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FOLLOWING FOR D J M DAIN ESQ, WED, FCO

NFR DATED 30 DECEMBER 1985

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FROM T L RICHARDSON, ROME.

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SIGNED: T L RICHARDSON

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Dear Sir,

ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

Thank you for your letter of 18 December about the arrangements for the Anglo-Italian Summit.

MA 19/12

I am afraid that the Prime Minister is not willing to travel to Italy on the evening of 11 March. She is determined that these bilateral summits shall be confined to a single day, a policy we have now successfully implemented with France and Germany and she wishes to follow it in the case of Italy too. I must ask you, therefore, to explain to the Italian Government that the pressure of the Prime Minister's other engagements at that time unfortunately make it impossible for her to arrive before the morning of 12 March, though she is ready to make a very early start from London in order to enable her meetings to begin promptly. If in the circumstances the Italian Government conclude that it is not feasible to hold the summit in Florence but prefer it to be elsewhere where there is a major airport, she would quite understand.

The Prime Minister is content with the proposal to limit Ministerial attendance in the way set out in your letter.

I am copying this letter to Michael Stark (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,  
Charles Powell

(Charles Powell)

Len Appleyard, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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L V Appleyard Esq  
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December 1985

WA 23/11

Dear Len

THE PRIME MINISTER'S FORWARD ENGAGEMENTS

My Secretary of State has seen a copy of your letter of 28 November to Mark Addison about engagements which the Prime Minister might undertake outside London over the next six months. Mr Younger has already written to Sir Geoffrey Howe about the possibility of holding the EUREKA conference in Edinburgh. He also wishes to endorse the proposal that the Anglo-German summit (or indeed the Anglo-Italian or Anglo-French summits) should be held outside London.

Mr Younger strongly agrees that by holding summits outside London advantage can be taken of local interest to convey better the importance of our relations with Europe; as far as those of us in Scotland (and Wales) are concerned it would also show that the summits are not just "Anglo"-European! Glasgow and Edinburgh are certainly potential locations. Communications with London and major European centres are good and both cities can provide venues for meetings and sufficient hotel accommodation for all those involved, directly or indirectly. Both Glasgow and Edinburgh would attract interest from the European press. We should certainly be able and willing to put our local knowledge at the disposal of the organisers of any summit.

Hear! Hear!  
 we should,  
 when possible,  
 use British

I am copying this letter to Mark Addison (No 10); Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence); John Mogg (Department of Trade and Industry); Colin Williams (Welsh Office) and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours sincerely  
 Robert Gordon

ROBERT GORDON  
 Private Secretary

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Dear Charles, Anglo-Italian Summit

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If you confirm that 11-12 March will suit the Prime Minister, we shall alert the offices of the Ministers who may be involved. Meanwhile I am copying this letter only to Michael Stark.

Yours etc,  
 Le Appleyard

cc T. WILSON OABSD/94  
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(L V Appleyard)  
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FROM: D J M Dain  
Western European Department

DATE: 17 December 1985

Private ~~Secretary~~cc: PS/Mr Rifkind  
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Mr Derek Thomas  
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Mr Renwick  
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*Mr Kenzie Mr Wall*  
*Mr Shepherd Planning Staff*  
 29 November 1985

From the Private Secretary

*Mr Jones*  
*Mr Herbert*

*A telephone call to Rome, 1st etc, or this change.*  
*Grateful if you wd take action WMA 29/11*

Dear Colin,

*De.*  
 2/11

ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

I have been giving some thought to dates for the proposed Anglo-Italian Summit and had a brief word about it with Antonio Badini, Craxi's Diplomatic Adviser in the margins of the NATO Heads of Government meeting in Brussels.

We agreed that it made sense to think of a date before the March European Council (assuming it is maintained) and to continue to plan on holding the meeting in Florence.

I have now had a look at the diary and find that the Prime Minister could manage a meeting on Wednesday 12 March. Could the Embassy please discuss this without commitment with the Italians. I shall need to speak to the Prime Minister before we go firm.

*yours sincerely,*  
*C. D. Powell*

(C. D. POWELL)

C.R. Budd, Esq.,  
 Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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FROM T L RICHARDSON ROME  
FOR D J M DAIN ESQ. WED. FCO.

NEXT ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

1. WE WERE TOLD BY WED THAT POWELL AND BADINI HAD AGREED INFORMALLY, IN THE MARGINS OF THE 21 NOVEMBER NATO MEETING IN BRUSSELS, THAT IT WOULD BE SENSIBLE TO ORGANISE THE NEXT ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT BEFORE THE MARCH EUROPEAN COUNCIL, AND THAT WE SHOULD PLAN AS BEFORE ON FLORENCE AS THE VENUE. WE WERE ASKED TO SOUND OUT THE CHIGI ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING THE SUMMIT ON 12 MARCH.

2. WHEN I SAW VISCONTI IN CRAXI'S DIPLOMATIC OFFICE LAST WEEK, HE TOLD ME THAT 12 MARCH WAS FREE IN CRAXI'S DIARY. THE WAY IS NOW CLEAR, THEREFORE, FOR YOU TO PUT THIS DATE TO THE PRIME MINISTER. VISCONTI ASSUMED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY WOULD ARRIVE ON 11 MARCH, AND THIS REFLECTS THE ARRANGEMENTS, SPREAD OVER TWO DAYS, THAT WE DISCUSSED WITH THE CHIGI WHEN WE THOUGHT THAT THE SUMMIT WOULD TAKE PLACE THIS OCTOBER. I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY WILL BE PREPARED TO ARRIVE ON 11 MARCH. YOU WILL KNOW FROM PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE, FOR EXAMPLE THE AMBASSADOR'S TELNO 698 OF 22 DECEMBER 1983, THAT THE ITALIANS WOULD DISLIKE ANY ATTEMPT TO CONFINE THE SUMMIT TO ONE CALENDAR DAY. THE ARGUMENTS THAT THE AMBASSADOR THEN ADVANCED STILL APPLY: THE WEATHER IN MARCH MIGHT BE UNRELIABLE, THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST BILATERAL SUMMIT FOR OVER A YEAR AND WE NEED A BIT OF A PUBLICITY SPLASH, AND THERE IS THE ADDITIONAL FACTOR THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY WILL HAVE TO LAND AT PISA AIRPORT AND THEN TAKE A HELICOPTER OR DRIVE TO FLORENCE, THUS MAKING FURTHER INROADS INTO THE TIME AVAILABLE FOR THE TALKS THEMSELVES. (IF THE PARTY ARRIVED BY ANDOVER, IT COULD LAND AT FLORENCE'S SMALL AIRPORT BUT THE FLIGHT ITSELF WOULD TAKE LONGER).

Submission 60

13/12

Mr Herbert

Copy passed to Mr Munro and

Mr Sims o.t.

13/12/85

3. WE DID NOT DISCUSS THE SHAPE OF THE PROGRAMME IN ANY DETAIL. AS TUESDAY IN MARCH WILL BE THE PRIME MINISTER'S DAY FOR QUESTIONS I ASSUME THAT SHE COULD NOT ARRIVE IN FLORENCE BEFORE THE EVENING. THERE MIGHT BE TIME FOR A TETE-A-TETE WITH CRAXI, FOLLOWED BY A WORKING DINNER. ON THE 12TH, THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT LIKE AN HOUR'S EARLY SIGHTSEEING SINCE I BELIEVE THIS WILL BE HER FIRST VISIT TO FLORENCE: THERE COULD THEN BE SEPARATE MINISTERIAL DISCUSSIONS, A SHORT PLENARY, A PRESS CONFERENCE AND A LATE LUNCH.

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NEXT ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

1. WE WERE TOLD BY WED THAT POWELL AND BADINI HAD AGREED INFORMALLY, IN THE MARGINS OF THE 21 NOVEMBER NATO MEETING IN BRUSSELS, THAT IT WOULD BE SENSIBLE TO ORGANISE THE NEXT ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT BEFORE THE MARCH EUROPEAN COUNCIL, AND THAT WE SHOULD PLAN AS BEFORE ON FLORENCE AS THE VENUE. WE WERE ASKED TO SOUND OUT THE CHIGI ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING THE SUMMIT ON 12 MARCH.

2. WHEN I SAW VISCONTI IN CRAXI'S DIPLOMATIC OFFICE LAST WEEK, HE TOLD ME THAT 12 MARCH WAS FREE IN CRAXI'S DIARY. THE WAY IS NOW CLEAR, THEREFORE, FOR YOU TO PUT THIS DATE TO THE PRIME MINISTER. VISCONTI ASSUMED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY WOULD ARRIVE ON 11 MARCH, AND THIS REFLECTS THE ARRANGEMENTS, SPREAD OVER TWO DAYS, THAT WE DISCUSSED WITH THE CHIGI WHEN WE THOUGHT THAT THE SUMMIT WOULD TAKE PLACE THIS OCTOBER. I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY WILL BE PREPARED TO ARRIVE ON 11 MARCH. YOU WILL KNOW FROM PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE, FOR EXAMPLE THE AMBASSADOR'S TELNO 698 OF 22 DECEMBER 1983, THAT THE ITALIANS WOULD DISLIKE ANY ATTEMPT TO CONFINE THE SUMMIT TO ONE CALENDAR DAY. THE ARGUMENTS THAT THE AMBASSADOR THEN ADVANCED STILL APPLY: THE WEATHER IN MARCH MIGHT BE UNRELIABLE, THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST BILATERAL SUMMIT FOR OVER A YEAR AND WE

NEED A BIT OF A PUBLICITY SPLASH, AND THERE IS THE ADDITIONAL FACTOR THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY WILL HAVE TO LAND AT PISA AIRPORT AND THEN TAKE A HELICOPTER OR DRIVE TO FLORENCE, THUS MAKING FURTHER INROADS INTO THE TIME AVAILABLE FOR THE TALKS THEMSELVES. (IF THE PARTY ARRIVED BY ANDOVER, IT COULD LAND AT FLORENCE'S SMALL AIRPORT BUT THE FLIGHT ITSELF WOULD TAKE LONGER).

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Dear Colin,

ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

I have been giving some thought to dates for the proposed Anglo-Italian Summit and had a brief word about it with Antonio Badini, Craxi's Diplomatic Adviser in the margins of the NATO Heads of Government meeting in Brussels.

We agreed that it made sense to think of a date before the March European Council (assuming it is maintained) and to continue to plan on holding the meeting in Florence.

I have now had a look at the diary and find that the Prime Minister could manage a meeting on Wednesday 12 March. Could the Embassy please discuss this without commitment with the Italians. I shall need to speak to the Prime Minister before we go firm.

*M. Richardson MBE 2/12*  
*M. Marshall*

*yours sincerely,*  
*C. D. Powell*

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Dear Max,

The Prime Minister's Forward Engagements

Your letter of 6 November invited Departments to make suggestions for engagements which the Prime Minister might undertake outside London in the next six months. We have three specific proposals, each of which could be combined with other engagements in the same region. In calendar order they are:

- (a) The Bilderberg Conference at the Gleneagles Hotel, Scotland, 24-27 April. This independently organised event will bring together many leading personalities in politics and industry from Europe and the wider world. It would be particularly appropriate (and greatly appreciated by the Bilderberg organisers, Lord Roll and Mr Andrew Knight, and by those attending) for the Prime Minister to be present at any Government entertainment provided for the participants (we are discussing with the Scottish Office the possibility of an event on 24 or 25 April). We understand that this engagement has already been pencilled into the Prime Minister's diary.
- (b) The EUREKA Ministerial Conference, which it will fall to the UK, as current Chairman, to organise, in May or June 1986. This will offer an important opportunity to emphasise the Government's commitment to modern employment opportunities: the Foreign Secretary is most anxious for it to be held out of London: possible locations are being investigated. If the Prime Minister could be present for part of the proceedings, she could deliver a speech - highlighting, for instance, the contribution of British industry - and considerable regional (as well as national) publicity could be achieved.
- (c) The State Visit of President Von Weizsacker of the Federal Republic of Germany, 1-4 July. The President's programme outside London should include visits to places

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symbolising Anglo-German cooperation in the defence, industrial and/or educational fields. If the Prime Minister could accompany him to one of these, the public profile and bilateral value of the event would be considerably enhanced: there might also be a speech (or press conference) opportunity.

There is one further idea to be borne in mind for the second half of 1986. It will fall to us to host the Anglo-German Summit in Britain next autumn. If the Prime Minister would consider holding it at a place outside London (eg Oxford/Bath/York/Cardiff/Edinburgh?) this should result in much more press and public interest than usual, not just locally but - because of the novelty - at national level in both countries. Visits or other engagements of special regional value could be built into the programme. (Kohl and Mitterrand have already used this device several times for their own bilateral meetings.) Alternatively, the same approach could be tried out in connection with the Anglo-French or the Anglo-Italian Summits, both falling due in Britain in the course of 1987.

Finally, we hope that when the Prime Minister visits the regions on other business she might consider visiting factories or other facilities which have benefited from the EC Regional and Social Funds. This would help bring home to a British audience the advantages of Community membership, and could have helpful repercussions abroad. The same would go for military and defence industry establishments which reflect our cooperation with the United States and leading European allies.

I am copying this for information to the Private Secretaries at the Ministry of Defence, Department of Trade and Industry, Welsh Office, Scottish Office and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

*Yours ever,*  
*Le Appleyard*  
 (L V Appleyard)  
Private Secretary

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UK/ITALY: VISITORS -

1. As we forewarned Colin Munro, we have been reviewing our programme of visits and visitors for the last three months of this year, against the background both of the Luxembourg Summit and our lobbying campaign for the IGC, and of our wish to keep up the momentum of our bilateral exchanges with the Italians. The postponement of the Anglo/Italian Summit makes other bilateral discussions more important, not only in the Community context but also because the Summit was well timed for lobbying Craxi and Andreotti before the Falklands vote at the U.N. We have already recommended to you (our telno 777) that we should not delay too long in suggesting to the Italians new dates for a Summit; and that an offer by the Prime Minister to meet Craxi in London before Luxembourg would be desirable. In this letter I want to discuss other bilaterals, and with the Ambassador's agreement to make recommendations.

INWARD VISITS

Secretary of State

2. We have put to Andreotti the Secretary of State's proposal to link his attendance at the WEU Ministerial Meeting in mid-November with separate bilateral talks, and we now await the latter's response. Meanwhile we have been considering how the Secretary of State might make best use of a slightly longer stay in Rome. Given the timing, his talks with Andreotti will be an essential part of our preparation for the Luxembourg Council. We may also still need to lobby the Italians on the Falklands vote. That apart, the Secretary of State has already expressed a personal interest in improving the links between the Conservative Party and the DC (Michael Llewellyn Smith's letter of 4 April to the Ambassador). His visit in November would be a useful start. We would therefore suggest that if time permits, he call on De Mita, a proposal which we hope De Mita (notoriously bad at meeting foreigners) would find sufficiently flattering to ensure that the meeting would take place. I imagine that a main theme would be closer collaboration at Strasbourg. We do not think that there would be much to be gained from Sir Geoffrey Howe calling on the other major party leaders. But if no meeting between the Prime Minister and Craxi is in prospect before the meeting in Luxembourg, it might be worth trying also for a call on Craxi.



3. Michael also mentioned in his letter of April 4 that the Secretary of State would be prepared to make a speech at a suitable DC occasion. I am sure the DC would welcome this. But we know of no suitable platforms in mid-November. The next obvious occasion is the annual DC Foreign Affairs seminar, likely to be held in Florence next spring, but if the highest priority is a public speech before the Luxembourg European Council, it might be better to arrange a tailor-made platform for the Secretary of State to deliver a major political speech while in Rome for the WEU event. We already have some ideas but before we pursue them would be grateful to know whether the Secretary of State would like to use his time in Rome in this way.

#### Mr Rifkind

*submit* 4. We have already proposed in our telno 786 a separate visit by Mr Rifkind in October on EC business. We see this as an important part of our lobbying exercise before Luxembourg. We very much hope that the Minister of State will be able to come.

#### Lady Young

*no action* 5. We are conscious that Lady Young has not yet paid a proper bilateral visit to Italy. We would welcome her here. But we need to find the right occasion on which to hang a worthwhile and useful visit. In practice, given the Secretary of State's own planned visit in November, her visit will almost certainly need to be left over until next year. We shall be considering the possibilities.

#### Home Secretary

*no action* 6. Again, this is not on for 1985. But the Ambassador hopes that Mr Hurd will consider paying a visit in the first half of next year. There is much to talk about with the Italians, not only on drugs and terrorism but above all on extradition if our attempt to negotiate a new treaty with the Italians is still floundering (Stephen Lamport's letter of 31 July to Colin Munro). We are not proposing any action by WED at this stage.

#### FCO Officials

*This has come with my letter*  
*6AM* 7. I repeated in my letter of 28 June to Colin Munro our hope that meetings of officials could be arranged this year on the Middle East and Africa. Peter Spiceley was following this up shortly before he left you. We continue to think that these exchanges would be useful and worthwhile. I also still think that a bilateral at official level on Eastern Europe and the USSR would be useful: it is another area where the Italians are active. Perhaps you could sound out the FCO Departments concerned.

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## OUTWARD VISITS

8. Our present ideas are all being followed up separately, but for the sake of completeness I include them in this letter. The Ambassador will be writing to the PUS about a possible invitation to Ruggiero to visit London this autumn. Planning is going ahead for the visit on 9 - 10 December by the Chamber of Deputies Defence Commission.

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 We want, above all, to try to convince influential Italian parliamentarians of the merits of Sea Harrier. Formigoni has already been invited by UKREP Brussels to visit the UK in his MEP capacity. We have proposed some meetings designed to take account of his domestic political interests. We have now invited Senator Orlando to pay a Category 2 visit in October tacked on to the end of the Conservative Party Conference. We still await his response. Time is short, but if we can engineer it, Orlando's visit would be well worthwhile. Finally, we want to give a further push to our attempts last year to galvanise Sir Hugh Rossi's Anglo/Italian Parliamentary Group into useful activity. Our aim is to inspire a visit to London by their Italian equivalent. We are pursuing this separately with Nicholas Barrington.

*Yours ever.*  
*Tom*

T L Richardson

cc: J S Wall Esq, FCO

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YOUR TELNO 384: ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT.

