

The PM's visit to Italy, 23/24 November 1980,
for bilateral consultations.

PM TOURS ABROAD.

ITALY

July 1980.

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PM Tours Abroad.

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

24 February 1981

I enclose, somewhat belatedly, a copy of the group photograph taken during the Prime Minister's call on the Pope last November. On the assumption that Michael would like a copy, perhaps you could let me have £1.50 at some stage.

Copies of this letter and its enclosure go to Michael Franklin (Cabinet Office) and Bernard Ingham here, with the same request.

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

R.A. Burns, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

LB

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24 February 1981

Many thanks for your letter of 11 February,
and for the enclosed photographs which I have
circulated here.

MODBA

Mark Heath, Esq.

VRB



BRITISH LEGATION
TO THE HOLY SEE.
ROME.

11 February 1981

M O'D B Alexander Esq
Private Secretary to the
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street

Dear Michael,

We have at last received copies from Osservatore Romano of the group photograph for which you asked in your letter of 4 December 1980. I enclose six of these.

Many thanks for your cheque for £10.50. This was exactly right.

Yours ever,

Mark

Mark Heath

Encl.
6 photographs

(Duphink)

PM Tans Abroad



BRITISH LEGATION
TO THE HOLY SEE.
ROME.

~~MODBA o/r~~
30.12.

23 December 1980.

Spoken with

Rome -

Dear Michael,

fy - Aunt

Thank you for your letter of 4 December and for the cheque for £10.50. This reached me today by post. I shall put this letter in the post, but fear it may be delayed like yours by the Christmas rush. In case it saves time, I shall send a copy by bag.

I find I sent you a separate letter for each of the bundles of photographs which we received - one was from L'Osservatore Romano for which the charge is Lire 3,500 each; the second was from Felice for which the charge is Lire 4,500 each.

Could you please let me know the number on the back of the photograph you have chosen so that I may be sure to order the right one from the right firm? It is almost impossible to track down a photograph from a description of it. Perhaps someone could let me know the number by telephone?

Yours ever,

Mark

M E Heath

M. O'D. B. Alexander, Esq.
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1.

PM Tans

BRITISH LEGATION
TO THE HOLY SEE.
ROME.

8 December 1980



(353/2)

M O'D B Alexander Esq
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1

by *Shank*

Dear Michael,

I was very touched to receive a personal letter from the Prime Minister about her call on the Pope on the 24th of November together with a framed photograph, for both of which I send my warm thanks.

Since the call I have been trying to obtain an authoritative indication of the extent to which the Pope agreed with what was said so far without success. I have an appointment with Monsignor Silvestrini on Wednesday and will report the outcome to the Department.

Yours em.

Shank

Mark Heath



JS
Pm Tans A2

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

4 December 1980

Thank you for your letter of 25 November and for enclosing photographs. There is, not surprisingly, some interest in copies of the coloured group photograph. Perhaps you could let me have half a dozen of these. I enclose a cheque for £10.50 which, if my arithmetic is correct, should cover the cost. You will, of course, let me know if I have got the sums wrong.

MA

Sir Mark Heath, KCVO, CMG.

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TO IMMEDIATE HOLY SEE

TELEGRAM NUMBER 44 OF 29 NOVEMBER

INFO IMMEDIATE ROME

FROM RESIDENT CLERK

PLEASE ARRANGE TO PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL II FROM THE PRIME MINISTER (ORIGINAL LETTER FOLLOWS BY BAG):

BEGINS

YOUR HOLINESS,

I GREATLY APPRECIATED THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING RECEIVED BY YOU DURING MY VISIT TO THE HOLY SEE. I DERIVED ENCOURAGEMENT INSTRUCTION AND INSPIRATION FROM OUR DISCUSSION. YOUR WISDOM AND EXPERIENCE ARE OF INESTIMABLE VALUE TO US ALL. I WILL CONTINUE TO REFLECT FOR A LONG TIME ON WHAT YOU SAID.

YOUR SECRETARY OF STATE KINDLY TOLD ME OF THE IDEAS OF SOME MEMBERS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN NORTHERN IRELAND FOR ENDING THE PRESENT HUNGER STRIKE AT THE MAZE PRISON IN NORTHERN IRELAND. I EXPLAINED THE DEEP CONCERN OF THE GOVERNMENT AT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE HUNGER STRIKE, WHICH CAN BRING NO BENEFIT TO THOSE INVOLVED AND THREATENS TO BRING VIOLENCE AND BLOODSHED TO THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND. I ALSO EXPLAINED WHY WE ARE FIRMLY RESOLVED THAT IT WOULD BE UTTERLY WRONG TO TAKE ANY STEPS WHICH CONCEDED THAT POLITICAL MOTIVES CAN EXCUSE MURDER OR OTHER SERIOUS CRIMES. WE ARE NOW GREATLY ENCOURAGED, HOWEVER, BY THE STATEMENT THAT HAS BEEN MADE BY CARDINAL O'FIAICH AND HIS EPISCOPAL COLLEAGUES. THEY HAVE MADE AN IMPASSIONED PLEA TO THE HUNGER STRIKERS TO GIVE UP A CLAIM THAT CAN SO GRAVELY IMPERIL THE LIFE AND SAFETY OF OTHERS. WE MUST ALL DEVOUTLY HOPE THAT THE BISHOPS' PRAYER WILL MOVE ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ANY INFLUENCE IN THE MATTER TO STRIVE TO BRING AN END TO THE PRESENT DANGERS.

IT IS IN THAT LIGHT THAT THE GOVERNMENT APPROACHES THE INITIATIVE TAKEN BY TWO OF THE CHAPLAINS AT THE MAZE PRISON, TO WHICH YOUR SECRETARY OF STATE REFERRED. WE HAVE NOW HEARD THEIR IDEAS IN FULL DETAIL. WE APPRECIATE THEIR EARNEST CONCERN THAT THERE SHALL BE NO LOSS OF LIFE. BUT THE PACKAGE OF CONCESSIONS THEY HAVE IN MIND WOULD GIVE BOTH THE PROTESTERS

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IN THE PRISON AND THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT THE TERRORIST PRISONERS WERE BEING GRANTED POLITICAL STATUS. THE HUNGER STRIKERS AND THE PROVISIONAL IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY WOULD BE QUICK TO CLAIM A VICTORY. THIS WOULD DISASTROUSLY UNDERMINE THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE BISHOPS FOR AN END TO THE VIOLENCE. HM MINISTER TO THE HOLY SEE WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN MORE FULLY WHY WE HAVE TO TAKE THE VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE WRONG TO MAKE THESE CONCESSIONS.

THE GOVERNMENT DOES HOWEVER TAKE MOST SERIOUSLY ITS OWN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CARE OF PRISONERS AND ITS OBLIGATION (AS THE BISHOPS REMIND US) TO KEEP PRISON REGIMES UNDER CONTINUING REVIEW. I ASSURED YOU IN MY MESSAGE OF 13 NOVEMBER THAT WE SHALL APPROACH THE PROBLEM WITH FLEXIBILITY AND FAIRNESS IN A GENUINELY HUMANITARIAN SPIRIT, AND WILL BE QUICK TO GRASP ANY PRACTICAL OPPORTUNITY TO EASE THE SITUATION. WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO THAT.

ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING AND TALKING WITH YOU.

YOURS SINCERELY,
MARGARET THATCHER.

ENDS

CARRINGTON

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NEWS D CHIEF CLERK
SECURITY D MR ADAMS
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PS MR FERGUSSON
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PM Tours Abroad

26 November 1980

During her recent visit to Rome, the Prime Minister was much impressed with the efficiency and devotion with which the police protection team allocated to her performed their work of escorting her on her journeys through your City. You and your men showed standards of which you can certainly be proud, and I know that the Prime Minister would like her appreciation to be conveyed to all concerned.

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

Dr. Bruno de Sanctis

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Type for my signature

And

~~Dear Sir,~~

her

The Prime Minister

During ~~my~~ recent visit to Rome, I was much impressed with the efficiency and devotion with which the police protection team allocated to ~~me~~ performed their work of escorting ~~me~~ on ~~my~~ journeys through your city.

^{You} ~~Dr. Bruno De Sanctis~~ and ^{her} ~~his~~ men showed standards of which ^{you} ~~they~~ you can certainly ^{know} ~~you can~~ be proud, and I ~~hope~~ that ^{the Prime Minister would like her} ~~my~~ appreciation can be ^{to be conveyed} ~~communicated~~ to ~~them~~. all concerned.

~~Yours~~

To : Mr Bruno de Sanctis
Ministero dell' Interno,
Palazzo Viminale,
Piazza Viminale,
ROMA 00100.



BRITISH LEGATION
TO THE HOLY SEE.
ROME.

(353/2)

25 November 1980

O'D B Alexander Esq
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister
No. 10 Downing Street

Dear Michael,

Here are the photographs of the Prime Minister's visit to the Pope yesterday.

As with the State Visit I am arranging for the cost of them Lit.113,5000 (equals about £55) to be charged to the account.

It is possible to order additional copies should you wish. Please let me know how many of each number you want. The cost of these will be Lit.3,500 each ~~for~~ for the coloured photographs and Lit.2,000 for the black and white. Current rate of exchange is about Lit.2,000 equals £1.

It was a great pleasure to see you all yesterday.

Yours ever,

Mark

Enclosed
photographs

Mark Heath



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

24 November, 1980.

Dear Caroline,

I am afraid that I did not have time to exchange more than a word or two with you during our all too brief visit. I know that, short as it was, the Prime Minister's descent on the Embassy will have put you to a great deal of trouble. I am correspondingly grateful for the admirable smoothness with which everything went off.

