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1. THE SPANISH PRESS OF 4 APRIL REPORTS COMMENTS MADE BY MORAN IN MURCIA ON GIBRALTAR AND OTHER ISSUES. FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO LONDON MORAN PAID TRIBUTE TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATESMANSHIP. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE BELIEVED GIBRALTAR WOULD BE SPANISH 'WITHIN THE COURSE OF THIS GENERATION' AND THAT DURING THE DECADE OF 1990 THERE WOULD BE IMPORTANT PROGRESS. HE HOPED THE UK WOULD BE MORE FLEXIBLE: 'WE WOULD LIKE THEM TO ACCEPT ANY KIND OF NEGOTIATION, TO DISCUSS SOVEREIGNTY AND TO FIND A FORMULA IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHICH THE SPANIARDS AND GIBRALTARIANS WOULD HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS.'

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