1. AS CRAXI'S DIPLOMATIC ADVISER, BADINI, WAS FULLY OCCUPIED YESTERDAY IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR CRAXI'S VISIT TO SOMALIA, EGYPT AND SUDAN THIS WEEK, I ASKED RICHARDSON TO CALL ON HIS DEPUTY, VISCONTI, AND TO CONVEY THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE. VISCONTI TOOK IT CALMLY. HE SAID THAT CRAXI HAD HIMSELF HAD TO POSTPONE ENGAGEMENTS IN THE PAST, AND WOULD QUITE UNDERSTAND OUR ASSURANCES THAT ONLY COMMITMENTS OF THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE WOULD HAVE PREVENTED THE PRIME MINISTER FROM ATTENDING A SUMMIT TO WHICH BOTH SIDES ATTACHED GREAT VALUE. WE DID NOT OF COURSE SPECULATE ON WHAT THESE COMMITMENTS MIGHT BE.

2. VISCONTI AGREED WITH US THAT THE LINE TO TAKE WITH THE PRESS (GIVEN THAT THE SUMMIT HAS NOT BEEN FORMALLY ANNOUNCED) WAS THAT BOTH SIDES WERE STILL DISCUSSING SUITABLE DATES FOR THE NEXT MEETING. WE HAVE BRIEFED HM CONSUL IN FLORNCE ACCORDINGLY. THE AUTHORITIES THERE WERE NATURALLY AWARE OF THE PLANNED OCTOBER DATE AND THERE HAD BEEN MENTION IN THEIR LOCAL PRESS OF A FORTHCOMING SUMMIT. BUT I THINK OUR LINE WILL HOLD FOR THE TIME BEING.

3. I NOTE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS UNDERTAKEN TO SUGGEST FRESH DATES FOR HER NEXT MEETING WITH CRAXI. I WOULD FIND IT WORRYING IF THERE WERE NO SUCH MEETING BEFORE THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN LUXEMBOURG ON DECEMBER 2 AND 3. THAT WOULD REPEAT THE ABSENCE OF THOROUGH BILATERAL DISCUSSION BETWEEN OUR HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WHICH OCCURRED BEFORE THE MILAN EUROPEAN COUNCIL. FOR THE REASONS SET OUT IN MY LETTER OF 19 JULY TO BRAITHWAITE I RECOMMEND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD TRY TO FIND A SMALL GAP IN HER PROGRAMME FOR A WORKING VISIT BY CRAXI TO LONDON, PERHAPS AFTER THE WEU MEETING IN MID-NOVEMBER WHEN WE HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE ANDREOTTI TO DISCUSS

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PROSPECTS FOR THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL. A WORKING DINNER SHOULD SUFFICE, WITH CRAXI LEAVING EITHER LATE THAT NIGHT OR EARLY THE NEXT MORNING. IF I AM RIGHT IN THINKING THAT WE AND THE ITALIANS WILL ESSENTIALLY BE COMPETING FOR FRENCH AND GERMAN SUPPORT, A MEETING BETWEEN CRAXI AND THE PRIME MINISTER SHORTLY BEFORE LUXEMBOURG WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR PREPARATION FOR THE COUNCIL. ITS ABSENCE WOULD BE NOTICED HERE. SUCH A MEETING WOULD ALSO HELP TO DEFLECT PRESSURE FOR AN EARLY FULL SCALE SUMMIT, WHICH I PRESUME WOULD NOT BE WELCOME UNTIL THE NEW YEAR.

4. I SHALL BE MAKING THE PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTERS (PARAGRAPH 2 OF TUR) TO THE MFA LATER TODAY. ANDREOTTI LEAVES FOR THE UNGA SHORTLY AND YOU MAY BE ABLE TO MENTION THIS IDEA TO HIM YOURSELF: I HEAR THAT YOU MAY MEET HIM AT DINNER IN NEW YORK NEXT TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24.

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TO IMMEDIATE ROME

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1. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS DECIDED THAT SHE WILL NOT NOW BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO FLORENCE ON 29-30 OCTOBER FOR THE SUMMIT. NO 10 WILL PROPOSE ALTERNATIVE DATES IN DUE COURSE. GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD CONVEY THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO CRAXI.  
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'I VERY MUCH REGRET THAT NEW CIRCUMSTANCES, WHICH ARE LIKELY TO INVOLVE ME IN MAJOR COMMITMENTS HERE, WILL PREVENT ME FROM TRAVELLING TO ITALY ON 29-30 OCTOBER, THE DATES THAT WE HAD AGREED FOR OUR MEETING IN FLORENCE. I HAD BEEN LOOKING FORWARD GREATLY TO THAT OCCASION AND AM VERY SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE THAT THIS CHANGE OF PLAN WILL CAUSE YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES. I HOPE THAT IT WILL PROVE POSSIBLE FOR US TO AGREE ALTERNATIVE DATES WHICH WILL NOT MEAN TOO LONG A POSTPONEMENT.

MEANWHILE SIR GEOFFREY HOWE INTENDS TO SUGGEST TO SIGNOR ANDREOTTI THAT HE MIGHT VISIT ROME FOR TALKS IN ADVANCE OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN LUXEMBOURG.'

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2. WHEN THE MESSAGE HAS BEEN DELIVERED, PLEASE TELL ANDREOTTI THAT IF THAT WOULD SUIT HIM I WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT ROME FOR TALKS AND/OR DINNER DURING THE SECOND HALF OF 13 NOVEMBER, ON THE EVE OF THE WEU MEETING.

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Dear Charles,

Bilateral Summit with the Italian Government

Thank you for your letter of 2 September about the Prime Minister's decision to cancel her planned visit to Italy at the end of October.

The Foreign Secretary doubts if it would be sufficient for Lord Bridges simply to explain to the Italian Government that the Summit will have to be delayed until early in the New Year. He thinks it important for the Prime Minister to send a personal message to Signor Craxi, which should if possible propose alternative dates. I enclose a draft telegram to Rome.

Sir Geoffrey Howe had in any event considered arranging a bilateral with Andreotti before the Luxembourg Council. In the new circumstances he thinks it might be best for him to offer to visit Rome, and a reference to that effect has been inserted in the draft message to Craxi. While in Rome he would hope to call on Craxi.

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

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ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

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I had been looking forward greatly to that occasion and!

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am very sorry for the inconvenience that this change of plan will cause you and your colleagues. I hope it will prove possible for us to fix alternative dates in the near future. I have asked Lord Bridges to suggest some dates that might be possible for me.

Meanwhile Sir Geoffrey Howe intends to suggest to Signor Andreotti that he might visit Rome for talks in advance of the European Council in Luxembourg. ENDS.

2. When the message has been delivered, please tell Andreotti that if that would suit him I would be happy to visit Rome for talks and/or dinner during the second half of 13 November, on the eve of the WEU meeting.

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Western European Department

DATE: 13 September 1985

Private Secretary

cc: Mr Braithwaite  
Mr Goodall  
Mr Derek Thomas o/r  
Mr Jenkins  
Mr Renwick  
Mr Clarke, RID  
Mr Wall, ECD(I)  
Miss Neville-Jones, Planning Staff  
Miss Waghorn, Protocol Dept

ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

Problem

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1. The Prime Minister wishes to postpone her summit meeting with Signor Craxi, which had been fixed for 29-30 October in Florence.

Recommendation

2. I recommend that the Private Secretary should write to Number 10 in terms of the attached draft enclosing a draft message from the Prime Minister to Craxi. ECD(I), RID and Protocol Department agree.

Background and Argument

3. In terms of relations with Italy it is unfortunate that the initiative of postponement should come from us. Although it was for the Italians as hosts to suggest dates we pressed them before their Presidential Election in early July to go firm on dates that the Prime Minister could manage. Italian preparations for the summit in Florence on 29-30 October are already well advanced. Our own reconnaissance team is due to visit Italy on 23 September.

4. The Italians know that we stick to our commitment to a summit with the Germans every six months and with the French once a year (plus a mid-term review by Foreign Ministers). I would not favour instructing Lord Bridges simply to explain to the Italian Government that the agreed dates are no longer possible for the Prime Minister and that the summit will have to be delayed until early in the new year. I think it

important/



important that the Prime Minister send Craxi a personal message.

5. The Secretary of State is considering arranging a separate bilateral with Andreotti before the Luxembourg European Council. I would see advantage in the Secretary of State offering to visit Rome for talks with Andreotti and a call on Craxi. If appropriate, the Secretary of State might be able to explain the considerations [redacted] that obliged the Prime Minister to postpone her visit to Italy.

6. We heard from Number 10 on 12 September that the Prime Minister's lunch for President Cossiga, which had been fixed for 28 September at Cossiga's request, had been cancelled.

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D J M Dain

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CAVEAT.....

Thank you for your letter of 2 September about the Prime Minister's difficulty in visiting Italy at the end of October. We know that the Italians regard 29-30 October as firm dates. Their ~~detailed~~ planning for the summit in Florence is (unusually for them) well advanced. Although it would have been for Signor Craxi as host to propose dates, we did, as you know, take the initiative *on this occasion*

Sir Geoffrey Howe doubts if it would be sufficient for Lord Bridges simply to explain to the Italian government that the summit will have to be delayed until early in the new year. Sir Geoffrey thinks it <sup>important</sup> ~~essential~~ for the Prime Minister to send a personal message to Signor Craxi proposing alternative dates (as we discussed ..... are possibilities). I enclose a draft telegram to Rome.

Enclosures—flag(s).....

Sir Geoffrey Howe had in any event considered arranging a bilateral with Andreotti before the Luxembourg Council. In the new circumstances Sir Geoffrey thinks it might be

/best

best for him to offer to visit Rome (.....

..... would be possible dates). In Rome he

would hope to call on Craxi and if <sup>appropriate at the time,</sup> the timing is right

take him into our confidence about the developments

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Sir Geoffrey Howe intends to suggest to Signor Andreotti that they might meet for a discussion in advance of the European Council in Luxembourg. Ends.

2. Please also, when the message has been delivered, enquire about dates when I might see Andreotti. I have in mind a meeting in Rome, where I would hope also to call on Craxi and in private say something more about the reasons for postponing the summit. Possible dates for me would be .....

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ITALIAN PRESS REACTIONS TO THE HANDSWORTH RIOTS.

1. THE HANDSWORTH RIOTS OF MONDAY AND TUESDAY WAS FRONT PAGE NEWS IN MOST OF WEDNESDAY'S ITALIAN DAILIES, AND ATTRACTED SUBSTANTIAL ARTICLES.
2. THERE IS AGREEMENT THAT THE INCIDENT WHICH APPARENTLY SPARKED OFF THE VIOLENCE (THE STOPPING OF A CAR DRIVEN BY A BLACK YOUTH) WAS AT MOST A TRIGGER. CRITICISM BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY OF WHAT THEY REGARDED AS HIGHER PROFILE POLICING IN RECENT WEEKS, AND BY LOCAL ASIANS OF THE TIME TAKEN TO CALL IN REINFORCEMENTS, IS CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENT. PROMINENCE IS GIVEN TO THE CONTRASTING STATEMENTS OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION AND TO THE CALLS FOR AN OFFICIAL ENQUIRY.
3. THE MAIN INTEREST IS IN THE MOTIVES FOR THE VIOLENCE AND LOOTING. THE RACIAL OVERTONES OF THE ATTACKS BY BLACKS ON ASIAN PROPERTY (RATHER THAN THE POLICE) ARE NOTED, BUT THIS IS GENERALLY INTERPRETED AS A CASE OF THE LOCAL 'HAVE NOTS' TAKING IT OUT ON THE 'HAVES'. PARALLELS ARE DRAWN BETWEEN HANDSWORTH AND THE SCENES OF RECENT RIOTS IN TOXTETH, BRIXTON AND BRISTOL. THE COMMON FACTORS ARE IDENTIFIED AS LONG STANDING RACIAL TENSIONS AND INNER CITY DECAY, EXACERBATED BY RECENTLY ACCELERATED ECONOMIC DECLINE (ESPECIALLY IN THE WEST MIDLANDS) AND EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT. BUT WHILE HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AND CUTS IN PUBLIC EXPENDITURE ARE SEEN TO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO A SHARP DETERIORATION OF THE SOCIAL SITUATION IN THESE AREAS (CORRIERE, UNITA'), MOST REPORTS ARGUE THAT THE ALIENATION OF DEPRIVED, MAINLY IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, AND THE BREAKDOWN OF TRADITIONAL SOCIAL VALUES ARE AT THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM. CORRIERE SUGGESTS THAT THE VIOLENCE OF LIVERPOOL SUPPORTERS AT THE HEYSEL STADIUM HAD SIMILAR ORIGINS.

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From the Private Secretary

Dear Lee,

Bilateral Summit with the Italian Government

As you will know, we earlier agreed with the Italian Government that a Bilateral Summit would be held on Wednesday, 30 October, probably in Florence. However, since this date was agreed matters have moved forward over Northern Ireland and it is now likely that if an agreement is reached, it will be concluded in the last week of October, and it will be very important for the Prime Minister to be in the country in the period immediately following that. For this reason, the Prime Minister wants to take steps now to postpone the Anglo-Italian Summit although of course it will not be possible to explain to the Italian Government, at any rate at this stage, the reasons for this. I should also say that it will unfortunately be impossible to find an alternative date for the Summit until early in 1986.

I should be grateful if you could consider how best to present this to the Italian Government. It may well be enough for HM Ambassador in Rome simply to explain to the Italian Government that the date of 30 October is no longer possible for the Prime Minister and that the Summit will have to be delayed until early in the New Year. But if you thought it essential, the Prime Minister would no doubt agree to send Signor Craxi a message presenting her excuses.

Yours sincerely

(Charles Powell)

L.V. Appleyard, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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From: J A Shepherd, ECD(E)

29 August 1985

cc: Mr Richardson, ECD(I)

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In his minute of 28 August Mr Richardson suggested that I might wish to add something on political cooperation to his draft contribution to your scene-setting letter. I do not think much needs to be said. It might be sufficient to add after his second sentence the following:

"Considerable progress should have been made by Political Directors in their negotiations on political cooperation."

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Mr Spicely, WED

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Considerable progress should have been made by Political Directors in their negotiations on political cooperation

1. I suggest that you include in your draft scene-setting letter a paragraph along the following lines:

A / The prospects for the Inter-governmental Conference overshadow all other EC issues with the exception, perhaps, of the Commission's proposals for reform of the CAP (the so-called perspectives exercise). By the time the Summit takes place there will probably have been two meetings at Ministerial level of the Inter-governmental Conference. We should have some idea of the outline of what might be put before the European Council in December. We will also know much more about how far each member state is prepared to go, eg on Treaty amendment. It is also possible that we shall have ourselves decided whether to put forward any proposals for Treaty amendment, and if so which. The Prime Minister's meeting with Signor Craxi will provide a useful opportunity to make clear to the Italians the limits of what we can accept and to seek to persuade them against going for too maximalist an outcome themselves. Craxi, being no longer in the Chair, although under the same pressure as always domestically for a maximalist approach, may find it easier this time round to yield more or less gracefully to a more modest approach in the name of compromise. The memory of Milan will still be fresh. But it will be better not to dwell too much on the unpleasantness created by the Italian Presidency's handling of that meeting. We shall want to concentrate on making clear to the Italians how committed we are to making proposals for EC reform succeed. But to do so they must be realistic, must result in improving the way the EC works, and have a chance of commanding general support among the main member states.

Debate on reform of the CAP on the basis of the Commission green paper may not have got seriously underway. But we shall want to press the Italians to accept the consequences of the new world in which the CAP lives as a result of budget discipline and to see a policy of price restraint as the most helpful way forward. It should have attractions for them because of the huge balance of payments losses which they suffer on agricultural trade. B

2. Mr Shepherd may wish to add a contribution on PoCo.

Michael Richardson

M J Richardson  
European Community Department  
(Internal)

28 August 1985

cc: Mr Shepherd, ECD(E)

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S M J Lamport Esq  
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Date 5 August 1985

Colonel Durrant has asked me to pass information regarding accommodation in the suites occupied by the British and Italian delegations and Defence Secretary. The suites should be located one end of a corridor with adjacent rooms occupied by other members of the party. The suites should not be overlocked, hot or the tap floor and not above a public restaurant or bar etc. I should be grateful if you could bear these points in mind when inspecting the proposed accommodation.

ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT: FLORENCE 29-30 OCTOBER

1. I have now taken over the Administrative Arrangements for the above summit, and will be writing to you giving general guidance on the administrative requirements etc.

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2. In the meantime I am replying to your letter of 30 July addressed to Sheila Waghorn which crossed with her teletype of the same date. As you will have seen from the latter, the delegation will be on the same lines as that which went to Rome in January 1984. WED will confirm the official delegation to you in due course. I will pursue the question of support staff and send you details as soon as they are available.

3. WED will also take the lead in dealing with questions regarding the programme.

4. I confirm that the Prime Minister and party will travel in an RAF VC10 and that a helicopter will therefore be required to transport Mrs Thatcher and immediate party from Piza to Florence. Can you in due course let me know how many can be transported on the helicopter and how long the journey would take?

5. This letter is primarily to deal with your question regarding accommodation. I have consulted Colonel Durrant, our Security Co-ordinator and Detective Superintendent Ray Parker, the Prime Minister's Chief Protection Officer. They would prefer to leave the decision on accommodation until after our reconnaissance visit which will take place during the week beginning 23 September. If however we have to make a decision now in order to reserve suitable accommodation, we would have to rely on your judgement and go for the Villa Medici Hotel. Sheila Waghorn has already given you a list of the accommodation required.

/Colonel

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Colonel Durrant has asked me to pass on the following information regarding accommodation in hotels: this applies to the suites occupied by the Prime Minister, Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and Defence Secretary. The suites should be located one end of a corridor with adjacent rooms occupied by other members of the party. The suites should not be overlooked, not on the top floor and not above a public restaurant or bar etc. I should be grateful if you could bear these points in mind when inspecting the proposed accommodation.

→ cc: P J Spiceley Esq MBE  
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M M Goldsmith (Miss)  
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9 ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT: 29-30 OCTOBER

10 1. Please refer to Mr Richardson's teleletter of 19 July.

11 2. As regards the reconnaissance visit, I note that the first

12 half of September would probably be too early. Perhaps therefore

13 we might tentatively plan on the second half of the week

14 beginning 23 September which is one of the few weeks over that

15 period when only one conference officer is away on duty.

16 3. I have consulted WED about the composition of the official

17 delegation to give an approximate number for accommodation. The

18 Department say that for administrative purposes we can plan on a

19 similar delegation to that which went to Rome in January 1984, ie

20 the No 10 and FCO parties plus two or three <sup>other</sup> Ministers. This

21 amounted to a Delegation of 29. However on this occasion since

22 the Summit is in Florence we shall not only need a Conference

23 Officer but will have to set up a Comcen and will require Royal

24 Military Police to guard offices overnight, carry out safe hand

25 runs etc.

