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Correspondence from the Spanish
~~Prime Minister~~
~~President~~ seeking support for the
 Candidature of Don Marcelino Oreja
 for the post of Secretary General
 of the Council of Europe.
 PM's Meeting with Senor Oreja. (1)

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January 1984

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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5 June, 1985

* Michael Alison

Dear Charles,

I am more dubious than
the FCO whether the PM
will in the end agree to do
this. But for the moment it
is open.

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please

You asked for advice about the Rt Hon Sir Frederic Bennett's suggestion that the Prime Minister should commit herself to a visit to Strasbourg in the Spring or Autumn of 1986, and that terrorism would be a suitable topic for a speech by her to the Assembly.

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When we advised you previously on this subject (Peter Ricketts' letter of 8 February to Tim Flesher, of which I enclose a copy) we identified terrorism as the most promising theme for the Prime Minister to address at the Council of Europe. That is still the Foreign Secretary's view. But we still think that it is too early for the Prime Minister to commit herself to visiting the Council of Europe and speaking on this theme, until it is possible to see more clearly what will be the outcome of the current work being done in the Council of Europe's expert working group on terrorism. Progress to date in that working group, following the Home Secretary's initiative on last year's meeting of Ministers of Justice in Madrid, has been slow. The group is to consider soon the joint Anglo-Swiss working paper on terrorism. We still hope that this work can be carried through to a satisfactory agreement in the Council of Europe some time next year. This could provide a suitable occasion for a major speech.

We will keep the Council of Europe's work on terrorism under review and make a recommendation about a speech at the appropriate moment.

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

C D Powell Esq
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(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

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CORR 0261

8 February 1985

Dear Tim,

Council of Europe

You asked for a draft reply for the Prime Minister to send to Sir Frederic Bennett in reply to his letter of 24 January about the invitation to the Prime Minister to address the Council of Europe Assembly.

I enclose a draft reply.

The Prime Minister told Sr Oreja that if she were to address the Assembly "she would want to have something new and interesting to say". We have given thought to a theme which the Prime Minister might take up in addressing the Assembly. The most promising is terrorism, where the Council of Europe has put work in hand following last year's meeting of Ministers of Justice in Madrid. In principle the Council of Europe would be a highly suitable forum for a major speech about international terrorism.

In terms of the Council of Europe's own work on terrorism, we think that it would be better not to address this theme at once. The Home Office will be submitting some specific proposals to the forthcoming meeting of the Council of Europe working group on terrorism. If, as they hope, the momentum of the Home Secretary's initiative in Madrid can be carried through to a satisfactory agreement in the Council of Europe, that might well provide a suitable occasion for a major speech. But we need to be sure of a satisfactory outcome before the Prime Minister commits herself.

If the Prime Minister agrees with this approach, we will keep progress on terrorism in the Council of Europe under review with the Home Office and make a recommendation about a speech at the appropriate moment. We need to bear in mind also that the Prime Minister will need to go to Strasbourg during the British Presidency of the Community (either second half of 1986 or less probably first half of 1987) to report on the European Council to the European Parliament.

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I am copying this letter to Hugh Taylor (Home Office).

Yr ever,

Peter Ricketts

(P F Ricketts)
Private Secretary

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Prime Minister

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The Rt Hon Sir Frederic Bennett MP

House of Commons

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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CAVEAT.....

Thank you for your letter of 24 January reminding me of the invitation to visit Strasbourg and address a plenary session of the Assembly of the Council of Europe.

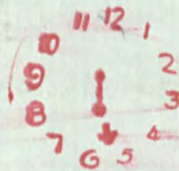
I was impressed in my conversations with Sr Oreja by his determination to get the Council of Europe's programme of activities into better shape and to reassess priorities. As I promised, I have considered carefully his invitation to address a plenary session.

I shall want to do this when the time is right. But my purpose would be to deliver a particular message on a particular theme. I am not in a position at the moment to be more specific in answer to the invitation but you can be sure that I will not forget it. I am happy for you to discuss with Michael/ Alison how to explain the position to the President of the Assembly.

Enclosures—flag(s).....

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Jan 84.

5 Jun.





10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

21 May 1985

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

When the Prime Minister met the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe in January (my letter of 16 January refers), Senor Oreja invited her to visit Strasbourg and address the Council. The Prime Minister promised to consider the invitation, observing that she would want to have something new and interesting to say.

Sir Frederick Bennett is aware of this exchange and is trying to pin down the Prime Minister to a visit next year. His preference is the Spring 1986 session with October 1986 as a fall back. He has mentioned that Sir Dudley Smith M.P., who is Chairman of the Council's Legal Affairs Committee, hopes to have a substantial report on combating terrorism to present to the Council in 1986. He suggests that this would make a useful topic for the Prime Minister to speak about. He also says that the Prime Minister is one of the few, if not the only, European Head of Government who has not visited and spoken at the Council of Europe.

I should be grateful for advice before putting this suggestion to the Prime Minister.

I am copying this letter to Hugh Taylor (Home Office).

(C.D. Powell)

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Charles Powell

POSSIBLE V~~ISIT~~ BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE COUNCIL
OF EUROPE

We spoke about this. You reminded me that the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe had pressed the Prime Minister to visit and speak to the Council before too long. I understand that she did not entirely rule out this possibility.

