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*From the Private Secretary*

2 December 1982

Spain/Gibraltar

Roger Bone wrote to me on 1 December proposing messages for the Prime Minister to send to Senor Gonzalez and Senor Calvo Sotelo.

As regards the former, the Prime Minister wishes to send a shorter message reading as follows:

"I offer you Her Majesty's Government's congratulations on your appointment as President of the Government of Spain. I much look forward to renewing our acquaintance and send you my personal best wishes for dealing with the tasks which lie ahead."

The message to Senor Calvo Sotelo can be sent as drafted.

HJC

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Prime Minister

Agree to send these 2 messages to Gonzalez and Calvo Sotelo?

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Spain/Gibraltar

Since Mr Pym's brief discussion with the Prime Minister about Gibraltar on 26 November, it has become clear that the new Spanish Government are likely to be sworn in on 2 December. Mr Pym believes that it would be appropriate for messages to be sent to Sr Gonzalez, to the new Spanish Foreign Minister when he is appointed, and to their predecessors, Sr Calvo Sotelo and Sr Perez Llorca.

/ I accordingly enclose draft messages from the Prime  
/ Minister and Mr Pym. If the Prime Minister agrees, we  
would instruct the Embassy in Madrid to deliver the  
messages as soon as appropriate.

Mr Pym has not lost sight of the Prime Minister's request for advice on how to deal with the Gibraltar question during the next few weeks, as mentioned in your letter of 22 November. We shall be letting you have a reply on this soon.

*Yes*  
*[Signature]*

(R B Bone)  
Private Secretary

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 8 TELEGRAM NUMBER  
 9 1. Please pass on following messages as soon as is appropriate.  
 10 **Message from Prime Minister to Senor Felipe Gonzalez**  
 11 I should like to offer you Her Majesty's Government's  
 12 ~~warm~~ congratulations on your appointment as President of the  
 13 Government of Spain. As fellow European allies and future  
 14 partners in the European Community our two countries have an  
 15 increasing number of common interests. We look forward to  
 16 working closely with you over Spain's entry to the European  
 17 Community, which we will continue warmly to support. These  
 18 common interests provide a helpful background to the  
 19 consideration of the question of Gibraltar in the framework  
 20 of the Lisbon agreement of 1980. I am sure that our two  
 21 Foreign Ministers will keep in close touch on these and other  
 22 matters. I also look forward personally to renewing our own  
 23 acquaintance. Meanwhile, I send you my personal best wishes  
 24 for dealing with the tasks which lie ahead.  
 25 **Message from the Prime Minister to Senor Calvo Sotelo**

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2 Please accept the good wishes of Her Majesty's Government  
3 and myself upon relinquishing your appointment as President of  
4 the Government of Spain.

5 Message from Secretary of State to New Foreign Minister

6 Please accept my congratulations and best wishes on your  
7 appointment as Foreign Minister. I very much look forward to  
8 working with you. I hope there will be an early opportunity  
9 to get together and to discuss the various bilateral and  
10 multilateral questions of interest to our two Governments.

11 Message from the Secretary of State to Senor Perez Llorca

12 I should like to send you, on behalf of Her Majesty's  
13 Government, very best wishes on relinquishing your appointment  
14 as Foreign Minister. I know that you have devoted much care  
15 and attention to relations between our two countries and I  
16 am personally grateful to you for your co-operation and for  
17 the understanding which you have shown.

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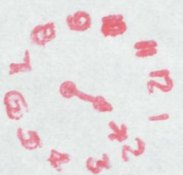
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