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2 4. So to summarise we should plan on the following for  
3 accommodation requirements;  
4 1 suite for Prime Minister  
5 ? 4 suites for other Ministers  
6 1 Suite for the Prime Minister's Chief Press Secretary *office*.  
7 ~~24~~ single rooms for members of the Delegation *(including the Conference)*  
8 5. In addition 2 rooms for No 10 and FCO Private Offices will be  
9 required whenever the Prime Minister and Foreign and Commonwealth  
10 Secretary are staying. Finally 4 rooms will be needed for  
11 Communications Officers, one room for the Communications Centre  
12 and approximately six for the team of Royal Military Police.  
13 6. You will of course add to this list the rooms required by  
14 members of the Embassy.

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Dear Sir,

ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT : FLORENCE 29/30 OCTOBER

- 1 Please refer to Tom Richardson's teletype of 19 July.
- 2 I had a first meeting to discuss arrangements for the Summit with Leonardo Visconti, Craxi's deputy diplomatic adviser, on 18 July. Inevitably, Italian planning for the Summit is only in its earliest stages. But you may wish to reflect on some of the points Visconti mentioned to me to help planning at the London end.
- 3 The dates of 29/30 October are firm for the Italians, as we have already reported. Visconti envisages the format of the next summit following closely the lines it has taken in the past - that is, each side fielding a team of Prime Minister plus five accompanying Ministers (Foreign Affairs, Defence, Treasury, Trade and Industry and Agriculture); separate talks between individual Ministers followed by a plenary; a concluding press conference conducted by the two Prime Ministers; and entertainment consisting of a dinner given by Craxi on 29 October and a concluding lunch on 30 October.
- 4 The timetable into which this pattern would fit would be roughly as follows. The Prime Minister and her party would arrive at Pisa airport in the early afternoon of 29 October. Pisa is approximately 50 minutes' fast drive from Florence. The Italians would reckon to provide a helicopter for the Prime Minister and her immediate party. Other Ministers would have to travel by road. (Alternatively, if the Prime Minister were coming in an E3125 this would probably be able to land at the very small airport just outside Florence). Individual meetings would begin at c.1700 and Craxi's dinner at c.2030. The plenary session on 30 October would begin at approximately 1030, with the press conference at noon and lunch at 1330. Visconti said that it would be up to us whether the Prime Minister wished to host the lunch herself as a return match for the previous evening's dinner. But Visconti made clear that the Italians

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 would not expect this. Nor, in fact, is it normal practice: the lunch hosted by the Prime Minister at Villa Wolkonsky last January, and Cagiati's working lunch at last October's London Summit were one-off affairs. They are not always easy to arrange satisfactorily and we would recommend reverting to the previous practice that both the dinner and the lunch fall to the host government.

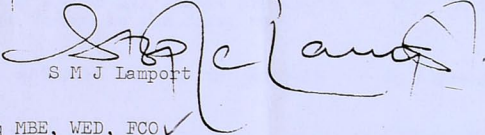
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 5 The Italians expect - but the final decision has yet to be taken - to use the Palazzo Pitti in Florence for the Prime Minister's meeting, the plenary session and the press conference. Other meetings on the first day would be held in one of the two hotels likely to be used to accommodate the two delegations. These were the arrangements made for the Franco-Italian Summit in Venice last month, and they seemed to work reasonably well. It required considerable work for the Italians to adapt parts of the Pitti Palace, which is an art gallery and museum and which had to be closed to the public for a time. This, and the general disruption caused by Heads of Government on official business in Florence, did not go without some protest from residents and local organisations in Florence during the height of the tourist season. But the Chigi says that the Palazzo Pitti, apart from being magnificent in its own right, is the only building in or near Florence sufficiently easily adaptable to the requirements of a meeting of this kind. I made clear to Visconti that we had noticed that there has been ill-feeling in Florence about the disruption caused by using the Palazzo Pitti for the Mitterrand visit; we would not want this to cast a cloud over our Summit. Visconti said that we should not worry, that Craxi himself was not concerned and that by October the flow of tourism in the city would be much reduced.

6 Visconti proposed that accommodation should also follow the pattern set at the Franco-Italian Summit. The Villa Medici (quiet but an "international" and modern hotel) and the Excelsior (traditional but sometimes more noisy) were the two hotels used. Visconti said that it would be for us to choose which of the two we would prefer. Our own advice is that the Villa Medici would be easier and more practical for our purposes. It may be, however, that the Prime Minister's security requirements in the aftermath of the Brighton bombing make it undesirable for her and a group of her senior Cabinet Ministers to stay in the same hotel. You will, of course, be able to see both hotels for yourself when you come out for your reconnaissance visit. Meanwhile, as Tom Richardson said in his teletype of 18 July, the Italians would appreciate knowing soon the approximate numbers of our party - including journalists - in order to ensure that sufficient rooms can be set aside quickly. (One of the problems at the French Summit was that Mitterrand brought at the last moment many more people in his party than had been planned for).



7 Visconti asked me whether the Prime Minister would wish to include any sightseeing during the Summit. We understand from her conversation with Craxi in which Florence was agreed on as the meeting place for the Summit, that this would be her first visit to the city. If the Prime Minister wished to see something of the city an hour or so could be set aside early on the morning of 30 October. The possibilities are, of course, endless. But one, which would be convenient, worthwhile and relatively easy to arrange, would be a visit to the Palazzo Vecchio, perhaps two rooms of the Uffizi Gallery, and a walk across the Ponte Vecchio. (In the sixteenth century Cosimo di Medici had built for himself a corridor - not open to the public - which links the Palazzo Vecchio with the Pitti Palace by way of the Uffizi and a private passageway on top of the Ponte Vecchio). It would be useful to know how you wish to handle this aspect. Would you, for example, like us to suggest three possibilities which you could inspect in September? The Italians will also wish to use Craxi's dinner as an occasion for showing the Prime Minister something of the splendour of the city. They have not decided upon a location: one possibility would be a villa in the hills above the city.

8 You will no doubt be writing to us with a list of your preliminary requirements.

Yours ever  
  
 S M J Lampport

cc: P J Spiceley Esq MBE, WED, FCO ✓  
 H M Consul, Florence



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*Mr. Spicer* 27/10/85 (49)  
This is sensible. It means incidentally that my own visit would fall after submission of draft General Brief.

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Rome

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ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT - 29/30 OCTOBER

1. As we begin to gear ourselves up in preparation for the next Summit you may find it useful to have some idea of the timetable we shall be setting ourselves in WED. At this stage the timing of the Prime Minister's briefing meeting and final deadlines for the receipt of briefs are still approximations but any changes are unlikely to affect other timings. The timetable will thus be as follows:

- Letter to No 10 with preliminary thoughts on Ministerial participation (You will have seen my letter to Richard Northern about Defence Ministers being in Brussels on 29/30 October. - early September
- Scene setting letter from PUS to Sir Robert Armstrong (I hope to get the draft to you in the first week of September) - 23 September
- Circulate draft General Brief in the FCO and consult Rome - 30 September
- Commission briefs - 3 October
- Submit draft General Brief - 7 October
- Deadline for receipt of briefs in Cabinet Office - 21 October
- Scene setting telegram from Rome - 22 October
- Prime Minister's briefing meeting (to be attended by HM Ambassador) - 25 or 28 October (?)

cc. *Mr Munro*  
*Mr Herbat o.a.*

P J Spiceley  
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*S M Waghorn*

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Date 21 August 1985

*John Richard*

ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT: FLORENCE 29/30 OCTOBER

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SHEILA

1. I have just seen a copy of Stephen Lamport's letter of 30 July to Sheila Waghorn about arrangements for the next bilateral summit. The format outlined in para 2 would seem to be right although as I have also mentioned to you over the telephone participation by the Ministers of Defence may be precluded by their attendance at the NATO/NPG Ministerial in Brussels, also on 29/30 October. This will be unfortunate particularly as they were not able to meet at the last summit, due to Spadolini's absence in Egypt.

2. One other important point regarding the timetable (para 3) which I suggest we ought to bring to Visconti's attention at an early stage is that the Prime Minister will not be likely to leave London until after Question Time on Tuesday 29 October. Consequently, as with earlier Summits to Italy, she will not arrive in Florence before the early evening. This will allow time for no more than a tête-a-tête with Craxi followed by dinner. The talks and the plenary session, as well as any sightseeing, will therefore have to be fitted into the Wednesday programme.

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Miss Waghorn  
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FOR MISS S M WACHOR, PROTOCOL DEPT. FOO.

ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT, FLORENCE, 29-30 OCTOBER

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1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELETYPE OF 12 JULY. THIS IS A QUICK REPLY TO THE THREE POINTS YOU RAISE. STEPHEN LAMPORT WILL BE WRITING BY THE BAG TO DESCRIBE THE ITALIANS' PLANNING ARRANGEMENTS AS THEY STAND SO FAR.
2. STEPHEN WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LIAISING WITH THE ITALIANS ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SUMMIT. IN FLORENCE THE CONSUL, IVOR RAWLINGS, AND HIS LOCALLY ENGAGED VICE CONSUL, ENZO NASI, WILL BOTH BE AVAILABLE TO LIAISE WITH THE CONFERENCE OFFICER WHEN HE OR SHE ARRIVES SHORTLY BEFORE THE SUMMIT.
3. WE HAVE HAD A FIRST MEETING WITH VISCONTI, THE SENIOR MEMBER OF CRAXI'S STAFF RESPONSIBLE IN THE CHIGI FOR OVERALL ARRANGEMENT OF THE SUMMIT. THE ITALIANS WILL WELCOME A RECONNAISSANCE VISIT TO FLORENCE, AND VISCONTI WILL PROBABLY WISH TO COME HIMSELF WHILE YOU ARE THERE. BUT PLANNING IS STILL ONLY IN ITS EARLIEST STAGES AND, WITH THE LONG AUGUST/EARLY SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY SEASON ALMOST ON US, IT IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS YOU WILL WISH TO SEE WILL NOT BE DECIDED UPON UNTIL THE SECOND HALF OF SEPTEMBER. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT IF YOUR VISIT IS NOT TO BE WASTED YOU PLAN ON COMING IN THE SECOND HALF OF SEPTEMBER.
4. MEANWHILE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE CHIGI TO KNOW APPROXIMATELY FOR ACCOMMODATION PURPOSES, THE LIKELY NUMBER OF OUR OFFICIAL PARTY AND OF ACCOMPANYING JOURNALISTS. (AT THE LAST SUMMIT HELD IN ROME THE OFFICIAL PARTY NUMBERED ABOUT THIRTY). COULD YOU POSSIBLY LET US HAVE THIS NEXT WEEK?

SIGNED T L RICHARDSON

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FOL FOR	8	FOLLOWING FOR T L RICHARDSON ESQ, HEAD OF CHANCERY, ROME
	9	ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT, FLORENCE: 29-30 OCTOBER 1985
	10	1. Please refer to your telno <b>661</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">116</span>
	11	2. I should be grateful to know who in the Embassy will be
	12	liaising with the Italians on the arrangements <sup>during</sup> <del>for</del> the run-up to
	13	this meeting.
	14	3. In view of the venue, I think we will appoint a Conference
	15	Officer, who will come out a few days before the meeting to
	16	co-ordinate the administrative arrangements. I shall let you
	17	know later who it will be. The Conference Officer will need
	18	someone to assist from the time he/she arrives in Florence. This
	19	person, who might perhaps be one of the Pro-Consuls at the
	20	Consulate-General in Florence, should know the area and be able
	21	to interpret if required.
///	22	4. I, or <sup>another</sup> a member of Overseas Conference Section, and Colonel
//	23	Durrant, Head of Security Section in Protocol Department, will
/	24	need to make a reconnaissance visit in order to look at the
	25	proposed arrangements for accommodation (particularly of the

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2 Prime Minister), communications, security etc. Because of very  
 3 heavy commitments in this Section from the second half of  
 4 September through to the end of October, I hope that this visit,  
 5 which will only be for a day and a half, could be in the first  
 6 part of September.

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YOUR TELNO 230 TO PARIS: <sup>(LB)</sup> ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT.

1. CRAXII'S OFFICE HAVE CONFIRMED 29 AND 30 OCTOBER AS THE DATES FOR THE NEXT ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT, TO BE HELD IN FLORENCE: AND THEY ARE GOING AHEAD WITH ADMINISTRATIVE PREPARATIONS ON THIS BASIS.

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cc also: P/Lady Young  
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cc. Lord Bridges, Rome

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Dr. Spindley

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Mr. Meyer  
WPA 20/6

Dear Gen,

PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OF ITALY AT THE HOTEL PRINCIPE DI SAVOIA IN MILAN ON 28 JUNE 1985

The Prime Minister met Signor Craxi this morning shortly before the opening of the European Council.

EC/US Relations

Signor Craxi said he had recently seen Vice President Bush and told him of Europe's concern about growing protectionist pressures in the United States. His own view was that some sort of trade negotiation between the European Community and the United States was needed ahead of the GATT round. He thought this was the only way to contain protectionist pressures. The Prime Minister said that she hoped that trade issues would be discussed at the European Council, particularly in the context of Japan. It was very important that the European Community and the United States should co-operate in maintaining pressure upon Japan to revalue the yen and further open its markets. The Japanese would never deal with the problem if left to their own devices. Only if they believed that Europe and the United States would act in concert would they take any significant action.

The Prime Minister continued that the Community should soon settle down to a serious discussion of how to deal with the problem of agricultural surpluses. The opportunities for disposing of surpluses were fast shrinking. She thought that Mr. Gorbachev would succeed in reforming Soviet agriculture and eventually in achieving self sufficiency. Signor Craxi agreed that it was necessary to correct overproduction in the European Community. He also agreed with the Prime Minister on the importance of keeping the Atlantic dimension in mind in dealing with European problems.

/ Future

Future of the European Community

Signor Craxi said that his aim at the European Council would be to clarify the issues, particularly decision-taking, political co-operation, the role of the European Parliament and the extension of co-operation into new sectors. There were many proposals on the table and it was for Heads of Government to decide how they should be translated into decisions. He had been informed of the Foreign Secretary's proposal that the European Council should be transformed into an inter-Governmental conference for the purpose of taking decisions. He found this a neat solution. Time was needed to allow negotiations to take place between Governments at the level of Foreign Ministers and find reasonable and balanced solutions. A European Council, convened as an inter-Governmental conference, could then put its stamp on the agreements reached. Personally he did not think it should be difficult to arrive at decisions; the scale of the differences between Member States had been exaggerated. So the procedure which he envisaged was a general exchange of ideas at this European Council followed by the launching of a negotiation with decisions reached at a future European Council. Everything would of course be decided by unanimity.

The Prime Minister said that she was rather disappointed by Signor Craxi's approach. She had come to Milan ready to take decisions. She saw no reason why decisions should not be reached at this meeting, at least on some of the subjects. It was necessary to define clearly what could not be done. For instance she saw no possibility of amending the Treaty, particularly while much of the existing Treaty remained to be put into effect. The United Kingdom had circulated a draft formal agreement on political co-operation. The text circulated yesterday by France and Germany bore an astonishing similarity to ours, although it was rather weaker on some points. So her view was that the European Council should take some decisions and prepare the ground for others at the next European Council.

Signor Craxi said that he had not invented the idea of an inter-Governmental conference. But the proposal had been launched and expectations created. The Prime Minister said that if the present Council were able to reach some decisions there would be much less need for any follow-up conference. Signor Craxi repeated that he feared that there were too many different proposals on the table to allow decisions at this stage. The Prime Minister said that it was important to do as much as possible on the first day, particularly on the future of the Community and technological co-operation.

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Terrorism and Hijacking

The Prime Minister said that she would wish to raise this issue and have a proper discussion. Signor Craxi said he envisaged a discussion over dinner. The issue had been very much at the top of the agenda for his meeting with Vice President Bush who was clearly looking to the European Community for ideas and support.

Internal Market

Signor Craxi said that M. Delors had told him that completion of the internal market as envisaged by the Commission would require literally hundreds of new directives. The Prime Minister disputed this. There were far too many unnecessary directives already. And in their proposal to the European Council, the Commission had muddled up several unnecessary and irrelevant issues, such as tax approximation, with those which genuinely related to completion of the internal market. Signor Craxi asked what practical results the Prime Minister envisaged from the European Council on the internal market. The Prime Minister said that it was essential to concentrate on free movement of goods and services, on rights of establishment and liberalisation of transport by land, air and sea. Movement of people was a different and secondary issue and nothing should be done to undermine our defences against terrorism and drugs. She also thought that it was important to agree that a progress report on completion of the internal market should be made to each succeeding European Council, together with similar reports on deregulation and Japan. Signor Craxi said that the Prime Minister seemed to have in mind essentially a procedural decision with progressive verification of the steps taken.

Technological Co-operation

Signor Craxi said that it was important to give substance to the various ideas which had been floated. The Prime Minister said the essential need was to translate research into concrete projects. A decision should be taken to set up a group of senior officials to monitor progress. Co-operation in this area should not be limited to the Community. Signor Craxi agreed.

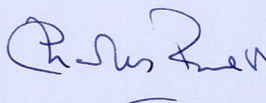
Football Disaster

The Prime Minister said that all in the United Kingdom were grief-stricken about what had happened at the Liverpool/Juventus match. Arrangements had been made to pay some compensation to the families of the victims, although she realised this could be no more than a token. The Government were taking

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action to avoid similar problems in future and had already introduced a Bill to prevent the sale of alcohol at football grounds. Signor Craxi said that he had been very grateful for the attitude taken by the Prime Minister from the earliest moment. This had avoided any ugly consequences. He was also grateful for the Government's generosity towards the victims.

I am sending copies of this letter to John Mogg (Department of Trade and Industry), Rachel Lomax (H.M. Treasury), Phil Dykins (Office of the Minister for Sport) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,  


Charles Powell

Len Appleyard, Esq.,  
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EUROPEAN COUNCIL, MILAN: BILATERAL WITH CRAXI:

1. GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD CONFIRM TO CRAXI'S OFFICE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER ACCEPTS GRATEFULLY HIS OFFER OF A MEETING AT 09.15 ON 28 JUNE.
2. THE PRIME MINSITER WOULD PREFER THE MEETING TO BE IN THE HOTEL RATHER THAN THE CASTLE.

