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GABINETE SR. MINISTRO - EUROPA - A CONTINUACION TRANSMITO

INTERVENCION SIR IAN GILMOUR AYER EN CAMARA COMUNES:

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→ MR. SHORE: THE HOUSE WILL WELCOME THE REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENTS AND THE OPENING OF THE BORDER BETWEEN GIBRALTAR AND SPAIN, ALL THE MORE SO SINCE THE 11 -YEAR SIEGE OF GIBRALTAR WAS WHOLLY UNJUSTIFIED FROM BEGINNING TO END. THE RIGHT HON. GENTLEMAN HAS RIGHTLY STATED -WE WELCOME THIS, TOO- THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT, AS HE PUTS IT, NEVER TO ENTER INTO ARRANGEMENTS UNDER WHICH THE PEOPLE OF GIBRALTAR WOULD PASS UNDER THE SOVEREIGNTY OF ANOTHER STATE AGAINST THEIR FREELY AND DEMOCRATICALLY EXPRESSED WISHES. THAT IS ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.

I HAVE ONLY TWO QUESTIONS TO PUT. THE COMMUNIQUE OF 10 APRIL REFERRED TO "THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT OVERCOMING ALL THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SPAIN AND BRITAIN ON GIBRALTAR".

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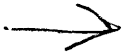
CAN THE LORD PRIVY SEAL SAY WHAT SUBJECTS ARE TO BE COVERED IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS OR TALKS? WILL HE CONFIRM THAT THEY WILL NOT INCLUDE THE QUESTION OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GIBRALTAR?

↘ SIR I. GILMOUR: I AM GRATEFUL TO THE RIGHT HON. GENTLEMAN FOR WHAT HE SAID ABOUT RE-EMPHASISING THE GOVERNMENT'S FIRM COMMITMENT WHICH I STATED AT THE END OF MY STATEMENT.

WITH REGARD TO THE RIGHT HON. GENTLEMAN'S QUESTION ABOUT THE COMMUNIQUE THAT WAS ISSUED AT THE END OF MY RIGHT HON. AND NOBLE FRIEND'S CONVERSATIONS WITH SENOR OREJA, WE AGREED TO

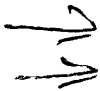
TALK ABOUT ANYTHING. IT IS A PART OF THE AGREEMENT THAT NOTHING IS BARRED. WE SHALL DISCUSS ANYTHING. BUT, AS I SAY, THAT MUST BE READ IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR FIRM COMMITMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF GIBRALTAR WHICH I MENTIONED EARLIER.

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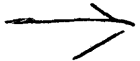


SIR DEREK WALKER-SMITH: WILL MY RIGHT HON. FRIEND SAY WHETHER THE SPANIARDS ARE STILL INSISTING THAT, UNDER THE CORRECT INTERPRETATION OF THE TREATY OF UTRECHT, ANY CHANGE IN THE STATUS OF GIBRALTAR WOULD NECESSARILY INVOLVE A REVERSION TO SPANISH SOVEREIGNTY? WILL HE SAY WHETHER HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT ACCEPT OR REJECT THAT AS A MATTER OF LAW AND AS BEING OUTWITH THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE?.

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SIR I. GILMOUR: AS MY RIGHT HON. AND LEARNED FRIEND WILL KNOW, THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT STATED IN THE AGREED TEXT THAT THEY BELIEVED THAT GIBRALTAR WAS PART OF THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF SPAIN. AS I HAVE SAID, WE DO NOT TAKE THAT VIEW. OUR POSITION IS AS I HAVE STATED - THAT THERE CAN BE NO CHANGE IN THE POSITION OF GIBRALTAR WITHOUT THE FREELY AND DEMOCRATICALLY STATED WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF GIBRALTAR.



MR. STEPHEN ROSS: I WELCOME THE LORD PRIVY SEAL'S STATEMENT PARTICULARLY THE LAST PARAGRAPH. CAN HE SAY ANYTHING ABOUT LIFTING RESTRICTIONS ON FLIGHT PATHS INTO GIBRALTAR? I UNDERSTAND THAT THOSE RESTRICTIONS ARE STILL IN FORCE. CAN HE COMMENT ON EMPLOYMENT IN THE DOCKYARDS? I UNDERSTAND THAT MOROCCANS HAVE NOW REPLACED SPANIARDS. IS THAT SUBJECT STILL OPEN FOR DISCUSSION, AND WHAT IS THE LIKELY OUTCOME?.

