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PRIME MINISTER'S
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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

4 April 1985

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your letter of 29 March.

I should like to congratulate you and your negotiators on the major step forward recorded in Brussels last week with final settlement of the main outstanding problems on the enlargement negotiations. We in Britain have consistently supported Spanish accession to the EC and worked for rapid conclusion of the negotiations, and it gives me great pleasure that a satisfactory agreement has been reached. It was especially gratifying that we were able to co-operate so closely with your delegation throughout the course of these negotiations.

I very much look forward to seeing Spain as a European Community partner on 1 January 1986 and to working with you in the enlarged Community.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Senor Don Felipe Gonzalez Marquez



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

4 April 1985

Dear Sir,

I enclose a signed copy of the Prime Minister's message to the Spanish Prime Minister, somewhat revised from the draft which you sent us. I should be grateful if it could be despatched by telegram.

Yours sincerely
Charles Powell
Charles Powell

Colin Budd Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

2 April, 1985

Dear Charles,

European Community: Spanish Accession

In your letter of 1 April, you asked for a draft reply to Senor Gonzalez' message of 29 March, if one was felt to be appropriate, by the evening of 2 April. In our view a short reply would indeed be appropriate. I therefore enclose an informal translation of the Spanish message and a draft reply to the Spanish Prime Minister. If the Prime Minister approves the message, we will arrange to have the text sent telegraphically to Madrid.

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

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13 1. The Prime Minister has approved the following reply to Senor
14 Gonzalez' message of 29 March:
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23 rapid conclusion of the negotiations, and it gives me great
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 I very much look forward to seeing Spain as a European Community partner on 1 January 1986 and to working with you for the future of an enlarged Community that stands for democracy and stability.
 With best wishes,
 Margaret Thatcher
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 2. Please deliver this reply as soon as possible to the Prime Minister's Office. Signed original follows by bag.
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Emo Rd. Buses 1820

Brussels 29 March

UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF MESSAGE FROM SENOR GONALEZ^z_x

At such an important moment for the future of Europe, after the European Council, and after the culmination of the negotiating process for Spain and Portugal, I should like to thank you in the name of the Government and people of Spain for the intensive efforts made to achieve this outcome.

I should like to assure you here and now of the firm resolve of the Spanish Government to participate as a loyal partner in the future work of the Community and to contribute actively to this historic task of European political construction.