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I said to Mr. Parnport that I thought ECo(D) would be lining up the logistics.

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cc PS Mr Broadbent  
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Mr Wastley-Smith was

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Dear Colin,

EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN MILAN: BILATERAL WITH SIGNOR CRAXI

Signor Craxi's office have been in touch with me several times in the last few days to try to arrange a time for a bilateral with the Prime Minister before the Milan European Council. In the event Signor Craxi decided for domestic political reasons he could not travel to London between now and the European Council. It has therefore been agreed that the bilateral will take place in Milan immediately before the beginning of the European Council itself. To allow reasonable time for this, the Prime Minister has agreed to travel to Milan on the evening of Thursday 27 June. Because of her commitments here, she will not be able to leave Heathrow earlier than 2100 hours. This will get us fairly late to Milan which will be inconvenient for the Italian authorities: but it is all to be helpful to them. I should be grateful if the necessary arrangements could be made.

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I should add that Badini made clear that Craxi would want to see the Prime Minister alone with only notetakers present.

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Yours sincerely

Charles Powell

Tell. Hs

PM accepts gratefully  
meeting at 09.15  
28 June. The Italians  
have asked whether we  
prefer Castle or hotel.  
PM would prefer  
meeting to be in hotel.

Colin Budd, Esq,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Mr. Munnings  
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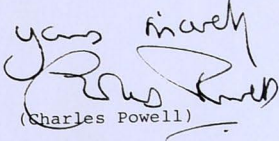
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Dear Len.

EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING, MILAN:  
28/29 JUNE

Thank you for your letter of 14 June about the travel arrangements for the Milan European Council. We shall need to bear in mind the possibility that Signor Craxi will invite the Prime Minister to have a bilateral on the morning of 28 June before the opening of the European Council. In that event it might be necessary for the Prime Minister to travel to Milan on the late evening of 27 June (she could not leave Heathrow before 9 p.m. that evening). We can only decide this when we hear further from the Italians.

As regards the meal on the way back the first of the two menus suggested would be better.

Yours sincerely  
  
 (Charles Powell)

Len Appleyard, Esq.,  
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SECRETARY OF STATE'S BILATERAL MEETING WITH ANDREOTTI

1. THE SECRETARY OF STATE BEGAN BY TOUCHING ON SEVERAL BILATERAL POINTS.
2. HE EXPRESSED HIS OWN PERSONAL SHOCK AND SORROW AT THE TRAGEDY IN BRUSSELS. ANDREOTTI SAID HE HAD MUCH APPRECIATED THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S PHONE CALL. THE SECRETARY OF STATE DESCRIBED THE ACTION WE WERE TAKING IN THE UK TO CURB FOOTBALL HOOLIGANISM. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT PROPOSED TO ALLOCATE £250,000 FOR THE FAMILIES OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAD SUFFERED FROM THE BRUSSELS TRAGEDY. AN INITIAL PAYMENT MIGHT BE MADE TO THE FAMILIES UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. IT WAS IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN TOUCH.
3. ANDREOTTI AGREED. HE NOTED THAT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT WOULD BE DISCUSSING THE MOTION BY A BRITISH CONSERVATIVE MEP ON FOOTBALL HOOLIGANISM. HE WONDERED WHETHER THE BEST SOLUTION WAS NOT TO TAKE AWAY THEIR PASSPORTS. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID WE HAD LOOKED AT THIS BUT CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT. HE NOTED THAT THIS PROBLEM WOULD BE DISCUSSED BY SPORTS MINISTERS ON 11 JUNE AND AT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE. IT WAS A GREAT PITY THAT THIS HAD TAKEN PLACE FOLLOWING THE VERY SUCCESSFUL VISIT TAKEN BY THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES. ANDREOTTI ASSENTED, SAYING THAT THE PRINCE OF WALES HAD SENT A VERY CHARMING LETTER AFTER THE VISIT, WHICH HAD BEEN EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED.
4. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID ANOTHER BILATERAL ISSUE WAS THE QUESTION OF THE PORTA PIA DEVELOPEMENT, FOR WHICH OUR EMBASSY IN ROME HAD RECEIVED PLANNING PERMISSION IN 1980. BUT, WITHOUT INFORMING US, A SUBSEQUENT COMMITTEE HAD REJECTED THE DETAILED PLANS. IF WE WERE UNABLE TO GO AHEAD WITH THE PROJECT, THIS WOULD CAUSE US GREAT DIFFICULTY. THE TIMING WAS VERY IMPORTANT FOR OUR PUBLIC EXPENDITURE PLANS. HE HOPED SIGNOR ANDREOTTI WOULD USE HIS INFLUENCE IN THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH LORD BRIDGES WAS HAVING WITH ITALIAN OFFICIALS TO FIND A WAY THROUGH.
5. ANDREOTTI, WHO WAS CLEARLY AWARE OF THE PROBLEM, SAID THAT REGULATIONS AFFECTING ANCIENT MONUMENTS WERE EXTREMELY STRICT. THERE HAD BEEN MUCH PUBLICITY OVER THE CONSTRUCTION YEARS AGO OF THE MODERN BRITISH EMBASSY IN ROME. BUT THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROME WAS SHORTLY CHANGING HANDS, AND THE COMMUNISTS WOULD NO LONGER BE INCLUDED. THIS MIGHT HELP. HE UNDERTOOK TO LOOK INTO THE PORTA PIA PROBLEM.

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6. THE SECRETARY OF STATE THEN ASSURED TO DISCUSS IN THE LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT WOULD ARISE AT STRESA. AT MILAN WE SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR KEY DECISIONS BY HEAD OF GOVERNMENT. WE WANTED THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES TO BE PUT INTO SHAPE SO THAT THE FINAL DECISIONS COULD BE TAKEN AT THE DECEMBER EUROPEAN COUNCIL. THIS WOULD ENABLE US TO HAVE ALL THE POSITIONS SET BY THE TIME PORTUGAL AND SPAIN ACCEDED.

7. ON THE KEY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, THE ITALIANS HAD SEEN OUR PROPOSALS ON POLITICAL COOPERATION OUR THINKING WAS VERY CLOSE. ON THE INTERNAL MARKET, THE DECISIONS AT BRUSSELS HAD TAKEN MATTERS A GOOD WAY FORWARD AND IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE AT MILAN TO AGREE ON THE TIMETABLE AND OBJECTIVES. WE ATTACHE GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THIS. ON THE TECHNOLOGICAL COMMUNITY, THE MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL ON 4 JUNE HAD TAKEN SOME USEFUL STEPS FORWARD, AND SIR ROBIN NICHOLSON WOULD BE REPORTING ON THESE.

8. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT THE DECISION-TAKING PROCESS WAS THE KEY ON WHICH THE OTHER ITEMS DEPENDED. WE BELIEVED THAT HEADS OF GOVERNMENT SHOULD TAKE THE NECESSARY DECISIONS AT MILAN. WE KNEW SOME GOVERNMENTS ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO THE IDEA OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. OUR OWN VIEW WAS NOT HOSTILE TO A CONFERENCE AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, BUT WE WERE CONVINCED THAT WE COULD GET FASTER PROGRESS THROUGH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT THEMSELVES TAKING DECISIONS AT MILAN.

9. ON TREATY AMENDMENT, WE BELIEVE THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO TAKE DECISIONS WOULD BE THROUGH A KIND OF MILAN ACCORD. TREATY AMENDMENT IN THE COMMUNITY REQUIRED UNANIMOUS RATIFICATION BY PARLIAMENT. THIS WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT IN PRACTICE. SO WE THOUGHT IT ESSENTIAL TO CONCENTRATE ON WHAT WAS PRACTICALLY FEASIBLE. SO THAT DECISIONS COULD BE TAKEN WITHOUT UNNECESSARY DELAY.

10. ANDREOTTI TOOK NOTE AND SAID THAT THE QUESTION OF THE POWERS OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT WOULD ALSO NEED TO BE DISCUSSED. POLEMICS WERE TAKING PLACE IN A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES SINCE NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS WERE WORRIED ABOUT THE LOSS OF THEIR POWERS. BUT WHAT WAS UNDER DISCUSSION WAS THE TRANSFER OF SOME LIMITED POWERS FROM THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, AND NOT THE DIMINUTION IN THE POWERS OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT WE WOULD CERTAINLY WANT TO DISCUSS THIS. IN OUR VIEW WE OUGHT TO LOOK FOR SOME INCREASE IN THE ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. THIS MUST BE DONE IN THE MOST PRACTICAL FASHION.

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 MILAN EUROPEAN COUNCIL: PRESS HANDLING

1. THE HEADS OF ECD(E) AND ECD(I) GAVE AN ACCOUNT OF OUR APPROACH TO THE MILAN EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN AN OFF THE RECORD BRIEFING TO THE BRITISAND OVERSEAS PRESS YESTERDAY.
2. THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S SCH IN THE HAGUE ON 17 JUNE WILL BE DEVOTED TO EAST-WEST RELATIONS, BUT WILL INCLUDE A PASSAGE ON POLITICAL COOPERATION AND THE COMMUNITY.
3. THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S SPEECH TO THE LONDON DIPLOMATIC CORPS AT THE DIPLOMATIC BANQUET ON 19 JUNE WILL INCLUDE A SUBSTANTIAL PASSAGE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF POLITICAL COOPERATION AND THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN IT. THE COMPLETION OF THE INTERNAL MARKET AND DECISION TAKING WILL ALSO BE COVERED. THIS WILL BE THE MAIN PUBLIC STATEMENT BEFORE THE MILAN MEETING.
4. IN ADDITION, THE SECRETARY OF STATE WILL BE GIVING AN INTERVIEW TO BE PUBLISHED IN LE SOIR (BRUSSELS) AND LE QUOTIDIAN DE PARIS AROUND 20 JUNE: AND WILL ALSO GIVE AN INTERVIEW TO LA REPUBBLICA (ROME) FOR PUBLICATION AROUND 24 JUNE. HE WILL GIVE AN ON THE RECORD BRIEFING TO MAJOR EUROPEAN NEWSPAPERS ON 24 JUNE.
5. THE INFORMAL DISCUSSION AMONG FOREIGN MINISTERS AT STRESA THIS WEEKEND WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF ANY BRITISH JOURNALISTS PRESENT: THE SECRETARY OF STATE TOUCHED ON OUR APPROACH TO MILAN IN BRIEFING UK DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENTS OFF THE RECORD ON 4 JUNE.
6. GUIDANCE ON THE LINE YOU SHOULD TAKE WITH THE PRESS IN THE RUN UP TO MILAN WILL FOLLOW AFTER STRESA.

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MIPT : MILAN EUROPEAN COUNCIL MESSAGE FROM SIGNOR CRAXI  
 1. FOLLOWING IS REPLY FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO  
 SIGNOR CRAXI WHICH I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD DELIVER.  
 BEGINS:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 24 MAY ABOUT OUR DISCUSSTIONS IN  
 MILAN AT THE END OF JUNE.

LIKE YOU, I HOPE THAT WE CAN MAKE SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS  
 TOWARDS THE COMPLETION OF THE COMMON MARKET ON THE BASIS OF A  
 SPECIFIC TIMETABLE. THIS, TOGETHER WITH THE WORK WE INITIATED AT  
 OUR LAST MEETING ON LIFTING THE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS ON  
 EUROPEAN BUSINESSES, COULD MAKE A REAL IMPACT ON THE CREATION OF  
 JOBS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
 COMMUNITY. GEOFFREY HOWE WILL HAVE SOME SPECIFIC IDEAS TO PUT  
 FORWARD AT THE STRESA MEETING. AS I MENTIONED TO YOU WHEN WE MET  
 IN BONN IN MAY, I AM CONVINCED THAT THE MILAN EUROPEAN COUNCIL  
 CAN MARK A REAL STEP FORWARD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY.  
 IT REMAINS MY VIEW THAT THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT THEMSELVES MUST  
 TAKE DECISIONS, AND GIVE CLEAR DIRECTIONS AT THE MILAN EUROPEAN  
 COUNCIL ON THE COMPLETION OF THE COMMON MARKET, THE DEVELOPMENT  
 OF POLITICAL COOPERATION AND IMPROVED DECISION TAKING. IF  
 DETAILED WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE AGREEMENTS  
 REACHED AT MILAN, THAT SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE HIGH  
 LEVEL GROUPS TO ENABLE FURTHER DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN OR  
 AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO AT THE DECEMBER EUROPEAN COUNCIL. IF WE  
 CAN PROCEED IN THIS WAY I AM CONVINCED WE CAN ACHIEVE A

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SUCCESSFUL AND POSITIVE OUTCOME AT MILAN.

I AM VERY PLEASED THAT THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE PRIME  
MINISTERS WILL BE JOINING US AT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL. I AM SORRY  
THAT I CANNOT BE AT THE SIGNATURE CEREMONIES ON 12 JUNE BECAUSE  
OF THE COINCIDENCE WITH THE STATE VISIT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF  
THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO.

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MY TELNO 202 TO BONN: AUTUMN BILATERAL SUMMITS WITH THE FRG,  
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1. OUR PREFERENCES ARE NOW:

- ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT: FLORENCE 29-30 OCTOBER
- ANGLO-GERMAN SUMMIT: BONN 27 NOVEMBER
- ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT: LONDON 18 NOVEMBER

2. (ROME) WE ARE NOW TAKING 29-30 OCTOBER AS AGREED SUBJECT TO

CONFIRMATION AFTER THE ITALIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS (YOUR  
TELNO 457). AS YOU KNOW, THE PRIME MINISTER AND CRAXI HAVE  
AGREED THAT THE SUMMIT SHOULD BE HELD IN FLORENCE.

3. (BONN) PLEASE APPROACH THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES AND SAY THAT  
SINCE DIARIES ARE RAPIDLY FILLING UP WE THINK IT WOULD BE  
SENSIBLE TO ARRANGE A DATE SOON FOR THIS AUTUMN'S SUMMIT MEETING.  
THE PRIME MINISTER COULD TRAVEL TO BONN FOR A ONE-DAY SUMMIT ON  
27 NOVEMBER. WOULD THIS DATE SUIT THE CHANCELLOR? WE ENVISAGE  
THIS AS A SUMMIT ON THE USUAL PATTERN INVOLVING PARTICIPATION BY  
OTHER MINISTERS.

4. THE QUEEN HAS IT IN MIND TO HOLD THE ANNUAL RECEPTION FOR  
THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS ON THE EVENING OF 27 NOVEMBER. WE ARE  
POINTING OUT TO BUCKINGHAM PALACE THAT THIS IS A POSSIBLE DATE  
FOR THE ANGLO-GERMAN SUMMIT. IF 27 NOVEMBER IS CONFIRMED FOR  
THE DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION, THE PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN  
SECRETARY WOULD HAVE TO BACK IN LONDON BY 1830.

5. (PARIS) THE DATES AVAILABLE TO THE PRIME MINISTER ARE  
MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER, WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER AND FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER.  
20 NOVEMBER IS UNLIKELY TO BE WELCOME TO MITTERRAND BECAUSE OF  
CABINET IN PARIS THAT DAY (YOUR TELNO 344). 13 DECEMBER IS THE  
SECOND DAY OF THE NATO AUTUMN MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS. IT  
ALSO COMES AFTER THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND IS GETTING CLOSE TO  
CHRISTMAS AND THE FRENCH LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS. MONDAY

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18 NOVEMBER LOOKS THE BEST DATE. THE PRIME MINISTER WISHES TO COMBINE THE SUMMIT TO A SINGLE DAY. JENKINS WILL AIM TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS WITH PLAISANT ON 20 MAY. GRATEFUL FOR YOUR VIEWS BY THEN.

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Dear Colin,

ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

I should record that Signor Craxi asked the Prime Minister during the Bonn Economic Summit where she would like the Anglo-Italian Summit in the Autumn to be held. The Prime Minister said that she had never visited Florence. Signor Craxi said that the Summit should be there.

Signor Craxi's office have subsequently confirmed to me that it is their present intention to organise the Summit in Florence. You may wish to inform our Ambassador.

Yours sincerely,  
  
(C.D. Powell)

Colin Budd, Esq.,  
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30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AUSTRIAN STATE TREATY:  
VISIT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO VIENNA: 14-15 MAY

Possible Meeting with Sig Andreotti, Italian Foreign Minister

Bilateral Meeting

Sorry we could not find time for good discussion today. Understand difficult for you also in margins of FAC. Let us agree on substantial bilateral in margins of North Atlantic Council in Lisbon on 5/6 June. Perhaps our NATO delegations could get together to identify a mutually convenient time. (Andreotti's cabinet have made clear to Embassy in Rome that a meeting either in Vienna or at the FAC is difficult but have suggested Lisbon).

European Community

- Ferri visit.

- Decisions in June: nothing that an inter-governmental conference can do which cannot be done better by Heads of Government.
- Should aim for package at Milan covering:
  - completion of Common Market
  - formalisation of political cooperation
  - improved decision taking
  - relations with European Parliament

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SUMMARY

1. CRAXI'S STAFF GLOOMY, BUT MFA PREFER TO STRESS POSITIVE ASPECTS, ESPECIALLY MACRO-ECONOMIC COMMITMENTS: CRAXI PROUD OF HIS MEDIATING ROLE: ITALIAN DOUBTS REMAIN OVER ADVANTAGES OF NEW GATT ROUND.

DETAIL

2. WE HAVE SPOKEN TO CATTANI (MFA) AND TO CRAXI'S OWN STAFF ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT. CATTANI WAS AT PAINS TO PLAY DOWN THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ROW OVER THE START OF THE NEW GATT ROUND AND SDI. HE POINTED TO THE CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE US ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEED FOR ACTION ON FISCAL DEFICIT (IN CONTRAST TO LONDON IN 1984). THE ITALIANS WERE PLEASED WITH THE OUTCOME ON FAMINE IN AFRICA, AND SATISFIED WITH THAT ON THE LDOS IN GENERAL. CATTANI ATTRIBUTED THE ROW OVER THE GATT STARTING DATE AS MUCH TO THE US HEAVY FOOTED APPROACH AS FRENCH POSTURING AND CLAIMED THAT THE DIFFERENCES WERE MORE APPARENT THAN REAL, SINCE IT IS CLEAR TO EVERYONE THAT A NEW ROUND WILL GO AHEAD. BUT THE ITALIANS REMAIN SCEPTICAL ABOUT THE WHOLE EXERCISE.