You may like to have the enclosed photograph as a souvenir of the occasion.

Yours sincerely

Richard Alexander

Miss C.M. Redman,
Rome.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

24 November, 1980.

Dear Sir Ronald,

Thank you for once more organising my visit so admirably. I am only sorry that my visit had to be such a short one, and that we had to forgo a tour of the city last night.

Please pass on my thanks to all those of your staff involved in making the arrangements. Please also convey my thanks to Lady Arculus; everything was perfect.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Sir Ronald Arculus, K.C.M.G.

JD

BK



cc. Master set
off.

JD

SUBJECT.

10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T 229/80.

THE PRIME MINISTER

24 November, 1980.

I am most grateful to you for receiving me so courteously and hospitably in Rome despite the difficult circumstances attending my visit. You had to cope not only with my own late - and very reluctant - decision to curtail my stay, but also with the tragedy which struck your country last night. Your warmth and your calmness were equally striking.

I greatly enjoyed meeting you, and discussing together with you so many important topics. I look forward to seeing you again in Luxembourg in a few days time, and to welcoming you here next year.

(Sgd) MARGARET THATCHER

His Excellency Signor Arnaldo Forlani

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*The Prime Minister's
Boys Abroad*

TXY 408/311/I

ADDENDUM TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
ANGLO-ITALIAN MINISTERIAL TALKS IN ROME
23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

I. Please note the following amendments to the delegation:

Delete: Det Const Kingston

Add : Det Insp Parker

Add : Miss J Pearey, Personal Assistant, Private Office, Foreign
and Commonwealth Office.
MBE

2. PROGRAMME

The latest programme, with up to date timings, as known on 21 November is shown at Appendix I.

3. TRAVEL

Correct travel times are shown together with the programme at Appendix I.

J. M. Barrett

J M Barrett
Conference and Visits Section
Protocol and Conference Department

21 November 1980

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APPENDIX I

PROGRAMME AS AT 21 NOVEMBER FOR THE
ANGLO ITALIAN MINISTERIAL TALKS IN ROME

23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER

- I310 Party departs in two RAF HS I25s from London Heathrow, Terminal I, de Havilland suite.
Lunch on board.
- I655 Aircraft with officials arrives Rome airport Fuimicino.
- I700 Aircraft with Prime Minister and Secretary of State and party arrives Rome airport, met by Sr Forlani?
- I710 Prime Minister, accompanied by Sr Forlani leaves the airport for the Villa Madama?
Secretary of State leaves the airport with HM Ambassador for the Villa Madama. A bedroom and a bathroom will be available for Mrs Thatcher to change.
- I815 Tête a tête consultations between:
The Prime Minister and Sr Forlani
The Secretary of State and Sr Colombo
These will merge into a plenary on conclusion of tête a têtes
- 2100 Dinner at Villa Madama
- 2300 Party returns to accommodation.

MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER

- 0845 The Prime Minister will take breakfast with President Pertini
- 1000 The Prime Minister will call on the Papal Secretary of State
- 1030 The Prime Minister will call on the Pope
- 1130 The Prime Minister's aircraft takes off from Ciampino airport, Rome, for RAF Northolt. Arriving RAF Northolt 1320 hours local.
Lunch on board.
- 1330 ^{off-ox.} Take off of the Secretary of State's aircraft for Brussels arriving Abelag airport at 1600 hours.
~~Lunch on board.~~

NB Rome is GMT +1.

Suggested transport arrangements and passenger lists continued overleaf.

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CAR ARRANGEMENTS ON ARRIVAL IN ROME, AND
DINNER ARRANGEMENTS ON 23 NOVEMBER.

1. SUGGESTED TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FROM AIRPORT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

VILLA MADAMA:

1ST CAR (ARMoured): PRIME MINISTER, HM AMBASSADOR, DETECTIVE

2ND CAR (ARMoured): SECRETARY OF STATE, WALDEN, DETECTIVE

3RD CAR: PUS, FRANKLIN, WHITMORE

4TH CAR: INGHAM, ALEXANDER, DAVEY (EMBASSY INFORMATION OFFICER)

VILLA WOLKONSKY:

5TH CAR: MISS PEAREY, MISS HATT, MISS REDMAN (THIRD SECRETARY)

2. THE ORDER WILL HAVE TO BE REARRANGED SHOULD FORLANI ACCOMPANY
MRS THATCHER TO MADAMA (WE AWAIT NEWS FROM ITALIANS).

3. ITALIANS INVITED TO FORLANI'S DINNER, INCLUDE (WITH WIVES):

MINISTERS: FOREIGN AFFAIRS, COLOMBO

INTERNAL AFFAIRS, ROGNONI

FINANCE, REVIGLIO

TREASURY, ANDREATTA

DEFENCE, LAGORIO

COMMUNITY POLICY, SCOTTI

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, DARIDA

TOURISM AND ENTERTAINMENT, SIGNORELLO

SECRETARY GENERAL, PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, DOTT MACCANICO DIPLOMATIC
ADVISER TO THE PRESIDENT, DOTT CALEDA SECRETARY GENERAL, MFA,
AMB. MALFATTI, AND OTHER OFFICIALS FROM MFA AND PRIME MINISTER'S
OFFICE.

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The
Prime Minister

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DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
ANGLO-ITALIAN MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS IN ROME

23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

1. TRAVEL DETAILS

(a) The Prime Minister, The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and those shown at Appendix I, will depart for Rome at 1310 hours GMT on Sunday 23 November from London Heathrow Airport, Terminal 1, de Havilland VIP Suite.

(b) The Prime Minister and party will travel in two RAF HS 125s, task numbers 1440 and 1441.

(c) Flying time from London to Rome is 2 hours 50 minutes. Rome is one hour ahead of GMT.

(d) Those travelling are asked to arrive at London Heathrow, Terminal 1 at the times shown at Appendix II.

2. BOXES AND BRIEFCASES

(a) One FCO security van, accompanied by an FCO security officer has been reserved for the journey to London Heathrow. This van will leave 10 Downing Street at 1130 hours and leave the Foreign and Commonwealth Office at 1125 hours. Boxes may be left in Room I (Security Department), Downing Street West, FCO, any time up to 1100 hours on Sunday 23 November.

3. TRANSPORT TO LONDON HEATHROW

Departure arrangements are shown at Appendix II.

4. Any queries on these arrangements should be referred to the undersigned up to 1800 hours on Friday 24 November and then to the Protocol and Conference Department Duty Officer, Miss PA Noble - home telephone number 948 1280.

J. Barrett
J M Barrett
Conference and Visits Section
Protocol and Conference Department
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APPENDIX I

PASSENGER LIST

OF THOSE TRAVELLING BY RAF TASK NOS 1440, 1441

LONDON TO ROME

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>
1	The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP (1)	Prime Minister
10 DOWNING STREET		
2	Mr C A Whitmore (1)	Principal Private Secretary
3	Mr M O'D B Alexander (2)	Private Secretary
4	Mr B Ingham (2)	Chief Press Secretary
5	Miss Hatt (2)	Secretarial Assistant
6	Det Insp R Parker (1)	Detective
CABINET OFFICE		
7	Mr M D M Franklin (1) CMG	Deputy Secretary
FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE		
8	The Rt Hon the Lord Carrington KCMG MC (1)	Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.
9	Mr G G H Walden (1)	Private Secretary
10	Sir Michael Palliser (1) GCMG	Permanent Under Secretary
11	Miss J Pearey (2) MBE	Personal Assistant
12	Det Insp Dixon (2)	Detective

(1) Aircraft No 1 is Task 1440

(2) Aircraft No 2 is Task 1441

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Per Tom Abd

10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ITALY: RETURN

Car Arrangements, 24 November 1980

Pick-up from RAF Northolt: Landing Time 1320 hrs

Cars to stand-by at Northolt from 1230

Car 1 Prime Minister
(Mr Beattie)
 Mr Alexander
 Det Supt Cawthorne

Car 2 Mr Ingham
(Mr Savage)
 Miss Hatt
 C/I Parker

FCO Boxes and Luggage
Luggage Van

Distribution:-

Mr Alexander
Mr Ingham
Detectives
Drivers
Miss Hatt
Duty Clerk
Miss Stephens

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10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ITALY - DEPARTURE

Car Arrangements - 23 November, 1980

11.30 (FCO Luggage Van)	Miss Hatt from No.10 to Heathrow
1145 (Mr Beattie)	Mr Ingham from home direct to Heathrow
1145 (GCS)	Mr Alexander from home to No.10
1215 (Mr Newell)	Prime Minister Mr Alexander C/I Parker from No.10 to Heathrow

All baggage to be taken by FCO van to be in Front Hall by 11.20.

Take-off from Heathrow, Terminal 1 at 1310 hrs (GMT).

Distribution:-

Mr Alexander
Mr Ingham
Detectives
Miss Hatt
Drivers
Duty Clerk

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21 November 1980

Anglo/Italian Consultations

We agreed yesterday evening that the telegram and messages enclosed with your letter to me of 20 November could be despatched, with my amendments.

PAUL LEVER

M O B A

Paul Lever, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

20 November 1980

*BA to T messages
to 'Ami'*

Dear Michael,

Anglo/Italian Consultations

We have been in touch with you today about the revised arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to Rome. I enclose a copy of a telegram which we propose to send to the Embassy and to the Legation, setting out the present position.

The Italian and Vatican authorities have been co-operative in re-arranging the programmes at short notice. It would be appreciated if the Prime Minister were to sign short messages of explanation. I attach drafts for these for your consideration. If they are agreed, we propose that the texts be telegraphed to Rome in advance of the signed copies so as to reach the recipients before the Prime Minister's arrival.

