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*From the Private Secretary*

28 October 1982

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Thank you for your letter of 27 October on this subject. The Prime Minister has noted the precautions which we are taking to obtain early intelligence of possible Spanish action against Gibraltar but does not find the picture very reassuring. She would therefore welcome a further word with the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and with "C". It might also be helpful if the Defence Secretary were able to join the discussion. I shall be in touch separately about the timing for the meeting.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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f.c.c. Thank you for your minutes of 25th and 26th October.

2. A reassessment of the Spanish threat to Gibraltar and the resolution with which the Spanish Government might respond to any plotting against Gibraltar will be put in hand as soon as the result of the Spanish General Election is known. I hope that the assessment will be available in time to be read before the OD meeting now scheduled for 4th November.

3. I am sending copies of this minute to Mr Fall and Mr Mottram.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

27th October 1982



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