3. CRAXI'S STAFF, IN CONTRAST, THOUGHT THE ROW OF DEEPER SIGNIFICANCE. THE FRENCH ATTITUDE HAD CAUSED PROBLEMS FOR ITALY AS WELL AS THE US - HENCE CRAXI'S UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO MEDIATE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES ON THE DATE OF THE NEXT GATT ROUND AND ON THE LINK BETWEEN COMMERCIAL AND MONETARY NEGOTIATIONS. CRAXI'S STAFF CONSIDER THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY THE SUMMIT WILL ONLY BECOME APPARENT ONCE ITS RESULTS HAVE BEEN PROPERLY DIGESTED IN CAPITALS.

4. THE ITALIANS ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT MORE SPECIFIC PROGRESS WAS NOT MADE ON INTERNATIONAL MONETARY INITIATIVE, IN PARTICULAR THAT BAKER'S OFFER AT THE OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN LOST SIGHT OF.

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5. CRAXI IS CLEARLY DRAWING LOCAL POLITICAL CAPITAL FROM (A) HAVING BEEN PRESENT AND (B) HAVING BEEN SEEN TO BE THE ARCHITECT OF AN ALBEIT FAILED COMPROMISE ON THE GATT ISSUE.

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T L Richardson Esq  
British Embassy  
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Dear Tom,

NOMENCLATURE

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1. I enclose a copy of a personal and ephemeral note from Len Appleyard about your telegram no 457. Use of the expression Chigi is evidently baffling to the non-experts. I suppose the same may apply to the Farnesina. The nearest plain English equivalent seems to be the order of the day.

Yours ever,  
Michael

M J Llewellyn Smith  
Western European Department

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YOUR TELNO 202 TO BONN AND TELECON HEAD OF CHANCERY/LLEWELLYN-SMITH:  
BILATERAL SUMMITS

1. WE HAVE NOW PROPOSED INFORMALLY TO THE CHIGI (VISCONTI)  
29-30 OCTOBER OR 30 OCTOBER ALONE AS POSSIBLE DATES FOR THE  
NEXT ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT, STRESSING THAT THESE WERE LIABLE  
TO FURTHER JUGGLING NEARER THE TIME. VISCONTI HAS PENCILLED  
THESE DATES INTO CRAXI'S DIARY, THOUGH WITH THE CAVEAT THAT IN  
PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES FORWARD PLANNING BEYOND THE PRESIDENTIAL  
ELECTION IN JUNE/JULY IS IMPOSSIBLE.

2. WE ARE ALSO ALERTING THE FARNESINA AT DEPARTMENTAL LEVEL.

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MEETING BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRIME MINISTER OF ITALY IN THE PALAIS SCHAUMBURG IN BONN ON 3 MAY AT 0915

The Prime Minister met Signor Craxi this morning before the opening session of the European Council. Since I was interpreting for the meeting I found it hard to take any comprehensible note. But the following is my recollection of the main issues discussed.

Future of the European Community

The Prime Minister said that there was a great deal of work to get through before the Milan European Council. But once the Heads of Government got down to the detail of issues such as majority voting, she thought that there would be relatively few differences between them. A number of Member States were proclaiming their readiness to dispense with unanimity but in practice when their interests were at stake they insisted upon it. She saw scope for more use of the majority voting provisions of the Treaty but it was essential to maintain the Luxembourg compromise. She was firmly opposed to giving the European Assembly additional powers, particularly tax-raising powers. She thought that France would have the same difficulty on constitutional grounds. As regards a greater role for the European Parliament, she found the proposals in the Spinelli Report impracticable. Were they ever to be implemented they would vastly delay and encumber decision making in the Community. The matters on which practical progress could be made were completion of the internal market, for which the Commission was working out a detailed timetable, and political co-operation. Finally, the Prime Minister said that she was ready for the United Kingdom to reduce to one Commissioner upon enlargement and hoped that the other large Member States would be prepared to follow suit.

/Signor Craxi

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Signor Craxi said that much of the impetus for making further progress towards European union had come from the Assembly. It would be difficult, therefore, to avoid making some concessions to it. He agreed that giving it the power to raise revenue would be a very delicate matter. But he thought that there was scope for some "constitutional engineering" which would allow the Assembly a great role in the Community's decision taking. But he agreed that the balance of power between the Council and the Assembly should not be distorted. He would be sending his personal representative, Signor Ferri, on a tour of Community capitals to discuss the way ahead. He understood that Signor Ferri would be seeing Sir Geoffrey Howe.

The Prime Minister said that she was not at all enthusiastic about the idea of an inter-governmental conference. This would simply create a new level of bureaucracy. The initiative must be kept firmly in the hands of the Council. There would be an opportunity for the European Council to discuss the future of the Community at Milan in June and she thought it should be possible to make substantial progress there. Any issues which were unresolved could be pursued further at the December European Council. An inter-governmental conference would degenerate into a talking shop. Signor Craxi thought it would be difficult not to hold an inter-governmental conference, given that the idea had been firmly launched. There was now an expectation that it would be held. The Prime Minister said firmly that it had not been agreed. There was nothing an inter-governmental conference could do which the European Council could not do better.

#### Economic Summit

The Prime Minister referred to the difficulties which the French seemed to be creating over setting a date for a new round of international trade negotiations and the linkage which they were making with an international monetary conference. There were plenty of opportunities in the next few months to discuss international monetary questions and she could see no need for a special conference. Signor Craxi agreed but said that it might be the price others had to pay to get the French to agree to set a date for a new GATT round.

There was also a brief discussion of the sentences in the political declaration dealing with the Geneva talks. Signor Craxi agreed with the Prime Minister that it was important that the Economic Summit should seem to be firmly behind President Reagan. He could accept the wording which he understood had been agreed between the French and Americans, although he would prefer to "hope" rather than "urge" the Soviet Union to act positively. The latter implied disapproval. He would also very much like to see a sentence on the Middle East in the political declaration. The Prime Minister thought it was too late to introduce that now.

I am copying this letter to David Williamson (Cabinet Office).

( C D Powell )

L Appleyard Esq  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Mr Munro

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ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT: 29/30 October 1985

1. Mr Tom Richardson (Rome) called to confirm that the Chigi have blocked in 29/30 October as possible dates for the Anglo-Italian Summit. This is of course a long way ahead for them and there may well be a another Prime Minister by then.

2. Visconti at the Chigi reverted to the possibility of a Summit outside Rome and suggested Milan (Crax's home city) or Turin. In January 1984 there had been a suggestion from the Italians of holding the Summit in Southern Italy (Bari) or Sicily, which the Prime Minister had declined. If the Prime Minister wants to limit the Summit to one day, there might be a case for Milan if it can be shown that the shorter travelling time between London and Milan would facilitate this.

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FROM: M J Llewellyn Smith  
Western European Dept

DATE: 2 May 1985

Mr Munro  
Mr Spicely

cc:- PS  
Mr Jenkins  
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SECRETARY OF STATE'S BILATERAL WITH ANDREOTTI: BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT 2-4 MAY

1. Sgr Vattani of the Italian Embassy telephoned yesterday to say that he had heard from Rome that Andreotti thought he had agreed with the Secretary of State that they would not hold a bilateral meeting (i.e. in place of the Chevening 24 May meeting which he refused) until after the end of the Italian Presidency. This was in response to my soundings about a possible new date for a bilateral.

2. Vattani added that he personally thought that it would be a pity if the meeting did not take place before the Milan European Council. He hoped that when the Secretary of State met Andreotti at the Bonn Economic Summit he would invite him again to consider finding a new date. (This corresponds to the line to take which we submitted for the Secretary of State's bilateral with Andreotti at the Bonn Summit: see first point on check-list).

3. I have informed Mr Budd of this exchange.

*MJS*

M J Llewellyn Smith

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BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT: 2-4 MAY 1985  
 CHECKLIST OF POINTS TO MAKE FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S  
 BILATERAL WITH SIGNOR ANDREOTTI

- Sorry Andreotti unable to accept invitation to Chevening (24/25 May). Hope still possible to meet before Milan Council.
- Congratulations to Italian Presidency on handling of ORD.
- Hope Presidency will continue to use their influence with MEPS to prevent any tampering with implementation of Fontainebleau.

FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY

- Look forward to visit of Signor Ferri on 13 May.
- Much achieved in recent months in the Community. Anglo-Italian cooperation good.
- Key to managing problems of enlarged Community will be continued cooperation with you and the French and Germans.
- Now have opportunity to take substantive decisions at June European Council which would lead to tangible and practical progress towards greater unity being taken under Italian Presidency.
- Sort of package we have in mind would include:
  - (i) an agreement covering political cooperation. Such a new agreement would establish political cooperation firmly and finally as one of the pillars of the European Community;
  - (ii) completion of the common market. Commission now working on timetable for action. This will be key to creating more wealth and employment. Many Treaty Articles still not implemented;
  - (iii) practical steps to improve decision-taking. Accept need for more majority voting on non-essential issues in accordance with the Treaties. But no Member State ready to be voted down when very important interests genuinely at stake.

CUSTOMS RELIEF ON IMPORTS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT

- Hope you will join us in making known to Commission grave concern about decision to issue Reasoned Opinions on customs waiver on imports of defence equipment.
- Duties on military imports would mean real cut in finite procurement budgets: would weaken Alliance effectiveness.



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MY TELNO 443: <sup>(S1)</sup> BILATERAL WITH CRAXI AT THE BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT.

1. WE HAVE NOW BEEN ABLE TO SPEAK TO CRAXI'S STAFF ABOUT HIS BILATERAL MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER ON 3 MAY. THEY SAY THAT HE WILL WISH TO SPEAK EXCLUSIVELY ABOUT EC ISSUES, MAINLY INSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS, IN ADVANCE OF FERRI'S TOUR OF CAPITALS TO TAKE SOUNDINGS ON THE SCOPE FOR DECISIONS AT MILAN ON THE ISSUES RAISED BY THE DOOGE REPORT. FERRI IS TO REPORT BACK TO CRAXI PERSONALLY BY 15 MAY (WE UNDERSTAND HE IS SEEING MR RIFKIND AND YOU ON 13 MAY). WE DETECTED SOME DESIRE ON CRAXI'S PART TO EXCLUDE ANDREOTTI FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS. CRAXI IS HIMSELF CONSIDERING A LIGHTNING TOUR OF ALL EUROPEAN CAPITALS JUST BEFORE THE MILAN COUNCIL.

2. IF TIME PERMITS CRAXI MAY BRIEFLY MENTION HONECKER'S RECENT VISIT, AND PERHAPS SDI AND EUREKA.

3. FCO PLEASE ADVANCE TO PS/NO 10 DOWNING STREET, PS/FOREIGN SECRETARY, PS/MR RIFKIND, DEREK THOMAS, RENWICK AND TAIT.

FCO PLEASE PASS SAVING TO ATHENS, COPENHAGEN, THE HAGUE, BRUSSELS, DUBLIN, LUXEMBOURG.

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FCO TELNO 225 TO BONN: ECONOMIC SUMMIT: BILATERALS.

1. WE HAVE INFORMED CRAXI'S OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROPOSAL OF A HALF HOUR POST-BREAKFAST BILATERAL AT 0900 ON 3 MAY FOR HALF AN HOUR AT THE PALAIS SCHAUMBURG. THE CHIGI HAVE NOW RUNG BACK TO CONFIRM ITALIAN AGREEMENT.

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Mr Reilly, ERD

BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT: BILATERAL BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND SIGNOR CRAXI (ITALY)

1. I attach briefing prepared by ECD(I) for a possible bilateral meeting between the Prime Minister and Signor Craxi. There are no bilateral issues we wish to raise and the brief is exclusively Community issues.
2. Should Signor Craxi wish to speak about Arms Control, the Prime Minister can refer to summit brief no 11.

P J Spiceley  
Western European Department  
W67 / 233 5903

T. Richardson called. Visentini, PS/Craxi in present for a reply from PM.

Craxi can see PM:

- Early Friday morning : 09.00 .
- Friday pm. : 18.30/19.00
- Sat. pm of the communique : 17.00/17.15

He will be seeing Kohl : Friday 18.00.  
Mitterand : working b'fast on Saturday.

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From: M L Tait, ERD  
 Date: 24 April 1985  
 cc: Private Secretary  
 PS/PUS  
 PS/Sir R Armstrong  
 Mr Littler, HM Treasury  
 Mr Braithwaite  
 Head of WED  
 " " ECD(E)

*Mr Spicely*  
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Mr Maud

BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT: ITALIAN VIEWS

1. Mr Zezza, First Counsellor (Economic) at the Italian Embassy, called this morning at his request to discuss the Summit.
2. Mr Zezza told me that Signor Craxi would wish to follow up at the Bonn Economic Summit the critical remarks made by Signor Ruggiero about the German thematic paper. Signor Ruggiero had said that the paper was far too weak and short on content.
3. Accordingly, in Bonn Signor Craxi would try to argue for a commitment to reflation by those countries which were achieving a better economic performance. This is reflected in paragraph 4 of Sir R Armstrong's minute to Mr Powell of 22 April in which he mentions the "risk of creating a situation in which the world was encouraged to look to certain countries (notably Germany, the UK and Japan) to provide a 'locomotive effect' for the stimulation of world economic recovery".
4. Signor Craxi also intended to argue for a rather firmer undertaking from the US that action would be taken on the budget deficit. Mr Zezza added that Signor Craxi, in making these points, would have very much in mind the Italian local elections which are due to take place shortly after the Bonn Summit.
5. I mentioned to Mr Zezza that there would be resistance on our part to any commitments which put at risk the hard-won gains made in the UK on inflation. Nor would we wish to be cast in the role of locomotive for world economic recovery.
6. I should perhaps also record that Mr Zezza commented that Italy would be maintaining its support for the restrictive approach of the French on the date for a new GATT round. They would also support the French position favouring the need for progress towards a conference on the international monetary system. He added that he rather had the impression that on these issues Italy was "doing the dirty work of others". I commented that there seemed a good chance that the French President would be able to agree in Bonn a date for the new GATT round and that, while the world monetary system was operating in a most unsatisfactory manner in terms of the value of currencies, it was difficult to see what a conference could do towards remedying this unsatisfactory situation.

*M L Tait*

M L TAIT  
 Economic Relations Department

Mr Clarke )  
 Mr Spicely ) ✓ separate copies  
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BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT

1. I attach Mr Stegmann's commissioning minute of 22 April.  
 Action for WED is as follows:

i) Brief for the Prime Minister's bilateral with Mitterrand  
 Grateful if Mr Clarke would draft consulting as appropriate  
 (ie especially ECD(I));

ii) Brief for possible Prime Minister's bilateral with Craxi  
 The PM has been advised to accept Craxi's request. I think  
 therefore that the safe course is for Mr Spicely to draft,  
 consulting as appropriate (ie ECD(I) especially);

iii) The Brief (No 3 at Annex A to Mr Hatfield's letter  
of 19 April) on the Political declaration. This will cover  
 the 40th anniversary. Planning Staff lead on this. Grateful  
 if Mr Anderson would check in case Miss Bailes needs anything  
 further from us.

Mr Llewellyn Smith should see i) and ii) in draft.

2. Please note that WED have not so far been asked to prepare  
 briefs for the Secretary of State. And ERD say that unlike  
 previous years Personality Notes will not be required.

3. Finally, I should explain that the list of briefs on  
 political issues attached to Mr Stegmann's minute replaces  
 the briefs listed at (b) in Annex A to Mr Hatfield's letter.  
 This was revised by Political Directors meeting in the US over the  
 weekend.

23 April 1985

*C. A. Munro*

C A Munro

Western European Department

cc Mr Llewellyn Smith

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YOUR TELNO 398: BONN SUMMIT: BILATERALS

1. THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME IN BONN IS FILLING UP FAST AND SHE HAS DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER THE TIMING IS RIGHT FOR A BILATERAL WITH CRAI, GIVEN THAT THERE WILL STILL BE TIME BEFORE THE MILAN EUROPEAN COUNCIL.
2. PLEASE THEREFORE GIVEN THE ITALIANS A HOLDING REPLY INDICATING THE PRESSURES ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME. WE WILL REVERT TO THE PROPOSAL ONCE IT IS CLEAR THE OTHER BILATERALS CURRENTLY ENVISAGED ARE ARRANGED.

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Mr Hand  
Planning Staff  
W.S.

Dear Colin,

BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT: BILATERALS

I have had an approach from Signor Craxi's office asking for a bilateral meeting with the Prime Minister, preferably after Summit business is finished on 4 May. (I have also had two separate and unco-ordinated approaches on the same subject from the Italian Embassy).

I have said that we already have bids in for that time on 4 May, that I am sure nonetheless that the Prime Minister would want to have a word with Signor Craxi, and that we would try to fix a time when we knew the Prime Minister's other commitments more exactly. I should be grateful if you could bear this in mind once we have the other bilaterals fixed.

Yours sincerely  
*Charles Powell*  
CHARLES POWELL

Colin Budd, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

*J.S.A.*

Mr Spieley

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Mr Tait, ERD

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Bilateral Meetings during the Bonn Summit

The Secretary of State has seen your submission of 11 April about the bid by the Italians for the bilateral with the Prime Minister. I have also discussed it on the telephone with No. 10.

The Prime Minister would prefer not to accept a bilateral with Craxi at this stage. She is very conscious that her programme in Bonn is already filling up fast, and is not attracted by the idea of a working breakfast with Craxi on 3 May. She has some doubts as to whether the timing is right for a bilateral, given the time that will still remain before the Milan European Council. In the circumstances No. 10 would prefer us to give the Italians a holding reply indicating the pressures on the Prime Minister's programme in Bonn, and revert to the proposal once it is clear whether the other three bilaterals currently envisaged are in fact arranged.

Ricketts

22 April 1985

(P F Ricketts)

- cc: PS/Mr Rifkind
- Mr Braithwaite
- Mr Derek Thomas
- Mr Maud
- Mr Jenkins
- Mr Renwick
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Secretary of State

Mr Spiceley

Mr Llewellyn Smith

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Mr Renwick

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 Date: 22 April 1985  
 cc: Private Secretary ✓ PA  
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 Mr Llewellyn-Smith, WED  
 Mr Wall  
 Mr Jay, Cabinet Office  
 Mr T L Richardson, Rome  
 Mr Goulden, UKRep Brussels

FOLLOW UP TO DOOGE REPORT

- As I recorded separately, there was a rumour going round Strasbourg last week that Mr Ferri, the Italian representative on the Dooge Committee, has been entrusted by the Italian Prime Minister with the task of going round Community capitals as part of the bilateral contacts preparatory to discussion of the Dooge report at the June European Council.
- Mr Zezza of the Italian Embassy has confirmed to me this morning that the rumour is correct. He will visit Athens on 24 April and the Benelux countries at the end of this month. Meetings will be arranged in London and Bonn and Paris on the basis of contacts which Mr Craxi expects to have with his opposite numbers in the margins of the Bonn Economic Summit. The Italians hope that Mr Ferri will have finished his tour by about 20 May.
- I learned separately today from Mr Llewellyn-Smith that Andreotti's visit to London, proposed for 24 May has fallen through.

