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*From the Private Secretary*

7 November 1985

PRIME MINISTER'S REPLY TO SENOR SUAREZ

Thank you for your letter of 7 November enclosing a draft reply to Senor Suarez's letter of 25 September.

You should be aware that the Prime Minister finds it incomprehensible that it takes from 3 October to 7 November to produce a short, non-committal reply to a letter.

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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Reply to Sr Suarez's Letter  
Concerning the Europe/Latin American Institute (IRELA)

I enclose a draft reply from the Prime Minister to Sr Suarez's letter of 25 September seeking UK support in the EC for IRELA. This could be sent via our Embassy in Madrid 'under flying seal'. I am sorry for the delay in sending you this reply.

IRELA (a forum of academic/journalistic cooperation) was launched in 1982, formally founded in October 1984 and has now been given a headquarters in Madrid by the Spanish Government. It aims to promote contact and understanding between Latin America and Europe through a programme of conferences, workshops and publications.

However, as Sr Suarez's letter implies, there is a difference of view between the Commission and some member states (including ourselves) on the funding of this Institute from the Community Budget.

It will take some time to resolve this problem; but it need not hold up a non-committal reply from the Prime Minister to Sr Suarez.

Yours ever,

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.....In Confidence

Thank you for your letter of 25 September.

CAVEAT.....

I entirely agree that, with the accession of Spain and Portugal, the European Community should focus more closely on its relations with Latin America. I agree with you too that the Institute of European/Latin American Relations should provide a useful forum for informal and open discussion.

You mentioned procedural difficulties about the financing of the Institute. These are being pursued between the Commission and member states in Brussels. We have to scrutinise every request for funds very closely. But we shall certainly bear your comments in mind during further discussion of this subject in Brussels.

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