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INFO GOVERNOR GIBRALTAR(PERSONAL) WASHINGTON UKMIS NEW YORK
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FALKLANDS/GIBRALTAR

1. CALVO SOTELO ATTENDED A DINNER OFFERED BY A GROUP OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ON 14 MAY. THE OCCASION WAS A PRIVATE ONE: NOTHING OF WHAT WAS SAID WAS FOR THE RECORD. THE FOLLOWING IS BASED ON OUR DEBRIEFING OF RELIABLE BRITISH JOURNALIST.
2. ON THE FALKLANDS, CALVO SOTELO WAS FAR FROM REPENTANT ABOUT SPANISH FOREIGN POLICY LINE. ON THE CONTRARY, HE WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL BOTH OF HMG'S "WILLINGNESS TO FIGHT A COLONIAL WAR" AND OF THE US GOVERNMENT'S DISASTROUS DECISION TO ALIGN ITSELF WITH BRITAIN. HE SAID THAT THE US GOVERNMENT HAD FORFEITED ITS RIGHT

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TO SPEAK FOR THE AMERICAN CONTINENT AND THAT THEREFORE SPAIN
WOULD MORE THAN EVER HAVE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REFLECTING
HISPANIC OPINION. HE SAW THIS AS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION SPAIN
COULD MAKE TO THE NATO ALLIANCE.

3. ON GIBRALTAR HE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE NO USE GOING TO SINTRA
WITH THE ORIGINAL AGENDA ON THE TABLE AND THE EXPECTATION THAT
SPAIN WOULD OPEN THE FRONTIER. THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A CLEAR
SIGNAL THAT SUBSTANTIVE TALKS WERE POSSIBLE WITH SOVEREIGNTY
INCLUDED. HE CONTRASTED LORD CARRINGTON'S FAMILIARITY WITH THE
GIBRALTAR ISSUE WITH YOUR OWN NEED TO CONCENTRATE ON THE
FALKLANDS SINCE YOU BECAME FOREIGN SECRETARY. HE GAVE THE IMPRESSION
OF NOT EXPECTING THE SINTRA TALKS TO TAKE PLACE ON 25 JUNE.

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