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EC/PORTUGAL: MESSAGE FROM PORTUGUESE PRIME MINISTER

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1. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
DR SOARES (TRANSLATION PROVIDED BY PORTUGUESE EMBASSY):-
BEGINS:

'DEAR PRIME MINISTER

AT THE MOMENT WHEN THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ACCESSION
OF PORTUGAL TO THE EEC COME TO AN END, I WOULD LIKE TO
EXPRESS TO YOU MY GOVERNMENT'S APPRECIATION, AND MY OWN,
FOR THE CONTRIBUTION YOU HAVE ALWAYS GIVEN TO THE
SPEEDING UP OF NEGOTIATIONS AND FOR YOUR PUBLIC SUPPORT
TO THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES TO INCLUDE
SPAIN AND PORTUGAL.

PLEASE ACCEPT THE EXPRESSION OF MY HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION AND FRIENDSHIP.

MARIO SOARES'

ENDS.

2. SHE HAS APPROVED THE FOLLOWING REPLY:-
BEGINS:

'DEAR PRIME MINISTER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 1 APRIL.

I AM DELIGHTED THAT FINAL AGREEMENT ON THE MAJOR
OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS IN THE ENLARGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS
WAS REACHED IN BRUSSELS LAST WEEK. I AM GLAD THAT WE
WERE ABLE TO WORK SO CLOSELY TOGETHER TO BRING THOSE
NEGOTIATIONS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. I LOOK FORWARD
NOW TO WORKING WITH YOU IN THE ENLARGED COMMUNITY. IT

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WAS A PARTICULARLY HAPPY COINCIDENCE THAT THE AGREEMENT SHOULD HAVE BEEN REACHED DURING HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S VISIT TO YOUR COUNTRY.

WITH BEST WISHES,
MARGARET THATCHER'

ENDS.

3. PLEASE DELIVER THIS REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.

4. THERE WILL NO BE A SIGNED ORIGINAL : THERE WAS NO TIME TO PRODUCE ONE BEFORE THE PM LEFT ON HER FAR EAST TOUR.

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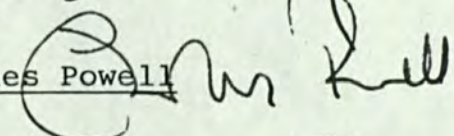
4 April 1985

Dear Colin,

European Community: Portuguese Accession

Thank you for your letter of 3 April enclosing a draft reply to the Portuguese Prime Minister's message.

The Prime Minister has approved this. It will not be possible to get a signed copy of the message before her departure so reference to it is best deleted from your telegram.

Yours sincerely

Charles Powell

Colin Budd Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

3 April, 1985

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister
Agree to
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reply?
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European Community: Portuguese Accession

In your letter of 2 April, you asked for a draft reply to the Portuguese Prime Minister's message of 1 April. This is attached.

If the Prime Minister approves the message, we will arrange to have the text sent telegraphically to Lisbon.

Yes.
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Yours ever,

Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

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	12	1. The Prime Minister has received the following message from
	13	Director ^{DR.} Soares (translation provided by Portuguese Embassy):-
	14	Begins:
	15	"Dear Prime Minister
	16	At the moment when the negotiations for the accession
	17	of Portugal to the EEC come to an end, I would like to
	18	express to you my Government's appreciation, and my own,
	19	for the contribution you have always given to the
	20	speeding up of negotiations and for your public support
	21	to the enlargement of the European Communities to include
///	22	Spain and Portugal.
//	23	Please accept the expression of my highest
/	24	consideration and friendship.
	25	MARIO SOARES"

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 Ends.
 2. She has approved the following reply:-
 Begins:
 "Dear Prime Minister
 Thank you for your letter of 1 April.
 I am delighted that final agreement on the major
 outstanding problems in the enlargement negotiations
 was reached in Brussels last week. I am glad that we
 were able to work so closely together to bring those
 negotiations to a successful conclusion. I look forward
 now to working with you in the enlarged Community. It
 was a particularly happy coincidence that the agreement
 should have been reached during Her Majesty The Queen's
 visit to your country.
 With best wishes,
 MARGARET THATCHER"
 Ends.
 3. Please deliver this reply as soon as possible to the
 Prime Minister's Office. Signed original follows by bag.
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