

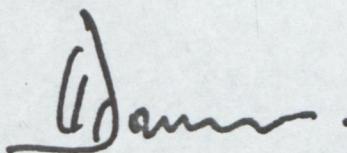
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SPAIN: INTERNAL

1. The Embassy at Madrid telephoned at 1150 to report that the Civil Guard detachment in the parliament building had surrendered; Colonel Tejero had agreed to give himself up at the Civil Guard barracks at El Pardo. All Deputies, including the six party leaders who had been kept apart from other hostages, had been released.
2. The parliamentary committee which decide on procedures would meet tomorrow. Parliamentary confirmation of Sr Calvo Sotelo could go forward as early as the evening of 25 February but might be delayed to 26 February.
3. The Secretary-General of the UCD had said that yesterday's incident would not produce radical political change, such as the formation of a coalition government; normal political life would be resumed and Sr Calvo Sotelo's chances of parliamentary confirmation had not been affected. Nothing so far said by socialist spokesmen had contradicted this message of 'return to normal'.



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