



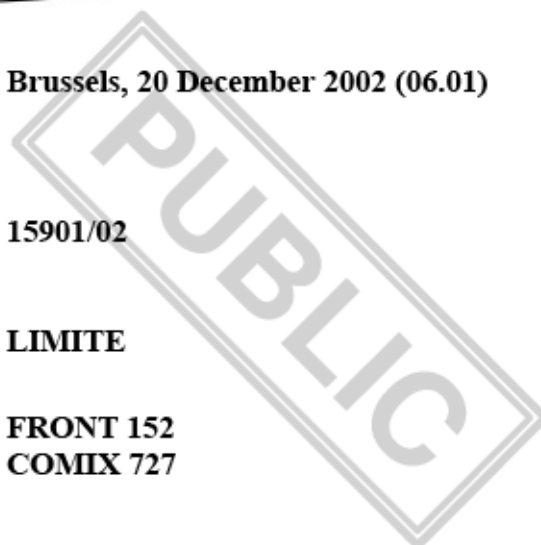
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from: Mr Carlos BASTARRECHE, Ambassador of Spain to the European Union
date of receipt: 19 December 2002
to: Mr Charles ELSEN, Director-General DG H (JHA)

Subject: Application by Spain of Article 2.2 of the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement

Delegations will find attached the text of the above letter.

In view of the movement of eminent persons during the forthcoming Christmas holidays to the area of the Valle de Arán (Lleida) and the need to adopt special security measures, the State Secretary for Security has decided to apply the provisions laid down in Article 2(2) of the Schengen Convention in order to carry out checks at the Spanish frontier in the province of Lleida from 00.00 on 20 December 2002 until 24.00 on 7 January 2003.

These checks will be applied flexibly as the situation requires.

(Complimentary close)

(s.) Carlo Bastarreche

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