Sir Frederic Bennett, who leads the UK Delegation to the Council of Europe, obviously knows about this exchange between the Prime Minister and the Secretary-General, and is pressing me to pin down the Prime Minister to a visit next year. The Spring of 1986 session is the preferred occasion. October 1986 could be a fall back. One point that Sir Frederic mentioned specially to me is that Sir Dudley Smith MP, who is Chairman of the Council's Legal Affairs Committee, hopes to have a substantial report on combatting terrorism to present to the Council in 1986, and this would make a useful topic for the Prime Minister to speak about.

Could you kindly keep me in touch as to how thinking develops in regard to this visit, since I shall be subjected to increasing pressure from Sir Frederic Bennett.

I understand that the PM is one of the few, if not the only, European Head of Government who has not visited the Council of Europe Assembly

MICHAEL ALISON

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The Secretary General

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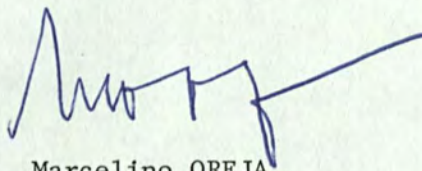
Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to say how much I enjoyed my visit to London this week and above all our discussions on the Council of Europe.

Your views on the role of our Organisation in the building of Europe were particularly valuable. The fact that all its members regularly meet and act together will indeed make Europe more influential, and each member as well.

The generous hospitality extended to me during my stay was much appreciated and I should like to express my thanks to you and your Government for such a warm welcome.

Yours sincerely,



Marcelino OREJA

The Rt.Hon. Margaret THATCHER, M.P.
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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cc Dr PC Cadock

From the Private Secretary

16 January 1985

Dear Colin,

PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF
THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, 16 JANUARY

The Prime Minister received Senor Oreja this afternoon. He was accompanied by a note-taker. The United Kingdom Permanent Representative to the Council of Europe was also present.

Senor Oreja thanked the Prime Minister for the United Kingdom's support for his election and for the excellent organisation of his visit to Britain. He thought that a turning point had been reached in the Council of Europe's affairs. He had to produce a programme for the Council's activities for the next five years. He would welcome ideas from Britain. The Council had to be aware of its responsibility to the taxpayer. There was scope for it to be more selective and concentrated in its activities. The Prime Minister endorsed this. It was important for the Council not to be diffuse. We would let Senor Oreja have suggestions.

Senor Oreja said that he attached particular importance to the Council's activities on terrorism. He felt strongly about this: four of his eleven closest political associates had been killed by Basque terrorists. Justice Ministers had

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called for proposals for improved cooperation against terrorism. He felt that the work was proceeding too slowly. Officials should be asked to report quickly. He also wished to give priority to the Council's work on drugs. The Prime Minister agreed that these two subjects should have priority. She recalled that the Council had issued a good resolution on terrorism last May. In her mind terrorism and subversion were closely linked.

The Prime Minister said that the Council of Europe had a special role. There was a risk that the European Community would become an exclusive club. The Council brought together a wider circle of countries and maintained contact and dialogue between them. Senor Oreja agreed that the Council should be a forum for political discussion and dialogue. There would be a special Ministerial meeting on 29 January, at Herr Genscher's initiative to discuss East/West relations, the Middle East and Latin America. The Prime Minister welcomed this and observed that a revived American initiative on the Middle East was needed.

Senor Oreja mentioned that the Council faced problems with Malta and Turkey. The Prime Minister said that she had been much concerned to hear of the difficulties with Turkey. Turkey was very important strategically and the rest of Europe should help her overcome her difficulties. Senor Oreja observed that a compromise proposal had been floated to deal with the Turkish Presidency of the Council. He hoped that the United Kingdom would encourage Turkey to accept it.

Senor Oreja referred to the Cyprus problem. The Prime Minister gave a summary account of her recent meeting with President Kyprianou. She thought that there were prospects for making progress, though several high-level meetings might well be required.

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The Prime Minister said that she was annoyed at the Council's efforts to interfere in the Northern Ireland problem. The Council's role was to deal with problems of common concern, not to interfere in other people's business. She would say this if she were to address the Council.

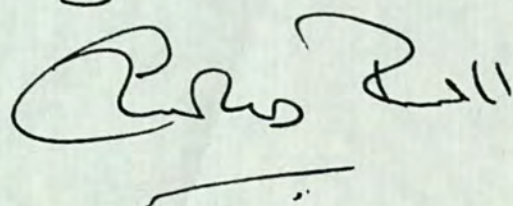
The Prime Minister said that the Council should resist the temptation to extend the concept of human rights to economic, cultural and social rights. She also thought that the procedures of the Commission and Court on Human Rights needed attention. There might be a need for a filter such as an Ombudsman to prevent too many cases coming to them. Senor Oreja expressed interest in this. The Prime Minister continued that we were particularly interested in the Warnock Report type of concerns. She also thought that attention should be paid to the right to privacy. Senor Oreja agreed that this ought to be pursued in the Council of Ministers.

The Prime Minister said that we would take steps to appoint a new United Kingdom member of the Commission on Human Rights as soon as possible.

Senor Oreja hoped that the Prime Minister would visit Strasbourg and address the Council of Europe. He was sure that a visit would make a great impression. The Prime Minister thanked him and promised to consider the invitation. She would want to have something new and interesting to say.

The meeting ended at 1545.

Colin Budd Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Yours sincerely,


PRIME MINISTER

Meeting with Senor Oreja

You have already read the brief.

