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#### 10 DOWNING STREET LONDON SWIA 2AA

From the Private Secretary

4 August 1987

Des Ton,

Thank you for sending me the copy of the commemorative book on the Venice Summit. I enclose a thank you letter to Signor Fanfani from the Prime Minister. I note that the Prime Minister has been pretty rigorously excluded from the photographic coverage in the book, which one can only assume is deliberate.

C D POWELL

The Lord Bridges, K.C.M.G.



## 10 DOWNING STREET LONDON SWIA 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

4 August 1987

Year Sinon Farfari,

Thank you very much for sending me the book about the Venice Summit. I was very pleased to have this record of a successful and productive meeting, and once again congratulate you on your leadership.

Jours siverely

With best wishes,



BRITISH EMBASSY,

ROME.

C D Powell Esq Private Secretary to the Prime Minister No 10 Downing Street LONDON SW1 29 July 1987

Dear Charles

I am sending you a copy of the commemorative volume "Il Vertice di Venezia" together with a letter to the Prime Minister from Senatore Amintore Fanfani, still (just, at the time I write) President of the Council of Ministers (unofficial translation also enclosed).

If the Prime Minister feels inclined to thank Fanfani for the volume I am sure it would be appreciated.

Your Bridge

Bridges

UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF A LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER FROM SENATORE AMINTORE FANFANI, PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, DATED 16 JULY 1987

Dear Prime Minister and Friend

Thank you for your letter of 19 June sent to me after the Venice Summit. I now send you a copy of a book published by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, as a souvenir of the Summit, which I hope you will find of interest.

The book clearly illustrates the efforts made to reach the Venice Agreements and the contibution of each country which made this important outcome possible.

With best wishes.

AMINTORE FANFANI

BRITISH EMBASSY ROME 29 JULY 1987 Il Tresidente del Consiglio dei Ministri Roma, 16 luglio 1987 Signora Primo Ministro e Gentile Amica, La ringrazio della Sua lettera del 19 giugno inviatami dopo il Vertice di Venezia e Le invio una pubblicazione edita dalla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri in ricordo del Vertice stesso, che sperò Le interesserà. Essa è una testimonianza degli sforzi compiuti per giungere agli accordi di Venezia e del contributo che ogni Paese ha dato per questo importante risultato. Con i migliori saluti. dring to for for S.E. la Signora Margaret THATCHER Primo Ministro del Regno Unito LONDRA

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## 10 DOWNING STREET LONDON SWIA 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

10 June 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

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Thank you so much for the beautiful roses which you sent me in Venice. It was a very kind thought and much appreciated.

I am sorry that we did not have time to talk more, but send you my warm good wishes.

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### Amintore Fanfani Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri

BUCCELLATI BOX. "SILVER"

(Flowers)

Maria Sia L'Amintore Fanfani Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri



10 DOWNING STREET PERSONAL MESSAGE LONDON SWIA 2AA SERIAL No. TI16/87

THE PRIME MINISTER

10 June 1987

Dear Prime Minister SUBJECT CC MASTER OPS

May I extend to you my warmest congratulations on your skilful and productive chairmanship of the Venice Economic Summit. Our work was conducted with despatch and with very useful results, thanks to your firm guidance. I am sorry that I was unable to stay longer, and that it was not possible for us to have a full talk. You were kind enough to express your understanding, and for this I am very grateful.

I should be grateful if my warm thanks could be passed on to all those responsible for the organisation of the Summit and for security at it. The arrangements were excellent.

It was particularly kind of you and Signora Fanfani to send such lovely flowers and the beautiful silver box. The latter is truly exquisite and I am most grateful.

With warm good wishes.

Lows sicerely Nargand Shaliter

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# 10 DOWNING STREET LONDON SWIA 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

10 June 1987

Vear Mayon.

I am most grateful for the outstanding hospitality shown once again by Venice to the participants in the Economic Summit.

As always it was sheer delight to visit your City, and sad only that it was for so brief a time. May I ask you to pass on my thanks to all those responsible for the excellent arrangements.

Thank you also for the magnificent gift which will be a treasured reminder of my visit.

With best wishes,

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Cal benvenuto mio e della città. Melo faconi Venesia · P-6-19PF

NEREO LARONI

Sindaco di Venezia

Ca' Farsetti



Dr. Prof. Carlo Bernini Presidente della Regione Veneto

(Blue linea)

Venezia

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# 10 DOWNING STREET LONDON SWIA 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

10 June 1987

1) can Protesson Bernini

I should like to thank you most warmly for the hospitality shown by the Veneto Region to the participants in the Venice Economic Summit, as well as for the beautiful presentation vase. I shall treasure this as a reminder of my visit.

