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FROM GOVERNOR GIBRALTAR 161340Z
TO PRIORITY FCO LONDON TEL NO 114 OF 16.8 83

PERSONAL MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER OF
GIBRALTAR

SIR JOSHUA HASSAN HAS ASKED ME TO TRANSMIT TO YOU FOR THE PRIME
MINISTER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:-

BEGINS: IN OUR DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON I UNDERTOOK TO THROW THE
FULL WEIGHT OF THE GIBRALTAR GOVERNMENT BEHIND THE AGREEMENT WHICH
WE WERE ABLE TO REACH ON THE DOCKYARD AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS.
HAVING DONE THIS ON MY RETURN TO GIBRALTAR, AND IN SPITE OF STRONG
LOCAL POLITICAL AND TRADE UNION OPPOSITION, I AM GLAD TO BE ABLE TO
REPORT THAT WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING GENERAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE
PACKAGE. AN EARLIER DECISION OF THE UNIONS TO FIGHT THE CLOSURE OF
THE DOCKYARD HAS BEEN REVERSED BY A SMALL MAJORITY ON A BALLOT
AND THIS IS GREAT PROGRESS. HOWEVER DIFFICULTIES STILL LIE AHEAD
WITH THE UNIONS BUT I WANTED TO TAKE THIS FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO LET
YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE OVERCOME THE FIRST OBSTACLE AND ALSO TO THANK
YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN ENABLING US TO DO SO

KING REGARDS. ENDS

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From the Private Secretary

24 August, 1983

The Prime Minister has received the attached message from Sir Joshua Hassan which is about the Gibraltar dockyard. I should be grateful for your advice on whether the Prime Minister needs to reply and, if so, for a draft.

I am sending a copy of this to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence).

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