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From the Private Secretary

5 November, 1984.

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you very much for your letter of 1 November about RTZ's activities in Portugal. She was interested to hear of your investment, and has asked for the issue to be covered in the briefing being prepared for Dr. Soares' visit.

Charles Powell

Sir Alistair Frame

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1st November, 1984

Dear Prime Minister,
PORTUGAL

In view of Dr. Soares' forthcoming visit, I thought you should know that RTZ has acquired the "French" shareholding in a new, highly prospective, copper ore body in Southern Portugal. Our purchase price was approximately \$US90 million and the Project will cost a further \$US300 million to develop over the next three years. The output of the mine will almost certainly be sold to the smelters and refiners in the E.E.C.

We have not yet fully agreed some important points with the Portuguese, but do not anticipate any major hurdles.

Our Ambassador to Portugal, Mr. Byatt, has been kept fully informed of our activities and has been most helpful.

Yours sincerely
Philipps Trane

The Right Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury,
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London, S.W.1.



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Portugal

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from Sir Alistair Frame about RTZ's activities in Portugal. I am acknowledging the letter, and do not think any further reply is required. But I should be grateful if reference could be made to the project in the briefing for Dr. Soares' visit.

I am copying this letter to Colin Budd (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

Charles Powell

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