Subjects to raise are:-

- the role of the Council
- the need for economy
- human rights
- Ireland (a warning not to encourage ent
involvement)
- terrorism
- Spain/Gibraltar.

C.D.P.

15 January 1985



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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11 January 1985

Prime Minister

I suggest that you

mention:

- the role of the Council
- the need for economy
- human rights
- Ireland (a warning not to encourage COE involvement)
- terrorism
- Gibraltar (you will remember that he signed the Lisbon Agreement).

Dear Charles,

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Visit to UK by Senor Oreja, Secretary-General of the Council of Europe: 15/16 January

Senor Oreja is to call on the Prime Minister at 1500 hours on 16 January for half an hour.

Senor Oreja was elected Secretary-General of the Council of Europe with UK support and took office at the end of November. His visit to London is one of a number of visits he is paying to capitals of member states to make himself known. I enclose the programme for the visit. It includes calls on the Foreign Secretary, the Home Secretary, Baroness Young, and Mr Scott at the Northern Ireland Office as well as lunch at the House of Commons with members of the British Parliamentary Delegation to the Council of Europe. Sir Geoffrey will give a dinner in his honour.

Senor Oreja has made a good start in Strasbourg. As a politician of stature (and Spanish Foreign Minister from 1976-80) he is determined to give the Council of Europe a higher profile. He is conscious of the need for economy. We suggest that the Prime Minister's objectives should be to get across to Oreja that:

- (i) we take the Council of Europe's role as the representative organ of European democratic countries seriously; in origin it is a British conception, reflecting Churchill's vision; but
- (ii) we must also take seriously the need for efficiency and economy in its activities. What are Oreja's ideas for concentration and rationalisation of activities? One of our main aims is to avoid unnecessary duplication between the work done by the Council of Europe and the European Community and to ensure cost effectiveness by reducing the number of the Council's activities. In the recent discussion of the Council of Europe budget, we advocated zero growth in its programmes. A budget increase of 0.95% was eventually agreed. (We voted against.) I attach an illustrative

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note on some of the activities we favour and some we think unnecessary.

The Germans assumed the Presidency of the Council of Europe on 1 December and Herr Genscher has called a special restricted meeting of the Committee of Ministers for 29 January to discuss East/West relations, the Middle East and Latin America. The Foreign Secretary plans to attend. This unusual step by the Germans will give the Council of Europe a higher political profile.

Political Activity of the Council of Europe

Oreja will want to find a political role for the Council, which feels overshadowed by the European Communities. His priorities will include:

- (i) strengthening political cooperation within the Council of Europe (meetings of Foreign Ministers, Political Directors etc). This is particularly appreciated by the members such as Austria and Switzerland who are not members of the Ten;
- (ii) closer cooperation between the Council of Europe and the EC. We can welcome this provided it does not involve elaborate new bureaucratic mechanisms. The Council's Parliamentary Assembly has just set up a Commission of distinguished people (led by Colombo, British member Geoffrey Rippon) which will correspond to the two EC ad hoc Committees established at Fontainebleau;
- (iii) rationalisation of the Intergovernmental Work Programme. We strongly favour this.

Human Rights

There is to be a Ministerial Conference on Human Rights in Vienna on 19-20 March, which Mr Renton will attend. This will focus on the role of the European Court of Human Rights and the Commission, and on some of the current issues in the human rights field, particularly over the protection of the human personality (eg issues covered by the Warnock Report). We have a good contribution to make over these issues. We also wish to see the implementation of the 8th Protocol of the Convention which will considerably improve procedures. We shall have to resist firmly the tendency, attractive to some countries, to extend human rights to cover new areas (economic, social and cultural).

There has been some publicity recently for the activities of those who favour a Bill of Rights and the Incorporation of

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the European Convention of Human Rights into UK domestic law. An all-party group is being formed to press for Constitutional Reform, headed by Lord Scarman. Incorporation raises sensitive constitutional issues, and there are no present plans for legislation.

Professor Anton, who was elected the British member of the European Commission on Human Rights 9 months ago, has recently resigned from this position unexpectedly, finding the work more arduous than expected and concerned at some of the methods of the Commission. It is important that we should have a new member installed as soon as possible, and the Foreign Secretary is in urgent touch with the Home Secretary and the Law Officers over a suitable candidate.

Ireland

The Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly, prompted by some of its Irish members, has asked three of its committees to study the New Ireland Forum Report, and prepare reports for the Assembly. At a time of political delicacy in Northern Ireland, the Government was not keen to have Irish matters debated in the Council of Europe, and unsuccessful efforts were made in private by Sir Frederic Bennett to have the matter dropped. Ministers agreed that since there were no constitutional grounds for objecting to the Council of Europe's initiative, low-key attempts should be made to influence the work of the committees. Each committee has now appointed a rapporteur, and they are expected to visit the United Kingdom at the beginning of March. (Mr Scott is seeing Sr Oreja just before the Prime Minister's meeting.)

Terrorism

The Council of Europe has a role to play in countering international terrorism and Oreja is very conscious of this. The Council's Conference of Ministers of Justice in Madrid (May 1984) issued a resolution on the subject and the Committee of Ministers then set up a Working Party. The Council offers us a forum in which to get across the concerns identified the Ten and the Summit Seven to a wider democratic audience.

