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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 8328

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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH THE KING

I SAW THE KING FOR ABOUT FORTY MINUTES EVENING OF
NOVEMBER 3, AND WE COVERED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

1. VISIT TO FRANCE: THE KING THOUGHT HIS VISIT HAD
GONE QUITE WELL ALTHOUGH HE HAD BEEN UNHAPPY WITH THE
EXTREMELY HEAVY SECURITY WHICH HAD PREVENTED ANY
PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE PEOPLE. HE WAS MILDLY
CRITICAL OF GISCARD WHO SEEMED TO HAVE TAKEN ON A
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RATHER QUOTE IMPERIAL AIR UNQUOTE. ALL OF GISCARD'S

COMMENTS ABOUT SPAIN HAD BEEN IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, BUT, SAID THE KING, HE WAS NOT SURE WHAT THIS WOULD ALL LEAD TO. THE FRENCH HAD PUT ON A GREAT DEAL OF PRESSURE WITH RESPECT TO ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND THIS OBVIOUSLY HAD OVERTONES WITH REGARD TO US-SPANISH RELATIONS. THE KING MENTIONED GISCARD'S CONCERN OVER MITTERAND AND SAID THE PRESIDENT WAS MAKING EFFORTS TO FORM YOUTH GROUPS TO HELP IN THE NEXT ELECTIONS. (COMMENT. THE PRESS HAS BEEN RATHER EUPHORIC ABOUT THE VISIT TO PARIS AND I WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BY THE KING'S RELATIVELY UNENTHUSIASTIC ACCOUNT OF WHAT WENT ON.)

2. INTERNAL AFFAIRS: THE KING SEEMED TO BE RATHER OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE REFORM MEASURE AND WAS QUITE RELAXED ABOUT ALIANZA POPULAR. HE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD YESTERDAY SEEN SALVADOR SERRATS OF ANEPA WHO HAS BEEN HELPFUL IN MODERATING THE ATTITUDES OF THE QUOTE SEVEN MAGNIFICENTS UNQUOTE AS THE LEADERS OF THE ALIANZA POPULAR ARE KNOWN. THE KING REITERATED HIS VIEW THAT THE ALIANZA POPULAR MUST BE REGARDED AS ONE OF THE COMPETING DEMOCRATIC GROUPS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT OTHERS WOULD COME INTO BEING. HE TOLD ME CONFIDENTIALLY THAT PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ IS WORKING WITH PIO CABANILLAS AND RICARDO DE LA CIERVA OF THE PARTIDO POPULAR TO TRY TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CENTER PARTY. WHEN I AGAIN MENTIONED MY HOPE THAT OTHER REFORM ELEMENTS REPRESENTED IN THE GOVERNMENT WOULD JOIN FORCES WITH THESE CENTER ELEMENTS, THE KING REPLIED THAT HE FRANKLY DID NOT KNOW WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS A GOOD THING FOR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT ACTIVELY TO PARTICIPATE IN POLITICAL PARTIES. I COMMENTED THAT THE ONLY DIFFICULTY I SAW IN THEIR NOT SO PARTICIPATING IS THAT THEY THEN MIGHT FIND THEMSELVES OUTSIDE THE NEXT PARLIAMENT. A COMPLEX PROBLEM MIGHT ARISE IF THERE WAS A PARTY WITH A PLURALITY OF SEATS IN THE NEW CONGRESS WHICH WOULD WANT THE PRIME MINISTRY, AND YET A PRIME MINISTER (IE SUAREZ) WHO HAD NOT BEEN ELECTED CONTINUED IN OFFICE UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM WHERE A PRIME MINISTER IS APPOINTED FOR A FIVE-YEAR

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TERM. THE KING WINCED A BIT AT THIS.

WITH RESPECT TO A CENTER PARTY, I TOLD THE KING THAT I HAD BEEN TOLD RECENTLY THAT A MINISTER HAD QUOTED ME AS SAYING THAT IF A CENTER PARTY WERE NOT SOON FORMED, THE UNITED STATES WOULD BACK THE SOCIALISTS. I AGAIN STRESSED TO HIM THAT THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO TRUTH TO SUCH AN ASSERTION. WE BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE

TO CREATE A NUMBER OF LARGER POLITICAL GROUPS INCLUDING IN THE CENTER BUT WE HAD NO SPECIFIC PREFERENCES. I ASSUMED THE MINISTER WAS USING ME TO SUPPORT HIS EFFORTS TO PUT TOGETHER A CENTER GROUPING IN WHICH HE HOPED TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE.

