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SUBJECT: JUAN CARLOS WIELDS NO REAL PROWER

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THE ANNOUNCEMENT ON AUGUST 2 THAT JUAN CARLOS WILL CHAIR
THE SPANISH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING ON AUGUST 9 SUGGESTS
THAT FRANCO REQUIRES MORE TIME FOR RECUPERATION. THE NEW YORK
TIMES ON AUGUST 3 CITES A COMMENT IN MADRID THAT JUAN CARLOS
IS DEMONSTRATING SOME POWER BY CALLING THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
TOGETHER. THE EMBASSY, HOWEVER, DOUBTS THAT THE PRINCE WIELDS
ANY REAL POWER. IT NOTES THAT THE MEETING'S VENUE IN FRANCO'S
PALACE RATHER THAN THE PRINCES PLACES THE MEETING UNDER
FRANCO'S SHADOW. IT ALSO NOTES THAT SEVERAL RECENT LAWS PROMUL—
GATED UNDER JUAN CARLOS NAME IN FACT WERE DRAFTED UNDER FRANCO'S

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