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Mr Tait, ERD

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Mr Munro  
n.b. - none of our clients, probably. This makes Craxi the more important.

Mrs  
19/4Bonn Economic Summit: Bilateral Meetings for Secretary of State

The Secretary of State has seen your submission of 18 April.

He will probably only have limited time available in Bonn for bilaterals, especially if he is to accompany the Prime Minister at any of her bilaterals. He would like bilaterals for himself to be fixed in the following order of priority: first Shultz, second Abe. There will probably not be time for any others.

On points to raise with Shultz, he sees the force of Mr Maud's point about the topicality of US economic policy. But he has commented that there will in fact be bigger fish to fry with Mr Shultz (eg those identified in your paragraph 5).

P F Ricketts

19 April 1985

(P F Ricketts)

cc: PS/Mr Rifkind  
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CRAXI'S VISIT TO LONDON: FEBRUARY 14.

SUMMARY.

1. ITALIAN POLITICS WILL BE DOMINATED FOR THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS BY LOCAL AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. CRAXI WANTS TO KEEP CLEAR OF DETAIL ON EC MATTERS, AND HIS OBJECTIVES FOR THE ITALIAN PRESIDENCY REMAIN VAGUE. ALTHOUGH CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED TO SOLVE IMMEDIATE ISSUES, HE WILL PREFER TO TAKE REFUGE IN EUROPEAN UNION.

DETAIL.

2. CRAXI'S WORKING VISIT TO LONDON ON 14 FEBRUARY IS PART OF A BUSY PROGRAMME OF OVERSEAS VISITS DURING THE NEXT MONTH. HE IS PAYING BRIEF WORKING VISITS TO LISBON AND MADRID ON 15 FEBRUARY AND PARIS AND BONN ON 22 FEBRUARY, WILL ATTEND THE URUGUAYAN PRESIDENT'S INAUGURATION IN MONTVIDEO FROM 28 FEBRUARY TO 2 MARCH, AND PAY SUBSTANTIAL VISIT TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON ON 3-7 MARCH. CRAXI'S WASHINGTON VISIT AND HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN ON 5 MARCH WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR HIM, PARTLY TO BALANCE THOSE MADE RECENTLY BY THE HEADS OF THE DC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES, AND PARTLY BECAUSE CRAXI NEEDS TO PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO HIS DOMESTIC IMAGE IN THE COMING WEEKS. ITALY HAS NOW ENTERED A PERIOD OF INCREASED DOMESTIC POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN PREPARATION FOR THE IMPORTANT LOCAL ELECTIONS ON 12 MAY AND FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, A PROCESS OF UNKNOWN LENGTH WHICH BEGINS ON 7 JUNE. THE LOCAL ELECTIONS WILL BE AN IMPORTANT TEST OF THE RELATIVE STRENGTHS OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES. THEY AND THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WILL DETERMINE HOW LONG THE CRAXI GOVERNMENT WILL SURVIVE THEREAFTER.

3. CRAXI HAS NOT SO FAR DEVOTED MUCH OF HIS TIME TO THE ITALIAN PRESIDENCY. HE DISLIKES THE DETAIL OF EC AFFAIRS AND HIS CERTAIN TO LEAVE THE NEGOTIATIONS TO ANDREOTTI. THIS WILL BE HIS FIRST VISIT OVERSEAS IN HIS PRESIDENCY CAPACITY. HIS VISITS TO LONDON, MADRID, LISBON, PARIS AND BONN ARE PUBLIC RELATIONS EXERCISE DESIGNED TO SHOW ITALY'S COMMITMENT TO PROGRESS ON THE DIFFICULT EC ISSUES. THEY DO NOT, IN CRAXI'S EYES, CONSTITUTE A NEGOTIATING ROUND.

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4. THE ENLARGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS AND THE UNRESOLVED 1985 EC BUDGET ARE UPPERMOST AMONG THE ITALIAN PRESIDENCY'S PREOCCUPATIONS. CRAXII PROBABLY HAS HIS MIND ON THE WIDER HORIZONS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, BUT HIS OFFICIALS WILL HAVE REMINDED HIM OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MORE IMMEDIATE ISSUES. THIS MAY INCLUDE AN ATTEMPT TO GET US TO OFFER MORE ON HMPS TO HELP UNBLOCK THE GREEK VETO ON ENLARGEMENT. THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT CRAXII WANTS TO BE THE STATESMAN WHO RELAUNCHED THE COMMUNITY. BUT HE IS NOT A WILD FEDERALIST AND HE KNOWS HE HAS TO DEAL WITH ENLARGEMENT FIRST. THE LONDON MEETING IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT OUR VIEWS OVER FRANKLY TO HIM, WITHOUT EXPECTING TOO MUCH IMMEDIATELY IN RETURN.

5. FOR CRAXII'S OBJECTIVES IN LONDO AS REPORTED BY HIS STAFF SEE MY TELNO 133.

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From the Private Secretary

Mr Braithwaite  
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 Sir W. Harding  
 Mr Ferguson  
 Mr Goodall

Dear Colin,

MEETING BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE  
PRIME MINISTER OF ITALY AT 10 DOWNING STREET  
ON 14 FEBRUARY AT 1800 HOURS

The Prime Minister held an hour of talks with Signor Craxi at 10 Downing Street yesterday evening followed by a working supper. Signor Craxi was accompanied at the talks by Signor Ruggiero and Signor Badini. Mr Williamson was also present. The Italian Ambassador and Professor Acquaviva on the Italian side and the Foreign Secretary and the Chief Secretary on the British side joined the working supper.

The announced purpose of Signor Craxi's visit was to explore the scope for moving forward the European Community's enlargement negotiations with Spain and Portugal. One can only say that he appeared to be at a rather early point on the learning curve on this subject and much of the time available was taken up with Signor Ruggiero explaining to Signor Craxi what it was all about. However, the Prime Minister was able to get a number of basic points across. As Signor Craxi left he observed that he had clearly understood that his main task was to tell the Spaniards that they could not have any more of our fish.

EC enlargement

Signor Craxi said that an early break through was needed. The Commission had recently produced new proposals on fish and on Spanish agriculture. These seemed to open possibilities for progress. The Prime Minister said that there was no question of the United Kingdom's accepting the Commission's proposals on fish. We were the member state with the biggest interest in this matter and it was essential to stick to the principles of the Common Fisheries Policy. We might be able to suggest some minor modifications to the Community position but the Commission's proposals went well beyond anything we could agree.

Signor Ruggiero suggested that if the Spaniards gave a firm commitment not to increase the size of their fleet and to carry out restructuring, the Community might be more flexible in limited areas. The Prime Minister observed that they were our areas which Signor Ruggiero was prepared to treat in such a carefree manner. The choice was between some modest changes in the Community position which we would

shortly be proposing or sticking to the existing position. Signor Craxi asked whether he had understood correctly that the Commission's proposals were not acceptable to the United Kingdom. The Prime Minister said that he should make this clear to the Spaniards straightaway. Their expectations should not be aroused. Spain had to be brought to realise that nothing more was on offer and to accept the package that was on the table. Signor Ruggiero said that his fear was that Spain would accept the terms of entry and then renegotiate them from within the Community.

The Prime Minister asked where matters stood on Spain's transition to Own Resources. Signor Ruggiero said that there was no Commission proposal yet. The Prime Minister said that any proposal must respect the Fontainebleau agreement. M. Noel had been making some peculiar remarks which, if taken seriously, would undermine that agreement and would mean that the Community could have no new Own Resources. The Prime Minister continued that the Community must find the means to help Portugal and ensure that it was a net beneficiary.

The Prime Minister observed that life would not be easy in an enlarged Community. Spain and Portugal would bring many new problems and complicate the business of the Community greatly.

#### Integrated Mediterranean programmes

Signor Craxi said that this matter too had to be settled. He understood that the Commission were working on new proposals. The Prime Minister commented that it frightened her to think about it. Signor Craxi continued that some governments had been taken aback by the extent of opposition to the Commission's original proposals. While the size of IMPs might be negotiable, the proposal could not be brushed off the table. The Prime Minister said that no-one should have been under any illusion about our attitude to IMPs. She was not in a position to offer more than had been proposed at the Dublin European Council. Greece already was a substantial net beneficiary from the Community. We must also stick to the agreement that money for IMPs should be found from within the structural funds. Her advice to Signor Craxi was to try to settle the issue in the Foreign Affairs Council. She saw little prospect of an agreement being reached in the European Council. Some behind the scenes negotiation was required. Signor Craxi said that the offer made at the Dublin European Council had been paltry. The matter did not concern Greece alone. Others had received promises and would expect to benefit. The Prime Minister said that she assumed that Italy would agree that the greater part of IMPs should be for Greece. Certainly there was no case for France to receive anything. The most which she could envisage was 600 million écu over five years. One had to take account of the enormous increase in spending on Mediterranean agricultural products in recent years. Signor Ruggiero said that the increase had come from a very low base. Signor Craxi looked unhappy.

Community budget for 1985

Signor Craxi said that it seemed to him the only way to solve the Community budget problem in 1985 was to have another Inter-Governmental Agreement. The Prime Minister said that she did not necessarily accept this and would certainly much prefer to avoid it. The alternative was to persuade Germany to bring forward the introduction of new Own Resources. She acknowledged however that Chancellor Kohl remained firmly opposed to this as evidenced in his recent speech to the Bundesrat. Signor Craxi said that he had reached the same conclusion.

The Prime Minister said that one Inter-Governmental Agreement was tolerable but two was habit-forming and undermined the integrity of the Treaty. The first thing to be clear about was the amount to be financed. The sum agreed was 1.3 billion écu and we would not be prepared to go above that. The other essential point was that the UK abatement must be on the revenue side. If the only way to achieve this in 1985 was through an Inter-Governmental Agreement she might be prepared to consider it. But her information was that other member states were unlikely to agree. Signor Ruggiero said that the Italian assessment was that a second Inter-Governmental Agreement was the solution which in the end would cause the least difficulty to everyone though he admitted that France at least was opposed at present. The Prime Minister acknowledged that an Inter-Governmental Agreement might be the only way out. But it would only be acceptable if it covered both the overrun and our abatement. Otherwise it would be impossible to get the new Own Resources Decision through Parliament.

CAP Price Fixing

The Prime Minister said that this year's agricultural price fixing seemed bound to be difficult in view of German attitudes. The Germans spoke with two voices: one piping up for budget discipline, the other for higher agricultural prices. Signor Ruggiero noted that Chancellor Kohl had expressed determination to defend the income of German farmers. The Prime Minister agreed that we might well be confronted with demands for special measures for German farmers as had been the case at Fontainebleau. The United Kingdom would support the Commission's proposal for zero price increases.

International economic questions

The Prime Minister referred to the difficulties created by the surge of the dollar. In the short run this enabled the European countries to increase their exports to the US. But in the longer term it would increase raw material prices and the costs of European industry. Her main fear was that when the dollar eventually turned, its fall would be steep. But for the moment, the United States was enveloped in a euphoria to which no end was in prospect. Signor Craxi agreed with the Prime Minister's analysis while adding that he thought that the deutchmark had been undervalued. He

also revived the idea, which he had put forward in his talks with the Prime Minister last autumn, that European countries should seek long term contracts with oil suppliers denominated in a basket of currencies.

### Libya

The Prime Minister thanked Signor Craxi for Italy's help in securing the release of the British hostages in Libya. It had not been an easy matter to handle. But with Italy's help and that of Terry Waite, the story had turned out well. Signor Craxi said that he had recently met Jalloud in Rome (a meeting lasting some 4½ hours: the longest he had ever taken part in) and Jalloud had promised that the hostages would be released. He had the impression that Libya was in a state of difficulty and embarrassment in its relations with the United Kingdom and was anxious to get back to normality. The Prime Minister said that the Libyan Government continued to pursue Libyan dissidents overseas and had clearly learned nothing from experience. But perhaps the very fact that he had released the hostages showed that Gadaffi recognised that his behaviour was unacceptable. Signor Craxi pointed out that Libyan dissidents were no less ready to mount attacks on Libyan officials. A member of the Libyan Embassy in Rome had recently been gunned down. He thought that the situation within Libya was unstable with a general malaise and rumours of further coup attempts.

### Argentina

Signor Craxi said that he wished to raise the matter of torpedoes for Argentina about which he had only learned in the course of his journey to London. It seemed that an American company, a subsidiary of Fiat, held an old contract dating from 1980 for the sale of torpedoes to Argentina. Attempts were being made by the Argentinians to revive it. In his view, torpedoes could not rank very high among Argentina's needs and in principle he was against selling them. He would look further into the matter. He would also be seeing President Alfonsin in Montevideo. The Prime Minister said that she was grateful for Signor Craxi's information. Although the view seemed to be current that the Argentinians were not interested in arms purchases the truth was rather different. They were seeking new weapons in Israel and Germany. Signor Ruggiero added that the Italians had also had reports that the Argentinians were shopping for modern torpedoes in the United States. The Prime Minister said that she would raise this during her visit to Washington next week.

### Middle East

Signor Craxi gave an account of his meeting with Arafat last December. He had tried to convince Arafat that progress towards a Middle East settlement could be made only if the PLO reached agreement on a convincing and coherent platform with Jordan. The Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary pointed out that there had been intensive

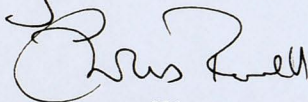
discussions and apparently some agreement between Jordan and the PLO in the last few days though it was uncertain what this amounted to. Signor Craxi continued that Arafat wanted Europe to take some action. He had that day received a message from Arafat about his recent meetings with King Hussein. He would be meeting Peres in Rome on Monday and would thereafter send the Prime Minister an account of his exchanges. The Prime Minister asked him to do this before her departure for Washington. Signor Craxi said that it appeared that the PLO were edging towards acceptance of Security Council Resolution 242. The Prime Minister said that her understanding was that Arafat was still shying away from this. She admitted that Arafat had a difficult hand to play particularly with the Syrians. The prospects for progress depended on the PLO agreeing to allow King Hussein to negotiate with Israel with non-PLO Palestinians as part of his negotiating team. This was an essential consideration for President Reagan. The Prime Minister continued that she was anxious that President Reagan should take an initiative soon. There was only a limited amount of time available before Peres was replaced by Shamir, which would put paid to any hope of a settlement. Signor Craxi said the problem was to set a process in motion. The Foreign Secretary said that this was why the discussions between King Hussein, President Mubarak and Arafat were important. There had to be activity by the people on the spot. Signor Craxi pointed to the likelihood that Syria would block progress. The Prime Minister said that a way must be found to bring Syria along. President Asad was too considerable a figure to be left out.

#### Strategic Defence Initiative

Signor Craxi said that Lord Carrington had very recently called on him to discuss the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI). They had taken very similar views. It was clear that the forthcoming arms control negotiations in Geneva would be difficult. There were three baskets, two of which contained existing weapon systems but one with only a concept in it. He found the American position to be straightforward. They were determined to pursue research but recognised that deployment must be the subject of negotiation. But if the Soviet Union made a ban on research a pre-condition of progress on other issues the Geneva talks would rapidly reach impasse. The Foreign Secretary said that the impression was often created that only the United States was doing research in this field. The fact was that the Soviet Union had started earlier and had done more. He had encountered no recognition of this fact during his recent visit to Eastern Europe. Signor Craxi said that he found the concept of the SDI fascinating but many scientists claimed that it was impossible to realise. We would have to see. He found it hard to understand why France was so firmly opposed to the SDI. They regarded it as an escalation of the arms race. They also claimed that if it were ever introduced, the result would be to enhance the likelihood of conventional war. The Prime Minister said that she disagreed with the French attitude and also with the argument that the SDI would give the United States a

first strike capability. Anyway the Americans were not the sort of people who would ever use such a capability. But there were real problems with the SDI. It would always be possible to find ways to evade or penetrate the defensive screen; there was the risk of upsetting deterrence, which had secured peace for 40 years; and the dream of a world without nuclear weapons was not realistic. The fact was that President Reagan's commitment to the ideal led him to underestimate the difficulties and risks. But nothing was to be gained by confrontation with the US on the issue. Research had to be pursued to balance the efforts of the Russians while deployment must remain a matter for negotiation.

I am sending copies of this letter to Rachel Lomax (HM Treasury), Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence), David Williamson (Cabinet Office). I am also copying those parts dealing with European Community matters to Ivor Llewelyn (MAFF).

Yours sincerely,  
  
(C.D. Powell)

Colin Budd, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



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PS -  
I think we now have the final version  
My thanks to Mr Spicely

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keep this A good statement of our current concerns.

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- Mr Shepherd
- Mr Llewellyn Smith ✓

VISIT OF THE ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER: COMMUNITY ISSUES

The main purpose of Signor Craxi's visit on 14 February is to discuss Community issues. I submit a draft minute to the Prime Minister about the meeting. Briefs in the new format are being produced separately on the detail, and for the discussion over supper on East/West relations and the Middle East.

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VISIT OF THE ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER: COMMUNITY ISSUES

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1. The main purpose of Signor Craxi's visit is to discuss Community issues, especially enlargement. We shall be providing briefs on the detail, and for the discussion over supper on East/West and the Middle East. But it may be helpful to you to have my assessment of Signor Craxi's approach on Community issues, and the main points it would be useful to get over to him.

2. Signor Craxi will be trying to pave the way for a successful European Council in March, with the difficult issues in the enlargement negotiations resolved, if possible in advance, and the Greek reserve on enlargement overcome by agreement on a generous package of Integrated Mediterranean Programmes (with a substantial share for Italy). His main aim on his European tour of capitals will be to establish whether such an outcome is on the cards and if so on what terms. He is likely to press for a show of flexibility, particularly where this either would cost the Italians nothing (fisheries) or actually

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benefit them (olive oil).