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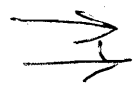


SIR I. GILMOUR: THE RESTRICTIONS ON FLIGHT PATHS WERE REFERRED TO IN THE STATEMENT AND SHOULD COME TO AN END. THAT WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO ANYONE FLYING INTO OR OUT OF GIBRALTAR. THE DOCKYARDS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. AS THE HON. GENTLEMEN HAS RIGHTLY SAID, SPANISH WORKERS HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY MOROCCAN WORKERS. HOWEVER, FUTURE EMPLOYMENT IS A MATTER FOR COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATION.

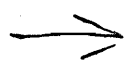
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MR. RIPPON: WITH RESPECT TO MY RIGHT HON. FRIEND, I DO NOT THINK THAT HE HAS FULLY ANSWERED THE QUESTION PUT TO HIM BY MY RIGHT HON. AND LEARNED FRIEND THE MEMBER FOR HERTFORDSHIRE, EAST (SIR D. WALKER-SMITH) ABOUT THE EFFECT OF THE TREATY OF UTRECHT. DO THE GOVERNMENT AGREE THAT, ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO QUESTION OF UNILATERALLY ABROGATING BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY, OR DOING ANYTHING WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE PEOPLE OF GIBRALTAR, IF WE WERE TO LEAVE GIBRALTAR FOR ANY REASON THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE ISLAND WOULD REVERT TO SPAIN?

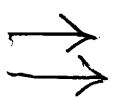


SIR I. GILMOUR: I CANNOT AGREE WITH MY RIGHT HON. AND LEARNED FRIEND. WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF LEAVING GIBRALTAR AND THEREFORE THE QUESTION DOES NOT ARISE. AS I HAVE SAID, ANY CHANGE IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS OF GIBRALTAR - THAT MEANS ANY GIVING UP OF BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY OVER GIBRALTAR - CAN TAKE PLACE ONLY AFTER THE FREE AND DEMOCRATIC WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF GIBRALTAR HAVE BEEN STATED.



DR. GILBERT: AS ONE OF THE PROPOSALS MOOTED IN THE PAST HAS BEEN THAT THERE SHOULD BE JOINT ADMINISTRATION WITH SPAIN OF THE DOCKYARD AND AIRFIELD, WILL THE RIGHT HON. GENTLEMAN CONFIRM THAT SUCH PROPOSALS WOULD BE FAR EASIER TO IMPLEMENT IF SPAIN WERE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF NATO? WILL HE CONFIRM ALSO THAT THE CONSIDERATIONS APPLYING TO THOSE TWO SEATS (REPITO SETS, SETS NO SEATS) OF INSTALLATIONS ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT?.

NATO



SIR I. GILMOUR: I AGREE WITH THE RIGHT HON. GENTLEMAN. THE QUESTION OF SPANISH MEMBERSHIP OF NATO IS ENTIRELY A MATTER FOR SPAIN AND IS SOME WAY IN THE FUTURE.

MR. MAXWELL-HYSLOP: WHAT ACTION IS MY RIGHT HON. FRIEND TAKING IN HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH SPAIN TO SAFEGUARD THE INTERESTS OF THE

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MANY MOROCCAN WORKERS WHO HAVE PROVIDED INDISPENSABLE SUPPORT FOR THE GIBALTARIAN ECONOMY FOR 10 YEARS AND WHO MAY NOW HAVE NO EMPLOYMENT IN MOROCCO? WILL HE BEAR THEIR INTERESTS IN MIND IN RETURN FOR THE VALUABLE SERVICE THAT THEY HAVE PERFORMED FOR THE ECONOMY OF GIBALTAR AND ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY?

