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PRIME MINISTER'S  
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TO IMMEDIATE LISBON  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 176 OF 30 MAY 1985  
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PORTUGAL/EC: MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER

1. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS APPROVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO  
DOCTOR SOARES, PRIME MINISTER OF PORTUGAL.

BEGINS

I VERY MUCH REGRET THAT I SHALL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE  
SIGNATURE OF THE ACCESSION TREATIES IN LISBON AND MADRID ON 12  
JUNE. AS YOU WILL KNOW, THAT IS A DAY ON WHICH I SHALL HAVE TO  
ACT AS HOST TO PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID DURING HIS STATE VISIT TO  
BRITAIN.

I HAVE NO NEED TO ASSURE YOU HOW MUCH WE WELCOME PORTUGAL'S  
ACCESSION AND THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF SEVEN YEARS OF  
NEGOTIATION. GEOFFREY HOWE WILL LEAD THE BRITISH DELEGATION AT  
THE SIGNATURE CEREMONY. I SHALL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT  
THE MILAN EUROPEAN COUNCIL WHEN WE SHALL BE CONSIDERING TOGETHER  
THE FUTURE OF THE ENLARGED COMMUNITY. IT SEEMS TO ME  
OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE THAT WE SHOULD USE THAT  
OCCASION TO THE FULL BY TAKING A NUMBER OF DECISIONS DESIGNED  
TO STRENGTHEN EUROPEAN UNITY AND GIVE IT PRACTICAL EXPRESSION.  
ENDS.

2. PLEASE DELIVER THIS MESSAGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE PRIME  
MINISTER'S OFFICE. THERE WILL BE NO SIGNED ORIGINAL.

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*From the Private Secretary*

3 June 1985

I enclose a copy of a message to the Prime Minister from the Prime Minister of Spain inviting her to attend the signing of the document on Spain's accession to the European Communities on 12 June.

*BF* As you know, the Prime Minister cannot be present. I should be grateful for a draft reply nominating the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary to represent her.

*replied  
verbally  
over phone  
WHA*

CHARLES POWELL

Colin Budd, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

30 May 1985

ACCESSION OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL  
TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

Thank you for your letter of 28 May with which you enclosed brief personal messages to the Spanish and Portuguese Prime Ministers expressing her regrets that she will be unable to attend the ceremony to mark the signature of their Treaty of Accession on 12 June. The Prime Minister has agreed that these messages should be sent as drafted and I should be grateful if you would arrange for this to be done.

Timothy Flesher

Peter Ricketts, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

Prime Minister :

Agree these  
messages?

28 May 1985

Dear Charles,

*[Handwritten initials]*  
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*[Handwritten signature]*

Accession of Spain and Portugal to the European Community

While the reasons are clearly understood, both the Spaniards and Portuguese will be disappointed that the Prime Minister will not be able to take part in the signature of the Accession Treaty on 12 June.

The Prime Minister may wish to send brief personal messages to Doctor Soares and Senor Gonzalez. I enclose drafts. If the Prime Minister approves these, we will arrange for our Ambassadors to take action in Lisbon and Madrid.

*[Handwritten signature]*

*[Handwritten signature]*

(P F Ricketts)  
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq  
10 Downing Street

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12	1. The Prime Minister has approved the following message to
13	Doctor Soares, Prime Minister of Portugal.
14	BEGINS
15	I very much regret that I shall not be able to attend the
16	signature of the Accession Treaties in Lisbon and Madrid on 12
17	June. As you will know, that is a day on which I shall have to
18	act as host to President de La Madrid during his State visit to
19	Britain.
20	I have no need to assure you how much we welcome Portugal's
21	accession and the successful completion of seven years of
22	negotiation. Geoffrey Howe will lead the British delegation at
23	the signature ceremony. I shall look forward to seeing you at
24	the Milan European Council when we shall be considering together
25	the Future of the Enlarged Community. <del>It is my view that we</del>

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 2 seems to me of the greatest importance that we should use that  
 3 occasion to the full by taking a number of decisions designed  
 4 to strengthen European unity and give it practical expression.  
 5 ENDS.  
 6 2. Please deliver this message as soon as possible to the Prime  
 7 Minister's Office. There will be no signed original.

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