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1. EL PAIS OF 21 JUNE REPORTS MORAN AS HAVING SAID AT A WORKING BREAKFAST WITH THE PRESS IN BONN YESTERDAY THAT HE WOULD TALK TO SCHULTZ ABOUT GIBRALTAR TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND SO THAT 'MRS THATCHER CANNOT PRESENT US AS PEOPLE WHO PUT STABILITY IN DANGER'. HE SAID THAT HE HAD WRITTEN TO SCHULTZ ABOUT THIS MATTER 'IT IS NOT TRUE THAT WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE LISBON AGREEMENT AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION, ONLY ITS INTERPRETATION: WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS OF 10 (SIC) JANUARY 1982 IN WHICH CALVO SOTELO'S GOVERNMENT GAVE IN TO THE BRITISH'.

2. SPEAKING ON NATO HE REJECTED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE NEUTRALISATION OF SPAIN 'WHICH WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE WEST'. HE SAID HE PERSONALLY PREFERRED THE PARTICIPATION OF SPAIN IN WESTERN DEFENCE. HE SAID THAT THE DATE OF A REFERENDUM ON NATO WAS NOT A QUESTION OF MONTHS NOR OF A YEAR AND A HALF OR TWO YEARS. IT SHOULD BE LINKED TO THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE EUROMISSILES. HE SAID THERE WAS NO DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE ON SPAIN BY NATO, BUT THEY WANTED AN ANSWER IN A REASONABLE PERIOD. THE PRESS SHOULD REALISE THAT UNDUE PRESSURE COULD LEAD TO A NEGATIVE RESULT. HE ALSO REFERRED TO PRESSURE FROM SPANISH PUBLIC OPINION WHICH HE SAID COULD INCREASE IN THE NEXT YEAR OR SO.

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