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24 BELGRAVE SQUARE  
LONDON SW1X 8QA

6th March 1981

*Dear Prime Minister*

I have much pleasure in giving you the text of the following message that Don Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, President of the Spanish Council of Ministers, has sent in reply to your recent communication:

"I thank you for your congratulations on my investiture as President of the Government by the Chamber of Deputies, and the successful outcome for Spanish democracy of the failure of the grave attempt to alter the constitutional legality of my country.

"I welcome most especially the wish of the Government over which you preside that my country should quickly become a full member of the European Community, a wish that I and my Government fully share.

"It is also my hope that with the new responsibilities I have undertaken I shall be able to make a contribution towards a greater understanding between our two countries".

*Yours sincerely*  
*[Signature]*

FERNANDO ARIAS-SALGADO

The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher, MP,  
Prime Minister,  
Downing Street,  
LONDON SW1.

PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. .... *T46/87*



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*From the Private Secretary*

9 March 1981

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter to her of 6 March enclosing a message from the President of the Spanish Council of Ministers. The Prime Minister is most grateful for Don Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo's message.

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

His Excellency Senor Don Fernando Arias-Salgado

9 March 1981

I enclose a copy of a message which the Prime Minister has received from the President of the Spanish Council of Ministers. I have acknowledged receipt. No further action would seem to be required.

MICHAEL ALEXANDER

Francis Richards, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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TO IMMEDIATE MADRID  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 1 OF 27 FEBRUARY 1981  
AND TO IMMEDIATE FCO

FOLLOWING FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER  
BEGINS:  
PRIME MINISTER HAS APPROVED THE TEXT IN FCO TEL. 323 OF 26  
FEBRUARY. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE MESSAGE COULD BE DELIVERED  
TO SR. CALVO SOTELO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
ENDS.

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PRIME MINISTER'S  
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TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 323 OF 26 FEBRUARY 1981.  
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FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY

1. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO SEND A MESSAGE TO SR CALVO SOTELO FOLLOWING THE VOTE IN THE CORTES YESTERDAY WHICH CONFIRMED HIM AS PRIME MINISTER OF SPAIN. WE SUGGEST THAT YOU CLEAR THE FOLLOWING TEXT AND INSTRUCT MADRID DIRECT TO TRANSMIT IT. THE AMBASSADOR THERE HAS RECOMMENDED STRONGLY THAT THE MESSAGE REFER TO SPAIN'S ACCESSION TO THE EC: HENCE THE REFERENCE TO EARLY MEMBERSHIP.

BEGINS

I WAS DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT YOU HAD BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE CORTES AS PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT AND SEND MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS. THE NEWS WAS ESPECIALLY WELCOME, COMING SO SOON AFTER THE ORDEAL WHICH YOU, THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF DEPUTIES AND SPANISH DEMOCRACY ITSELF SO SUCCESSFULLY SURMOUNTED ON 23-24 FEBRUARY. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING SPAIN TO EARLY AND FULL PARTNERSHIP AS A MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. I MYSELF LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU AND SEND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR YOUR SUCCESS. ENDS.

CARRINGTON

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