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SIR I. GILMOUR: I ENTIRELY AGREE WITH MY HON. FRIEND. MOROCCAN WORKERS HAVE PLAYED DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS AN INDISPENSABLE PART IN THE PRESERVATION OF GIBALTAR. THEIR INTERESTS WILL BE SAFEGUARDED. AS I HAVE ALREADY SAID, ALL THESE ISSUES ARE FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION BY THE GIBALTARIANS. I SHOULD MAKE PLAIN THAT IN ALL FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS THE GIBALTARIANS WILL BE REPRESENTED.

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MR. ENGLISH: IF THE RIGHT HON. GENTLEMAN THINKS THAT HE CAN DO (REPITO FOB, FOB, NO DO) FOB OFF HIS RIGHT HON. AND LEARNED FRIENDS AS HE HAS DONE, HE IS WRONG. THEY ARE RIGHT. WILL THE RIGHT HON. GENTLEMAN PUBLISH, OR AT LEAST PUT IN THE LIBRARY THE LEGAL CASE MADE ON BEHALF OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ANSWERING THAT PUT BY A PREVIOUS SPANISH GOVERNMENT? FOR EXAMPLE, A PREVIOUS SPANISH GOVERNMENT POINTED OUT THAT BY ADMITTING JEWS TO GIBALTAR WE HAD BROKEN THE EXPRESS PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY OF UTRECHT. THAT MIGHT BE SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD ALL WISH TO DO. HOWEVER, THE POINT NEEDS ANSWERING AND NO ANSWER HAS YET BEEN GIVEN. WILL THE RIGHT HON. GENTLEMAN DO THAT?

SIR I. GILMOUR: AT PRESENT, I DO NOT THINK SO. IT IS NOT AN ISSUE THAT IS BEING PUT FORWARD IN THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS. I DO NOT SEE ANY GREAT ADVANTAGE IN ANSWERING SUCH POINTS IF THEY ARE NOT BEING PUT FORWARD. IF THEY ARE PUT FORWARD, WE SHALL ANSWER THEM.

SEVERAL HON. MEMBERS ROSE -----

MR. SPEAKER: ORDER. I PROPOSE TO CALL THOSE HON. MEMBERS WHO
HAVE STOOD THROUGHOUT QUESTIONS ON THE STATEMENT, IF THEY WILL
CO-OPERATE. 6

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Independence
MR. ELDON GRIFFITHS: IN THE LIGHT OF MY RIGHT HON. FRIEND'S
ANNOUNCEMENT, WILL HE STATE THAT THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR THE
INORDINATELY HIGH AIR FARES WHICH IMPEDE THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT
OF THE ROCK? AS HAS BEEN STATED, THERE IS BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY
AND SPANISH SOVEREIGNTY AND A THIRD OPTION CALLED "INDEPEN-
DENCE". WILL MY RIGHT HON. FRIEND CATEGORICALLY STATE HIS
POSITION?.

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SIR I. GILMOUR: I HAVE ALREADY STATED MY POSITION. BRITISH
SOVEREIGNTY WILL NOT BE ALTERED WITHOUT THE EXPRESSLY AND
DEMOCRATICALLY STATED WISH OF GIBRALTARIANS. SURELY THAT IS
AS CLEAR AS IT CAN BE. I CANNOT GO ANY FURTHER. THE INORDI-
NATELY HIGH AIR FARES TO GIBRALTAR ARE A SUBJECT FOR MY RIGHT
HON. FRIEND THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE. I HOPE THAT
ONE OF THE BENEFICIAL RESULTS OF THE AGREEMENT WILL BE THAT
SUCH FARES WILL COME DOWN.

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MR. DALYELL: ARE WE QUITE SURE THAT THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING
IN THE MINDS OF THOSE NEGOTIATING OF THE SPANISH SIDE? ARE THEY
CLEAR THAT WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF LEAVING, ACCORDING TO THE
TERMS OF THE LORD PRIVY SEAL'S STATEMENT? A SECOND AND LESSER
QUESTION IS WHETHER ANYTHING HAS YET BEEN SAID ABOUT THE
POSSIBILITIES OF BRITISH SERVICEMEN BEING ALLOWED TO TRAVEL IN
SOUTHERN SPAIN WHEN STATIONED ON THE ROCK.

