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YOUR TELNOS 509 AND 510: SPAIN/EC: MESSAGE FROM SPANISH PRIME
MINISTER

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1. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS APPROVED THE FOLLOWING REPLY TO SENOR
GONZALEZ'S MESSAGE:

BEGINS ' DEAR PRIME MINISTER,
THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 16 OCTOBER.

AS YOU KNOW, BRITAIN'S SUPPORT FOR THE ACCESSION OF SPAIN AND
PORTUGAL TO THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN STRONG AND STEADFAST. I SHARE
YOUR CONCERN AT THE SLOW PROGRESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE
LAST TWO MONTHS, AND YOUR FIRM COMMITMENT TO SEEING THEM BROUGHT
TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION IN TIME FOR SPAIN AND PORTUGAL TO
ENTER THE COMMUNITY ON 1 JANUARY 1986.

SOME OF THE ISSUES OUTSTANDING ARE DIFFICULT AND POLITICALLY
SENSITIVE FOR MEMBER STATES, AS SOME OF THEM ARE FOR SPAIN, BUT
I AM CONVINCED THAT WITH SUFFICIENT DETERMINATION ON ALL SIDES
SOLUTIONS CAN AND MUST BE FOUND QUICKLY. AS GEOFFREY HOWE WILL
BE MAKING CLEAR TO THE IRISH PRESIDENCY IN HIS CONTACTS WITH THEM
THIS WEEK, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A MAJOR STEP FORWARD AT NEXT
WEEK'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL IN LUXEMBOURG, AND WE WILL BE READY
TO MAKE OUR FULL CONTRIBUTION TO THIS.

MEANWHILE, I HAVE BEEN GLAD, AS YOU WILL HAVE BEEN, TO
HEAR OF THE PROGRESS BEING MADE IN THE CONTACTS BETWEEN GEOFFREY
HOWE AND FERNANDO MORAN OVER GIBRALTAR.

WITH BEST WISHES

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MARGARET THATCHER ENDS.

2. PLEASE DELIVER THIS REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE PRIME
MINISTER'S OFFICE.

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cc: Sir P. Gaddock

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From the Private Secretary

19 October 1984

EC/SPAIN: LETTER FROM THE SPANISH PRIME MINISTER

Thank you for your letter of 18 October enclosing a draft reply from the Prime Minister to the message from Senor Gonzalez.

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As I told you on the telephone this morning, the Prime Minister has agreed the reply.

I am sending copies of this letter to David Peretz (HM Treasury), Callum McCarthy (Department of Trade and Industry), Ivor Llewelyn (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) and David Williamson (Cabinet Office).

Charles Powell

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Prime Minister

Agree draft
reply attached?

18 October 1984

Dear Charles,

C.D.P.
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attachedEC/Spain: Letter from the Spanish Prime Minister

You will have seen the letter of 16 October from Senor Gonzalez to the Prime Minister about the Spanish accession negotiations (Madrid telnos 509 and 510, copies enclosed). Similar messages have gone to other Community Heads of Government. I enclose a draft reply, in the form of a telegram to Madrid.

This letter is a general appeal for a greater effort on the part of Member States to overcome the outstanding problems within the Community over Spanish accession. It is clearly timed to influence national positions in advance of the Foreign Affairs Council in Luxembourg on 22/23 October. This Council is seen as a particularly crucial one. It follows three Foreign Affairs Councils in a row in the past two months, at which little progress has been made on a Presidency package (including olive oil, wine and Spanish tariffs). The Irish Presidency is also working to establish a basis for progress at this Council; Mr O'Keefe, the Irish Minister of State for Foreign Affairs has been touring Community capitals and will be in London this afternoon for talks with the Foreign Secretary and Mr Rifkind.

The message is aimed mainly at the French, Italians and Greeks, who are between them mainly responsible for the current deadlock. Our position continues to be seen by the Spaniards as generally helpful. Sir Geoffrey therefore believes that we should get in a quick and positive reply in brief and general terms before the Foreign Affairs Council. The Spaniards have in fact asked for a reply if possible before Gonzalez meets President Mitterrand this weekend. They expect Kohl to reply by then too.

We suggest that the reply should include a short reference to Gibraltar, and have inserted one in the draft. The Spaniards might misinterpret the absence of a reference as a change in our position and the Gibraltarians would not understand it if a reply making no reference to Gibraltar were to become public. But given the satisfactory progress so far in his current series of talks with Senor Moran, Sir Geoffrey does not believe that we should labour the point.

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I am sending copies of this letter to David Peretz
(HM Treasury), Callum McCarthy (DTI), Ivor Llewelyn (MAFF)
and David Williamson (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

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 Some of the issues outstanding are difficult and politically sensitive for Member States, as some of them are for Spain, but I am convinced that with sufficient determination on all sides solutions can and must be found quickly. As Geoffrey Howe will be making clear to the Irish Presidency in his contacts with them this week, we would like to see a major step forward at next week's Foreign Affairs Council in Luxembourg, and we will be ready to make our full contribution to this.
 Meanwhile, I have been glad, as you will have been, to hear of the progress being made in the contacts between Geoffrey Howe and Fernando Moran over Gibraltar.
 With best wishes
 Margaret Thatcher ENDS.
 2. Please deliver this reply as soon as possible to the Prime Minister's office.

Handwritten signatures and initials in blue ink.

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18 OCT 1984