Yours wew

Paul

(P Lever)
Private Secretary

M O'D B Alexander Esq
10 Downing Street
LONDON

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Department WED.....

Drafted by
(Block Capitals) P W M VEREKER.....

Tel. Extn. 233 4759.....

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[TEXT]
FROM WED

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ROME 23-24 NOVEMBER

1. As you know from telecons with the department the Prime Minister will now have to ^{leave} ~~take off from~~ Rome on the morning of 24 November, earlier than expected, in order to return to London for the debate on the Address. Messages of explanation will follow.

2. The Prime Minister has now agreed to the Vatican's proposal that her call on the Pope should be rearranged for 1030 on 24 November. We assume that will mean take off from Rome at approximately 1130, instead of 1040 as we had earlier proposed. If at all possible, the Prime Minister would still prefer the call to be earlier. We understand that a call on Cardinal Casaroli is now proposed for 1000, before the call on the Pope.

Copies to:-

No. 10

3. ~~We have put to No 10 the Italian proposal that,~~
the Prime Minister has now also agreed to the Italian proposal that she should arrive at Fiumicino airport at 1700 on 23 November and that the talks should begin at 1815. We are most grateful to the Italians for proposing this rearrangement of the programme. We understand that Signor Forlani proposes to give a larger dinner with wives at 2100 as previously arranged, and does not favour the idea of a working dinner.

4. If the timing of the call on the Pope is confirmed we understand that Signor Forlani proposes that there should be a joint press conference at 0900 on 24 November at his office. ~~The~~ The Prime Minister is content with this arrangement. ~~The~~

5. The Secretary of State expects to leave Rome at about midday (it is not yet certain whether this will be before or after lunch). He will probably be leaving too early to take up the Italian suggestion that he might accompany Signor Colombo to the Foreign Affairs Council on an Italian aircraft. Unless any particular points arise on the Sunday evening which the two Foreign Ministers wish to follow up we do not think there will be any need to arrange further talks with Signor Colombo on the Monday morning. Lord Carrington does not expect to accompany the Prime Minister for her call on the Pope.

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN

DSR 11 (Revised)

MESSAGE

DRAFT: minute/letter/teleletter/despatch/note

TYPE: Draft/Final 1+

FROM: The Prime Minister

Reference

DEPARTMENT:

TEL. NO:

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

TO: His Holiness Pope John Paul II

Your Reference

- Top Secret
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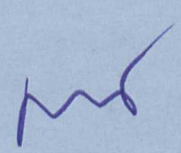
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SUBJECT:

.....In Confidence

CAVEAT.....

I am writing to express my regret that I have had to ask your officials to rearrange the timing of my call on you on Monday at short notice. The reason for this is that it has only just become apparent that a major *govt statement on economic policy will have to be made* ~~debate on foreign and economic affairs is to take place~~ *then will be* on Monday 24 November, ~~and my~~ *my* presence ~~at it is~~ essential. Nevertheless, I look forward very much to having a good talk with you at the rearranged time of 1030 on Monday 24 November and I very much hope that the alteration will not have caused you too much inconvenience.



Enclosures—flag(s).....

MESSAGE
DRAFT: minute/letter/teleletter/despach/note

TYPE: Draft/Final 1+

FROM: The Prime Minister

Reference

DEPARTMENT:

TEL. NO:

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

TO: HE Signor Arnaldo Forlani

Your Reference

- Top Secret
- Secret
- Confidential
- Restricted
- Unclassified

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SUBJECT:

.....In Confidence

Dear Prime Minister

CAVEAT.....

So
 I am ^{so} sorry to have had to reduce the time I was to have spent in Rome. ~~This is so as to enable me to get back to speak in the debate on the Address in the House of Commons.~~ It has only just become apparent that a major *govt statement on economic policy will have to be made* ~~debate on foreign and economic affairs is to take place on Monday 24 November~~ *and* my presence ^{*then will be*} ~~at it is~~ essential. I need hardly say how much, nevertheless, Peter Carrington and I look forward to having substantial talks with you and with Emilio Colombo on Sunday. I am also grateful to you and your officials for having rearranged the programme at such short notice to enable me to be back here in time, ~~for the debate.~~

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TO IMMEDIATE ROME
TELEGRAM NUMBER 560 OF 19 NOVEMBER

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ARRIVAL OF PARTY: ANGLO ITALIAN MINISTERIAL MEETINGS

1. PARTY TRAVELLING ON TWO RAF HS 125S, ARRIVING AS FOLLOWS:

AIRCRAFT NO 1, TASK NO 1441,

MR ALEXANDER

MR INGHAM

MISS HATT

MISS PEAREY

DET INSP DIXON. ETA 1755 HOURS.

AIRCRAFT NO 2, TASK NO 1440

THE PRIME MINISTER

LORD CARRINGTON

MR WHITMORE

MR WALDEN

SIR MICHAEL PALLISER

MR FRANKLIN

DET CON KINGSTON. ETA 11800 HOURS.

2. PLEASE TELEGRAPH SUGGESTED TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FROM
AIRPORT TO THE RESIDENCE/HOTEL.

3. A SUITE OF SAFE HAND BOXES WILL BE ON THE AIRCRAFT ARRIVING
AT 1755 HOURS. KEYS WILL BE WITH MISS PEAREY.

CARRINGTON

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 45 OF 19 NOVEMBER 1980
AND TO ROME (ACTIONED)

YOUR TELEGRAM NO 556

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO VATICAN

1. I HAVE CONFIRMED TODAY WITH THE COMPETENT VATICAN AUTHORITY
THAT

- (A) A DETECTIVE MAY ACCOMPANY THE PM AS FAR AS THE COURTYARD
SAN DAMASO BUT NO FURTHER;
- (B) THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO THE USE BY THE PM OF AN ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT CAR.

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Prime Ministers Approved

MR. WRIGHT

Italian Consultations

The Prime Minister would be happy for those mentioned in your minute to me of 18 November, including Sir Frank Cooper, to attend the briefing meeting arranged for 21 November prior to her visit to Rome.

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELNO 620 OF 19 NOVEMBER 1980

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YOUR TELNO 556: ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT: ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

FOLLOWING FOR PROTOCOL AND CONFERENCE DEPT

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS SET OUT IN DAVIES' NOTICE
TXY 408/311/2 OF 2 OCTOBER 1979 ARE SUBSTANTIALLY UNCHANGED FOR
THE PRESENT VISIT, THOUGH THE DATES SHOWN IN THAT NOTICE AND
COMPOSITION OF THE PARTY OBVIOUSLY NEED AMENDMENT. WE SUGGEST
THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS:-

PARA 5(A) HOTEL ACCOMMODATION WILL BE AT THE HOTEL DELTA

PARA 5(B) DRESS FOR THE DINNER WILL BE SHORT DRESS/DARK LOUNGE
SUIT.

PARA 7: PM, S OF S, WHITMORE, WALDEN AND LAWTHORNE WILL BE
ACCOMMODATED AT VILLA WOLKONSKY. REMAINDER OF THE
PARTY WILL BE AT HOTEL DELTA.

PARA 12(C) HOTEL DELTA. TELNO 5146139 DELETE HOTELS ESPERIAN AND
PRESIDENT.

PARA 14(A) ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE FOUR CARS FOR THE PARTY.
TWO OF WHICH WILL BE PROTECTED VEHICLES.

PARA 14(B) ADDITIONAL VEHICLES FOR THE PARTY AND SAFE-HAND RUNS ETC
WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE EMBASSY.

PARA 14(C) TRANSPORT SCHEDULE TO FOLLOW.

PARA 15(B) WE SHALL MAKE FURTHER COPIES OF THE COI SUMMARY FOR THE
PUS AND FRANKLIN.

PARA 16(C) AMEND SUBSISTENCE RATES TO READ:

CLASS A: LIRE 72,000

CLASS B: LIRE 54,000

2. ON TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEWSPAPERS, PROBLEMS MAY ARISE
IF A THREATENED AIR CONTROLLERS STRIKE ON 23 NOVEMBER (6 HOURS ONLY)
DISRUPTS TRAFFIC. IT IS MOST IMPROBABLE THAT THIS STRIKE WILL
AFFECT VIP FLIGHTS INTO CIAMPINO.

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MR. ALEXANDER

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Prime Minister
Would you like Sir F. Cooper
to attend? Yes no Am

Anglo-Italian Consultations: 23rd-24th November

The Prime Minister agreed that, in addition to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, certain officials should attend the briefing meeting arranged for 18th November, prior to her visit to Rome. Some of these would however have been substituting for more senior officials who would have been absent that day. The availability of senior officials is different now that the meeting is to take place at 9.15 am on 21st November. It might therefore be helpful if I set out below a revised list of the officials who would attend the briefing meeting provided the Prime Minister agrees: Sir Robert Armstrong and Mr. Franklin (Cabinet Office); Sir Michael Palliser and Lord Bridges (Foreign and Commonwealth Office); Sir Ronald Arculus, HM Ambassador, Rome. Sir Frank Cooper (Ministry of Defence) would also be available and has expressed a wish to be at the briefing Meeting. In view of possible discussion of Atlantic Relations and Defence Equipment co-operation, his presence might be helpful.

(D. J. Wright)

18th November 1980

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From the Private Secretary

18 November 1980

Anglo-Italian Consultations: 23-24 November 1980

The Prime Minister is content that Sir Michael Palliser and a Private Secretary should accompany the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary as members of her party for the visit to Rome next week. Mr. Franklin from the Cabinet Office will also be making the trip.

