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TAGS: PGOV, PINT, SP

SUBJECT: NWC VISIT WITH PRINCE JUAN CARLOS

1. PRINCE JUAN CARLOS MADE FOLLOWING POINTS OF INTEREST TO VISITING NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE GROUP APRIL 25:

A. IN REPLY TO QUESTION ABOUT FORTHCOMING CHANGES HE MIGHT ENVISAGE, PRINCE ALLUDED TO HIS OWN PERSONAL SITUATION, PRESUMABLY IN REFERENCE TO RUMORS THAT FRANCO MIGHT PASS ON POWERS IN NEAR FUTURE, STATING IN EFFECT HE HAD NO IDEA AND WOULD BE AMONG LAST TO KNOW. "IN 1969", HE SAID, "THEY GAVE ME ONLY TEN DAYS NOTICE." THIS WAS IN APPARENT REFERENCE TO 1969 DECREE WHICH ESTABLISHED HIM AS LEGAL SUCCESSOR TO FRANCO.

B. PRINCE SAID HE MERELY TRIED TO DO BEST HE COULD, PUTTING EMPHASIS ON IMPROVING SPAIN'S IMAGE ABROAD AND DIRECTING HIS ATTENTION TO DOMESTIC AREAS WHERE HE MIGHT BE HELPFUL.

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C. HE ALLUDED TO 1966 PRESS LAW AND EVOLVING PRESS

FREEDOMS, STATING THAT PRESS THOUGHT THAT BY CONTINUOUS  
PRESSURE ON CERTAIN ISSUES, IT WOULD BRING THEM TO HEAD AND  
ENGENDER ACTION. HE CAUTIONED THAT THIS WAS ILLUSORY, AND  
THAT ONLY TIME AND EVOLUTION COULD EFFECT SOME OF THE  
CHANGES THE FUTURE MIGHT HOLD.

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