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SIR I. GILMOUR: NOTHING HAS YET BEEN SAID AS REGARDS THE
SECOND QUESTION. AS REGARDS THE FIRST, IF THE HON. GENTLEMAN
READS THE JOINT DECLARATION HE WILL SEE THE ANSWER.

Referendum

MR. SHERSBY: DO THE GOVERNMENT INTEND TO PROPOSE TO THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT THAT A REFERENDUM SHOULD TAKE PLACE TO DETERMINE THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF GIBRALTAR CONCERNING THEIR FUTURE STATUS?

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SIR I. GILMOUR: AS MY HON. FRIEND WILL KNOW, A REFERENDUM TOOK PLACE SOME TIME AGO. TO HAVE ANOTHER REFERENDUM NOW WOULD BE TO RUSH THINGS. THERE IS A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE ANY QUESTION OF ANOTHER REFERENDUM ARISES.

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MR. STANBROOK: SINCE THE PREVIOUS POSITION OF THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT WAS UNDERSTOOD TO BE THAT RESTRICTIONS WOULD NOT BE LIFTED UNTIL THERE HAD BEEN AN AGREEMENT TO ENTER INTO MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT SOVEREIGNTY, CAN MY RIGHT HON. FRIEND SAY WHETHER THAT CONDITION HAS BEEN FULFILLED?

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SIR I. GILMOUR: I HAVE ALREADY TOLD THE HOUSE THAT, AS WAS MADE CLEAR IN THE JOINT ANGLO-SPANISH STATEMENT, WHICH MY HON. FRIEND WILL HAVE READ, WE HAVE AGREED TO DISCUSS EVERYTHING. THAT SEEMS A PERFECTLY REASONABLE THING TO AGREE TO. WE HAVE AGREED TO DO SO IN THE CONTEXT, WHICH I HAVE STATED MANY TIMES, OF THE 1969 DECLARATION.

MR. GAREL-JONES: DOES MY RIGHT HON. FRIEND AGREE THAT THE ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH THE DISCUSSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE WILL BE ENHANCED BECAUSE THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT HAVE NOT ONLY APPLIED TO JOIN THE EEC BUT HAVE ALSO STATED THEIR INTENTION TO JOIN THE NATO ALLIANCE? IF HE AGREES, WILL HE, TO ENHANCE THE THE ATMOSPHERE OS THOSE TALKS, GO FURTHER BY STATING THAT WERE GIBRALTARIANS TO CHOOSE TO CHANGE THEIR STATUS AND TO MOVE CLOSER TO SPAIN, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT STAND IN THEIR WAY? WILL HE ALSO CONFIRM THE POINT ALREADY MADE THAT UNDER THE TERMS OF THE TREATY OF UTRECHT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR GIBRALTAR TO RESORT TO INDEPENDENCE AND THAT,

WERE THE UNITED KINGDOM TO WITHDRAW, GIBRALTAR WOULD AUTOMATICALLY BECOME SUBJECT TO SPAIN'S SOVEREIGNTY?

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SIR I. GILMOUR: I CANNOT CONTINUE TO REPEAT MY REMARKS OR MAKE THEM ANY MORE MEANINGFUL. I HAVE ALREADY SAID THAT WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF WITHDRAWING, AND THEREFORE THE QUESTION DOES NOT ARISE.

OF COURSE WE SHOULD WELCOME ANY DECISION BY SPAIN TO JOIN NATO. HOWEVER, THAT IS SOME YEARS AHEAD AND IS AN ISSUE FOR SPAIN, AND NOT US, TO DECIDE.

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MR. VAN STRAUBENZEE: WAS NOT ONE OF THE CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS TO THIS MOST WELCOME ADVANCE THE STURDY CONDUCT OF THE GIBRALTARIAN PEOPLE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THEIR CHIEF MINISTER? DOES NOT GIBRALTAR NOW REQUIRE A PERIOD OF CALM AND REFLECTION DURING WHICH CONFIDENCE CAN BE RE-ESTABLISHED AND RELATIONSHIPS CEMENTED BETWEEN SPAIN AND GIBRALTAR?

