

Spain



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*I have confirmed with PM that this message can go.*

3 June 1982

*AD 14/6*

*HM 4/6*

*f.a.*

*Yes not*

*Prime Minister  
Agree message?  
CS 3/6*

Dear John,

Spain and NATO

With the deposition of an instrument of accession to the North Atlantic Treaty on 30 May, Spain became a member of NATO. Allied Foreign Ministers are sending national messages to the Spanish Foreign Minister to mark Spain's formal accession. We understand that several nations have already taken action, including in the case of the Americans, Canadians and Germans, messages from Heads of State and Government, as well as Foreign Ministers. Our delgation to NATO has recommended that we should do likewise.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary proposes to send a message to Senor Perez Llorca, and recommends that the Prime Minister should send a similar message to Senor Calvo Sotelo. I enclose a draft telegram to Madrid containing suggested messages.

*Yours ever.*

(F N Richards)  
Private Secretary

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12 1. It has been agreed in Brussels that Alliance Foreign  
13 Ministers should send messages to the Spanish Foreign Minister  
14 welcoming Spain to the Alliance. Some Allies, including the  
15 US, Canada and the FRG, have also sent messages at Head of  
16 Government level.  
17 2. If you see no objection, please convey the following messages  
18 from the Prime Minister to Calvo Sotelo and from me to Perez  
19 Llorca respectively:  
20 (a) quote: Spain's entry into the North Atlantic Alliance is  
21 good news for Western democracy and will enhance the security of  
22 Western Europe. I should like to offer you a warm welcome to  
23 the Alliance. unquote.  
24 (b) quote: I should like to offer you my congratulations on  
25 Spain's entry to the North Atlantic Alliance. It is an

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2 important step both for the Alliance and for Western democracy  
3 and is one which Her Majesty's Government warmly welcomes.  
4 unquote.

5 3. Please tell the Spaniards that, if they agree, we would like  
6 to publish the texts of these messages.

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SPAIN/NATO

1. IT HAS BEEN AGREED IN BRUSSELS THAT ALLIANCE FOREIGN MINISTERS SHOULD SEND MESSAGES TO THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER WELCOMING SPAIN TO THE ALLIANCE. SOME ALLIES, INCLUDING THE US, CANADA AND THE FRG, HAVE ALSO SENT MESSAGES AT HEAD OF GOVERNMENT LEVEL.

2. IF YOU SEE NO OBJECTION, PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO CALVO SÓTELO AND FROM ME TO PEREZ LLORCA RESPECTIVELY:

(A) QUOTE: SPAIN'S ENTRY INTO THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IS GOOD NEWS FOR WESTERN DEMOCRACY AND WILL ENHANCE THE SECURITY OF WESTERN EUROPE. I SHOULD LIKE TO OFFER YOU A WARM WELCOME TO THE ALLIANCE. UNQUOTE.

(B) QUOTE: I SHOULD LIKE TO OFFER YOU MY CONGRATULATIONS ON SPAIN'S ENTRY TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. IT IS AN IMPORTANT STEP BOTH FOR THE ALLIANCE AND FOR WESTERN DEMOCRACY AND IS ONE WHICH HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT WARMLY WELCOMES. UNQUOTE.

3. PLEASE TELL THE SPANIARDS THAT, IF THEY AGREE, WE WOULD LIKE TO PUBLISH THE TEXTS OF THESE MESSAGES.

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