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IMMEDIATE 061315Z APR 82

FROM COMMCEN FCO LONDON
TO GOVERNOR GIBRALTAR
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SIC A3A/A2M/19F
FM MADRID 061315Z APR 82
TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 186 OF 6 APRIL
INFO IMMEDIATE GOVERNOR GIBRALTAR (PERSONAL)

MY I.P.T.
G BRALTAR AND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

I THINK WE SHOULD REJECT PEREZ LLORCA'S FIRST THOUGHT THAT THE POSTPONEMENT MIGHT BE PRESENTED AS A BRITISH INITIATIVE, ARISING FROM YOUR PRACTICAL INABILITY TO COMMIT YOURSELF TO BEING IN PORTUGAL ON 20 APRIL. THIS COULD EXACERBATE OUR GENERAL DIFFICULTIES BY GIVING THE APPEARANCE THAT WE WERE REFUSING TO NEGOTIATE OVER G BRALTAR. ON THE OTHER HAND, A UNILATERAL SPANISH DECISION TO POSTPONE THE FRONTIER OPENING WOULD LOOK LIKE A DIPLOMATIC REVERSE FOR US. HENCE THE SUGGESTION THAT THE POSTPONEMENT SHOULD BE ANNOUNCED AS HAVING BEEN DECIDED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, TOGETHER WITH A FIRM ASSURANCE FROM BOTH SIDES THAT THE LISBON PROCESS CONTINUES.

2. AS SEEN FROM HERE, IT WOULD SEEM BEST TO COMBINE THIS WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A FIRM DATE IN LATE JUNE FOR OPENING THE FRONTIER AND STARTING NEGOTIATIONS.

3. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

PARSONS
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