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FOR S/S-S FROM S/S-O: THIS MADRID SUGGESTION SHOULD BE
READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH TOSEC 160323.

THIS TELEGRAM FROM MADRID DATED OCTOBER 24, 1975 SENT
SECSTATE WASHDC IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 7414

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR, SP

SUBJ: A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR JUAN CARLOS' SWEARING-IN

REF: SECTO 16089

1. WE ARE IN PLACE WITH THE APPROVED TEXTS AGAINST THE
CONTINGENCY OF FRANCO'S DEATH SENT REF. BUT WHETHER FRANCO DIES OR
NOT, THE SUCCESSION APPEARS IRREVERSIBLE. I RECOMMEND A SEPARATE
PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR JUAN CARLOS ON HIS SWEARING-IN.

I BELIEVE IT IS GENERALLY AGREED THAT U.S. INTERESTS
WOULD BE BEST SERVED BY AN EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS THAT
MOVES SPAIN CLOSER TO EUROPE. THE EUROPEANS WILL NOT
ACCEPT FRANCOISM WITHOUT FRANCO INTO THEIR MIDST.

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ACCORDINGLY, I THINK WE SHOULD TAILOR SUCH A MESSAGE TO

INDICATE THE U.S. HOPE THAT SPAIN WILL MOVE IN A PLURALIST DIRECTION, A MESSAGE WHICH JUAN CARLOS WILL BE MOST HAPPY TO GET. I WOULD ASSUME SUCH A MESSAGE WOULD BE HELPFUL ON OUR CONGRESSIONAL PROBLEMS ALSO.

2. AS AN APPROACH, I SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING:

BEGIN QUOTE:

YOUR MAJESTY;

MAY I EXPRESS TO YOU THE BEST WISHES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT UPON THE COMMENCEMENT OF YOUR REIGN. THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES ARE IMPORTANT TO THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF BOTH OUR PEOPLES. AT THE PROFOUND, HUMAN LEVEL, MY COUNTRY OWES A GREAT DEAL TO ITS SPANISH HERITAGE, A HERITAGE THAT IS VIBRANT IN OUR OWN CULTURE TODAY. THE PROFOUND WISH OF THE PEOPLE OF TH U.S. AND ITS GOVERNMENT IS THAT THE SPANISH PEOPLE AND NATION UNDER YOUR REIGN MOVE FORWARD ALONG THE PATHS OF POLITICAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS, DEEPENING ITS TIES WITH THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES OF THE WEST. WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,
GERALD R. FORD. END QUOTE:
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