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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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Dear Prime Minister,

The six years that have elapsed since Spain made her application to accede to the European Community have served to highlight the difficulties and problems posed by the negotiations that should lead to my country's full membership of the European Institutions.

It is obvious that Spain's progress into Europe is being held up at present fundamentally by problems inside the Community. The European Council will look into possible solutions to these problems at its next meeting to be held shortly in Stuttgart.

I would like to state that the Government and the whole of the Spanish people have the desire and the political will to see these problems overcome. Public opinion in my country believes that the time has finally come for European Institutions to give a positive answer to an aspiration unanimously shared by the Spanish people.

My Government reaffirms that Spain's integration as a Western European country within the Communities constitutes the central prop of our foreign policy, as well as serving the process of building up Europe. With this in view, I would urge you, on my own behalf, and that of my Government, to see that the European Council meeting in Stuttgart makes every effort to arrive at the undertakings that are necessary for the swift advance of the process of Spanish accession so that it may reach its natural conclusion within a reasonable period of time.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurance of my highest consideration.

(Signed) FELIPE GONZALEZ

Her Excellency Margaret Thatcher,
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.