The Prime Minister understands that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary will be leaving Rome before her call on the Pope. She will be content for Sir Michael Palliser and Sir Mark Heath to accompany her. Mr. Whitmore, Mr. Ingham and myself will also accompany the Prime Minister.

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

Paul Lever, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS: 23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

We need to let the Italians know what officials will be accompanying the Prime Minister and Lord Carrington to Rome for the Anglo-Italian Consultations on 23-24 November. Lord Carrington suggests that only Sir Michael Palliser and ^{his} a Private Secretary might accompany him. I understand that Mr Franklin from the Cabinet Office will also be going.

Lord Carrington will be obliged to leave Rome before the Prime Minister's call on the Pope, in order to attend the Foreign Affairs Council in Brussels. If the Prime Minister agrees, we will suggest to the Vatican authorities that the PUS and the Minister to the Holy See, Sir Mark Heath, might accompany her for this call.

Enclosures—flag(s).....

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Duty Clerk.

~~Middleton box~~

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ANGLO-ITALIAN MINISTERIAL TALKS

IN ROME

23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

I. DATE AND PLACE OF VISIT

The Prime Minister and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, accompanied by those shown at Appendix I will visit Rome on 23 and 24 November 1980.

2. PROGRAMME

The Programme of the visit as known on 18 November, including the call on the Pope is shown at Appendix II.

3. TRAVEL

Details are shown in Appendix III, including the details for the Secretary of State's departure to Brussels on 24 November.

4. INSURANCE

(a) Baggage

The insurance of baggage at the expense of HMG is not permissible. In the case of loss of personal baggage, whilst travelling or in receipt of subsistence allowance, claims may be submitted up to a maximum of £200 (no one article to exceed £50), provided that the loss is not covered by an existing policy.

(b) Personal

Those travelling in the HS 125s are advised to check whether their insurance policies provide cover for travel by non-commercial flights and to consult their insurers if they are in any doubt about their position. At present, claims on HMG for compensation are subject to a liability limit of £25,000.

5. BAGGAGE

(a) Baggage labels are enclosed for those travelling on the HS 125s in the following colours:-

Villa Wolkonsky	-	Blue
Hotel Delta	-	Red

(b) Since the luggage space on board the HS 125 aircraft is very limited, members of the party are asked to carry as small a suitcase or grip as possible.

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(c) The free baggage allowance on economy class commercial flights is 20 kilos and on first class flights is 30 kilos.

6. PASSPORTS AND HEALTH

Each person travelling should have a valid passport. There are no visa or health requirements for Italy.

7. LIVING ACCOMMODATION

Details are shown at Appendix I.

8. WORKING ACCOMMODATION

A Private Office for both the Prime Minister and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary will be set up at the Villa Wolkonsky. There will also be offices available in the Chancery Building.

9. OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND STATIONERY

(a) Office equipment including typewriters and photocopiers will be provided in the Private Office in the British Embassy in Rome.

(b) Secretarial Assistants will take a portable typewriter and any necessary stationery with them to Rome.

(c) Common user stationery will be provided by the Embassy.

10. STAFF SUPPORT FROM HM EMBASSY, ROME

A member of Information Section will assist Mr Ingham with Press liaison. Secretarial assistance will be provided as required.

II. TELEGRAMS

The Embassy will maintain a 24 hour cypher watch from the time the Prime Minister and party leave London on 23 November until their departure the following day. All telegrams for the Prime Minister or the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and party should bear the prefix 'following for from'.
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Distribution in Rome

Telegrams specifically addressed to the Prime Minister or Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's party should not be copied and circulated within the Embassy. Only those Embassy series telegrams which are relevant to the visit of the Prime Minister and Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary should be copied to the party.

12. TELEPHONES

(a) The Embassy switchboard will be operated on a 24 hours a day basis throughout the visit.

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(b) There will be direct lines between the Embassy switchboard and the Private Office at Villa Wolkonsky with extensions to the bedrooms of the Private Secretaries of both the Prime Minister and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary. It will be possible for the Private Secretaries to switch calls through to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State and to listen in.

(c) Telephone numbers:-

British Embassy Rome	475544I	The RAF air crews will be staying at:
Villa Wolkonsky Rome	7768I0	Hotel Delle Nazioni
Hotel Delta	5I46I39	Via Polli 7 ROMA. Tel: 67 92 44I

(The dialling code from London is 0I0 396, then the number you require).

13. SECURITY

(a) The Special Couriers for the round trip will be Miss Hatt and Miss Pearey. Members of the party carrying classified documents in their briefcases are asked to contact Mr Chapman, Communications Operations Department, FCO (tel 233 3706).

(b) HM Embassy, Rome will provide combination lock cupboards for the Private Office at the Villa Wolkonsky.

(c) The Private Office at Villa Wolkonsky will be under guard during the night of 23-24 November and any other time when classified material has been deposited there.

(d) The Embassy will operate safe-hand service from the Chancery to wherever the Private Secretaries both to the Prime Minister and to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary happen to be. The first of these will be timed to arrive at the Villa Wolkonsky and at the Hotel Delta for Mr Ingham by 0730 hours on 24 November.

(e) A security brief for Rome is enclosed for members of the delegation.

14. TRANSPORT IN ROME

(a) The Italian Government in liaison with the British Embassy will provide the official transport.

b) Transport for safe-hand runs and stand-by vehicles will be provided by the Embassy.

15. NEWSPAPERS AND COI SUMMARY

The UK newspapers of 24 November will be flown to Rome to arrive by lunchtime on that day.

The COI summary will be sent to the Embassy to reach the party at the Villa Wolkonsky early on the morning of 24 November. Copies will also be sent to Mr Ingham at the Hotel Delta.

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16. FINANCE

(a) Costs will be borne by parent departments. Common service cost will be charged to the Civil Service Department.

(b) FCO costs will be charged to DCS Subhead C 3 2 (e).

(c) Subsistence

(i) Subsistence will be issued on arrival in Rome by HM Embassy based on the following rates:-

Class A	Lira 72,000	Rate of exchange:
Class B	Lira 54,000	Lira 2192.5 = £1

(ii) Those staying at the Villa Wolkonsky will receive one third of the appropriate rate of subsistence for the night of 24 November.

(iii) Those staying at the Hotel Delta will receive Conference terms, that is the bill for their hotel room, continental breakfast; service and tax will be paid by the Embassy. They will then receive one half of the Class A rate of subsistence to cover all other costs, (meals, drinks etc).

(iv) The detectives will subsist themselves.

(v) Members of the party wishing to take extra currency for private purposes are asked to take travellers cheques.

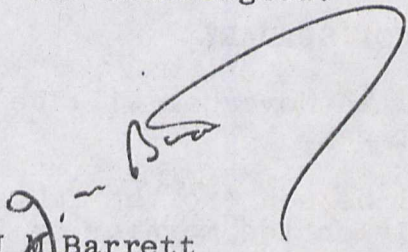
17. TRANSPORT IN LONDON

The No 10 Private Office will arrange transport to and from London Heathrow for the members of their party, and PCD will arrange transport for Mr Franklin. The Foreign and Commonwealth Private Offices will arrange cars for the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Permanent Under Secretary. Conference Section will arrange cars for the remaining members of the party.

18. ADMINISTRATION

The Administrative Arrangements in Rome are the responsibility of HM Embassy in consultation with the UK Mission to the Holy See, (for the Prime Minister's visit to the Pope). Any enquiries in London can be addressed to the undersigned.

18 November 1980


J M Barrett
Conference and Visits Section
Protocol and Conference Department
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FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

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VISIT TO ITALY OF THE PRIME MINISTER
AND FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY

23 - 24 NOVEMBER 1980

COMPOSITION OF THE PARTY

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Accommodation</u>
• 1	The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP	Prime Minister	Villa Wolkonsky
2	The Rt Hon The Lord Carrington KCMG MC	Foreign and Common- wealth Secretary	Villa Wolkonsky
• 3	Mr C A Whitmore <i>Not going</i>	Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister	Villa Wolkonsky
• 4	Mr M O'D B Alexander	Private Secretary to the Prime Minister	Hotel Delta " "
5	Mr G G H Walden	Private Secretary to The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary	Villa Wolkonsky
• 6	Mr B Ingham	Chief Press Secretary No 10 Downing Street	Hotel Delta
• 7	Mr M D M Franklin CMG	Deputy Secretary Cabinet Office	Hotel Delta
8	Sir Michael Palliser GCMG	Permanent Under Secretary of State	Hotel Delta
• 9	Miss R Hatt	Secretarial Assistant	Hotel Delta
10	Supt G Cawthorne	Detective	Hotel Delta
11	Supt M Waller	Detective	Hotel Delta
12	Insp M Dixon	Detective	Hotel Delta
• 13	R Kingston <i>R. Parker.</i>	Detective	Villa Wolkonsky

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APPENDIX II

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT

AS AT 18 NOVEMBER 1980

*Final Programme in Addendum 21.11.*SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER

- * ~~1440~~ 13.10 Prime Minister, Secretary of State and party leave from London Heathrow de Havilland VIP Suite, Terminal I.
- 1825 Officials arrive Rome airport on RAF HS I25, Task No I44I
- ~~1830~~ 17.00. Prime Minister and Secretary of State arrive Rome airport on second RAF HS I25 Task No I440. After greetings, drive to Villa Wolkonsky.
- ~~1945~~ 18.15 Villa Madama. Separate tête-a-têtes between the Prime Minister and Signor Forlani and between Lord Carrington and Signor Colombo.
- 2100 (*informal dinner*) Dinner at Villa Madama, hosted by Signor Forlani. Dress, short dress Ladies, dark suits Gentlemen.
- 2300 Party returns to accommodation

MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER

- * 1900 Palazzo Chigi. Plenary talks
- ~~1215~~ 0.900. Press Conference for British and Italian press
- ~~1315~~ Quirinale. Lunch hosted by President Pertini. Return to Wolkonsky.
- ~~1515~~ approx Secretary of State leaves for Brussels.
- 1700 10.30 Prime Minister's call on the Pope.
- 1745 Secretary of State and party arrive Brussels, Abelag airport.
PM takes off, Rome Airport.
- ~~1950~~ 13.20. Prime Minister's aircraft arrives at RAF Northolt.