With best wishes,

Jours sively

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Professor Bernini

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(Howers)

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## 10 DOWNING STREET LONDON SWIA 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

10 June 1987

Dear Signon Passante.

Thank you for your excellent hospitality at the Hotel

Gritti Palace. It was marvellous to be back again, even though

for all too short a stay. As always, we were looked after

beautifully, and I hope that you will pass on my thanks to

all the hotel staff for their kindness and consideration.

I was most grateful also for the beautiful flowers which greeted me on arrival. Thank you so much.

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Signor Nico Passante

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### 10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

10 June 1987

Com laighress.

Thank you very much for sending me such lovely flowers in Venice. It was an exceptionally kind thought and a marvellous welcome to the Summit.

With warm good wishes.

Yours siverely Narganits habiter

Her Highness Begum Aga Khan

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2 5 June 1987

Dear Prime Minister, I hope that the meetings in Venice go well and that In are comfortable, and well looked after. Please be careful not to fall into any canals as we need you in Britain from the 11th onwards! hith my very best wishes Yours sincerely Jahmah

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#### 10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

10 June 1987

Year Carly

( Thank you so much for the beautiful decanter which I found waiting for me in Venice. It was a delightful surprise and characteristically kind of you both to send it.

I do hope that Peter's bronchitis is cured. We look forward to seeing you soon after the Election. Love to be to

Your war

The Lady Thorneycroft.

FROM THE LADY THORNEYCROFT, 42 EATON SQUARE, SWIW 9BD TEL. 01-235 4878 Dearest Margaret, May 28# 1987 glass emes from us both, to trelesme you to review and to moh you all The luck in The World- we have been here for Peter to recuperate from a liesome monehilis, r ire have gone back

POST CARD THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE Home for he final stages of he Election hish ale my line Carly Green/chrouve decanton.

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#### PRIME MINISTER

As you leave the Cini Foundation, en route to your motor launch, there will be a group of 15 press radio and television reporters waiting to speak to you. They will be positioned in front of the landing jetty so that you can meet them without appearing to go out of your way. They have been warned to expect no more than three or four minutes but will doubtless be keen to film you against the backdrop of St Mark's Square.

July John Simon Dugdale

11.15am 9 June



hc Duty Clerk No 10 V Miss Waghorn, FCO Miss C Elmes, British Embassy Rome

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70 Whitehall London SWIA 2AS Telephone 01-333 270 0402

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5 June 1987

M McGrath Esq British Telecom International Room 703 The Holborn Centre 120 Holborn London ECIN 2TE

Dear Martin

PRIME MINISTER'S COMMUNICATIONS: VENICE ECONOMIC SUMMIT

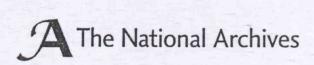
Reference my letter under reference dated 5 May 1987.

- 1. I had agreed with the Italian MFA to switch the PW referred to in paragraph 1(i) of my letter of 5 May between the Gritti Hotel and the Conference Centre. However, they now advise that this cannot be done.
- 2. It will be necessary therefore to have a second speech private wire between the switchboard in 10 Downing Street and the UK Delegation Office in the Conference Centre in the Cini Foundation Venice.
- The circuit is required from 0001 hrs 6 June 1987 until 2359 hrs 10 June 1987.
- The bill for the UK share of the circuits should be sent to me. The Italian share will be settled initially by the Embassy in Rome.

Yours sincerely

> P. S. Potified by telephone to Peter Howells

C K DAVIES Telecommunications Secretariat



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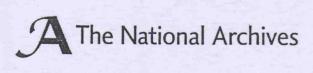
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cc: Sir Geoffrey Litt

Mr D Thomas Mr R Q Braithwaite

Mr C Meyer Mr R Culpin



#### 10 DOWNING STREET

LONDON SWIA 2AA

From the Press Secretary

#### SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

#### VENICE SUMMIT: PRESS BRIEFING

This note sets the scene for your Sherpa's media briefing on the Venice Economic Summit in the main conference room at the Treasury at 11.30am tomorrow. We are meeting in Sir Geoffrey Littler's room at 11am for a pre-conference discussion.

#### Mechanics

We have advertised the briefing in an operational note (Annex I) which brings out the fact not only that these official briefings are usual but that there is an election precedent for them in 1983.