THE KING SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THIS. HE RECOGNIZED AT THE SAME TIME THE IMPORTANCE TO SPAIN OF A SOCIALIST PARTY WHICH WAS DEMOCRATIC. UNFORTUNATELY FELIPE GONZALEZ WAS MAKING CRITICAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND THESE WERE NOT HELPFUL. HE SAID THAT ONE OF HIS EMISSARIES HAD RECENTLY MET WITH AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR KREISKY WHO IN TURN WAS BEING HELPFUL IN TRYING TO MODERATE GONZALEZ'S VIEWS. THE KING ALSO COMMENTED THAT HE HAD REPORTS THAT GONZALEZ WAS LIVING RATHER HIGH OFF THE HOG AROUND MADRID AND THIS WOULD NOT HELP HIS IMAGE AS A SOCIALIST LEADER.

FINALLY, THE KING MENTIONED TO ME THAT IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE REFERENDUM AND FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS HE WOULD HAVE URGED SUAREZ TO GET RID OF OSORIO WHO HAS BEEN ANYTHING BUT SMART IN HIS POLITICAL DEALINGS. OSORIO HAD EVEN GONE SO FAR TO SUGGEST THE CREATION OF A KING'S PARTY. HOWEVER, IT WOULD NOT BE USEFUL AT THIS TIME TO HAVE ANY FORM OF MINISTERIAL CRISIS.

3. FOREIGN INVESTMENTS: THE KING TOLD ME THAT THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR HAD RECENTLY TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER OF TWO GERMAN FIRMS WHICH WISHED TO INVEST IN SPAIN. ONE IS PLANNING INVESTMENTS TOTALLING ABOUT \$160 MILLION AND THE OTHER ABOUT \$60 MILLION. THE KING ALSO WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE REACTION OF HENRY FORD DURING THE LATTER'S RECENT VISIT. HE BELIEVED THAT FORD WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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PLAN ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS. PARENTHETICALLY, THE KING REMARKED HOW VERY PLEASED AND INDEED SOMEWHAT SURPRISED HE HAD BEEN BY THE WARM REACTION HE RECEIVED (TO WHICH I CAN PERSONALLY ATTEST) FROM THE WORKERS IN THE FORD PLANT IN VALENCIA.

4. NPW VISITS: I TOOK THE OCCASION OF MY CONVERSATION TO GIVE THE KING A FULL BRIEFING ON THE STATE OF PLAY OF NPW VISITS. IS STRESSED THAT I QCS NOT ENDEAVORING TO INVOLVE HIM PERSONALLY IN THE MATTER BUT RATHER WANTED HIM TO KNOW FROM ME HOW IMPORTANT THE NPW VISITS TO SPANISH PORTS ARE AND TO EXPLAIN WHY WE CANNOT DO SOME OF THE THINGS THE SPANISH NAVY WOULD LIKE US TO DO. I TOLD HIM OF ADMIRAL CHEWNING'S CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SPANISH CNO AND VICE-CNO AND THE FACT THAT I WOULD BE

CALLING WITH ADMIRAL CHEWNING ON THE NAVY MINISTER PROBABLY
ON FRIDAY. THE KING TOLD ME THAT HE MIGHT DISCUSS THIS
MATTER WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GUTIERREZ MELLADO BUT
THEN ASKED ME WHETHER IT WAS TRUE THAT DURING THE NEGOTIA-
TIONS GUTIERREZ MELLADO HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY NEGATIVE
ON NUCLEAR QUESTIONS. I REPLIED THAT GUTIERREZ MELLADO
HAD STRONGLY DEFENDED THE SPANISH POSITION ON
DENUCLEARIZATION BUT ID NOT THINK HE HAD POSED
ANY SPECIAL PROBLEM. I SAID THAT I HAD FULLY DISCUSSED
THE NPW VISITS ISSUE WITH GUTIERREZ MELLADO AND HAD
FOUND HIM UNDERSTANDING. (GUTIERREZ MELLADO WAS
WAITING TO SEE THE KING AS I LEFT.)
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