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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

23 December 1985

Dear Charles,

Thank you for your letter of 15 November, in which you suggest that the King of Spain should be invited to give an address in Parliament during his State Visit here in April next year. I had been pursuing such a thought for some time but, as you know, wide consultation with those concerned in Parliament is necessary.

Happily agreement all round has now been reached and the Spanish Ambassador informed. We now await the King's reaction to the proposal.

Yours ever

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The Marquess of Douro, M.E.P.

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PRIME MINISTER

I attach a letter from the Marquess of Douro in which he joins the campaign which is pressing for the King of Spain to be invited to address Parliament during his State Visit next April. As you know, the campaign is being coordinated by Tristan Garel Jones.

Do you have any particular views on the matter?

C.D.P.

CDP

18 November, 1985.

Yes - the King most certainly should

be invited to address both houses.

It would be a historic occasion
me

From: The Marquess of Douro, M.E.P.



European Parliament

15th November 1985 R16

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
10, Downing Street,
London SW1

Personal

Dear Prime Minister,

As you may know, my family has very strong connections with Spain, and I am presently Chairman of the all-party Committee of the European Parliament which has been monitoring the accession negotiations with Spain for entry into the E.E.C. As you will also know, the King of Spain is coming to Britain on a state visit in April next year.

In the years before Franco's death, the King had a reputation for being somewhat of a disciple of Franco and his fascist political ideas. Ironically, the King's father, Don Juan, who is still alive, had the reputation for being more liberal-minded. As we all know, the King's reputation was false, and when Franco died he wasted little time in re-introducing democracy in Spain and stimulating the creation of a new constitution. In 1981, when the Spanish Parliament was taken over in a coup, the King personally took control of the government and ordered the officers concerned to surrender. He therefore has played a role in Spain unlike the role played by any monarch in any other European country this century.

For these reasons, I hope you will not feel it impertinent of me if I ask you to consider whether you could invite the King to address a joint meeting of the two Houses of Parliament. The King was, incidentally, given this honour when he made a state visit to Washington some years ago. I realise that this is an honour reserved for few Heads of State. However, this is the first visit to Britain by a Spanish monarch for, I believe, eighty years, and he is a rather exceptional person, who has performed for his country and for Europe a very remarkable service.

*Yours sincerely,
Charles*

From: The Marquess of Douro, M.E.P.

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European Parliament

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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
10 Downing Street,
London SW1.

9th January 1986.

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you very much for your letter of 23rd December. I am delighted that you have invited the King of Spain to give an address in Parliament during his State Visit. I spoke to him on the telephone while I was in Spain for the New Year and he was very pleased and honoured by the invitation.

*Yours ever,
Charles*

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

19 December 1985

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Dear Denise,

I enclose a self-explanatory draft reply from the Lord Chancellor to Mr Greville Janner QC MP, whose letter was enclosed with yours of 12 December.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to the Private Secretaries at No 10, to the Chief Whip and the Lord Privy Seal.

Yours Sincerely,
C R Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

Miss Denise Cook
PS/Lord Chancellor
House of Lords
LONDON SW1

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Lord Chancellor

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The
/Hon Greville Janner QC MP

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.....In Confidence

Thank you for your letter of 28 November in which you suggest that King Juan Carlos of Spain might be invited to give an address in Parliament during his State Visit here in April next year.

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We have had this idea in mind for some time, but as you know, such an invitation would formally issue from Parliament itself and wide-ranging consultation was therefore required. I am delighted to say that agreement has now been reached, and the Spanish Ambassador informed. Assuming the King himself agrees, an address in Parliament will accordingly be included in the King's programme.

Enclosures—flag(s).....

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

19 December 1985

Dear Charles,

Letter to the Prime Minister from the Marquess of Douro

/ With apologies for the delay, I enclose a draft reply to the Marquess of Douro's letter of 15 November to the Prime Minister suggesting that King Juan Carlos be invited to give an address in Parliament during his State Visit next April.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Privy Seal and the Chief Whip.

Yours ever,
Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

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Happily agreement all round has now been reached and the Spanish Ambassador informed. We now await the King's reaction to the proposal.

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PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE
WHITEHALL, LONDON SW1A 2AT

27 November 1985

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Dear Colin,

We spoke yesterday about Charles Powell's letter of 19 November which enclosed a proposal from the Marquess of Douro that the King of Spain should be invited to address a joint meeting of the two Houses of Parliament during his State Visit next year.

The Lord Privy Seal has raised no objection to the proposal, but believes that it will be important to discuss it with the Opposition Parties in both Houses before even preliminary soundings are made abroad. If the Foreign Secretary wishes to address this point, he would no doubt wish to involve the Lord President and the Government Chief Whip in the Lords as well as those mentioned in Charles Powell's letter. In the past, Opposition Parties have been consulted not only about the principle of an address to Members of both Houses by a visiting Head of State but also about the venue: since 1945 General de Gaulle has been the only one to address Members from Westminster Hall, all other visiting Heads of State using the Royal Gallery. Depending on the venue, Ministers will no doubt wish to consider the number of places which will be available, and how these should be allocated between the Parties.

I am copying this letter to Charles Powell, Richard Stoate, Murdo Maclean, and David Beamish in the Government Whip's Office (Lords).

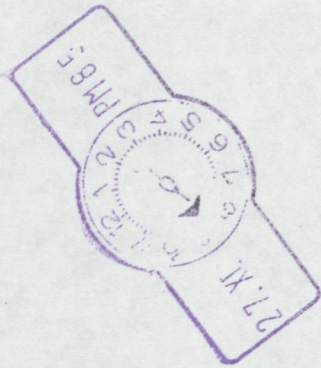
Yours,

Alison

ALISON SMITH
Private Secretary

Colin Budd Esq
Private Secretary to the
Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

Spain; Ret's. + Pt 3



FROM THE PRIVATE SECRETARY



HOUSE OF LORDS,
LONDON SW1A 0PW

19th November, 1985

Colin Budd Esq.,
Private Secretary to the
Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs,
Foreign & Commonwealth Office,
Downing Street,
London,
SW1.

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I think you should have this
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Return to GP's

GP 20/11

Dear Colin,

attached

The Lord Chancellor has seen Charles Powell's letter of 19th November 1985 to you attaching a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from the Marquess of Douro proposing that the King of Spain should be invited to address a joint meeting of the two Houses of Parliament during his State Visit next year. The Lord Chancellor has commented as follows.

"So far as I am concerned I see no objection. But I would think that despite the Reagan precedent such a meeting should be in Westminster Hall. 'A King's a King for a that'."

I am copying this letter to Charles Powell, David Morris and Murdo MacLean.

Very sincerely,
Richard

Richard Stoate



cc: PC

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

Ack/19 November 1985

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from the Marquess of Douro in which he proposes that the King of Spain should be invited to address a joint meeting of the two Houses of Parliament during his State Visit next year. I should be grateful for a draft reply.

889 | I should add that the Prime Minister's strong view is that the King should be invited to make such an address since the visit is a historic occasion. It would be helpful if the Foreign Secretary could consider this with the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Privy Seal and the Chief Whip.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to those named.

Charles Powell

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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