SIR I. GILMOUR: I AGREE WITH THOSE REMARKS, PARTICULARLY THOSE CONCERNING THE LEADERSHIP GIVEN TO GIBRALTAR BY THE CHIEF MINISTER. IT WAS NATURAL THAT AFTER 11 YEARS OF BLOCKADE AND ISOLATION THERE SHOULD BE SOME APPREHENSION IN GIBRALTAR ABOUT THE FUTURE. IT IS THEREFORE RIGHT AND PROPER TO HAVE A PERIOD OF CALMNESS.

MR. MCQUARRIE: I WELCOME THE DECISION TO HAVE TALKS. I AM SURE THAT MY RIGHT HON. FRIEND'S ATTENTION WILL HAVE BEEN DRAWN TO THE LARGE DEMONSTRATION IN GIBRALTAR EXPRESSING CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION TO THE DECISION TO HAVE TALKS. HAVING EXPERIENCED THIS FOR SIX YEARS, I CAN TELL MY RIGHT HON. FRIEND THAT AN EMOTIVENESS HAS BEEN CREATED IN GIBRALTAR. I WELCOME MY RIGHT HON. FRIEND'S VIEW THAT THERE SHOULD BE A PERIOD OF CALM BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS ARE STARTED. I ALSO WELCOME THAT THE CHIEF MINISTER AND THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION IN GIBRALTAR WILL BE

PRESENT DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE THAT WILL GIVE THE
GIBALTARIANS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THAT BOTH SIDES ARE CONSI- 9
DERED. IS MY RIGHT HON. FRIEND AWARE ----

MR. SPEAKER: ORDER. I HOPE THAT THE HON. GENTLEMAN WILL ASK HIS
QUESTION. I HAVE EXTENDED THE TIME ALLOWED IN ORDER TO PERMIT
HIM TO ASK HIS QUESTION. WE WANT TO MOVE ON AT SOME STAGE.

MR. MCQUARRIE: IS MY RIGHT HON. FRIEND AWARE OF THE JOINT
COMMUNIQUE BY THE CHIEF MINISTER AND THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION
ISSUED ON 12 APRIL? IT SAID:

"WE FURTHER REITERATE THE POSITION OF THE PEOPLE OF GIBALTAR
THAT FOR THEIR PART THEIR ARE OPPOSED TO ANY NEGOTIATIONS ON
SOVEREIGNTY OVER GIBALTAR, A VIEW EXPRESSED IN A UNANIMOUS
RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY IN NOVEMBER 1977".

SIR I. GILMOUR: AS MY HON. FRIEND KNOWS, THE CHIEF MINISTER AND
THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION WERE AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE TODAY
AND THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND I HAD TALKS TWITH THEM. THEY
SEEMED TO BE FULLY SATISFIED BY WHAT WE SAID. THERE CAN BE NO
POSSIBLE OBJECTION TO OUR AGREEING TO DISCUSS EVERYTHING WITH
SPAIN. THAT MUST BE RIGHT, PROVIDED THAT IT IS RECOGNISED
THAT IT IS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE 1969 DECLARATION. THAT IS OUR FIRM
POSITION.

REV. IAN PAISLEY: IS THE LORD PRIVY SEAL AWARE THAT THE PRESIDENT
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, WHEN ANSWERING A QUESTION THAT I
PUT TO HIM, SAID THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, DURING NEGOTIATIONS
ON THE SPANISH APPLICATION TO JOIN THE COMMON MARKET, HAD NEVER
RAISED THE ISSUE OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE ROCK OF GIBALTAR? IS
IT NOT TIME THAT THE ISSUE WAS RAISED? SHOULD NOT THE GOVERNMENT
SPELL OUT TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND TO EUROPEWHERE THE
BRITISH GOVERNMENT STAND?.

SIR I. GILMOUR: THE HON. GENTLEMAN IS SLIGHTLY BEHIND EVENTS. THE ¹⁰
AGREEMENT APPEARS TO MAKE HIS SUGGESTION UNNECESSARY.