Turkey, Malta

There is currently a problem over the Turksih Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers. Due to objections by the Scandinavians and others the last meeting of the Council of Ministers was unable to agree to Turkey assuming the Presidency of the Committee of Ministers, at this stage. Turkey has decided to boycott future meetings of the Ministerial Committee but not to boycott other meetings with the Council. We and the

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Germans have supported the Turkish position that, as member of the Council, they should be able to take up the Presidency as is their right.

There is also a problem over Malta. We share the general view that Malta's Foreign Interference Act contravenes the European Convention on Human Rights by attempting to restrict the activities of foreign nationals in Malta and Maltese nationals abroad.

Gibraltar

When he was Spanish Foreign Minister Senor Oreja was co-author, with Lord Carrington, of the Lisbon Statement of April 1980 concerning Gibraltar. He may therefore touch briefly on the prospects for the opening of the Gibraltar border and the start of negotiations which are due to take place on 5-February.

// As well as the programme for Senor Oreja's visit I enclose a personality note and a checklist of points to make.

Y
me,
Peter Ricketts

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Private Secretary

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SOME EXAMPLES OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE WORK

<u>Government Dept</u>	<u>Work of particular value</u>	<u>Work we consider of doubtful value</u>
DHSS	European Pharmacopoeia (protects the users of medicinal substances against error, fraud or incompetence in their manufacture).	Occasional symposia which have no practical follow-up, eg the 'World of Work'.
Home Office	Collaboration on the prevention of drug abuse through the Pompidou Group (Mr Mellors).	Rights of the Child programme which duplicates existing UN conventions.
DOE	Berne Convention on Wildlife and Natural Habitats (protection to animals and plants, particularly rare species).	European Campaign for the Countryside - ill conceived.
DES	(i) Modern languages projects are practical and productive. (ii) Service activities eg. teacher bursaries scheme and youth exchanges	(i) Occasional symposia unrelated to the rest of the COE programme. (ii) Steering Committee on Higher Education which duplicates work in other fora.



OREJA AGUIREE, MARCELINO

Secretary General to the Council of Europe since October 1984. Popular Coalition Deputy for Guipuzcoa. Former Foreign Minister (1976-80).

Born Madrid 1935. He studied in Germany, Britain and the Centre for Research of the Academy of International Law at The Hague before becoming Doctor of Law at the University of Madrid. He entered the Diplomatic Service in 1959, and became Director of the Minister's Private Office in 1962. In 1971 he became Director for International Relations of the Bank of Spain. He was appointed Under-Secretary for Information and Tourism in December 1973 but resigned in 1974 and went into business. He was appointed Subsecretario (Under-Secretary) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from December 1975 to July 1976, and Foreign Minister in July 1976, a post he held until the Cabinet reshuffle of September 1980. He was appointed Royal Senator in July 1977, but in the March 1979 general election won his seat in the Basque province of Guipuzcoa. Government Representative in the Basque region, October 1980. His acceptance of this appointment showed great physical courage. President of Basque UCD until July 1982. Secretary for External Relations and Information in UCD Secretariat July-October 1982. Was one of six members of Congress Foreign Affairs Committee to visit the UK as guests of HMG in March 1983.

A pleasant but not a dominating personality. Not always able to carry his policies in Cabinet. Competent Minister of Foreign Affairs, but suffered from the lack of a power-base within the party. Generally open and easy to deal with, but inclined at times to adopt a legalistic approach.

Marcelino Oreja is an outstandingly good and charming man. Conspicuously friendly to this Embassy. A Christian patriot.

Married with two children. He speaks excellent English. His nice wife speaks reasonably good English.

THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE : A BRIEF OUTLINE

WHAT IS IT?

1. The Council of Europe set up in 1949 is now a group of 21 European nations* who subscribe to and are bound by the Council's statute. This describes the aim of the Council as 'to achieve a greater unity between its members for the purpose of safeguarding and realising the ideals and principles which are their common heritage' and provides that 'every member of the Council of Europe must accept the principles of the rule of law and the enjoyment by all persons within its jurisdiction of human rights and fundamental freedoms'. It is organised to provide a framework for intergovernmental co-operation in the fields of culture, education, health, social welfare, crime prevention, harmonisation of legislation and youth affairs (defence is specifically excluded). It is now gaining additional significance as a forum which brings together the 10 EC countries with the other democratic states of Europe.

WHERE IS IT?

2. The seat of the Council of Europe is at Strasbourg, but there are also offices in Paris and Brussels. The official languages are English and French, but German and Italian are used as working languages as well.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

3. The organs of the Council of Europe are :

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* Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom

a) The Committee of Ministers, the executive organ, which meets twice a year at Ministerial level and twice monthly at deputy (Permanent Representative) level. As well as making use of this forum for political discussion, Ministers sometimes take decisions on matters of importance referred to them by their Deputies. Most decision-making, however, takes place at the level of Minister' Deputies, who decide on Recommendations submitted by the Parliamentary Assembly and on proposals made by Committees of Government Experts. Decisions take the form of Resolutions recommending common measures to Governments, of Conventions or Agreements binding on states which ratify them. The Committee's work programme is implemented by eleven Steering Committees and over ninety Committees of Experts.

b) The Parliamentary Assembly, the consultative organ, comprising 170 representatives from the Parliaments of the Member States. The Assembly normally meets three times a year to discuss, among other things, papers prepared by a number of specialist Parliamentary Committees and to pass Opinions, Resolutions or Recommendations. The Recommendations call on the Committee of Ministers to take action. The Assembly may discuss any subject other than those relating to defence

4. The Secretariat has the task of servicing the two organs of the Council of Europe, including the intergovernmental expert committees. The Secretary-General, though elected by the Assembly, is also responsible to the Committee of Ministers for the general administration of the organisation.