* All these times will probably change.

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APPENDIX III

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Det Supt M Waller	Flight BA 502	ETD LHR Terminal I	0855 hours
Det Supt Cawthorne		ETA Rome	1215 hours

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER

The Prime Minister	Ist RAF HS 125	ETD LHR Terminal I	
Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary	Task No I440	de Havilland	
Mr Whitmore		VIP Suite	*1440 hours
Mr Walden		ETA Rome	1830 hours
Sir Michael Palliser			
Mr Franklin;			
Det Const Kingston			
Mr Ingham	2nd RAF HS 125	ETD as above	*1440 hours
Mr Alexander	Task No I441	ETA Rome	1825 hours
Miss Hatt			
Miss Pearey			
Det Insp Dixon			

MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER

Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's party will be:

Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary
Mr Walden
Mr Franklin
Miss Pearey
Det Insp Dixon

This aircraft will fly to Brussels, and will then return with the above passengers, plus other passengers who have attended the Council of Ministers, Foreign Affairs Meeting in Brussels to RAF Northolt at approx. 1500 hours on Tuesday 25 November.

*The Prime Minister's aircraft will depart from Rome at approximately 1800 hours on Monday 24 November and the passenger list will be:

The Prime Minister
~~Mr Whitmore~~
Mr Alexander
Sir Michael Palliser
Mr Ingham
Miss Hatt
Det Supt Cawthorne

* These times will most probably change

This aircraft will arrive at RAF Northolt at approx. 1950 hours on Monday 24 November.

Details of travel to and from the various airports will be issued later this week.

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a) OC Ops Wing
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c) Senior Air Movements Officer

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Miss S Withington

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From the Private Secretary

18 November, 1980.

Anglo-Italian Consultations

As I have already told you on the telephone, I am content that the distribution of the parties between the two RAF HS125s for the journey to Rome should be the same as for the visit to Bonn.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Paul Lever.

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

J.M. Barrett, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Telephone 01-

M O'D B Alexander Esq
10 Downing Street

Your reference

Our reference TXW 408/311/I

Date 17 November 1980

Dear Mr. Alexander,

ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS 23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

1. With reference to paragraph one of my letter of the above reference of 13 November, I would inform you that the VIP Suite to be used at London Heathrow on departure is the de Havilland Suite in Terminal 1.

2. I would be grateful if you would confirm that the distribution of the party between the two RAF HS 125s for the journey to Rome is along the same lines as the distribution of the party for the visit to Bonn.

*Yours ever,
Michael Barrett*

J M Barrett
Conference and Visits Section
Protocol and Conference Department

cc Mr P Lever, Private Office
WED: Miss Savill, W 64

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TO PRIORITY ROME

TELEGRAM NUMBER 556 OF 17 NOVEMBER 1980
AND TO HOLY SEE

1. DELEGATION AS KNOWN AT TODAY'S DATE IS AS FOLLOWS: NOT IN
PROTOCOL ORDER,

THE PRIME MINISTER

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS

MR WHITMORE, PPS, NO 10

MR M O'D B ALEXANDER, PS, NO 10

MR INGHAM, CHIEF PRESS SECRETARY, NO 10

PA, NO 10

MR M FRANKLIN, DEPUTY SECRETARY CABINET OFFICE.

SIR MICHAEL PALLISER, PUS OF STATE, FCO

MR G WALDEN, PS/FOREIGN SECRETARY

MISS J PEAREY, PA, PRIVATE OFFICE

DETECTIVE SERGEANT M WALLER - ARRIVING AHEAD OF MAIN PARTY.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR DIXON

DETECTIVE SUPERINTENDENT CAWTHORNE - ARRIVING AHEAD OF MAIN PARTY.

DETECTIVE CONSTABLE R KINGSTON.

2. YOUR TEL 603, PARA 2, SUGGESTED NAMES ARE:

THE PRIME MINISTER

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY

MR WHITMORE

MR WALDEN

AND A NO 10 DETECTIVE.

IF TWO DETECTIVES CAN SHARE THIS WOULD BE IN ORDER, AND ALSO

IF NECESSARY MR WHITMORE AND MR WALDEN.

3. PARA 4 OF YOUR TEL UNDER REFERENCE, FOOTMAN'S FLAT NOT
NECESSARY.

4. PARA 3 AND 5 NOTED, PLEASE TELEGRAPH HOTEL TELEPHONE
NUMBER AND ALL OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS, INCLUDING OFFICE ACCOMM-

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ODATION BEING USED.

5. SUGGESTED DELEGATION FOR THE CALL ON THE POPE IS:

THE PRIME MINISTER

MR INGHAM

MR WHITMORE

MR ALEXANDER

SIR MICHAEL PALLISER

MR FRANKLIN, DEPUTY SECRETARY CABINET OFFICE.

AND THE MINISTER TO THE HOLY SEE. GRATEFUL YOU CONFIRM A
DETECTIVE CAN ACCOMPANY ON THIS VISIT.

6. PROPOSED ETA AT PRESENT IS 1800 HOURS. ETD NOT YET KNOWN
UNTIL PROGRAMMES ARE FINALISED. ETA MAY CHANGE TO 1900 HOURS.

7. MISS SAVILL, WED, STATES THAT YOU ARE WORKING ON ADMIN-
ISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FROM THE LAST ANGLO-ITALIAN MINISTERIAL
CONSULTATIONS, AND WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ALL INFORMATION
WE NEED THAT IS SHOWN IN THOSE, IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES.

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MR WRIGHT
CABINET OFFICE

Anglo-Italian Consultations

The Prime Minister has seen your minute to me about the briefing meeting which is to precede her visit to Rome. She agrees that attendance should be limited to those mentioned in your minute.

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

14 November, 1980

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office
London SW1A 2AH

Telephone 01-

Miss Caroline Stevens
10 Downing Street

Your reference

Our reference TXW 408/311/1

Date 14 November 1980

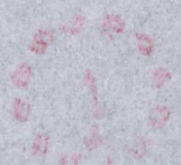
Dear Caroline,

PRIME MINISTER'S CALL ON THE POPE

1. Our Legation at the Holy See have just telephoned to say that Mrs Thatcher should wear a three quarter length black dress with black veil, (the Legation can lend Mrs Thatcher a veil). The dress should have a high neck with long sleeves. The wearing of the veil does not cause any ruffling of the hair, and unless Mrs Thatcher particularly wishes to have a hair appointment before her call it is not considered by the Legation to be necessary just for the change of dress for the call.
- / 2. I am enclosing a photocopy of the protocol details and arrangements of what will happen when Mrs Thatcher makes her call. The only change to this telegram is that it will not be Mgr Silvestrini, it will be Mgr Martin, paragraph 3 refers.
- / 3. I also enclose another telegram which I have already copied to Mr Alexander, and await the answers to the points raised in that telegram.

Yours sincerely
Michael Baker

J M Barrett
Conference and Visits Section
Protocol and Conference Department



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TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELNO 41 OF 14 NOVEMBER 1980

L. Andrews

YOUR TELNO 37: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE POPE

1. QUESTION OF DRESS IS COVERED IN MY TELNO 40.
2. SMALL VEIL IS ALL THAT IS REQUIRED FOR PRIVATE AUDIENCE. I DO NOT THINK HAIRDRESSER IS ESSENTIAL BUT IF PRIME MINISTER WISHES IT ONE CAN BE ARRANGED.

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELNO 40 OF 14 NOVEMBER 1980

Chris Stephens

YOUR TELNO 38: PRIME MINISTER'S CALL ON THE POPE

1. REFERENCE TELECON SAVILL/CALLAN THIS FORENOON I CONFIRM THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE MET ON ARRIVAL AT THE COURTYARD OF SAN DAMASO BY A CONTINGENT OF THE SWISS GUARD AND A GENTLEMAN OF THE PAPAL HOUSEHOLD. THE LATTER WILL ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE LIFT TO THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE PAPAL APARTMENTS WHERE SHE WILL BE GREETED BY THE PREFECT OF THE PONTIFICAL HOUSEHOLD, MONSIGNOR MARTIN, AND ESCORTED BY HIM TO THE PRIVATE LIBRARY WHERE SHE WILL BE GREETED BY THE POPE AND INVITED TO JOIN HIM IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION. AT THE END OF THE CONVERSATION THE PRIME MINISTER MAY ASK FOR HER ADVISERS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE POPE FOR AN EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS. FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION THE PRIME MINISTER AND HER PARTY WOULD BE ESCORTED FROM THE PRIVATE LIBRARY TO THE LIFT AND FROM THERE TO THE COURTYARD SAN DAMASO. THE PARTY WOULD BE SEEN OFF ON DEPARTURE WHEN THE CONTINGENT OF THE SWISS GUARD WOULD AGAIN BE IN ATTENDANCE.

2. QUESTION OF DRESS WAS ALSO DISCUSSED BY TELEPHONE. BLACK SUIT OR DRESS WITH LONG SLEEVES AND HIGH NECK-LINE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE WITH BLACK VEIL. WE CAN LEND VEIL IF REQUIRED.

