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 SUBJECT: MY MEETINGS WITH SPANISH LEADERS

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2. I HAD MORE THAN FIVE HOURS OF CONVERSATIONS TODAY WITH THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER, PRIME MINISTER, AND KING. THE RENEWAL OF OUR BASE AGREEMENTS (WHICH EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 21 OF THIS YEAR) AND SPANISH ENTRY INTO NATO WERE THE CRITICAL ISSUES ON THE AGENDA (WE TALKED ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST, EAST-WEST RELATIONS, NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND LATIN AMERICA AS WELL).

3. THE KING EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN FOR YOUR CONDITION AND EXPRESSED HIS SINCEREST REGRETS THAT INTERNAL EVENTS CAUSED A POSTPONEMENT OF HIS U.S. VISIT. HE IS MOST ANXIOUS TO RESCHEDULE THE VISIT FOR EARLY FALL.

4. NATO ENTRY: IN A NUTSHELL, AFTER MUCH HESITATION ON HOW AND WHEN TO APPROACH NATO, THE SPANISH HAVE DECIDED

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TO "CONSULT" THE OPPOSITION PARTIES (THE SOCIALISTS WILL BE THE ONLY SERIOUS PROBLEM) BEFORE JULY, AND HOPEFULLY TO APPROACH THE ALLIES IN THE FALL SEEKING AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE ALLIANCE. THEY HOPE TO HAVE ACCESSION COMPLETED WITHIN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DAY OF INVITATION, BUT ARE WORRIED THAT THE DUTCH, DANES, AND NORWEGIANS WILL SLOW THINGS DOWN BECAUSE OF NORDIC SOCIALIST CONCERNS ABOUT SPANISH SOCIALIST ATTITUDES.

5. THE SPANISH DECISION IS A MAJOR--AND POTENTIALLY HISTORIC--STEP. WE MUST, AS I KNOW YOU AGREE, DO EVERYTHING WE REASONABLY CAN TO FACILITATE A QUICK AND PAINLESS NATO ENTRY. I HAVE TOLD THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT I WOULD:

--ASK CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT TO GET THE SPD TO TRY TO LESSEN SPANISH SOCIALIST OPPOSITION (THE SPD FINANCES A GOOD PART OF THE SPANISH SOCIALIST PARTY);

--TALK TO THE DUTCH, NORWEGIANS, AND DANISH FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THE NATO MINISTERIAL IN ROME NEXT MONTH TO EMPHASIZE OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR SPANISH ENTRY. I MAY, IF THE THREE SEEM DIFFICULT (WHICH I DOUBT), SUGGEST THAT YOU WRITE THE THREE PRIME MINISTERS CONCERNED.

6. AT THE MOMENT I AM RELATIVELY CONFIDENT WE CAN, IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE SPANISH, MANAGE THEIR NATO ENTRY WITHOUT ANY MAJOR HITCHES. THE MAJOR PROBLEM WILL CONTINUE TO CENTER ON INTERNAL SPANISH POLITICS WHICH COULD DISTURB THIS TIMETABLE.

7. BILATERAL BASE AGREEMENTS: OUR BILATERAL BASE AGREEMENTS, COVERING THE USE OF THE EXTREMELY VALUABLE TORREJON AIR BASE, ROTA NAVAL BASE, AND MORON AIR BASE, EXPIRE IN SEPTEMBER. WE HAVE TRIED FOR MONTHS TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW AGREEMENT, BUT THE SPANISH HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET THEIR ACT TOGETHER, PARTLY BECAUSE OF A CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT IN MADRID SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. NOW WE HAVE ONLY A FEW MONTHS LEFT TO RESOLVE SOME VERY COMPLICATED AND POLITICALLY SENSITIVE ISSUES.

8. DURING MY TALKS TODAY, THE SPANISH KEPT REMINDING ME THAT THE PREVIOUS BASE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED WITH FRANCO SPAIN; THE NEW DEMOCRATIC SPAIN DESERVED--AND WOULD INSIST UPON--A GREATER FINANCIAL PAYOFF, PLUS INCREASED EQUIPMENT SUPPORT AND EXPANDED TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FOR

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THE SPANISH MILITARY.

9. FURTHER, I WAS ALSO TOLD THAT THERE WOULD BE NO POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING THE CURRENT AGREEMENT SHOULD IT PROVE IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH A NEW ACCORD BEFORE SEPTEMBER. FINALLY, I WAS INFORMED THAT THE SPANISH COULD NOT MOVE QUICKLY ENOUGH ON NATO ENTRY TO HAVE THAT WELL UNDERWAY BEFORE OUR SEPTEMBER DEADLINE EXPIRED (AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SPANISH DESIRE TO JOIN NATO WOULD, AT A MINIMUM, SUBSTANTIALLY FACILITATE CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF WHATEVER FINANCIAL PACKAGE THE ADMINISTRATION MIGHT COME UP WITH).

10. BUT AFTER A MILD DISPLAY OF CASTILIAN TEMPER ON MY PART, DURING WHICH I EXPLAINED THAT THERE WAS NO WAY WE OR THE CONGRESS COULD BE PRESSURED INTO NEGOTIATING AN AGREEMENT IN ABOUT FIVE MONTHS THAT WOULD CALL FOR A HEAVY INCREASE IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXISTING FACILITIES, WHILE SPAIN DALLIED ON NATO ENTRY, THE SPANISH BEGAN TO BE MORE REASONABLE.

11. WE FINALLY AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING:  
--BOTH PARTIES WILL BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ALMOST IMMEDIATELY ON A NEW AGREEMENT.

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--IF, AFTER A GOOD FAITH EFFORT, IT PROVES IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH A NEW AGREEMENT BEFORE SEPTEMBER, THE EXISTING ACCORD WILL BE EXTENDED FOR WHATEVER PERIOD IS NECESSARY TO SETTLE STILL OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS;  
 --SPAIN WILL PROCEED, AS OUTLINED ABOVE, ON NATO ENTRY.

12. I DOUBT THAT WE WILL REACH AGREEMENT BY SEPTEMBER, BUT WE WILL TRY. IN THE MEANTIME, IF WE CAN FACILITATE A SPEEDY STEP TOWARD NATO ENTRY, IT WILL MAKE OUR WHOLE EFFORT FAR EASIER TO ACCOMPLISH.

13. WE WILL MOVE RAPIDLY TO PUT TOGETHER A NEGOTIATING TASK FORCE FROM STATE AND DOD TO BACK UP OUR CHIEF NEGOTIATOR, AMBASSADOR TODMAN, WHO IS READY TO BEGIN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS AS SOON AS THE SPANISH ARE PREPARED TO SIT DOWN.

14. DESPITE THE SLIGHT PROBLEMS WE ENCOUNTERED HERE TODAY, I MUST EMPHASIZE THAT THE SPANISH ARE FIRM IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO AND DISLIKE FOR THE SOVIETS; THEY ARE EQUALLY FIRM IN THEIR SUPPORT FOR US. THEY ARE GOOD

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ALLIES WHO ARE INSECURE WITH THEIR NEW DEMOCRACY; THEY  
NEED PSYCHOLOGICAL--AND MATERIAL--SUPPORT. THE BEST  
THING WE CAN DO FOR THEM AND FOR THE WEST IS HELP THEM  
INTEGRATE THEIR ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND MILITARY INSTI-  
TUTIONS INTO THE WEST. MAIG

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