MR. SHORE: ONE ASPECT OF THE SCOPE OF NEGOTIATIONS WORRIES ME.
GIVEN THE CLEAR STATEMENTS BY THE SPANISH AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS,
THERE CAN BE NO MERIT OR BENEFIT IN PICKING OVER THAT PARTICULAR
SORE IN THE TALKS. WILL THE LORD PRIVY SEAL THEREFORE DO HIS
UTMOST TO STEER AWAY FROM THE SOVEREIGNTY ISSUE AND DISCUSS
SUCH IMPORTANT AND PRACTICAL ISSUES AS THE FLIGHT PATH AND
OTHER MATTERS WHICH ARE OF CONCERN TO THE PEOPLE OF GIBRALTAR?.

SIR I. GILMOUR: I THINK THAT THE RIGHT HON. GENTLEMAN SLIGHTLY
MISUNDERSTANDS. I HOPE THAT ISSUES SUCH AS THE FLIGHT PATH
WILL BE AGREED BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS START. IT MUST BE RIGHT, IN
THE CONTEXT OF THE AGREEMENT, TO AGREE TO THE SPANIARDS
RAISING ANY MATTER THAT THEY WISH. THAT IS NORMAL. WE HAVE
DISCUSSED THAT WITH THE CHIEF MINISTER AND THE LEADER OF THE
OPPOSITION TODAY. THEY HAVE SAID THAT THEY ARE SATISFIED. IT IS
SUSPICIOUS OF THE RIGHT HON. GENTLEMAN TO OBJECT TO THE TERMS OF
THE AGREEMENT.

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LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS: MY LORDS, MAY I VERY WARMLY CONGRATULATE THE NOBLE LORD ON THE RESULTS OF HIS EFFORTS IN REINFORCING THE AGE-OLD FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THIS COUNTRY AND SPAIN, AND PARTICULARLY ON HIS SUCCESS IN GETTING A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE RESUMED BETWEEN US ON A NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS, INCLUDING, OF COURSE, THE IMPORTANT QUESTION OF MOVEMENT BY LAND AND AIR BETWEEN GIBRALTAR AND SPAIN? MAY I EXPRESS TO HIM OUR HOPE THAT, ALTHOUGH THIS MAY BE A LONG HAUL, THERE WILL BE AS SPEEDY AS POSSIBLE A TERMINATION OF THIS RESTRICTIONS, WHICH ARE VEXATIOUS AND MUTUALLY DAMAGING -DAMAGING TO TRADE AND DAMAGING TO PSYCHOLOGY, IN THAT THEY POSTPONE, RATHER THAN ACCELERATE, THE POSSIBILITY OF A LARGER SETTLEMENT BETWEEN US, THE GIBRALTARIANS AND SPAIN? FINALLY, MAY I MOST WARMLY ENDORSE WHAT HE SAID ABOUT THE VIEWS OF THE GIBRALTARIANS THEMSELVES BEING THE FINAL DECIDING FACTOR IN ANY POSSIBILITY OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE IN THEIR STATUS?

LORD GLADWYN: MY LORDS, WE ON THESE BENCHES SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE FOREIGN SECRETARY MOST WARMLY ON ARRIVING AT THIS ARRANGEMENT WITH HIS COLLEAGUE FROM SPAIN, WHICH IS, AFTER ALL, EXTREMELY SATISFACTORY FROM EVERY POINT OF VIEW. WE ALSO ACCEPT HIS VIEW THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL GO ON FOR A CONSIDERABLE TIME. I IMAGINE THAT, FROM THE SPANISH POINT OF VIEW, THEY WILL WISH TO GET THEM SATISFACTORILY ENDED BEFORE SPAIN COMES INTO THE COMMON MARKET, I UNDERSTAND THAT THAT WILL BE IN ABOUT TWO OR THREE YEARS' TIME, SO I SUPPOSE

THAT DURING THAT PERIOD THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL CONTINUE. I AM NOT QUIT CERTAIN WHAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE ABOUT, BUT I IMAGINE THAT FROM THE SPANISH POINT OF VIEW THE OBJECTIVE -WITH, OF COURSE, THE CONSENT OF THE INHABITANTS OF GIBRALTAR, AND WE QUITE AGREE THAT NOTHING SHOULD BE DONE AGAINST THE WISHES OF THE INHABITANTS OF GIBRALTAR- WILL EVENTUALLY BE TO ACHIEVE SOME KIND OF CONDOMINIUM WITH JOINT RESPONSABILITY FOR THE FUTURE OF GIBRALTAR. I ASK THAT ONLY AS A HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION.

