Prime Minister will wish to know that Chile will come up for discussion at the annual meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Commission which takes place in Geneva from 4 February to 15 March. There will, as in previous years, be a Resolution on Chile but of course no draft will be available for us to consider until the meeting is well under way.

Yours ever,

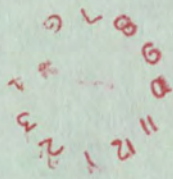
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From the Private Secretary

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ANGLO-CHILEAN RELATIONS

Thank you for your letter of 1 February about Anglo-Chilean relations.

The Prime Minister has commented that she thinks that the idea of a Presidency message to the Chilean Government would be most unwise. She doubts whether, in practice, it will be as moderate and constructive as forecast, given the attitude of some members of the Ten. It is not clear from your letter whether any early draft of such a message yet exists which might reassure the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister has no objection to the proposed visit to Chile by Sir William Harding.

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