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TO IMMEDIATE MADRID

TELEGRAM NUMBER 112 OF 29 MARCH

INFO IMMEDIATE GOVERNOR GIBRALTAR (PERSONAL), MODUK(DS5)

YOUR TELNO 208: FLEET VISIT TO GIBRALTAR FROM 13 TO 18 APRIL.

1. WE AGREE. YOUR NAVAL ATTACHE MAY WISH TO SPECIFY THAT THE FORCE INVOLVED IN EXERCISE SPRINGTRAIN WHICH WILL BE VISITING GIBRALTAR INCLUDES 12 WARSHIPS, LED BY A CARRIER, AND THREE RFAS.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF A DEFENSIVE PRESS LINE ON THE LINES OF WHICH THE MOD HAVE IN MIND TO DRAW IN THE EVENT OF ENQUIRIES.

ON PAST FORM, THESE ARE LIKELY TO ARISE SOON.

QUOTE:

SPRINGTRAIN

THE FLEET TRAINING EXERCISE, SPRINGTRAIN, IS HELD ANNUALLY IN THE EASTERN ATLANTIC AROUND MARCH/APRIL FOR ABOUT 2-3 WEEKS. THIS IS ONE OF OUR MAJOR NATIONAL EXERCISES AND SOME DOZEN WARSHIPS INCLUDING SUBMARINES WILL BE TAKING PART TOGETHER WITH AFLOAT SUPPORT AND RAF AIRCRAFT. THIS YEAR'S EXERCISE WILL BE LED BY HMS INVINCIBLE.

CONNECTION WITH ANGLO-SPANISH TALKS

NONE WHATEVER. AS I HAVE SAID THIS IS AN EXERCISE HELD ABOUT THIS TIME EVERY YEAR.

HRH PRINCE ANDREW

HRH IS A MEMBER OF HMS INVINCIBLE'S EMBARKED AIR GROUP. IN HIS CAPACITY AS A SERVING ROYAL NAVAL OFFICER, HE WILL OF COURSE BE WITH HIS SHIP THROUGHOUT EXERCISE SPRINGTRAIN, INCLUDING THE ASSOCIATED VISIT TO GIBRALTAR.

SPANISH PERCEPTIONS

IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT HRH IS A MEMBER OF INVINCIBLE'S EMBARKED AIR SQUADRON.

GIBRALTARIAN WELCOME

THERE ARE NO ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANY SPECIAL RECEPTION FOR HRH. AS

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ON ALL VOYAGES HE IS TREATED AS AN ORDINARY MEMBER OF THE SHIP'S  
COMPLEMENT.  
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