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TO IMMEDIATE HOLY SEE
TELEGRAM NUMBER 38 OF 13 NOVEMBER
PRIME MINISTERS CALL ON THE POPE

1. THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD LIKE, BY RETURN, FULLEST POSSIBLE BRIEFING ON PROTOCOL AND SUGGESTED DRESS FOR THE ABOVE CALL.
2. THIS IS TO ENABLE THE PRIME MINISTER TO PACK THE NECESSARY ITEMS OF CLOTHING.

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Prime Minister

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Apex attendance suggested

MR. ALEXANDER

Yes Mr

Paul

Anglo-Italian Consultations: 23rd-24th November 1980

The Prime Minister will wish to decide who should attend the briefing meeting which has been arranged for Tuesday, 18th November at 5.45 pm

2. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary will be the only Minister accompanying the Prime Minister to Rome and should therefore be present.

In addition the Prime Minister might include the following officials:

Sir Robert Armstrong and (in Mr. Franklin's absence) Mr. Elliott (Cabinet Office), Sir Michael Palliser and (in Lord Bridges's absence) Mr. Hannay (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), and Sir Ronald Arculus (HM Ambassador, Rome).

3. It should be possible to limit attendance to those mentioned above. The Treasury, MAFF, Ministry of Defence and the Department of Energy have all said that they do not think they need to be present and the likely content of the talks with the Italians seems to support this view. If Community questions in particular arise at the briefing meeting, Mr. Elliott and Mr. Hannay will be on hand to deal with them.

(D. J. Wright)

13th November 1980

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No 10 Downing Street
London
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Your reference

Our reference TXW 408/311/1

Date 13 November 1980

Dear Mr. Alexander,

*Heath with
H.S. Barrett*

ANGLO/ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS
23 - 24 NOVEMBER

1. With reference to my letter of 6 November 1980, the RAF have informed me that as the flight to Rome is a long one for an RAF HS 125, the aircraft will have to leave from London Heathrow. This means that the flying time will be five minutes longer and the aircraft will now take-off at 1410 hours. The RAF have not, as yet, informed us from which suite the passengers will board the aircraft.
2. I am enclosing for ease of reference, copies of two telegrams received from the Holy See concerning the Prime Minister's meeting with the Pope. I would be very grateful to have your comments on the various suggestions regarding the programme of this visit and also after this visit as proposed by the Ambassador to the Holy See.

*Yours ever,
J M Barrett*

J M Barrett
Conference and Visits Section
Protocol and Conference Department

cc: Mr P Lever
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TELNO 36 OF 12 NOVEMBER 1980

INFO ROUTINE ROME.

YOUR TELNO 36: PRIME MINISTER'S CALL ON THE POPE

OF THE BRIEFS IN PREPARATION I THINK (B) IS LIKELY TO BE OF MAIN INTEREST ON VATICAN SIDE. THE POPE MAY EXPRESS INTEREST IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S TALKS WITH THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. THE VATICAN FOLLOW MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS WITH PARTICULAR CONCERN. HE MAY ASK ABOUT OUR OIL POLICIES AND FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN MADRID. BOTH THESE SUBJECTS (AID AND CSCE) ARE OF INTEREST TO THE VATICAN. THEY ARE ALSO KEENLY INTERESTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EC ON WHICH THE POPE MAY SEEK THE PRIME MINISTER'S VIEWS, PARTICULARLY HOW SERIOUSLY TO TAKE THE OPPOSITION'S THREAT OF WITHDRAWAL. THE VATICAN ARE NOT UNWORLDLY ABOUT THE NEED TO DEFEND THE CIVILIZED PART OF IT. THE POPE MIGHT THEREFORE POSSIBLY ASK FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VIEWS ON MR FOOT'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS DISARMAMENT AND DETERRENCE.

2. I DOUBT WHETHER THE POPE WILL WISH TO SAY MUCH ABOUT HIS VISIT TO THE FRG. I UNDERSTAND THAT PRESIDENT GISCARD'S VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THAT OF THE PRIME MINISTER.

3. ARRANGEMENTS AT THE VATICAN ARE LIKELY TO BE SIMILAR TO THOSE WHEN MRS THATCHER PAID AN INFORMAL CALL AS LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION IN JUNE 1977. THE POPE USUALLY RECEIVES VISITORS ALONE IN THE PRIVATE LIBRARY. THE PRIME MINISTER AND HER PARTY WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE CORTILE SAN DAMASO BY A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE PAPAL HOUSEHOLD OR, POSSIBLY, BY MGR SILVESTRINI.

4. THE NORMAL PRACTICE FOR ADVISERS IS FOR THEM TO ACCOMPANY THE VISITOR THROUGHOUT EXCEPT FOR THE ACTUAL CALL. THIS RULE CAN BE BENT IF THE VISITOR WISHES. IN SUCH A CASE THE POPE (OR THE CARDINAL SECRETARY OF STATE) MAY BE ACCOMPANIED BY ONE OR MORE OF HIS ADVISERS. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO KNOW MRS THATCHER'S WISHES IN THIS RESPECT SO THAT I MAY WARN THE VATICAN.

IN THIS RESPECT SO THAT I MAY WARN THE VATICAN.

5. UNLESS WE WISH IT THERE WOULD NORMALLY BE NO EXCHANGE OF GIFTS. THE POPE MAY PRESENT A SMALL MEDALLION AS A MOMENTO OF THE VISIT. AT THE END OF THE PRIVATE TALK IT IS USUAL FOR THE ADVISERS TO BE ADMITTED TO THE LIBRARY AND PRESENTED TO THE POPE.

6. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAVE ALREADY RELEASED NEWS OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE PRESS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VISIT TO ROME. THE VATICAN WERE TOLD OF THIS BUT HAD NO COMMENT. THEY DO NOT ANNOUNCE VISITS IN ADVANCE.

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO POPE ON 24 NOVEMBER

IF IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT TO THE PRIME MINISTER MRS THATCHER MAY WISH TO VISIT THE VATICAN VIA MY HOUSE SO THAT SHE HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE. APPROPRIATE DRESS FOR THE VISIT WOULD BE AS IN 1977.

2. MAY I PLEASE KNOW TIMING OF PROGRAMME AFTER THE VISIT TO THE POPE, WHICH IS SET FOR 5 PM? IT WOULD BE A GREAT PLEASURE FOR MY WIFE AND ME IF THERE WERE TIME FOR MRS THATCHER TO RETURN TO THE HOUSE FOR REFRESHMENT OR POSSIBLY A MEAL.

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 37 OF 13 NOVEMBER

PRIME MINISTERS VISIT TO POPE, 24 NOVEMBER

1. YOUR TEL 37. GRATEFUL FOR FULLER DETAILS ON DRESS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 1. GRATEFUL YOU ALSO CONFIRM THAT WEARING OF HEAD-DRESS WOULD REQUIRE A HAIRDRESSER TO BE IN ATTENDANCE IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE MEETING WITH THE POPE.

CARRINGTON

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TO PRIORITY ROME

TELEGRAM NUMBER 543 OF 6 NOVEMBER

ANGLO ITALIAN CONSULATIONS

1. GRATEFUL YOU INFORM AVAILABILITY AND NECESSITY OF ARMoured CARS FOR MINISTERS DURING THE ABOVE VISIT.
 2. ON PRESENT PLANNING THE DELEGATIONS WILL ARRIVE ON TWO RAF HS 125S, AND THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE FOREIGN SECRETARY WILL LEAVE INDEPENDENTLY ON THESE AIRCRAFT ON MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER. GRATEFUL FOR DETAILS OF MAXIMUM NUMBER HM AMBASSADOR CAN ACCOMMODATE AND DETAILS OF WHERE REST OF DELEGATION WILL BE STAYING.
 3. DETECTIVE SUPERINTENDENT CAWTHORNE, ONE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S DETECTIVES WILL ARRIVE IN ADVANCE OF THE MAIN PARTY ON FLIGHT BA 502 AT 1215 HOURS ON 20 NOVEMBER. PLEASE MAKE NECESSARY APPOINTMENTS WITH LOCAL SECURITY OFFICIALS AND ARRANGE ACCOMMODATION. PLEASE NOTIFY PCD OF ACCOMMODATION DETAILS.
- CARRINGTON

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I have informed Mr Barrett that these arrangements are OK.
(Handover would take over 4 hours).

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London SW1A 2AH

Telephone 01-

M Whitmore
Miss Stephens
PM 11/1

M O'D B Alexander
10 Downing Street

Your reference

Our reference TXW 408/311/1

Date 6 November 1980

Dear Mr. Alexander,

ANGLO ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS: 23-24 NOVEMBER: SUGGESTED AIRCRAFT

1. We propose, with your approval, that the Prime Minister should travel to Rome in an RAF HS 125 on Sunday 23 November. The flying time to Rome is 2 hours 45 minutes, and Italy is one hour ahead of the United Kingdom, so if we want the Prime Minister to arrive at 1800 hours local, the Prime Minister's aircraft would need to take-off from RAF Northolt at 1415 hours local time. The return journey would be fitted in after the Prime Minister calls on the Pope. If the aircraft were to take-off from Rome before 1815 hours local it would return to RAF Northolt, but if take-off is after that time, the aircraft will have to return to London Heathrow.