3. You will want to endorse Craxi's arguments about the urgency of concluding the enlargement negotiations, and to agree that the 1 January 1986 accession deadline has real political importance:

- Spanish NATO referendum in February 1986
- French and Spanish legislative elections later in the year;
- slippage means delay in the introduction of new own resources (German linkage), with all that would entail for the Community.

4. But on fisheries and olive oil, you will wish to make it clear that nothing of substance in the Community positions can be given away; and the sooner Spain is brought to realise this, the sooner there will be agreement.

5. On fish, it will be worth stressing that the proposals which the UK, France and Ireland have just put to the Commission (and will by then have put to the Presidency and other Member States) offer a real prospect of agreement at the February Foreign Affairs Council - if and only if Spain understands that the Community has nothing more up its sleeve. The Spaniards need to be told that what is now on offer represents real movement: the provisions analogous to the Shetland Box are non-discriminatory and do away with the need for

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licensing, to which Spain objects (though control will continue to be exercised by the coastal states). The Spaniards would also be offered increased quotas for the species in which they are mainly interested (hake, megrim and monk fish).

6. There can, however, be no slicing away at the basic elements of the Community position including the duration of the transitional arrangements. The Community's position permits new general rules to be agreed from 1993. But if such rules are not agreed, we cannot have an uncontrolled regime in the 1990's: that would mean the end of the CFP. The size of the Spanish fleet (two-thirds of that of the existing Community as a whole), and their record on the enforcement of existing agreements (about which, given their experiences with the Spaniards, the Portuguese are just as concerned as us and French) means that this is the limit of our flexibility. Signor Craxi should be reminded that the Spaniards are interested only in fishing off Scotland, Ireland and France. The interests of other Member States are hardly affected. The alternative to the proposals we, the French and Irish have made to break the deadlock is for the Community to rest on its existing position. Meanwhile the Community must maintain that position unless and until the Spaniards agree that they can accept a solution on the lines we have proposed.

7. On olive oil, you will be on strong ground, and should take the offensive :-

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- the latest Italian production figures for 1983/84 (900,000 tonnes, 25% up on the previous record), if confirmed, show that the Community is already in surplus, and would amply justify the imposition of a guarantee threshold now;
- if, however, no guarantee threshold is in place on enlargement, the Community's insistence that Spain must not become fully integrated into the EC regime before it is reformed represents the minimum acceptable guarantee that the future costs of the olive oil regime will not be allowed to soar out of control.

8. Craxi is also likely to seek your views on how to deal with Integrated Mediterranean Programmes at the European Council. The Italians want to settle the issue to avoid a Greek block on enlargement. But they also want to be a major beneficiary and have been given wildly exaggerated expectations by Natali's proposal that they should have a 45% share of 6.6 billion ecu (compared with Greece's share of 38%). There is no justification for the Italians receiving such a large share. Their GDP per head will be more than double that of Portugal in the enlarged Community. They had a net benefit in the Community of £700 million last year and can expect benefits of between 7.5 and 9 billion ecus from the Regional and Social Funds between now and 1989.

9. The Italians will not be able to forswear IMPs

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entirely. Their financing share of IMPs will be 16% and they will expect a percentage share somewhat higher than that, given the agreed purpose of IMPs, namely to help farmers in the Mediterranean regions of the existing Community adjust to the effects of enlargement. We shall need, however, to try to persuade Craxi that the only way to unblock enlargement and hence the new own resources is to agree a much lower overall figure for IMPs with the benefits more heavily weighted towards Greece. You might say that:

- We accept that the Italians will be a net beneficiary from IMPs but do not think it possible for Italy, which is much more prosperous, to receive as high a proportion of IMPs as Greece.
- If a start on IMPs for Greece is not made in 1985 and enlargement is blocked, then own resources will remain blocked as well.
- For Greece to receive a higher share of a much smaller sum is the only way we can see of resolving the problem.

10. You will find Craxi pre-occupied also with how to solve the 1985 budget problem ie the overrun and our 1000 MECU abatement. The Italians would prefer to see new own resources brought forward in to 1985, but the Germans are continuing to block this. The Italians are therefore interested in the alternative, which we could accept, of

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dealing with the overrun by an intergovernmental agreement while our abatement is made through the new own resources decision.

11. The points you may wish to put to Craxi are:

- We have shown flexibility over possible solutions. Our abatement must be on the revenue side in 1985 as agreed at Fontainebleau. (The German alternative of an inter-governmental agreement to cover our abatement as well as the overrun will be opposed by the French as not what was agreed at Fontainebleau: they say that they could not get a direct payment through their Parliament).
- The German attitude may become more flexible once the enlargement negotiations are completed. We, the Italian Presidency and others must try to persuade Chancellor Kohl at the European Council that if he continues to block a solution that the rest of the Community can accept he will be standing in the way of new own resources and, hence, the future development of the Community.
- As far as the overrun is concerned the Council agreed last year on a figure of 1.3 billion ecu. We could not agree to finance an overrun of 1.9 billion ecu, and the Commission's figures must be reduced.

12. The Italians will not like the Commission's

agricultural price fixing proposals which include reductions in the price of Mediterranean products of up to 6% and an increase in olive oil prices (2%) which means a cut in real terms. Craxi, however, will have little sympathy with German demands for an increase in cereals prices. You may wish to say that:

- We should have liked to see more rigorous proposals on cereals and milk, even though this means a sacrifice for our own farmers.
- If the Commission's proposals are ratcheted up, this will cause serious financial and political problems. There would be great difficulty in getting the new own resources decision through Parliament.
- Unless the effort is made now to get the surpluses under control through a restrictive price policy and the effective implementation of guarantee thresholds, the policy itself could become unsustainable in the enlarged Community.

13. This, I suggest, should lead in to an attempt to engage Craxi in a wider discussion of the problems the enlarged Community will face and the kind of adjustments that will have to be made if it is to work effectively. Craxi wants to make work on the development of the Community a major theme of the Italian Presidency. We should take the opportunity to inject some realism into Italian thinking. You will want to emphasise what we can

agree on, namely:

- completion of the common market. There would need to be agreement on a timetable and specific measures to implement the key treaty articles.
- some formalisation of political cooperation, with a small secretariat.
- the Luxembourg compromise must be maintained, but any country insisting on it should be required formally to justify this. (Since we scarcely ever invoke the Luxembourg compromise, and to discourage abuse by others, one possibility would be explanation at the next European Council.)
- decision-making must be improved if the enlarged Community is to function effectively; but
- it is not necessary to proceed by treaty amendment. Many key provisions of the existing treaties remain to be implemented. More effective use should be made of existing provisions for majority voting;
- the idea that the unanimity provisions of the treaty could be changed to majority voting does not make sense (I attach some examples of articles where other Member States could not agree to change);

## 14. If Craxi talks of a conference you might say:

- the Dooge Committee's task is to seek the widest possible area of agreement;
- there should be bilateral contacts between the March and June European Councils;
- only then should decisions be taken about any inter-governmental conference;

- it would be self defeating to have such a meeting unless prior agreement had been reached on what it might achieve.
- it might be possible to reach agreement on some matters in June without the need for a conference
- this depends on dealing now with the issues which must be resolved if the Community is to be able to look ahead later in the year (enlargement, IMPs, budget over-run and the implementation of Fontainebleau).

15. I am sending copies of this minute to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Minister of Agriculture and Sir Robert Armstrong.

## ANNEX

DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

[For use as necessary in response to the idea of amending Treaty provisions at present requiring unanimity]

How could it make sense to change to majority voting:

- (a) The Treaty Articles at present requiring the common accord of governments eg seat of the institutions (Article 216), Treaty amendment (Article 236) etc.
- (b) Articles requiring adoption/ratification in accordance with Member States constitutional requirements, eg uniform electoral procedure (Article 138), own resources (Article 201), new accessions (Article 237).
- (c) The Articles concerning capital movements between Member States and third countries (Article 70), harmonisation of indirect taxation (Article 99), financial regulations (Article 209), Community languages (Article 217), new powers (Article 235), association/cooperation agreements with third countries (Article 238), common economic policy measures ("conjunctural" policy - Article 103).  
(NB This is not an exhaustive list.)

[If necessary]

Article 100 covers a very wide range of legislation,

ranging from relatively minor matters to issues of major importance where harmonisation/standardisation if imposed by vote could cause serious difficulty for this or that Member State. Need to look carefully in this area to see what could be done, e.g. Prime Minister's proposal at Dublin on standards for new products and technology.

KEY ARTICLES OF THE TREATY WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED

Article 3 of the Treaty of Rome, which called for the establishment of the Common Agricultural Policy, provides also for the abolition of obstacles between Member States to the free movement of persons, services and capital and the adoption of a common transport policy. There are more specific provisions in other Articles of the Treaty. Article 52 calls for the abolition of restrictions on the ability of any company in a Member State to establish branches or subsidiaries in another Member State. Article 59 states that restrictions on freedom to provide services shall be abolished. Article 67 provides for the abolition of restrictions on the free movement of capital. Article 75 provides for the adoption of a common transport policy.

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TELECON WALL/LAMPOR: CRAXI'S VISIT : OBJECTIVES

1. THE CHIGI TELL US THAT CRAXI'S MAIN OBJECTIVE FOR HIS VISIT TO LONDON ( AS WELL AS TO LISBON AND MADRID ON 15 FEBRUARY AND BORN AND PARIS ON 22 FEBRUARY ), IS TO DEMONSTRATE HIS POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO PROGRESS ON THE MAJOR PROBLEMS FACING THE COMMUNITY. ON EC MATTERS HE WILL WISH TO DISCUSS ENLARGEMENT THE BUDGET AND EUROPEAN UNION. BUT HE WILL NOT WISH TO ENTER INTO DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS.

2. THE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES WHICH THE FARNESINA HAVE PROPOSED TO CRAXI IN THEIR BRIEFING ARE:

ENLARGEMENT

1) TO TRY TO BID UP THE FIGURE WE WOULD ACCEPT FOR IMPS:

1.1) TO PERSUADE US TO MOVE ON F.I.S.H., IN PARTICULAR ON AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF THE TEN-YEAR PROVISIONAL REGIME IF THERE IS NO AGREEMENT ON A NEW REGIME.

BUDGET

TO TAKE STOCK AND CONSIDER FURTHER PRESSURE ON FRG.

INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

TO SECURE A FIRMER COMMITMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE, WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT MANY QUESTIONS MUST AWAIT THE DODGE COMMITTEE'S FINAL REPORT.

3. ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND EAST/WEST RELATIONS CRAXI WILL WISH TO TAKE STOCK OF THE PRESENT POSITION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, ESPECIALLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE VISITS WHICH EACH WILL BE PAYING TO WASHINGTON (CRAXI'S DATES ARE 3-7 MARCH). ON THE MIDDLE EAST CRAXI WILL PROBABLY TAKE THE LINE THAT THE ONLY EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION THE TEN CAN MAKE TO PROGRESS TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT IS BY EXERTING PRESSURE ON THE US. ON EAST/WEST CRAXI WILL ALSO HAVE IN MIND GROMYKO'S VISIT TO ITALY ON 25-28 FEBRUARY.

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4. CRAXI MAY WISH TO HAVE A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AT DINNER WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

5. A SCENE-SETTING TELEGRAM WILL FOLLOW NEXT WEEK.

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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Colin, 7/2

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Visit of Signor Craxi, 14 February

6pm

I have consulted the Prime Minister about the talks and working supper with Signor Craxi on 14 February.

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Our understanding is that Signor Craxi will not be accompanied by Signor Andreotti but only by Signor Ruggiero and a Private Secretary. In the interests of keeping the circle as small as possible, the Prime Minister would like to be supported at the talks by Mr. Williamson but would extend the working supper to include also the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Jopling and Mr. Rifkind with, on the Italian side, the Italian Ambassador and Professor Acquaviva (Craxi's Political Adviser).

The Italian Embassy have been in touch to say that, while Craxi wishes to concentrate on Community matters in the talks, he would like to discuss East/West and the Middle East during the working supper. I should be grateful for briefing to cover these points also.

I am copying this letter to David Williamson (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,  
  
Charles Powell

Mr. Munn  
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VISIT OF SIGNOR CRAXI : 14 FEBRUARY

1. The Italian Embassy have informed me that Signor Craxi will be accompanied by:

Ambassador Renato Ruggiero	-	Sec. General, MFA
Prof. Acquaviva	-	Political Adviser
Counsellor Badini	-	Diplomatic Adviser.

2. Signor Vattani of the Italian Embassy has agreed with Mr Powell (No 10) that for

- (a) the talks: Craxi will be accompanied by Ruggiero and Badini, and
- (b) the dinner: the group will be joined by Cagiati (Italian Ambassador) and Acquaviva.

P J Spiceley  
Western European Department  
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FROM: M J Llewellyn Smith  
Western European Department

DATE: 5 February 1985

Mr Fairweather, ECD(I)

cc: Private Secretary  
PS/Mr Rifkind  
Mr Jenkins  
Mr Renwick  
Mr Shepherd, ECD(E)  
Protocol Dept

VISIT OF SIGNOR CRAXI (EUROPEAN COMMUNITY): 14 FEBRUARY

1. Rome have now confirmed that Craxi has accepted the Prime Minister's invitation to hold talks followed by a small working dinner at 1800 hrs on 14 February (Rome telno 89). (15)

2. We agreed that, since the visit will revolve entirely around Community business, ECD(I) would take the lead and coordinate.

3. Mr Spiceley is in touch with Mr Shaw about certain administrative details. We have already explored the question of meeting and greeting Signor Craxi. The Italians are always sensitive about such matters, and have either forgotten or chosen to ignore the understanding arrived at among EC Chiefs of Protocol that Ministerial visits do not require a Ministerial greeter. As Mr Rifkind will be in Brussels (Dooge Committee) on 14 February it is not a good use of the Secretary of State's time to go out to Heathrow. Protocol Department therefore propose to arrange for an official greeter. I suggest that you explain to the Italian Ambassador and ask him to get the point across to his Ministers, that it is on this occasion not possible for a Minister to be on hand.

4. A new interpreter is needed in place of Mr Laurence, who proved inadequate during the Anglo-Italian Summit. I suggest you (and Protocol Department) consider getting Mr Michael Richardson, 1st Secretary Economic in Rome, to return for this. It has become an established practice for the Chancery at Rome to provide interpreters for the Anglo-Italian Summits. Mr Richardson interpreted at the tête-à-tête between Craxi and Mrs Thatcher at the last Summit. Bringing an official back will cost more than recruiting a London-based interpreter, but Mr Richardson's extensive knowledge of EC matters argues in his favour. The cost of Mr Richardson's fare would be a charge to the AUS travel budget.

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YOUR TELNO 51: VISIT BY CRAXI

1. CRAXI'S OFFICE HAVE NOW CONFIRMED THAT THE ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER WISHES TO ACCEPT THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFER OF TALKS AND A SMALL WORKING DINNER AT 1800 ON 14 FEBRUARY.
2. WE SHALL BE IN FURTHER TOUCH WITH THE CHIGI ABOUT DETAILS AFTER CRAXI RETURNS FROM BELGRADE THIS WEEKEND.

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1. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS AGREED THAT WE MAY OFFER TALKS AT 18.00 ON THURSDAY, 14 FEBRUARY TO BE FOLLOWED BY A SMALL (SMALL) WORKING DINNER. (WE EMPHASISE THE NEED TO RESTRICT NUMBERS OF PARTICIPANTS.)
2. GRATEFUL FOR EARLY CONFIRMATION THAT THIS FITS IN WITH LATEST ITALIAN PLANS (TELECON LAMPORT/SPICELEY).

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— YOUR TELNO 72: CRAXI'S TRAVEL

1. ON RECEIPT OF TUR, WE SPOKE TO ITALIAN EMBASSY HERE, WHO HAD EARLIER ASSURED US THAT THERE WOULD BE NO HIGH LEVEL VISIT BY THE ITALIAN PRESIDENCY UNTIL LATE SPRING. THEY HAD THEMSELVES ONLY JUST HEARD OF CRAXI'S PLAN TO VISIT LISBON, PROBABLY FOR A FEW HOURS ON 9 FEBRUARY.

2. TODAY THE ITALIANS CALLED BACK TO SAY THAT ANDREOTTI HAD HAD A LONG CONVERSATION WITH CRAXI, AS A RESULT OF WHICH CRAXI NOW REALISES THAT THE ENLARGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE NOT YET REACHED THE POINT WHERE IT MAKES SENSE FOR HIM TO CONTEMPLATE A VISIT TO THE TWO CANDIDATE STATES ON SO EARLY A TIME TABLE. THE ITALIANS HAVE IN MIND TO POSTPONE CRAXI'S VISIT HERE UNTIL SOME DATE IN EARLY MARCH. THE IDEA IS THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE OUTCOME OF THE NEXT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, AND TO HAVE SEEN HOW THE LATEST COMMISSION PROPOSALS EMERGE.

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Dear Colin,

European Community: Visit by Signor Craxi

We spoke yesterday about the plans for Signor Craxi to visit a number of European capitals, including London, from 11-15 February. As I told you then, it is a very full week for the Prime Minister. But she has confirmed that we may offer talks at 1800 on Thursday, 14 February to be followed by a small working dinner. May I emphasise the word "small": the value of the meeting will be greatly reduced if we are confronted with a torrent of Italian officials trying to attend.

Yours sincerely  
  
C. D. POWELL

Colin Budd, Esq.,  
 Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Dear Peter,

ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

The Chancellor would be content for arrangements to be made at this stage for him not to join in a limited Anglo-Italian Summit meeting in May. The possibility cannot be excluded, however, that there will be important and still unresolved budget questions, or financial and economic proposals arising from the Dooge Committee or the new Commission, which could make it desirable for Finance Ministers to meet as part of the Summit, and you may like just to bear this possibility in mind.

I am copying this to Charles Powell and the others to whom your letter was copied.

Yours ever  
Rowan.

MRS R LOMAX  
Principal Private Secretary

Embargoed until 11 Feb.

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11 Feb

PRESS RELEASE (FOR USE BY NO 10 ON 8 FEBRUARY 1985)

1. The Italian Prime Minister, Signor Craxi, will pay a brief working visit to London on Thursday, 14 February, for bilateral talks with the Prime Minister on Community and other issues. The talks will help prepare for the Brussels European Council on 29/30 March; the Italians currently hold the Presidency of the European Community.

