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**Aznar will demand Friday to Blair " Maxima transparency " on the damaged submarine****The Executive will decide his attitude after receiving a report of the Nuclear Security Council**

M.g. Madrid

**The president of the Spanish Government, Jose Maria Aznar, will approach Friday in Madrid with his homologous Briton, Tony Blair, the problem generated by the presence of the nuclear submarine *Tireless* in the port of Gibraltar. The Spanish Executive, who has been in an embarrassing situation after the British authorities recognized that the failure is more serious of which was said initially, demands the " Maxima transparency " to London. Madrid will adopt a at sight definitive position of the report that must process the Nuclear Security Council.**

Sources of Moncloa assure that the visit from Blair to Madrid was predicted a long time ago and it has not come motivated by *the Tireless* , although the problem will be approached both in the conversations between prime minister, who will offer a joint press conference.

The Spanish authorities have elevated in the last days the tone with which they talk about this subject. If at first they gave by good the British version and assumed the convenience of repairing the submersible in the colony, now they warn, in words of the minister of Outer Subjects, Josep I itched, whom there is to reevaluar the situation and to value if " the risk is assumeible " that entails to fix it in Gibraltar.

I itched knew Friday, of mouth of its colleague Robin Cook, the British decision to retire of circulation the 12 submersibles of the same type of *the Tireless* . No longer it is spoken of a fissure in a weld but of a failure of design in the circuit of refrigeration of the reactor, related to the fatigue of materials, which would force to replace the pipe.

It implies that the transferred technical equipment until now to the Rock would be insufficient to confront the repair and that this one, that the Spanish Government trusted at the most seeing finalized at the end of year, would extend at least until end of March of 2001.

In these conditions, governmental sources admit that is to reframe itself if more it is not adapted to tow the submarine until a port of the United Kingdom, which had discarded. But this transfer is more complicated every day than it happens, since the opportunity of the summer is had lost and is beginning bad weather.

The Spanish Government will take a definitive attitude after, at the end of this week or principles of the next one, the British experts whom they are inspecting the submarine meet with representatives of the Nuclear Security Council, that will process a report on the reach of the failure and the way to repair it.

The problem is in which the Spanish authorities only have the information that provides the United Kingdom to them. Governmental sources do not dare to accuse to have deceived London to them, but they complain that perhaps has not been received all the information or, at least, not with the sufficient rapidity. The certain thing is that as much I itched like its colleague of Defense, Federico Trillo-Figueroa, have given to the face before the opposition and the public opinion assuring that *the Tireless* only had a fissure of two millimeters, which has turned out to be false.

The same sources do not suggest perhaps the Foreign Office well has been informed either by the Royal Navy and remember the recent cease of the commander of *the Tireless*, Mike Walliker, who explained in press conference the official version.

The control possibilities, allege, would be mayores if *the Tireless* were searched in a Spanish port and not in a British base, to the margin of the structure of NATO. It has taken to minister Piqué to put on the table the "anomaly" that supposes the existence of a colonial base, whose activities directly affect the 200,000 Spaniards who live in their environs, and to demand some form of control shared of the same one. A demand to which London has given the shut up one by answer.

On the other hand, the advisor of Interior Andalusian, Alfonso Pear trees, assured yesterday in Cadiz that British prime minister will announce Friday the transfer from *the Tireless* to the United Kingdom. "I have the complete security from which Mr. Tony Blair will make this decision, because Jose Maria Aznar cannot receive it without this measurement is adopted", argued.

## **The Meeting Andalusian requests that the case of the 'Tireless' is denounced before Luxembourg**

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The institutions Andalusian relaunched yesterday his, until the moment, unfruitful battle so that the British submarine *Tireless* leaves Gibraltar. The actions remembered at all the levels of the administration: mayors, autonomic Executive and parliamentary groups announced different

measures with the objective of which *the Tireless* leaves the colony British, where is the past from 19 of May.

In the first place, the seven mayors of the municipalities of the Field of Gibraltar gave a term from 24 hours to the Spanish Government so that he acts " forcefully " and he promotes the transfer of the nuclear submersible to a port of the proprietary nation of the same one. In opposite case, the mayors announced that they will summon mobilizations before the Ministry of Outer Subjects and the Embassy of the United Kingdom in Madrid.

The mayors, who do not discard to lock in themselves in the supramunicipal organisms of the zone, consider that it is " the opportune moment " to transfer the submarine, because " the situation has changed when recognizing own minister Josep I itched that guarantees do not exist to be able to assume the risk that is run if the submarine in the port of Gibraltar were repaired ".

On the other hand, the Government Andalusian decided yesterday to demand the Executive of Aznar that denounces before the Court of Luxembourg the " breach " on the part of the British Government of several communitarian directors in relation to the presence and repair of *the Tireless* in the Rock.

The spokeswoman of the independent executive, Monserrat Badía, that remembered the three actions that the Meeting has adopted in relation to the submarine - request for information to the Government; exigency of a security plan, and denounces before the courts of the Line -, described to the Executive of " negligent " Aznar as and " desleal " with the town Andalusian, to assume all the resolutions of London and to disregard the demands of its citizens.

Of its part, the Socialist Group of the Parliament Andalusian denounced that the Government has ignored the request for information on *the Tireless* that formulated the autonomic Camera in plenary session 14 of September through a proposal not of law the past. Also, it criticized the lack of solution of the information spread by the Governments Spanish and British.

Finally, the fiscal head of the Hearing of Cadiz, Isidoro Hidalgo, alleged that " she does not have competitions " to initiate criminal actions by the case of *the Tireless* , " when being a fact outside our borders ". The competition, clarified, corresponds to the central Government.

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