5. Part of the Council's work is carried out by institutions set up especially for the purpose, eg the European Commission of Human Rights, the European Court of Human Rights, the European Youth Centre and the European Youth Foundation. Other institutions set up by the Council of Europe include the Conference of Local and Regional Authorities and periodic Conferences of specialist Ministers concerned, inter alia with Justice, Family Affairs and Labour. The principal vehicle used by the Council for advancing its objectives is the promotion of Conventions and Agreements which now number over 100.

HUMAN RIGHTS

6. To fulfil its responsibility for the preservation of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms the Council of Europe maintains judicial machinery as provided for in the European Convention on Human Rights of 1951, to which all members have since subscribed. States may petition the European Commission of Human Rights if they believe a violation of the Convention has taken place. Individuals, after exhausting domestic legal remedies, may do so in the case of the fourteen states which have agreed the optional clause allowing individual petition. Cases may be referred by the Commission to the European Court of Human Rights, or, failing that, are submitted to the Committee of Ministers at Deputy level.

THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORK PROGRAMME

7. In order to further intergovernmental cooperation in the Council of Europe, the Committee of Ministers has an Intergovernmental Work Programme covering 24 Sectors. Activities in each Sector are supervised by Steering Committees responsible to the Committee of Ministers (Annexe A). The Committee of Ministers refers questions to these Steering Committees seeking their opinion or requiring them to take action. Committees are made up of Senior Officials from member states.

8. Since subjects referred to Steering Committees are often of a highly technical nature, Steering Committees can ask the Committee of Ministers to set up Ad hoc Expert Committees. Expert Committees are made up of experts nominated by Governments; they are directly responsible to a Steering Committee but ultimately to the Committee of Ministers. The Committee of Ministers may also set up a Committee to look into a specific question. The Committee for Equality between women and men (CAHFM) is such a Committee (a separate note on this attached). In all there are over one hundred Committees of one sort or another which are helping to implement the Intergovernmental Work Programme.

9. The Committees are financed from the Council of Europe's Ordinary Budget and are serviced by the Council and Secretariat.

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Provision is made for the attendance expenses of some Committee members to be borne by the Council, otherwise expenses are borne by national governments. Representation on committees is not obligatory and the United Kingdom does not participate in all committees.

ANNEXE ACOUNCIL OF EUROPE STEERING COMMITTEES

CDDH	Human Rights
CDSS	Social Security
CDSO	Social Affairs
CDMG	Intra European Migration
CDDE	Population
CDCC	Cultural Cooperation
CDDS	Development of Sport
CDSP	Public Health
CDAT	Regional Planning
CDUP	Urban Policy and Architectural Heritage
CDSN	Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
CDRM	Regional and Municipal Matters
CDCJ	Legal Cooperation
CDPC	Crime Problems
CDMM	Mass Media

AD HOC COMMITTEES WITH STEERING COMMITTEE STATUS

CAHCO	Protection of Consumers in the Socio-Economic Field
CCPU	Standing Conference on University Problems
CAHFM	Equality between Women and Men
CAHJE	Youth Questions

VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY SENOR MARCELINO OREJA, SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, 14-16 JANUARY 1985

Administrative Plan

(to be read in conjunction with programme attached)

Monday 14 January

Arrival

When the aircraft has landed, a representative of the British Airports Authority will accompany Mr C D Lush, United Kingdom Permanent Representative to the Council of Europe, from the Hounslow Suite to the aircraft and escort the Secretary-General to the greeting party. There he will be welcomed by the following (in order):

Sir David Muirhead, Special Representative of the
Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

His Excellency Don José Puig de la Bellasca,
Spanish Ambassador

Miss Maureen Lawrence, Deputy Secretary,
Government Hospitality

Colonel Rupert Wallis, Escort Officer,
Government Hospitality

Transport

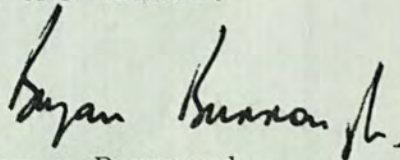
Cars are provided throughout the period of the official visit and are allocated as follows:

Car 1 Senor Oreja
 Mr Lush
 Colonel Wallis

Car 2 Mr Davies
 Herr Furrer
 Mr Hanning
 Group Captain Thomson

Official Suite

All members of the official suite will accompany the Secretary-General throughout the programme. They are also invited to the luncheon reception and dinner on 15 January. Mr C D Lush will be in attendance throughout the programme; he is also invited to the reception and the dinner.