The Chancellor gave an on-the-record briefing today for <u>selected</u> economic correspondents and Simon Dugdale's summary is at Annex II. We shall need to pick up at llam tomorrow the media's treatment of the Chancellor's briefing.

We shall make available as people arrive the note on the media arrangements in Venice at Annex III. I hope this will cut out questions of detail.

I will preside and call questions, and brief on the Prime Minister's movements as required. No doubt Messrs Meyer and Culpin will be ready to brief on their Minister's movements.

For presentational reasons, I shall be deliberately vague about the timings of the Prime Minister's bilateral with President Reagan and only say that the Prime Minister will call upon the President on her way to the Summit on Tuesday morning.

2. Substance I think the presentational problem for us at this Summit is threefold: given the election, what we want out of it, apart from photo opportunities to show off the world's elder stateswoman; is endorsement of UK economic policies; and an otherwise quiet ride; in other words, what do we want to major on - how to maintain non-inflationary growth or protectionism/agriculture; to avoid the impression that we are not seriously focused on the Summit, except to the extent it serves the Government's electoral purposes, and wish it weren't happening; to keep ourselves in a positive position over Gulf shipping, world monitoring of economic performance and possibly South Africa, if it is allowed to raise its ugly head. In view of this I think it would be useful if you could brief on how many Sherpas' meetings have been held; the extent to which the Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary and Chancellor have been engaged on the Summit and related business, notwithstanding the election; and why the Prime Minister feels it necessary for herself and two other senior Ministers to go in the final few days of the election. In more detail, and leaving aside the media's treatment today of the Chancellor's briefing, I think the main concerns of the media will be: Gulf oil supplies - President Reagan's apparent intention to seek help from Allies in keeping shipping safe; arms control - though this may be of less interest now that the German position has been resolved; state of the world economy and economic co-ordination especially as we, along with West Germany, seem to be opposing US ideas; the need for West Germany to stimulate growth; and the implications for Britain (and unemployment) if world growth slows down. (Today's FT leader is of interest - see Annex IV). trade, protectionism and agriculture - though the Japanese problem has been eased by their package - but do we think it is enough? diseases of the age - terrorism, drugs and AIDS



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#### VENICE ECONOMIC SUMMIT, 8-10 JUNE 1987

The usual unattributable press briefing will be given in advance of the Venice Economic Summit by Sir Robert Armstrong and officials at 11.30 am on Wednesday 3 June in the main conference room of HM Treasury.

British and overseas media representatives are invited to attend. Please note that you will be required to show your press card to gain admission.

27 May 1987

#### MR INGHAM

### VENICE SUMMIT: ON-THE-RECORD BRIEFING BY THE CHANCELLOR, 2 JUNE 1987

The Chancellor prefaced his opening remarks by saying that the talks with Japanese officials over the weekend had appeared to make some satisfactory progress. It seemed likely that three British firms would gain membership of the Tokyo Stock Exchange and our objectives in investment management services appeared to have been achieved.

The Chancellor identified a number of topics to which consideration would be given at Venice:

Exchange Rates - It was clear that the Louvre Accord in February, endorsed in Washington in the Spring, had worked despite scepticism in the markets and in certain sections of the media. There had been broad stability in exchange rates. Britain had been playing a very full part in it, intervening in the foreign exchange market to a much greater extent.

<u>Debt</u> - Correspondents would recall the 3-point plan adopted at the Spring meetings in Washington to deal with the debt problems of the poorest sub-Saharan countries, which had been warmly welcomed by the OECD in May. It would be Britain's objective to consolidate the political backing for this at Venice and to look for firm decisions on the plan at the IMF in Autumn.

Agriculture - Correspondents would recall that the Tokyo Summit communique included a reference for the first time, largely because of British pressure, to world agriculture problems. We would be looking to push the issue further at Venice.



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# Operational Note

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VENICE ECONOMIC SUMMIT, 8-10 JUNE 1987:

NOTES FOR THE BRITISH PRESS

#### Press Centre

The Press Centre will be on the island of San Giorgio beside the Cini Foundation which will house the Economic Summit itself. Within the Centre each country will have its own national press centre (see below for the British one). All press facilities will be available from 12.00 noon on 7 June; but television technicians and press agency staff can use their facilities from 09.00 to 23.00 on 4-6 June.

