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TELEGRAM NUMBER 185 OF 23 SEPTEMBER 1980

FOR DAUNT/FERGUSON

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM NOW REPEATED TO YOU AT REQUEST OF SED
WAS RECEIVED FROM UKMIS NEW YORK TELNO 1320 OF 22 SEPT

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INFO MADRID GIBRALTAR

UNGA GENERAL DEBATE: GIBRALTAR

1. IN HIS STATEMENT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TODAY (22 SEPTEMBER)
THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER INCLUDED A BRIEF PASSAGE ON
GIBRALTAR. HE SAID THAT HE REGRETTED THAT THE QUESTION OF
GIBRALTAR HAD NOT YET BEEN SOLVED. A CONVERGENCE OF POLITICAL
WILL WAS NEEDED TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTES BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE UK.
HE WELCOMED THE START MADE IN LISBON LAST APRIL. BUT GIBRALTAR
HE SAID, WAS QUOTE A PART OF THE SPANISH FATHERLAND UNQUOTE WHOSE
RETURN TO THE FOLD WOULD REMOVE AN OBSTACLE TO GOOD RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE UK AND SPAIN.

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TO IMMEDIATE ATHENS
TELEGRAM NUMBER 166 OF 23 SEPTEMBER

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM NOW REPEATED TO YOU AT REQUEST OF DEPARTMENT
WAS RECEIVED FROM MADRID TELNO 336 OF 22 SEPTEMBER
INFO UKMIS NEW YORK GIBRALTAR

SPANISH FOREIGN POLICY

1. BEFORE LEAVING FOR NEW YORK TO ATTEND UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE
NEW SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER, PEREZ-LLORCA, TOLD THE PRESS CORRES-
PONDENTS THAT THE CHANGE OF MINISTER DID NOT IMPLY ANY CHANGE IN
SPANISH FOREIGN POLICY. ON GIBRALTAR HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID
QUOTE THERE EXISTS A BALANCE OF PRINCIPLES WHICH SHOULD GOVERN THE
NEGOTIATIONS. ONE OF THESE IS THAT THERE MUST BE NO DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST SPANIARDS WHO LIVE OR WHO MIGHT LIVE IN GIBRALTAR. UNQUOTE.
HE INTENDED TO MAKE THIS POINT TO YOU.

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 165 OF 23 SEPTEMBER

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM NOW REPEATED TO YOU AT REQUEST OF DEPARTMENT
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INFO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK (FOR BULLARD AND PRIVATE
SECRETARY)
INFO MADRID

MADRID TELNO 334. MEETING WITH NEW SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER
1. I FULLY ENDORSE THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF MADRID
TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE AND WOULD LIKE TO REINFORCE THE
FIRST POINT IN SUB PARA (B). GIBRALTARIAN LEADERS AND PEOPLE
HAVE ALWAYS FOUND THE LISBON AGREEMENT HARD TO SWALLOW. FURTHER
DELAY IN IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT MIGHT LEAD TO OUTRIGHT
REJECTION OF NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE IT COULD NO LONGER BE SAID THAT
DELAYS ARE ADMINISTRATIVE. TO GIBRALTARIANS SPANISH POLICY
STILL HAS A RING OF COERCION ABOUT IT. THERE IS A GROWING
GIBRALTARIAN CONVICTION THAT SPANISH GOODWILL DOES NOT EXIST
AND THAT WITHOUT THIS NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE POINTLESS. ONLY
EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LISBON AGREEMENT, HOPEFULLY IN
OCTOBER, MIGHT CHANGE THIS CONVICTION.

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TO IMMEDIATE ATHENS (FOR DAUNT/FERGUSSON)
TELEGRAM NUMBER 164 OF 22 SEPTEMBER

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM NOW REPEATED TO YOU AT REQUEST OF DEPARTMENT
WAS RECEIVED FROM MADRID TELNO 334 OF 22 SEPTEMBER
INFO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK (FOR BULLARD AND PRIVATE SECRETARY)
PRIORITY GIBRALTAR (PERSONAL)

MY TELEGRAM NO. 331 : NEW SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER

1. IN THE EVENT THE MINISTER WAS UNABLE TO SEE ME ON SATURDAY MORNING AS HE HAD TO GO TO AN EMERGENCY CABINET MEETING AND THEN STRAIGHT TO NEW YORK. BUT DURAN HAD UNDERTAKEN TO BRIEF HIM IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR CONVERSATION REPORTED IN MY TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE.
2. I DOUBT WHETHER THERE IS MUCH DANGER OF PEREZ-LLORCA NOW DECLINING IN PRINCIPLE TO IMPLEMENT THE LISBON AGREEMENT. THE GREATER DANGER IS THAT SUAREZ AND HE WILL GIVE IT A LOW POLITICAL PRIORITY, REGARDING IT AS SOMETHING OF A DOMESTIC LIABILITY WITHOUT ANY REAL COUNTER BALANCING ADVANTAGE IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IT THEREFORE SEEMS NECESSARY TO MAKE CLEAR TO PEREZ-LLORCA THE DISADVANTAGES FOR SPAIN AS WELL AS BRITAIN IF THE LISBON AGREEMENT IS NOT IMPLEMENTED THIS AUTUMN.
3. I RECOMMEND ACCORDINGLY THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHOULD TAKE THE FOLLOWING LINE ON GIBRALTAR WITH THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER IN THE COURSE OF THEIR GENERAL TALK IN NEW YORK THIS WEEK:
 - A) IT IS IN THE REAL INTERESTS OF ALL PARTIES THAT THE LISBON AGREEMENT SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY, WITH THE OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS AND THE RESTORATION OF DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS TAKING PLACE IF POSSIBLE NEXT MONTH.
 - B) FAILING THIS, THE PROSPECT OF PROGRESS WILL RECEIVE A DISTINCT SETBACK, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE INDEPENDENT NATURE OF GIBRALTARIAN PUBLIC OPINION WHICH THE SPANIARDS MUST ACCEPT AS A FACT. THERE ARE ALSO PARLIAMENTARY SENSITIVITIES IN BRITAIN TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
 - * C) SPAIN WOULD LOSE AS MUCH AS BRITAIN, /28% ,95 .943, FROM A FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT THE LISBON AGREEMENT. WE WISH TO BE CONSTRUCTIVELY HELPFUL TO SPAIN OVER HER ENTRY INTO THE COMMON MARKET, WHERE WE HAVE MANY INTERESTS IN COMMON, AND OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF HER ACCESSION TO NATO. EXCHANGES OF VISITS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL WOULD HELP TO SET THE SEAL ON THIS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP. BUT IT IS DIFFICULT TO TAKE THINGS FURTHER UNTIL THE FRONTIER IS OPEN AND THE GIBRALTARIAN NEGOTIATIONS START.

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