Bryan Burrough
Protocol Department

11 January 1985

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HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN THE
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Visit of
His Excellency
Señor Marcelino Oreja
Secretary-General
of the Council of Europe

14 to 16 JANUARY 1985

His Excellency Señor Marcelino Oreja, Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, will be accompanied by:

Mr. Leonard Davies,
Member of the Secretary-General's Cabinet

Herr Hans-Peter Furrer,
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers

Mr. Jack Hanning,
Press and Information Division

In attendance:

Colonel Rupert Wallis - Government Hospitality

The visitors will stay at:

Grosvenor House Hotel

Park Lane, W.1

Programme

MONDAY, 14 JANUARY

1815 hrs Arrive London Heathrow Airport by Flight AF 2647
from Strasbourg
Hounslow Suite

Met by the Special Representative of the Secretary
of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs,
Sir David Muirhead

1835 Leave the Airport by car
(approx)

1920 Arrive Grosvenor House Hotel
(approx) Park Lane, S.W.1

Private engagement during the evening

TUESDAY, 15 JANUARY

0915 hrs Leave the hotel

0925 Arrive Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Ambassadors' Entrance

0930 Talks with the Permanent Under Secretary of State
for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Head of
the Diplomatic Service,
Sir Antony Acland

1030 Talks with the Minister of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs,
The Rt. Hon. Baroness Young

1200 Call on the Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs,
The Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, M.P.

1230 Leave Foreign and Commonwealth Office

1235 Arrive Speaker's House
Speaker's Court

1240 Call on the Speaker of the House of Commons,
The Rt. Hon. Bernard Weatherill, M.P.

1255 Leave Speaker's House

1300 Luncheon given by the United Kingdom delegation
to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council
of Europe
Host: The Leader of the United Kingdom delegation,
The Rt. Hon. Sir Frederic Bennett, M.P.
Harcourt Room

1430 Call on the Rt. Hon. Geoffrey Rippon, M.P.

1500 Attend Prime Minister's Question Time
Distinguished Strangers' Gallery

TUESDAY, 15 JANUARY (cont'd)

1535 hrs Call on the

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1600 Call on the Leader of the Social Democratic Party,
The Rt. Hon. Dr. David Owen, M.P.

1630 Call on the Liberal Transport and Northern Ireland
Spokesman,
Mr. Stephen Ross, M.P.

1700 Reception given by the United Kingdom delegation to the
Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
Host: The Leader of the United Kingdom delegation,
The Rt. Hon. Sir Frederic Bennett, M.P.
Terrace Room

1815 Leave House of Commons

1830 Arrive at the hotel

1955 Leave the hotel

2005 Arrive 1 Carlton Gardens

2000 Dinner given by Her Majesty's Government
for
2015 Host: The Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs,
The Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, M.P.
Dress: Lounge Suit

WEDNESDAY, 16 JANUARY

0930 hrs Leave the hotel

1015 Arrive Tower Hamlets Sixth Form Centre
155 East India Dock Road, E.14

Met by the Headmistress,
Mrs. D. Cleere

1115 Leave Tower Hamlets Sixth Form Centre

1155 Arrive at the hotel

1200 Meeting with Journalists

1355 Leave the hotel

1410 Arrive Northern Ireland Office
Whitehall, S.W.1

1415 Call on the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Northern Ireland Office,
Mr. Nicholas Scott, M.P.

1455 Leave Northern Ireland Office

1500 Arrive 10 Downing Street

Call on the Prime Minister,
The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.

1530 Leave 10 Downing Street

1540 Arrive Home Office
50 Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1

1545 Call on the Secretary of State for the Home Department,
The Rt. Hon. Leon Brittan, M.P.

1615 Call on the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
for the Home Department,
Mr. David Mellor, M.P.

1645 Leave the Home Office

WEDNESDAY, 16 JANUARY (cont'd)

1000 hrs Arrive Spanish Embassy
24 Belgrave Square, S.W.1

1715 Meeting with Spanish Journalists

1745 Leave Spanish Embassy

1845 Arrive London Heathrow Airport
Hounslow Suite

1910 Board Flight AF 819 departing at 1930 hours for Paris

The Special Representative of the Secretary of
State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs,
Sir David Muirhead,
will bid farewell

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Spanish Embassy 24 Belgrave Square, S.W.1	01-235 5555/6/7



Mr Powell ✓

Agreed
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Asker for diary see.
to make arrangements.
JL
20.12.84

Visit of Senor Oreja, Secretary General of the Council of
Europe: 15-16 January

Senor Oreja was elected Secretary General with UK support and took office on 22 November. He is in the process of visiting capitals of member states both for talks and to make himself known, and will be in London on 15-16 January.

We are arranging a substantial programme for him which will include talks and dinner with the Foreign Secretary, a call on the Home Secretary and lunch at the House of Commons with the British Parliamentary delegation to the Council of Europe.

Senor Oreja has made a good start in Strasbourg. As a politician of stature (and Spanish Foreign Minister from 1976-80), he appears determined to make the Council of Europe a more effective and worthwhile body. He will be seen by most Heads of Government on his present introductory trip, including Mitterrand and Kohl. Sir Geoffrey therefore recommends that the Prime Minister should agree to see Oreja during his visit, possibly on 16 January. The Foreign Secretary hopes that she will agree to give him half an hour then.

20 December 1984

(P F Ricketts)



10 DOWNING STREET

John. 9/5.

An official from the Council of Europe in Strasbourg rang with a message from Sir Frederick Bennett to the Prime Minister:-

"Please inform the Prime Minister that Senor OREZA, recommended Spanish candidate was elected with five votes necessary plus margin(?)"

Sue
9/5.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

8 February 1984

**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T 26/84**

Yours Excellency,

Thank you for your letter about the candidature of Don Marcelino Oreja for the post of Secretary-General to the Council of Europe.

