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I suggest we obtain
an update of the P.O.
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TO IMMEDIATE GOVERNOR GIBRALTAR

TELEGRAM NUMBER PERSONAL 83 OF 11 NOVEMBER

PRIORITY MADRID, MODUK (FOR DS12)

YOUR TELNO PERSONAL 139: GIBRALTAR DOCKYARD

1. MR MCQUARRIE MP HAS WITHDRAWN HIS PQ. HOWEVER, SIR PATRICK WALL MP HAS TABLED ANOTHER FOR WRITTEN REPLY ON MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER:

' TO ASK THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS WHAT SUPPORT HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IS GIVING THE GOVERNMENT OF GIBRALTAR TO COMMERCIALISE GIBRALTAR DOCKYARD.'

2. WE PROPOSE TO REPLY AS FOLLOWS:

' RECOMMENDATIONS BY CONSULTANTS FOR COMMERCIALISING HM DOCKYARD AT GIBRALTAR HAVE BEEN STUDIED CAREFULLY BY THE BRITISH AND GIBRALTAR GOVERNMENTS. HMG HAVE NOW OUTLINED TO THE GIBRALTAR GOVERNMENT THE MEASURES THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO TAKE TO ASSIST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMERCIAL DOCKYARD PROVIDING SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE AGREED. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WILL BE HELD SHORTLY BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.'

3. THE REPLY WILL BECOME AVAILABLE PUBLICLY AT 1700Z ON 15 NOVEMBER. THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER TIMING HIS OWN ANNOUNCEMENT TO COINCIDE. THE MOD PROPOSE TO INFORM TRADES UNIONS IN LONDON AND GIBRALTAR SIMULTANEOUSLY AT 1715Z.

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