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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, SP
SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO KING JUAN CARLOS

REF: STATE 308433

1. ON DECEMBER 22, AT 1400 HRS, I DELIVERED YOUR ORAL MESSAGE TO THE KING AT THE ZARZUELA PALACE. THE KING DEEPLY APPRECIATED YOUR THOUGHT AND REMARKED ON THE PARTICULAR WARMTH OF YOUR MESSAGE.

2. THE KING ALSO COMMENTED TO ME OF THE GREAT IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHED TO THE CLOSEST RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID THAT SPAIN MUST HAVE ONE TRUE AND RELIABLE FRIEND AND HE REGARDED THE UNITED STATES AS BEING THAT FRIEND. HE THEN ADDED THE COMMENT THAT GISCARD'S POSITION IN FRANCE SEEMED TO BE WEAKENING. HE THUS CLEARLY IMPLIED THAT FRANCE COULD NOT AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PLAY A PARAMOUNT ROLE IN SPANISH FOREIGN POLICY.

3. AS YOU KNOW, THE KING DEEPLY VALUES THE RELATIONSHIP HE HAS HAD WITH YOU AND HE IS
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PREOCCUPIED ABOUT THE NEED TO HAVE A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. I KNOW THAT HE WOULD BE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR ANYTHING WHICH YOU MIGHT BE WILLING TO DO TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR THIS AND I KNOW THAT HE IS APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR RECENT DISCUSSION WITH THE

SPECIAL EMISSARY ON THIS POINT.

4. THE KING'S COMMENTS TO ME ON A NUMBER OF OTHER
MATTERS OF INTEREST ARE BEING REPORTED IN
SEPARATE MESSAGES. STABLER

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