LORD CARRINGTON: MY LORDS, IT IS SO HYPOTHETICAL THAT I DO NOT THINK I SHOULD CARE TO ANSWER IT. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL NATURALLY CONSIST OF ANYTHING THAT ANYBODY WANTS TO TALK ABOUT. BUT IT IS ALL SUBJECT TO THAT VERY IMPORTANT QUALIFICATION AND PROVISIO WHICH I MADE TO YOUR LORDSHIPS IN THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE STATEMENT. I AM GRATEFUL TO BOTH NOBLE LORDS FOR THE WAY IN WHICH THEY HAVE RECEIVED THE STATEMENT. I THINK IT IS AN IMPORTANT STEP THAT THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE PREPARED TO LIFT THE RESTRICTIONS AND I HOPE VERY MUCH THAT, AS A RESULT OF THIS, WE SHALL SEE SOME PRACTICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN GIBRALTAR AND SPAIN.

LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS: MY LORDS, IF I MAY, WITH THE INFDULGENCE OF THE HOUSE, INTERVENE ONCE MORE, MAY I ASK WHETHER THE FOREIGN SECRETARY RECALLS THE EXTREMELY USEFUL AND SUCCESSFUL VISIT BY A PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION FROM SPAIN, UNDER THE AEGIS OF OUR OWN BRANCH OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION LAST DECEMBER? IT WAS LED BY HIS EXCELLENCY SENOR LAVILLA, SPEAKER OF THE SPANISH NATIONAL CONGRESS, AND THE VERY STRONG GOOD FEELING BETWEEN THIS COUNTRY AND SPAIN, ESPECIALLY DEMOCRATIC SPAIN, WAS MADE VERY EVIDENT. NO DOUBT, HE WILL LOOK, CONCOMITANTLY WITH HIS OWN EFFORTS, TO FURTHER CONTACTS AT THE PARLIAMENTARY LEVEL BETWEEN THE TWO PARLIAMENTS. THAT IS VERY USEFUL.

LORD CARRINGTON: YES, MY LORDS, I THINK THAT THAT IS A GOOD IDEA. I WOULD ALSO SAY THAT, IN THE TWO MEETINGS THAT I HAD WITH SENOR OREJA, HE CERTAINLY SHOWED THAT SPIRIT OF GOODWILL WHICH THE NOBLE LORD HAS SAID THAT THE PARLIAMENTARIANS DID. 4

LORD LEE OF NEWTON: MY LORDS, CAN THE NOBLE LORD SAY WHETHER IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT, THERE WILL BE A PLACE FOR SIR JOSHUA HASSAN TO LOOK IN?

LORD CARRINGTON: YES, INDEED, MY LORDS. ANY NEGOTIATIONS WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF GIBRALTAR.

LORD MAYBRAY-KING: MY LORDS, IS THE NOBLE LORD AWARE THAT ALL FRIENDS OF DEMOCRATIC SPAIN WELCOME THE OPENING OF THE FRONTIER BETWEEN GIBRALTAR AND SPAIN, CONGRATULATE THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND ALSO WELCOME HIS UNDERLINING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DECISION TO THE GIBRALTARIANS BEING THEIR OWN DECISION IN THIS MATTER?

LORD CARRINGTON: MY LORDS, I AM MUCH OBLIGED TO THE NOBLE LORD.

LORD GORE-BOOTH: MY LORDS, MAY I RATHER EXCEPTIONALLY INVITE MYSELF TO ASK THE FOREIGN SECRETARY WHETHER HE WILL ACCEPT WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS OCCASION FROM ONE WHO SEEMS TO HAVE SPENT YEARS IN NEGOTIATING WITH THE SPANIARDS, WITH LESS SUCCESS THAN THE FOREIGN SECRETARY?

LORD CARRINGTON: MY LORDS, THAT IS VERY NICE OF THE NOBLE LORD, BUT WE HAVE TAKEN ONLY ONE VERY SHORT STEP ALONG WHAT I THINK WILL BE A VERY LONG ROAD

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