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THE PRIME MINISTER

17 June 1983

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. 189/83

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your letter of 13 June.

As you know, we have consistently given our full support to Spanish membership of the Community and pressed for early progress in the accession negotiations. I can assure you that we shall continue to do so, though we have also made it clear that before accession can come about the restrictions on Gibraltar will have to be lifted.

In particular, we want to see the long drawn out internal negotiations on the Mediterranean agricultural regimes brought quickly to a conclusion so that progress can be made on the agricultural aspects of the negotiations. I well understand how important this is for you, and I shall be pressing for this at Stuttgart.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Sr. Don Felipe Gonzalez Marquez.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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15 June 1983

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I enclose a letter from the Prime Minister of Spain which the Spanish Ambassador has asked us to forward to the Prime Minister.

Sr Gonzalez's purpose in writing is to press for sufficient progress at Stuttgart on the Community's internal problems to unblock the Spanish accession negotiations; he is clearly thinking above all of agriculture, but he may also have his eye on an increase in own resources. The European Council may well decide to give a further strong injunction to Agriculture Ministers to complete their work on the Mediterranean regimes as a matter of urgency, but this is likely to fall well short of anything Sr Gonzalez would see as satisfactory, and our own role at Stuttgart may not be seen by the Spaniards as helpful. It may therefore make more sense to send a short courtesy reply now rather than after the European Council.

I enclose a draft reply from the Prime Minister to Sr Gonzalez.

I am copying this letter to Robert Lawson in MAFF and to Richard Hatfield in the Cabinet Office.

Yours ever
Robert Bone

(R B Bone)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

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Sr Don Felipe Gonzalez Marquez
Prime Minister of Spain

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Thank you for your letter of 13 June.

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As you know, we have consistently given our full support to Spanish membership of the Community and pressed for early progress in the accession negotiations. I can assure you that we shall continue to do so, *though we have also made it clear that since this can come about the restrictions in fisheries will have to be lifted.*

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