2. It is proposed that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary should depart RAF Northolt at the same time, but subject to your views, would travel in a separate HS 125* as he will either be flying on to Brussels from Rome, ~~or would plan to leave Rome slightly earlier than the Prime Minister.~~

** we will put him in
same plane as P.A.*

And

Yours ever,

Michael Bond

J M Barrett
Conference and Visits Section
Protocol and Conference Department

CC P Lever, Private Office
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PM Tans Abroad

4 November 1980

Anglo-Italian Consultations: 23/24 November 1980

The Prime Minister has seen your letter to me of 3 November about the arrangements for her visit to Rome later this month. She has noted that Italian Ministers may not be available on the Sunday evening. Nonetheless her preference would be for a tête-à-tête with Signor Forlani on the Sunday evening followed by a small dinner party, possibly à quatre, with Signor Colombo and Lord Carrington.

MICHAEL ALEXANDER

Paul Lever, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Prime Minister.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Tete à tete with Signor

London SW1A 2AH

Forlani soon after arrival followed

3 November 1980

by a small dinner party (possible à quatre)

with Signor Colombo & Lord Carrington. This would probably enable you to get the most out of the Italians. Agree?

Dear Michael,

Anglo-Italian Consultations, Rome:

23/24 November

Paul 3/11

We should like the Embassy in Rome to prompt the Italians to firm up the arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to Rome on 23/24 November. Could you let us know the Prime Minister's preferences on two points?

Sir Ronald Arculus plans to give a dinner for the Prime Minister on the evening of her arrival, Sunday 23 November. Would the Prime Minister prefer a quiet 'in house' dinner; a small dinner to which only Signor Forlani and Signor Colombo, the Foreign Minister, would be invited; or perhaps a larger dinner including, for example, other Italian Ministers and/or industrialists? The second might be best, since Signor Forlani and Signor Colombo might speak more frankly in a relaxed atmosphere, though the Embassy are not certain that Italian Ministers would be available on the Sunday evening.

Should Lord Carrington be present at the Prime Minister's tete-a-tete with the Italian Prime Minister? ^{No} Would she prefer it to be on the Sunday evening (if possible) or on the Monday morning? One possibility might be for Lord Carrington to have a separate discussion with Signor Colombo for, say, 20 minutes or so and then for the two Foreign Ministers to join the Prime Ministers.

Yours etc

Paul

(P Lever)
Private Secretary

M O'D B Alexander Esq
No 10 Downing Street

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RM Tour Abroad

Sir Robert Armstrong

Anglo/Italian Consultations

The Prime Minister has seen your minute to me of 24 October about next month's Anglo/Italian Consultations and has approved the annexes to that minute. She has asked that the briefs should not be too long.

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

27 October, 1980.

MRB



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MR. ALEXANDER

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Anglo-Italian Consultations: 23rd-24th November

In the list of briefs attached as Annex D to my minute of today's date, you will note that brief 11(d) on Bilateral Questions is entitled "Consultations". This general title is intended to cover a defensive brief which will be given a suitably restricted circulation and which will deal with Italian sensibilities about Quadripartite consultations. You will recall that Rome telegram no. 508 described the unusually sharp way in which Signor Colombo had expressed to Lord Carrington opposition to Quadripartite consultations from which the Italians are excluded. A defensive brief will be needed for the Prime Minister to use should she be tackled on this.

(Robert Armstrong)

(Approved by Sir R. Armstrong and signed on his behalf)

24th October, 1980

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Prime Minister

Ref. A03342

MR. ALEXANDER

*Yes - but don't. After Annexes A, C & D.
Put in long brief.
mb*

Paul

Anglo-Italian Consultations: 23rd-24th November

It was agreed before the fall of the Cossiga Government that the Prime Minister would visit Rome for the next in the series of bi-annual Anglo-Italian consultations on 23rd-24th November. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office currently expect that a new Italian Government will be formed before 23rd November and that the Summit will therefore go ahead as planned.

2. Italian officials have as yet been unable to offer any precise suggestions about the programme. But it seems probable that there will be a tete-a-tete between the Prime Minister and the new Italian Prime Minister on the evening of Sunday, 23rd November, a plenary session on the morning of Monday, 24th November, a lunch given by the Italian Prime Minister and a joint press conference. The Italians have also not yet made any proposals about the involvement of Ministers other than their Prime Minister, but the working assumption is that the Prime Minister will be accompanied only by the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, who accompanied her when she last visited Rome.

3. If the Summit takes place on the dates originally agreed, our main aim at the meeting will be to establish a good working relations with the new Italian Prime Minister, in particular by showing that we take seriously Italian views on major current international issues. It will be timely to discuss issues of current importance in the Community, particularly those likely to come up at the European Council in December, and we shall want to explore Italian thinking on restructuring with a view to closer co-operation of this subject. An assessment of both United Kingdom and Italian objectives is set out in Annexes A and B.

4. No agenda has yet been agreed, but it seems likely to include the list of subjects set out at Annex C. Discussion of the outcome of the United States Presidential Election is likely to involve consideration of how this may affect



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East-West relations, and developments in the Middle East, both over the Arab-Israel dispute and events in the Gulf. On international economic questions, the Italians may press for a more forthcoming Western approach to the problems of the developing world. On the Community, enlargement and restructuring will be much in their minds but they are likely to want to elicit British thinking rather than to put forward precise ideas of their own.

5. I attach at Annex D a suggested list of briefs, the co-ordination of which will be by the Cabinet Office. I should be grateful if you would let me know whether the Prime Minister is content with these arrangements. We will arrange for the briefs to reach you by Friday, 14th November.

(Robert Armstrong)

*(Approved by Sir R. Armstrong
and signed on his behalf)*

24th October, 1980

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ANNEX A

ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT: 23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

BRITISH OBJECTIVES

1. Following the success of the State Visit, to establish good working relations between the Prime Minister and the Italian Prime Minister, in particular by showing that we take seriously Italian views on major current international issues.
2. To discuss Community issues in preparation for the next European Council meeting (on 1-2 December); and to exchange views on restructuring the Community budget within the 1% ceiling, including the reform of the CAP.
3. To discuss and so far as possible agree on the implications of the result of the US elections for Transatlantic and East-West relations.

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ANNEX B

ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT: 23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

PROBABLE ITALIAN OBJECTIVES

1. To consolidate the institution of regular bi-annual Anglo-Italian Summit meetings and to establish a good working relationship with the Prime Minister.
2. To compare notes on the probable policies and attitudes of the new United States Administration.
3. To concert policy on current world political issues and in particular to review British and Italian views on the Middle East in the light of the Iran/Iraqi war, and on East-West relations in the light of developments in Afghanistan and Poland.
4. To elicit British thinking on European Community enlargement and restructuring.
5. To exchange views on world economic issues and in particular Western policy towards the developing world.



ANNEX C

Anglo-Italian Summit: 23rd-24th November 1980

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Outcome of the United States Presidential Election and its implications
2. East-West Relations
3. Afghanistan
4. Middle East (including Iran-Iraq)
5. European Community Questions
6. Defence and Disarmament Questions
7. International Economic Scene
8. Energy Questions
9. Bilateral Questions



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ANNEX D

Anglo-Italian Summit: 23rd-24th November 1980

List of Briefs

1. Steering Brief
2. United States Policies following the Presidential election
3. Middle East:
 - (a) Iran-Iraq and the Gulf
 - (b) Arab-Israel
4. European Community Questions:
 - (a) Steering Brief on European Community Questions
 - (b) Restructuring the Community Budget
 - (c) CAP reform and prices
 - (d) (possibly) 1981 Budget
 - (e) (possibly) Fisheries
 - (f) Political Co-operation
5. East-West Relations (including Poland, China, Cambodia and CSCE)
6. Afghanistan-Pakistan
7. Defence and Disarmament Questions (including CDE)
8. International Economic and Financial Questions:
 - (a) World Economy (Background)
 - (b) Relations with developing countries
 - (c) Trade questions including the threat of Japanese competition
9. International Energy Questions
10. Regional Questions (including Italy-Malta and Italy-North Africa)
11. Bilateral Questions:
 - (a) General Bilateral Relations
 - (b) Anglo-Italian Trade
 - (c) Co-operation in combating terrorism
 - (d) Consultations

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*With
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Sir Frank Cooper, G.C.B., C.M.G.
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23 October 1980

Sir Robert Armstrong KCB CVO
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Jean Robert

ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS, ROME, 23-24 NOVEMBER

I have seen Michael Palliser's letter of 15 October and am content with the proposed objectives and the list of briefs.

If the Italians have not already announced their decision on GLCM basing by late November, it seems likely that they will wish to include a short discussion of this topic in the agenda. Signor Lagorio is visiting the UK at the end of this month and we shall know more about Italian plans after his talks with Mr Pym.

Defence briefing should cover adequately equipment and industrial issues which are important to both countries.

Copies go to the other recipients of Michael Palliser's letter.

*Yours ever
Frank Cooper*

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LONDON
SW1

22 October 1980

Dear David

ANGLO-ITALIAN AND ANGLO-GERMAN CONSULTATIONS, NOVEMBER 1980

Sir Michael Palliser copied to Sir Douglas Wass his letters of 15 October to Sir Robert Armstrong.

2. We have no comments on the substance of the letters. But we should be grateful if the lists of briefs could be altered as follows:

Anglo-Italian consultations

Brief No. 8 of Annex C is rather compressed. Perhaps it could be broken down to read:

"8. International Economic and Financial Questions

- (a) World Economy (Background);
- (b) Relations with developing countries;
- (c) Trade questions including the threat of Japanese competition."

This would allow the Cabinet Office to set out more clearly the responsibility for briefing on each item: (a) is for the Treasury, (b) for the FCO and (c) for the Department of Trade.

Anglo-German consultations

If there are any international trade questions which are likely to be raised in these consultations, Section 6 of Annex D could be broken down similarly:

- "(a) World Economy (Background);
- (b) International Trade Questions;
- (c) International Monetary Questions."

Here, (a) and (c) would be for the Treasury, and (b) for the Department of Trade.

