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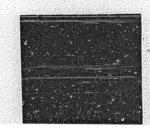
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1. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH A SPANISH PAPER PUBLISHED 13 JUNE, DON JUAN, FATHER OF KING JUAN CARLOS, EXPANDED ON HIS COMMENTS MADE TWO DAYS EARLIER IN MALLORCA (SEE REFTEL).

2. DON JUAN SAID THAT, AS "ONE SPANIARD MORE," HE WAS SUPPORTING HIS SON, BOTH BECAUSE THE TIMES REQUIRED IT AND PAGE 02 MADRID 04636 141837Z

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BECAUSE HE FELT HIS SON WAS MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTIONS AND DOING A GOOD JOB OF IT.

- 3. HE REPEATED THAT HE AND HIS SON WERE IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON THE QUESTION OF HIS RENUNCIATION OF THE THRONE AND THAT HIS WOULD OCCURE WHEN "IT WAS MOST CONVENIENT FOR SPAIN AND FOR THE INSTITUTION" OF THE MONARCHY.
- 4. HE SAID HE WAS CONVINCED THAT HIS SON WOLD BE ABLE TO BRING TO FRUITION THE DEMOCRATIC PORCESS WHICH HAD BEGUN AND THAT THE PROCESS ITSELF WAS PROCEEDING "AT A SUFFICIENTLY ACCELERATED RHYTHM." "AS FOR ME, DESPITE WHAT OTHERS MAY THING. I DON'T LIKE THE WORD 'RUPTURE.'"
- 5. COMMENT: DON JUAN'S PRONOUNCEMENT AGAINST THE CODE WORD "RUPTURE" PLACES HIM IN SUPPORT NOT ONLY OF HIS SON'S ACTIVITES BUT OF THE CURRENT DIRECTION OF THE REFORMS, THOUGH HE DOUBTLESS HAS RESERVATIONS ON SOME SALIENT POINTS. THIS HAS SOME SIGNIFICANCE IN LIGHT OF THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF OPPOSITION LEADER, RAUL MORODO OF THE PSP, TO DON JUAN IN ESTORIL.

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