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TELEGRAM NUMBER 909 OF 25 NOVEMBER

INFO ROUTINE PERSONAL GOVERNOR GIBRALTAR, MADRID, UKREP BRUSSELS.
FOLLOWING FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER.
SPAIN AND THE EC: LETTER FROM THE SPANISH PRIME MINISTER.

1. MIPT: FOLLOWING IS DRAFT REPLY:
2. 'THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 18 NOVEMBER. IT IS MOST HELPFUL FOR MY COLLEAGUES AND I TO HAVE THIS CLEAR AND CONSTRUCTIVE EXPRESSION OF SPAIN'S INTENTIONS AND WISHES AS WE PREPARE FOR THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AT ATHENS NEXT MONTH.

I WELL UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS THAT HAVE PROMPTED YOU TO WRITE. BRITAIN SUPPORTS SPAIN'S ACCESSION AND I WELCOME AND SHARE YOUR DETERMINATION THAT SPAIN SHOULD PARTICIPATE AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY IN ITS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. THE PATH TO MEMBERSHIP, AS THIS COUNTRY HAS REASON TO KNOW, IS A LONG AND OFTEN FRUSTRATING ONE. BUT I HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT THE WAY IS NOW OPEN TO BEGIN SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH SPAIN ON AGRICULTURAL TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, SOMETHING FOR WHICH WE HAVE LONG BEEN PRESSING.

I THEREFORE HOPE, LIKE YOU, THAT YOUR NEGOTIATIONS, AND THOSE OF PORTUGAL, WILL BE COMPLETED IN THE COMING YEAR, OPENING THE WAY TO THE FULFILMENT OF YOUR OBJECTIVE AND PORTUGAL'S THAT YOUR COUNTRIES SHOULD ENTER THE COMMUNITY ON 1 JANUARY 1986. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO DO ALL WE CAN TO HELP MAKE THIS POSSIBLE.

THE ATHENS SUMMIT WILL, I BELIEVE, BE OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE FUTURE AS WELL AS THE PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. DECISIONS NEED TO BE TAKEN ON THE FUTURE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY. THESE DECISIONS WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT NO MEMBER STATE IS ASKED TO BEAR A FINANCIAL BURDEN DISPROPORTIONATE TO ITS MEANS, AND THAT AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER EXPENDITURE IS BROUGHT UNDER EFFECTIVE CONTROL. THEN THE COMMUNITY WILL BE ABLE TO PUT ITS LONG INTERNAL DEBATE BEHIND IT,

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AND WILL HAVE LAID A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR ITS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT TO WHICH I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING SPAIN AND PORTUGAL MAKE THEIR FULL CONTRIBUTION.

THERE REMAINS, OF COURSE, A GREAT DEAL TO BE DONE. IMPORTANT ISSUES STILL REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED IN THE ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS OVER - FOR EXAMPLE - TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE INDUSTRIAL FIELD: AND THERE REMAINS TOO THE PROBLEM OVER MEASURES IN FORCE BETWEEN SPAIN AND GIBRALTAR WITH WHICH YOU AND I ARE BOTH FAMILIAR.

I HOPE WE CAN STAY CLOSELY IN TOUCH ON THESE AND ON ANY OTHER PROBLEMS WHICH MAY ARISE IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.'

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