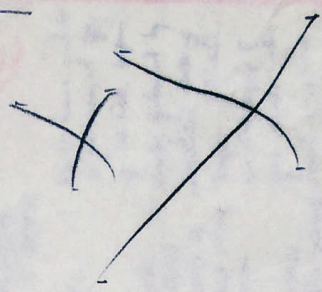
Background

2. It is usual for the Presidency Head of Government to consult Community colleagues as part of the preparation for the European Council. The talks in London will take place at 1800 and will be followed by a working dinner. Discussion will centre principally on enlargement issues. The Prime Minister and Signor Craxi last met at the European Council in Dublin in December.

3. We understand that Signor Craxi will be visiting other European capitals for similar talks.

Italians with postponement by 1 week. French are not available. <sup>MRJ 0.20/</sup> What dates do we have available the (other) week! (11)

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No. 10 have offered 6pm on 14 Feb. (Thurs.) subject to the PM's agreement. Rome are still trying to clear this date with the Italians who are having problems in agreeing the week 11-15 Feb. with the French. It is OK with Bonn. The date must be settled with No 10 quickly. <sup>Reade</sup> Know this & hope to let us know position next Monday.

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YOUR TELNO 44 (NOT TO ALL): ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT.

1. FIRST SECRETARY SAW VISCONTI (CHIGHI) TODAY AND DELIVERED THE REPLY IN TUR. VISCONTI SAID THAT, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HE SAW NO DIFFICULTY IN HOLDING OVER THE SUMMIT UNTIL THE AUTUMN. BUT HE WOULD NEED TO CONSULT CRAXI AND WOULD THEN COME BACK TO US. HE SAID THAT CRAXI WOULD BE ANXIOUS TO AVOID GIVING ANY IMPRESSION THAT ANGLO/ITALIAN COOPERATION WAS DIMINISHING. (MATTERAND HAS NOW AGREED TO AN ITALO/FRENCH SUMMIT IN FLORENCE ON 13/14 JUNE. THE ITALIANS HAVE SUGGESTED EARLY JUNE FOR THEIR NEXT SUMMIT WITH THE GERMANS BUT BONN HAS HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THE DATES). IF THEREFORE CRAXI PAID ANY BRIEF WORKING VISITS TO LONDON DURING THE ITALIAN PRESIDENCY (SEE BELOW) IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO PRESENT THEM IN PUBLIC AS PART OF OUR CONTINUING CLOSE BILATERAL RELATIONS, AND NOT SIMPLY AS CONSULTATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY CONTEXT.

(Now postponed until after European Council)

2. VISCONTI SAID THAT CRAXI WAS PLANNING TO VISIT SPAIN AND PORTUGAL ON 8/9 FEBRUARY. THE DETAILS WERE STILL BEING WORKED OUT. CRAXI WOULD THEREAFTER WISH TO PAY BRIEF WORKING VISITS TO LONDON, PARIS AND BONN TO DISCUSS ENLARGEMENT, (AND PROBABLY OTHER EC MATTERS), BEFORE THE BRUSSELS COUNCIL. HE WAS CONSIDERING THE WEEK OF 11-15 FEBRUARY. THE GERMANS HAD ALREADY BEEN APPROACHED, AND KOHL HAD OFFERED 12 FEBRUARY. THE CHIGHI WOULD THEREFORE BE GRATEFUL TO KNOW QUICKLY IF A MEETING IN LONDON DURING THAT WEEK WOULD BE POSSIBLE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. (FROM A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH VISCONTI WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CHIGHI MAY TRY TO SPEAK TO NUMBER 10 DIRECT ABOUT DATES).

3. VISCONTI SAID THAT CRAXI MIGHT ALSO WISH TO VISIT COMMUNITY CAPITALS IN THE RUN-UP TO THE MILAN COUNCIL. THIS COULD BE DECIDED NEARER THE TIME.

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1. No 10 have made a provisional offer of 14 Feb, 6 pm meeting followed by kitchen working supper. Plabans are still trying to fix a date with French during same week. Rome expect an answer next Monday.
2. Mr Shaw, ECD(1) informed.

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4 - YOUR TEL 16: ANGLO ITALIAN SUMMIT

1. GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD INFORM CRAXI'S OFFICE THAT 16-17 MAY WOULD NOT BE CONVENIENT DATES FOR THE PRIME MINISTER, AND THAT SHE WOULD PREFER THE NEXT SUMMIT TO BE HELD OVER UNTIL THE AUTUMN. THE PRIME MINISTER TAKES THE VIEW THAT MAY-JUNE WOULD BE TOO SOON FOR A FURTHER ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT. THERE IS THEREFORE NO POINT AT THIS STAGE IN EXPLORING ALTERNATIVE DATES BEFORE JUNE WITH THE ITALIANS.

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2. THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO CONSIDERS THAT HER MEETINGS WITH CRAXI AT THE MARCH EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN BRUSSELS AND AT THE BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN EARLY MAY SHOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A BILATERAL ON EC MATTERS. IT WILL BE FOR CONSIDERATION THEREAFTER WHETHER A FURTHER MEETING BEFORE THE MILAN COUNCIL WOULD BE DESIRABLE. WE WOULD NOT HOWEVER ENVISAGE ELEVATING THIS MEETING TO THE SCALE OF A FULL BILATERAL SUMMIT.

3. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO OBTAIN SOME INDICATION OF WHETHER CRAXI IS STILL LIKELY TO VISIT COMMUNITY PARTNERS BEFORE THE BRUSSELS COUNCIL (LAMPFORT'S TELELETTER TO SPICELEY).

4. WE SHALL BE REPLYING SEPARATELY ABOUT THE ECONOMIC TALKS.

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Mr Derek Thomas

## 1985 ANGLO ITALIAN SUMMIT

1. You asked how we would evaluate the 'useful boost' given to defence and civil industrial collaboration at the last two summits.
2. It is not easy to quantify. Perhaps I should have said that at the last two summits we started to explore the scope for industrial collaboration, setting in train a process which we hope will produce results. At the January 1984 Summit in Rome we were able to get the EH101 helicopter project signed. We hoped that the Tickell/Ruggiero economic talks last October would identify something specific for the Summit which followed. They did not, although they were regarded by Sir Crispin Tickell as worthwhile. At this Summit both sides emphasised the importance of industrial collaboration; it is reassuring for both sides to know that there is a commitment from the Prime Ministers down to further projects of interest.
3. The Italians initially approached us last year because of their concern about being excluded from what they perceived as a developing exclusive Franco-German axis. Economic talks were the result. Part of their value will lie in establishing a regular pattern, in which the Summits also will play their part. It is, I think, too early to say how much benefit we shall get from the official discussions. But there is always the possibility that the talks throw up a new idea for collaboration. *And there are sufficient aspects to Anglo-Italian industrial collaboration for it to be worth regular attempts to draw the threads together.*
4. You will have seen that the Prime Minister does not want a Summit with the Italians before the autumn. A round of Economic Talks is planned for April this year, and may show whether there are specific prospects for further collaborative action.

*M J Llewellyn Smith*

*+ See for example the attached brief prepared for the last Summit.*

M J Llewellyn Smith

*Thank you.*

*D. J. 20/1*

Mr Spiceley

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Mr Llewellyn Smith (8)

The Private Office are consulting the Sec. of State before action is taken on this. You'd start on dr. telegram while awaiting the Sec. of State's comments.



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Dear Colin

ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

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Thank you for your letter of 21 January about the Italian Government's proposal to hold an Anglo-Italian Summit on 16/17 May.

The Prime Minister takes the view that May would be too soon for a further Anglo-Italian Summit and would prefer it to be postponed until the autumn. This would be in line with our practice of trying to extend the interval between these Summits (ten months in the last case). In any case the dates 16/17 May would not be convenient for the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister notes that she will in any case meet Signor Craxi at the Bonn Economic Summit in early May, and will be able to have a bilateral with him there on European Community matters. It would be for consideration thereafter whether any further meeting between them was necessary before the Milan European Council, either in London or in Italy. But this would in any case not require the full panoply of a bilateral Summit.

You will wish to convey the Prime Minister's response to the Italian Government.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence), Maureen Dodsworth (Department of Trade and Industry), Rachel Lomax (HM Treasury), Ivor Llewelyn (MAFF) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,

(C.D. POWELL)

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Dear Charles,

Anglo-Italian Summit

3 — In your letter of 4 January you welcomed the likelihood that the next bilateral summit was likely to slip into the autumn.

4 — Our Embassy at Rome now inform us (Rome telegram number 16) that contrary to earlier indications Craxi would prefer a summit to take place as usual, partly in order to prepare the ground for the 28-29 June Milan European Council. His office have suggested 16/17 May, which would suit both him and Andreotti.

With the Italians occupying the Presidency the Foreign Secretary considers that it would in fact be useful to meet them at top level in advance of the Milan Council, not least to put over our ideas on the future development of the Community. It is relevant that the French and Germans will also probably be holding meetings with the Italians.

The Italians have suggested Turin or Verona as possible venues, but would be happy to hold the meeting in Rome if we prefer.

I should be grateful if you would let me know the Prime Minister's views.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office), Richard Mottram (MOD), Maureen Dodsworth (DTI), Rachel Lomax (Treasury) and Ivor Llewellyn (MAFF).

Yours ever,  
Colin Budd

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Mr Jenkins

cc: Mr Derek Thomas  
Mr Braithwaite  
Mr Renwick  
ECD(I)  
ECD(E)  
Defence Dept

1985 ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

Problem

1. Should we accept the informal Italian offer of a bilateral summit in Italy on 16/17 May?

Recommendation

2. I recommend that we should propose to the Italians a restricted 'Summit' (devoted largely to pre-Milan EC issues) to take place before the Milan Council on 28-29 June. HM Embassy Rome have argued strongly for an agenda to cover not only EC matters but also our interests in industrial collaboration. I submit a draft letter to No 10 which represents this argument, but lays the main stress on the EC issues.

Background

3. No 10 welcomed the news (your letter of 4 January) that it looked as if the Italians would not be holding any full scale bilateral summits with European partners during the Italian Presidency. Rome telegram no 16 reports that Craxi appears to prefer a summit in May along traditional lines.

4. Anglo-Italian Summits have tended to be held at approximately 9 monthly intervals. Prime Ministers agreed some years ago that the summits should be held twice a year, but we have deliberately allowed the frequency to slip. There will be no enthusiasm for a full-scale summit in May; the last was in October.

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5. I doubt in any case whether there is a need for a full-scale summit in the spring, given the regular bilateral contacts at Ministerial level with the Italians during their Presidency. There will however be good reasons for involving the Prime Minister in discussions with the Italians shortly before the Milan European Council; this would be an opportunity to steer them towards our view of the work of the Dooge Committee, the Internal Market and other current EC issues. And with the French and Germans also likely to be meeting Craxi, we should not be left behind. We could steer the Italians towards a restricted one-day 'Summit', with the Prime Minister and Secretary of State visiting Rome some 2-3 weeks before the Milan Council. Such a mini-summit would give us the opportunity to pursue also other issues, eg arms control and European defence cooperation, prior to a full-scale summit in the autumn. There is certainly a case for covering industrial collaboration too, but it will be difficult to persuade the Prime Minister that we should agree to hold a summit involving four Ministers.

6. The Italians suggest that the summit might be held in Turin or Verona. A similar suggestion that the January 1984 summit should be held in Sicily or Southern Italy, was resisted by the Prime Minister on the grounds that it might draw political criticism if she were to attend a winter meeting in a holiday resort. Turin or Verona in May would not have the same connotations and would be agreeable (especially Verona); but Rome would be more practical. I suggest we try to head the Italians off the provinces, and towards a one-day meeting in Rome.

*M J Llewellyn Smith*

M J Llewellyn Smith

*I have added to the draft  
the emphasis the point that  
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of the Italian's own views.*

*Richard [unclear]  
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1985 ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

Problem

1. Should we accept the informal Italian offer of a bilateral summit in Italy on 16/17 May?

Recommendation

2. After discussion with Mr Renwick, I recommend that if the Prime Minister's diary permits we should propose to the Italians a restricted 'summit' (devoted <sup>largely</sup> to pre-Milan EC issues) to take place some three weeks before the Milan Council. I submit a draft letter to No 10. ECD(I) and Defence Department agree. Lord Bridges in Rome however argues strongly for an agenda to cover not only EC matters but also our interests in industrial co-operation. I still hold a restricted ~~summit~~ nature with Mr Heseltine and Mr Tibbitt <sup>which would still include Mr Jopping and Mr Lawson.</sup>

Background

3. No 10 welcomed the news (your letter of 4 January) that it looked as if the Italians would not be holding any full scale bilateral summits with European partners during the Italian Presidency. Rome telegram No 16 now reports that Craxi appears to prefer a summit in May along traditional lines.

4. Frankly this is not welcome. Anglo-Italian Summits have tended to be held at approximately 9 monthly intervals. Prime Ministers agreed some years ago that the summits should be held twice a year, but we have deliberately allowed the frequency to slip. There will be little if any enthusiasm for a full-scale summit in May.

5. I doubt in any case whether there is a need for a full-scale summit in the spring, given the regular bilateral contacts at Ministerial level with the Italians during their Presidency. There will however be good reasons for involving the Prime Minister in discussions with the Italians shortly before the Milan European Council; this would be an opportunity to steer them towards our view of the work of the Dooge Committee, the Internal Market and other current EC issues. The best answer would be to steer the

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Italians towards a restricted one-day 'summit', with the Prime Minister and Secretary of State visiting Rome some 2-3 weeks before the Milan Council. Such a mini-summit would of course give us the opportunity to pursue also other issues, e.g. arms control and European defence cooperation, prior to a full-scale summit in the autumn.

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*M J Llewellyn Smith*

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.....In Confidence

In your letter of 4 January you welcomed the likelihood that the next bilateral summit was likely to slip into the Autumn.

CAVEAT.....

Our Embassy at Rome now inform us (Rome telegram No 16) that despite earlier indications from the Italians to the contrary Craxi would prefer a summit to take place as usual, using it partly to prepare the ground for the Milan European Council. Craxi's office have suggested the 16/17 May as dates which would suit both Craxi and Andreotti.

Although a May bilateral summit does not fit in with our aim of trying to place these summits on an annual basis, the Foreign Secretary considers that there would be strong advantages in meeting the Italians in advance of the Milan Council, not least to put over our ideas on the future development of the Community and to steer discussion at the European Council in the direction of practical steps which all can accept. Among our considerations will be the strong likelihood that the French and Germans will also be holding meetings with the Italians. As <sup>however we see no need</sup> ~~there is unlikely to be much~~

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~~enthusiasm in Whitehall however~~ for another full-scale Anglo-Italian Summit before the autumn we recommend proposing to Craxi's office that a 'mini-summit' be held which would be restricted to Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers. We should also suggest that it should take place on a date in June closer to the Milan Council (28-29 June). The meeting might also be limited to one day rather than follow the normal two day pattern.

The Italians have suggested Turin or Verona as possible venues, but would be happy to hold the meeting in Rome if we prefer. We believe Rome would be more practical.

I should be grateful if you would let me know whether these proposals would be acceptable to the Prime Minister and what dates we might propose to the Italians.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office), Richard Mottram (Defence), Maureen Dodsworth (Trade and Industry) and Ivor Llewellyn (Agriculture).

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ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT.

1. CRAXI'S OFFICE TELEPHONED TODAY TO ENQUIRE INFORMALLY ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT. THE ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER'S CALENDAR IS RAPIDLY FILLING UP GIVEN HIS PRESIDENCY COMMITMENTS, AND HIS OFFICE ARE THEREFORE KEEN TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE

DATES QUICKLY. CONTRARY TO OUR EARLIER INFORMATION THAT CRAXI WOULD WANT TO POSTPONE A FULL SUMMIT UNTIL AFTER THE PRESIDENCY (LANPORT'S TELELETTER TO SPICELEY OF 20 DECEMBER, HE NOW APPEARS TO PREFER A SUMMIT ALONG TRADITIONAL LINES, USING IT IN PART AS A PREPARATION FOR THE MILAN EUROPEAN COUNCIL.

*S/S. done 28.1.85.*  
*copy also to*  
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2. THE CHIGI HAVE SUGGESTED TO US THE DATES OF 16/17 MAY, WHICH WOULD SUIT BOTH CRAXI AND ANDREOTTI. THEY HAVE POINTED OUT CRAXI'S PREFERENCE FOR HOLDING SUCH MEETINGS WHERE POSSIBLE OUTSIDE ROME (THE LAST FRENCH AND GERMAN BILATERAL SUMMITS WERE HELD IN VENICE AND STRESA), AND HAVE SUGGESTED VERONA OR TURIN AS POSSIBILITIES. THEY WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, SEE DIFFICULTY OVER ROME IF THAT WAS OUR PREFERENCE. THE CHIGI STRESSED TO US THAT THEY WERE MAKING AN INFORMAL APPROACH AT THIS STAGE - DATES AND DETAILS HAVE NOT YET BEEN PUT TO CRAXI HIMSELF - BUT EARLY PLANNING WAS NEEDED IN THIS YEAR'S SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

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1. CRAXI'S OFFICE TELEPHONED TODAY TO ENQUIRE INFORMALLY ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT. THE ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER'S CALENDAR IS RAPIDLY FILLING UP GIVEN HIS PRESIDENCY COMMITMENTS, AND HIS OFFICE ARE THEREFORE KEEN TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE

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Dear Peter,

ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

(2) — Thank you for your letter of 4 January reporting that the next Anglo-Italian Summit is likely to slip into the Autumn. This is good news and fits in well with our aim of trying to get the Summits on to an annual basis.

As long as we don't tell the Italians.

Yours sincerely,  
Charles Powell

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Dear Charles,

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Our Embassy in Rome, who have been making informal enquiries about Italian intentions over the next Anglo-Italian Summit, have reported that on present indications it seems unlikely that Signor Craxi will hold any full-scale bilateral summits with European partners (in practice UK, France, Germany) during the Italian Presidency. He is likely instead to wish to pay short calls on partners before the Brussels and Milan European Councils, rather as President Mitterrand did during the French Presidency.

The next Anglo-Italian Summit is thus likely to slip into the autumn.

Yr ever,

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## 1985 ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

1. We asked Rome to make informal enquiries of the Italians about when they envisaged holding the next Anglo-Italian Summit which they are due to host. Normally we would have expected another bilateral summit about May or June, the last one having been in October 1984.

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2. Our Embassy in Rome have reported that on present indications it looks as if Crazi will not be holding any European bilateral summits during the Italian Presidency. He is likely instead to pay short calls on his Community partners before the Brussels and Milan European Councils.

3. You may wish to pass this on to No 10 who you had already approached informally about possible summit dates.

1 submit a draft letter.

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