3. I am copying this to the Private Secretaries to the Permanent Secretary recipients of Sir Michael Palliser's letters and to Clive Whitmore.

Yours sincerely

J M G Taylor
J M G TAYLOR
Private Secretary

cc Andrew Burns (PS/Sir Michael Palliser)

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*From the Permanent Secretary
Sir Kenneth Clucas, K.C.B.*

22 October 1980

Sir Michael Palliser GCMG
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Dear Michael,

ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS, ROME: 23/24 NOVEMBER

Thank you for my copy of your letter of 15 October to Robert Armstrong.

I have no comments on the statements of objectives in Annexes A and B.

Your list of briefs in Annex C also looks right. We shall wish to contribute to briefs 4(a), 8 and (in respect of Anglo-Italian bilateral trade questions) 11.

I am copying as you did.

Kenn Clucas

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KENNETH CLUCAS

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JAM
RB
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

15 October 1980

Sir Robert Armstrong KCB CVO
CABINET OFFICE

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Dear Robert,

ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS, ROME, 23-24 NOVEMBER

1. As you know, it had been agreed before the fall of the Cossiga Government that the Prime Minister would visit Rome for the next in the series of bi-annual Anglo-Italian Consultations on 23-24 November. Our present expectation is that an Italian Government of some kind will be formed before 23 November and that the Summit will go ahead as planned.
2. Assuming the Summit takes place on the dates agreed, our main aim at the meeting will be to establish good working relations with the new Italian Prime Minister (Signor Cossiga is almost certainly going to step down), in particular by showing that we take seriously Italian views on major current international issues. It will be timely to discuss issues of current importance in the Community, particularly those likely to come up at the European Council in December, and we shall want to explore Italian thinking on restructuring with a view to establishing closer cooperation. Our assessment of UK and probable Italian objectives is set out in Annexes A and B.
3. The Prime Minister plans to arrive in Rome on the evening of Sunday, 23 November in time for dinner and to leave in the late afternoon of the following day. Although Italian officials are as yet unable to offer any advice on the programme it seems probable that there will be a tête-à-tête with the Italian Prime Minister on the Sunday evening, a plenary session on the Monday morning, a lunch given by the Italian Prime Minister and a joint press conference.

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4. The Italians have not yet proposed an agenda, but it seems likely to include: the outcome of the United States Presidential election and the new United States Government's policies, particularly as they may affect East/West relations; developments in the Middle East, both over Arab/Israel and the Gulf; and Western policy towards the developing world, on which the Italians may press for a more forthcoming Western approach. European Community enlargement and restructuring will be much in their minds but they are likely to want to elicit British thinking rather than to put forward precise ideas of their own. We therefore envisage that the main subjects for discussion will be:

- (a) outcome of the United States Presidential election, and its implications
- (b) East-West Relations
- (c) Afghanistan
- (d) Middle East (including Iran/Iraq)
- (e) European Community Questions
- (f) Defence and Disarmament Questions
- (g) The International Economic Scene
- (h) Energy Questions
- (i) Bilateral Questions (including cooperation in combating terrorism).

5. I assume that, as when she last visited Rome, the Prime Minister will not wish on this occasion to be accompanied by any of her Ministerial colleagues, apart from the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary. She may wish to delay a decision on participation by officials until the Italians have been able to tell us their own proposals for participation and agenda.

6. I attach at Annex C a suggested list of briefs, the preparation of which I suggest should be coordinated by the Cabinet Office in the usual way.

T. C. W.,

Richard

Michael Palliser

cc: Sir Douglas Wass GCB
HM TREASURY

Sir Frank Cooper GCB CMG
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT: 23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

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ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT: 23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

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ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT : 23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

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6. Afghanistan/Pakistan
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8. International Economic and Financial Questions
(including the threat of Japanese and other Asian competition, and Western policy towards the developing world)
9. International Energy Questions
10. Regional Questions (including Italy/Malta and Italy/North Africa)
11. Bilateral Questions (including terrorism)
12. Italian political and economic scene.

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M. T. Ahmad

26 August 1980

Prime Minister's Visit to Italy

Thank you for your letter of 21 August, about arrangements for the Prime Minister to call on the Pope during her visit to Rome on 23-24 November.

The Prime Minister would be entirely content to plan on the basis of a private call. She would in fact much prefer to handle the call in this less formal fashion.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Barry Hilton (Cabinet Office).

MAP

J.D. Neilands, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

21 August 1980

Yes ref.

PRIME MINISTER

Dear Mike,

Content to plan a private, as opposed to official, call on the Pope? It would involve much less formality.

Prime Minister's Visit to Italy

MAD 21/8

Would you please refer to paragraph 2(b) of Michael Alexander's letter of 25 July about the Prime Minister's visit to Rome on 23-24 November during which Mrs Thatcher has said she would like to call on the Pope.

The Pope will be in Rome at that time. Owing to the brevity of Mrs Thatcher's visit, however, we propose that she should pay a private, rather than an official, call on the Pope. Such a call would, we consider, make the best use of the available time in that formalities would be kept to a minimum. There would be no presentation of suites nor obligatory separate call on the Cardinal Secretary of State followed by his return call, although Cardinal Casaroli could be included in the private visit if desired.

Furthermore, to fit in with the programme of Anglo-Italian talks, the call will have to take place during the afternoon of 24 November. Since Papal audiences are usually only arranged in the morning, the Vatican have indicated that the Pope is more likely to agree a call during the afternoon if it is a private rather than official one. In view of these considerations I hope that you can agree that we should seek a private call on the Pope.

I am sending a copy of this letter to David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever

David Neilands

(J D Neilands)
Asst Private Secretary

M A Pattison Esq
10 Downing Street

cc. PM Tours Abroad :-

visit to Bordeaux in Sept 80: July 80



cc. PM Tours Abroad: Euro Council visit in Dec 80 in Lux: Feb 80

PM Tours

cc. PM Tours Abroad: visit to Germany in Nov/80: July 80

Abd

H. M. YACHT BRITANNIA

cc. PM Tours Abroad :-

visit to Greece & Yugoslavia in Sept 80: June 80

10th August, 1980

Dear Mike, *MA*

Your letter of 7th August regarding the Prime Minister's proposed absences for the remainder of the year has been laid before The Queen, and Her Majesty approves that she should leave the country as planned.

Yours sincerely
Robert Fellow

M. Pattison, Esq.



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

7 August 1980

Dear Bill

The Prime Minister has been invited to make a number of trips overseas in the period between now and the end of the year. I hope it will be convenient if I summarise these in a single letter.

The Prime Minister has been invited by President Giscard d'Estaing to attend the annual Anglo/French Summit which this year is to be held in Paris. In addition, the Prime Minister hopes to visit Bordeaux, and would be absent from the U.K. from 18-20 September.

The Prime Minister has been invited to visit Greece and Yugoslavia from 22-26 September.

The Prime Minister has been invited by Chancellor Schmidt to visit the Federal Republic of Germany on 16/17 November. This is a continuation of the normal sequence of Anglo-German talks which take place every six months.

The Prime Minister hopes to visit Rome on 23/24 November at the invitation of Signor Cossiga, the Italian Prime Minister, for similar twice yearly consultations. Mrs. Thatcher hopes that the programme will include a meeting with the Pope if he is in the Vatican at that time.

The Prime Minister hopes to participate in a meeting of the European Council in Luxembourg on 1/2 December.

The Prime Minister would be grateful if you would seek The Queen's leave for her to be absent on the days noted above.

Yours ever

Mike Pattison

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From the Private Secretary

25 July 1980

Anglo-German and Anglo-Italian Consultations

As I have already told you on the telephone, the Prime Minister has agreed that:

- (a) We should propose to the Federal German Government moving the dates of the Anglo-German bilateral from 17/18 November to 16/17 November. The Prime Minister would propose to arrive in Germany in time for dinner on Sunday, 16 November. She would prefer to leave late in the afternoon of Monday, 17 November but would be prepared, if necessary, to return after dinner that night;
- (b) We should propose to the Italian Government a visit on 23/24 November. The Prime Minister would, again, aim to arrive in Rome in time for dinner on Sunday, 23 November and to return to London late in the afternoon of Monday, 24 November. The Prime Minister would like to call on the Pope if he is in Rome.

I am sending a copy of this letter to David Wright (Cabinet Office).

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25 July 1980

Dear Michael,

Anglo-Italian Consultations

It was agreed last October that Anglo-Italian Consultations should be held at Head of Government level twice a year. The last in the series took place in January when the Italian Prime Minister visited London. The timing of the next meeting was discussed in the margins of the Venice Summit. The Diplomatic Adviser to Signor Cossiga has now told Sir Ronald Arculus that Signor Cossiga is looking forward to seeing Mrs Thatcher and Lord Carrington again in Rome and has asked whether dates might be found in late November.

Lord Carrington would see advantage in a visit by the Prime Minister to Rome at the time proposed. It is important that we continue to take full advantage of the Italian wish to maintain a tactical alliance with us on Community questions. The suggested timing would be shortly before the next European Council Meeting (1-2 December) and well after the State Visit to Italy (14-17 October) which will also provide an opportunity for Lord Carrington to have consultations with the Italian Foreign Minister. However, you will wish to take account of the timing of the Anglo-German Summit about which I have written to you separately. Subject to that we propose that Mrs Thatcher might consider paying a two-day visit to Rome during the week beginning 24 November.

A visit to Rome would also provide a suitable occasion for a meeting with the Pope, if the Prime Minister so wished.

Our Embassy would like, if possible, to put suggested dates to Signor Cossiga's office before the end of this month.

I am sending a copy of this to David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours etc

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