We in Britain welcome the desire of the Spanish Government and people to participate actively in European institutions. I am particularly glad that you wish to play a more substantial role in the Council of Europe, a body which represents the democratic spirit of Western Europe.

There cannot be any doubt about the qualifications, both personal and professional, of Don Marcelino Oreja for the responsible and demanding post of Secretary-General to the Council of Europe. I note the all-party support for his candidature in the Spanish Parliament. It is of course essentially for Parliamentarians, not Governments, to make the choice between the three candidates for the post. I shall therefore ensure that the leader of our Parliamentary Delegation knows of your interest in Don Marcelino Oreja's candidature.

*Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher*

His Excellency Senor Don Felipe Gonzalez Marques

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SPANISH AMBASSADOR

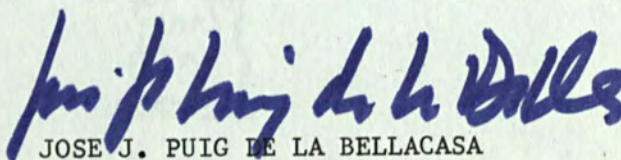
24 BELGRAVE SQUARE
LONDON SW1X 8QA

7th February 1984.

Dear Mr. Butler,

I refer to my letter of the 30th January, enclosing a translation of a communication that the President of the Spanish Government, Don Felipe González, was proposing to address to the Prime Minister. The original has now arrived, and is attached hereto.

Yours sincerely,


JOSE J. PUIG DE LA BELLACASA

F.E.R. Butler Esq.,
Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister,
Downing Street,
LONDON SW1.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

6 February, 1984

Dear John,

Council of Europe

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I enclose, as requested in your letter of 31 January, a draft reply from the Prime Minister to a letter from the Prime Minister of Spain, seeking support for the candidature of Don Marcelino Oreja for the post of Secretary-General to the Council of Europe.

We know that Sir Frederic Bennett, the Leader of the UK Parliamentary Delegation to the Council of Europe, is strongly inclined to support Senor Oreja. The draft reply envisages that he should be informed of Mr Gonzales's interest. Subject to your agreement, we will arrange to do this as soon as the letter to the Spanish Prime Minister has been sent.

Yours ever,

Peter Ricketts

(P F Ricketts)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

DRAFT: minute/letter/teleletter/despatch/note

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FROM: The Prime Minister

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TO: HE Senor Don Felipe Gonzalez
Marques

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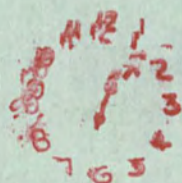
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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

31 January 1984

Council of Europe

I regret that my letter of today's date enclosing a letter to the Prime Minister from the Prime Minister of Spain contained an error. It should of course have referred to the candidature of Don Marcelino Oreja for the post of Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

A. J. COLES

Roger Bone, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Mr. Oles

with regard to your letter
of 31-1-84 to Mr. Bone
concerning the Council of
Europe.

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The ~~President~~ of Spain,
Don Felipe González,
is seeking support for
the candidature of Señor
Don Marcelino Oreja
for the post of Secretary
General.

Peter
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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

31 January, 1984

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

I enclose a copy of a letter the Prime Minister has received from the Prime Minister of Spain seeking support for the candidature of Don Felipe González for the post of Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

I should be grateful if you could let me have a draft reply for signature by the Prime Minister as soon as possible.

E. J. COLES

R. Bone, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office



10 DOWNING STREET

MR. COLES

Please would you take
this from here.

FERB.
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30 January 1984



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

30 January 1984

I am writing to thank you for your letter of 30 January enclosing a translation of a letter which the President of the Spanish Government, Don Felipe Gonzalez is addressing to the Prime Minister. I am of course arranging to lay it before the Prime Minister.

E. E. R. BUTLER

His Excellency

Senor Jose Joaquin Puig de la Bellacasa.



SPANISH AMBASSADOR

24 BELGRAVE SQUARE
LONDON SW1X 8QA

30th January 1984

Dear Mr. Butler,

I am enclosing the translation of the letter which the President of the Spanish Government, Don Felipe González, is addressing to the Prime Minister. I should be most grateful if you would kindly hand it to Mrs. Thatcher, and inform her that the original will be sent upon arrival.

Yours sincerely,

F.E.R. Butler, Esq.,
Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister,
Downing Street,
London S.W.1.

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30-1-84

UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. 119/84

Dear Prime Minister,

After a long period of isolation, the Spanish people, as you are no doubt aware, feel a profound need to participate as actively as possible with European institutions. This is a feeling that is fully shared by all political parties.

In particular, we have a special interest in increasing our participation in the Council of Europe, which we believe is crucial to add impetus to the European ideal and strengthen the bonds of cooperations among its member countries.

It is from this point of view and taking particular account of his special qualities, that the Spanish Government's decision to submit the candidature of Don Marcelino Oreja for the post of Secretary General of the Council, must be seen.

While Minister for Foreign Affairs in the transitional period to democracy, Señor Oreja, in contact with all political parties in the parliamentary sphere, took up the important task of integrating Spain with European institutions. He signed Spain's accession to the Council of Europe, as well as the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Social Charter. He likewise presided, for a time, over the Committee of Ministers, and is currently a member of the Parliamentary Assembly.

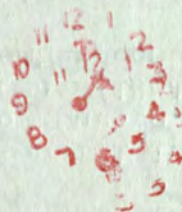
There cannot be any doubt as to his qualities and experience, or as to his European vocation. I must add that Don Marcelino Oreja's candidature receives the clear support of the Spanish political groups represented at the Parliamentary Assembly, going over and beyond any ideological differences that may exist.

