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26th March 1984

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Dear David,

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RAPIER

You wrote to Richard Mottram on 5th March, enclosing a copy of Sr González's letter to the Prime Minister dated 20th February. You asked to be kept informed of any further steps on Rapier which it was thought appropriate to take at this stage.

Since then, the Prime Minister has of course agreed the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's proposal to send a message to Sr Moran on the subject of Gibraltar. In the light of this, and the reaction to it, we do not envisage any further action at the moment.

I am copying this to Roger Bone (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever

Simon Lowe

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From the Private Secretary

5 March, 1984

RAPIER

I enclose for information a copy of a message to the Prime Minister from Sr. González, in reply to her letter of 16 January about Rapier. No doubt you will let us know if there is any further action which you consider it appropriate to take at this stage.

I am copying this letter and its enclosure to Brian Fall (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Callum McCarthy (Department of Trade and Industry) and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

(David Barclay)

R. Mottram, Esq.,
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5 March, 1984

Thank you for your letter to Mr. Butler of 2 March with which you enclosed a letter from Senor González, President of the Spanish Government. I shall place Senor Gonzalez's letter before the Prime Minister for her attention.

(David Barclay)

His Excellency Senor Jose J. Puig de la
Bellacasa



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SPANISH AMBASSADOR

2nd March 1984.

Dear Mr. Butler,

I enclose a letter addressed to the Prime Minister
by the President of the Spanish Government, Don Felipe
González, and I shall be most grateful if you will kindly
see that it reaches her. 20-2-84

*Yours sincerely,
Jose J. Puig de la Bellacasa*

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