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TELEGRAM NUMBER 318 OF 19 OCTOBER
REPEATED FOR INFORMATION IMMEDIATE UKREP BRUSSELS
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YOUR TELNOS 509 AND 510: SPAIN/EC: MESSAGE FROM SPANISH PRIME MINISTER

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1. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS APPROVED THE FOLLOWING REPLY TO SENOR GONZALEZ'S MESSAGE:
BEGINS ' DEAR PRIME MINISTER,
THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 16 OCTOBER.

AS YOU KNOW, BRITAIN'S SUPPORT FOR THE ACCESSION OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL TO THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN STRONG AND STEADFAST. I SHARE YOUR CONCERN AT THE SLOW PROGRESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS, AND YOUR FIRM COMMITMENT TO SEEING THEM BROUGHT TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION IN TIME FOR SPAIN AND PORTUGAL TO ENTER THE COMMUNITY ON 1 JANUARY 1986.
SOME OF THE ISSUES OUTSTANDING ARE DIFFICULT AND POLITICALLY SENSITIVE FOR MEMBER STATES, AS SOME OF THEM ARE FOR SPAIN, BUT I AM CONVINCED THAT WITH SUFFICIENT DETERMINATION ON ALL SIDES SOLUTIONS CAN AND MUST BE FOUND QUICKLY. AS GEOFFREY HOWE WILL BE MAKING CLEAR TO THE IRISH PRESIDENCY IN HIS CONTACTS WITH THEM THIS WEEK, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A MAJOR STEP FORWARD AT NEXT WEEK'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL IN LUXEMBOURG, AND WE WILL BE READY TO MAKE OUR FULL CONTRIBUTION TO THIS.

MEANWHILE, I HAVE BEEN GLAD, AS YOU WILL HAVE BEEN, TO HEAR OF THE PROGRESS BEING MADE IN THE CONTACTS BETWEEN GEOFFREY HOWE AND FERNANDO MORAN OVER GIBRALTAR.
WITH BEST WISHES

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MARGARET THATCHER ENDS.

2. PLEASE DELIVER THIS REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE PRIME
MINISTER'S OFFICE.

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