I avail myself of this opportunity to assure you of my highest consideration,

(Signed) Felipe González

The Right Honourable
Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
10, Downing Street,
London S.W.1.

30 JAN 1984





El Presidente del Gobierno

Felipe González Márquez

Madrid, 27 de enero de 1984

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T 19/84

Excma. Sra. Margaret Thatcher
Primer Ministro del
Reino Unido de Gran Bretaña
LONDRES

Señora Primer Ministro:

Como Vd. sabe, el pueblo español, después de un largo período de aislamiento, viene sintiendo la necesidad profunda, que es sostenida por todas las fuerzas políticas, de participar de la manera más activa posible en las instituciones europeas.

En particular, tenemos un especial interés en potenciar nuestra participación en el Consejo de Europa, organización que nos parece fundamental para impulsar el ideal europeo y estrechar los lazos de cooperación entre los países que la integran. Desde esta óptica hay que entender la decisión del Gobierno español de presentar la candidatura de D. Marcelino Oreja a la Secretaría General de esa Organización, teniendo en cuenta los destacados méritos que en su persona concurren.

D. Marcelino Oreja, siendo Ministro de Asuntos Exteriores, en la época de la transición a la democracia, llevó a cabo, en contacto con las demás fuerzas políticas del arco parlamentario, una importante tarea para integrar a España en las instituciones europeas. Concretamente fue él quien firmó la adhesión de España al Consejo de Europa, así como el Convenio Europeo de Derechos Humanos y la Carta Social Europea. Asimismo,

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Felipe González Márquez

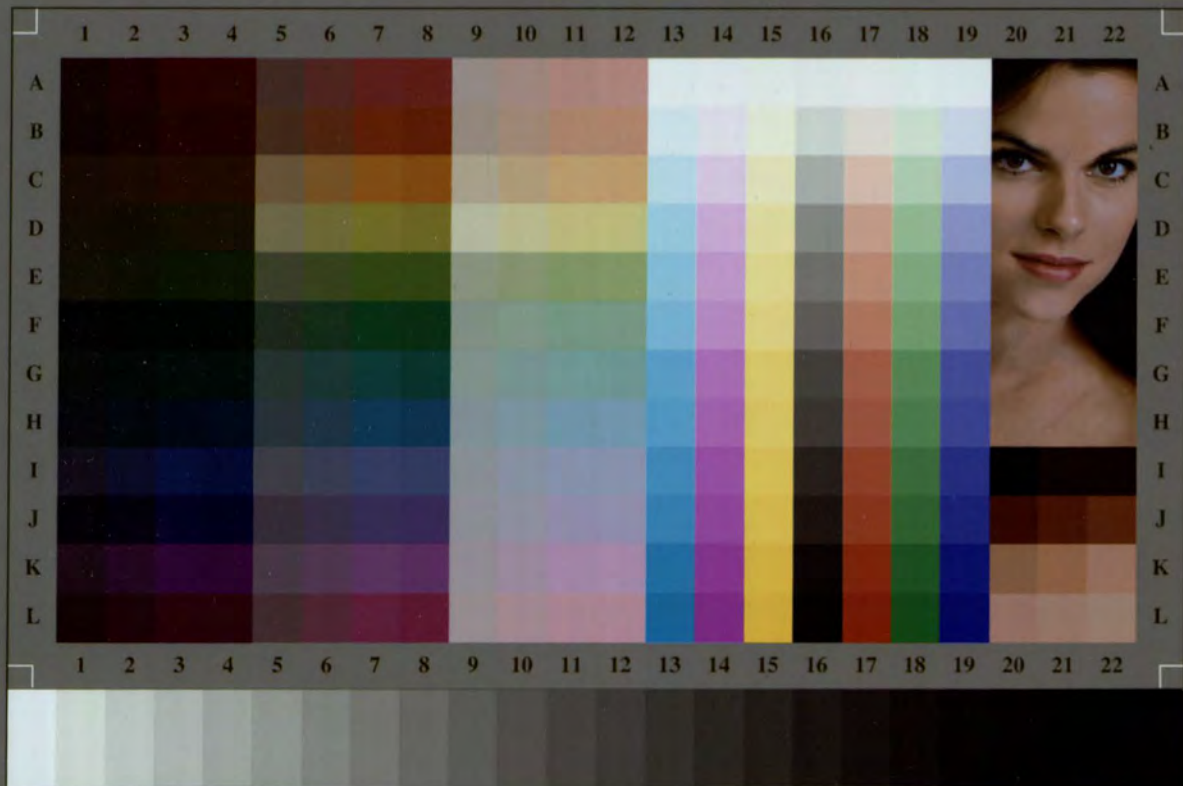
El Presidente del Gobierno

presidió el Comité de Ministros durante algún tiempo, y en la actualidad es miembro de la Asamblea Parlamentaria. En suma, su capacidad y experiencia, así como su vocación europea, están fuera de toda duda.

Debo añadir que la candidatura de D. Marcelino Oreja es apoyada de manera clara por los grupos políticos españoles representados en la Asamblea Parlamentaria, más allá de sus diferencias ideológicas.

Aprovecho esta oportunidad para transmitirle el testimonio de mi más alta consideración.

Felipe González



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