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	10	INFO SAVING IMMEDIATE GIBRALTAR (PERSONAL FOR GOVERNOR)
	11	UKDEL NATO TELNO 482: MY MEETING WITH THE SPANISH FOREIGN
	12	MINISTER: COMMENT
	13	1. At this first meeting I was struck by the way in which
	14	Moran seemed ready to acknowledge the fundamental importance
	15	for us of the wishes of the people of Gibraltar and by his
	16	concern that expectations in Spain should not be raised too
	17	high. And he did not insist on anything now, in return
	18	for the limited opening of the frontier. He made clear
	19	nevertheless that he wanted to press ahead with the
	20	implementation of the Lisbon Agreement as quickly as possible.
	21	With the cancellations of April and June this year in mind,
///	22	I was concerned that there should be no hasty agreement to
//	23	fix a date for the implementation of the Agreement without
/	24	each side understanding what they meant by this. With a
	25	new government in Spain it seems desirable to be clear about

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2 what each side thinks the Lisbon Agreement and its accompanying
3 documents to mean and go through again the kind of educative
4 process which we conducted with their predecessors early this
5 year. The purpose of the meeting of officials referred to
6 in paragraph 10 would be to obtain and offer clarifications
7 on each side, not (not) to negotiate. At the same time it
8 may be desirable to renew the discussion which you had
9 earlier this year about the kind of outcome each side would
10 envisage from the first meeting. Not until those discussions
11 have been completed ought we to fix the date of that meeting
12 and of the complete opening of the frontier.

13 2. Cuenca was present and it would be wise to check with
14 him that his understanding of what we agreed is the same.
15 It would also be useful to explore whether the Spaniards
16 would be content to pursue the official discussions with you
17 or whether they would expect a visit by an Under Secretary.
18 Since there may be necessity for a good deal of reference
19 back we should prefer you to be the channel. We would send
20 you instructions in the New Year.

21 3. We must hope that MORAN will hold to the^e first
22 expressions of respect for the wishes of the people of
23 Gibraltar and will not be got at by others with less flexible
24 views. We must no doubt expect the usual bargaining sessions
25 with officials who will try to extract advantage for the
26 Spanish side. But this first meeting has at least provided
27 some useful statements from MORAN which can be quoted back
28 at him.

29 4. (For Governor.) Please draw on TUR and this telegram
30 to brief Hassan and, as appropriate, Isola on the next steps
31 as I see them.

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*We cannot discuss Sovereignty -
They can react - but we can do*

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