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PRIME MINISTER'S  
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TO IMMEDIATE MADRID

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INFO IMMEDIATE UKREP BRUSSELS

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UKREP BRUSSELS TELNO 1211: SPAIN/EC: MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER

1. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS APPROVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO  
SENOR GONZALEZ

BEGINS

I VERY MUCH REGRET THAT I SHALL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE  
SIGNATURE OF THE ACCESSION TREATIES IN MADRID AND LISBON 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 SPAIN'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 COPY.

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MR DEREK THOMAS



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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11	<b>UKREP BRUSSELS TELNO 1211: SPAIN/EC: MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER</b>
12	<b>1. The Prime Minister has approved the following message to</b>
13	<b>Senor Gonzalez</b>
14	<b>BEGINS</b>
15	<b>I very much regret that I shall not be able to attend the</b>
16	<b>signature of the Accession Treaties in Madrid and Lisbon on 12</b>
17	<b>June. As you will know, that is a day on which I shall have to</b>
18	<b>act as host to President de La Madrid during his State visit to</b>
19	<b>Britain.</b>
20	<b>I have no need to assure you how much we welcome Spain's</b>
21	<b>accession and the successful completion of seven years of</b>
22	<b>negotiation. Geoffrey Howe will lead the British delegation at</b>
23	<b>the signature ceremony. I shall look forward to seeing you at</b>
24	<b>the Milan European Council when we shall be considering together</b>
25	<b>the Future of the Enlarged Community. It <del>is my view that we</del></b>

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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
7	Prime Minister's Office. There will be no signed copy.
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MESSAGE FOR PORTUGUESE TELEVISION

I AM DISAPPOINTED TO BE UNABLE TO BE PRESENT PERSONALLY ,  
FOR TODAY'S SIGNATURE OF THE TREATY MARKING  
PORTUGAL'S ACCESSION TO THE COMMUNITY.  
I HAVE THE HAPPIEST MEMORIES OF YOUR COUNTRY,  
BOTH OF THE HONEYMOON WHICH I SPENT THERE  
MANY YEARS AGO, AND MY RETURN VISIT LAST  
YEAR.

PORTUGAL HOLDS A VERY SPECIAL PLACE IN THE HEARTS OF  
ALL BRITISH PEOPLE.  
YOU ARE OUR OLDEST FRIEND AND ALLY.  
IT IS OVER 600 YEARS SINCE WE SWORE

OURSELVES, IN THE WORDS OF OUR TREATY, TO  
"TRUE, FAITHFUL, CONSTANT AND PERPERTUAL  
FRIENDSHIP".

NOW WE SHALL HAVE THE CHANCE TO WORK EVEN  
MORE CLOSELY TOGETHER WITH YOU IN THE  
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

TODAY'S CEREMONY IS A HISTORIC OCCASION FOR YOU, AND

ONE FOR WHICH BRITAIN TOO HAS WORKED HARD  
THROUGH LONG YEARS OF NEGOTIATION.

THERE HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTMENTS AND  
SETBACKS: AND THERE WILL BE DIFFICULTIES IN  
THE FUTURE TOO, AS YOU ADJUST TO MEMBERSHIP  
OF THE COMMUNITY.

THAT IS AN EXPERIENCE WHICH WE HAVE ONLY



RECENTLY GONE THROUGH; AND YOU CAN RELY ON  
OUR UNDERSTANDING AND HELP

YOU ARE A PEOPLE WHO CHOSE FREEDOM.

AS YOU NOW TAKE YOUR RIGHTFUL PLACE IN EUROPE  
THAT FREEDOM WILL BE STRENGTHENED AND  
ASSURED; AND BRITAIN AND PORTUGAL CAN WORK  
TOGETHER TO WIDEN THE COMMUNITY'S HORIZONS,  
IN ACCORD WITH OUR OWN NATIONAL TRADITIONS.

WE IN BRITAIN WELCOME YOU WITH ALL OUR HEARTS.