There will be a common services area for all visiting journalists, a Joint Declaration Room, and rooms for the main wire agencies. Common services will include 10 international telephone lines, 10 local and internal lines, 25 telefax machines, 15 telex machines, 15 tape punchers and three machines for wiring photographs. Nearby there will be another room with 50 direct-dial international telephones, 25 of which are in booths. This equipment and TV facilities can be tested from 4-6 June between 10.00 and 16.00 hrs.

Among the other services available at the Press Centre will be a Post Office, a news stand, an exchange bureau, a travel agency and a Summit Information Desk manned 24 hours a day which will also act as a central distribution point for Summit documentation. A non-stop bar restaurant service for the press will be provided from 09.00 hrs on 8 June to 02.00 hrs on 11 June. The restaurant will serve free lunch and dinner between the hours of 12.30 and 15.00 and 19.30 and 23.00 hrs respectively. The bar service will operate when the restaurant services are closed and will terminate on 11 June at 02.00 hrs.

# British Press Centre

This suite of rooms is well situated on the ground floor near the press common services (restaurant, bar, telephone room, etc) and the British delegation offices. It consists of one very large room which will be used for briefings and press conferences, a smaller room nearby equipped for the press to work in and another for press officers. The Reuter office is adjacent.

In the large briefing room there will be 10 direct-dial international telephones, 5 internal lines via switchborad and 5 lines for the city of Venice only. International calls will be charged for while local calls are free. There will be a public address system and two TV monitors in this room for viewing Summit events in the Cini Foundation and watching Italian TV broadcasts. ITN "News at Ten" will be screened live by satellite on the evenings of 8, 9 and 10 June.

### Pools

A pool system will be operated throughout the conference for coverage of receptions and other events. Pools will range from 10-100 persons and will usually consist of photographers and TV operators only. Passes will be distributed through national Press Centres. Generally each nation will have the same number of places in pools. RAI TV

will be in all pools. Transport for events not on San Giorgio Island will be arranged.

# Transport for the Press

Shuttle ferry services for the press between San Marco Giardinetti and the Darsena Grande on San Giorgio will be in continuous operation from 7 June as follows:

From 07.00 to 20.00 - every 20 minutes past the hour from Giardinetti

- at 15, 35 and 55 minutes past the hour from San Giorgio

From 20.00 to 07.00 - every 30 minutes past the hour from Giardinetti

- at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour from San Giorgio.

These ferries are the principal means of access for the press to San Giorgio Island. Requests for launch hire must be made through the Protocol Operations Room on San Giorgio as must requests for launches by journalists needing to visit Delegation hotels. These launches will be available from 08.00 - 24.00 and will cost extra thereafter. They may be tied up but not moored at the Porticciolo on San Giorgio, where security checks on passengers will be carried out.

Journey times by ferry motor launch are approximately as follows:

Giardinetti to Press Centre .... 6 minutes
Airport to St Mark's Square .... 25 minutes.

# Accreditation and Passes

All journalists must have a press badge with their photograph on it. Applications should have been made to the press office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome via The British Embassy in Rome by 9 May, although late applications will be considered. Passes for accredited press can be collected between 09.00 and 19.00 from 5 June at the Biblioteca Marciana on the Piazzetta San Marco.

The press badge, coloured yellow, will give access to zone C which includes the Press Centre and all other press facilities. It will not give access to the delegation offices, the Summit meeting rooms, or the hotels used by the British delegation. Any access to British delegation hotels is subject to special arrangements made by the staff of the British press centre.

# Medical Arrangements

During the Economic Summit two medical centres will be open round the clock at the Cini Foundation on San Giorgio Island for delegations and press. Four hospitals in Venice and on the mainland are also on call and both speed-boat ambulances and a helicopter ambulance will be on stand-by.

# Radio and Television Facilities

One of the buildings of the press centre will be run by RAI for the benefit of local and visiting television networks and Eurovision. The liaison officers are Mr Giuseppe Sinigaglia of RAI (tel Rome 36865567 or 36865568) and Miss Serenella Garroni of RAI (tel Rome 36865582).

# Hotel Accommodation for British Press

Almost all the British press are accommodated at the Hotel Splendid Suisse, Merceria 760, San Marco, Venice (tel 041-5200755 - telex 410590). It is situated about five minutes' walk from the cathedral corner of St Mark's Square. Although it may be too late to get into the Splendid Suisse, journalists wanting accommodation in Venice for the Conference should send a telex to 410229 MAEOVEl in Venice. Liaison Officers are Col Oscar Pedrazzini and Mrs Torroni - tel Venice 522-2625 or 8353.

# Airport Arrivals

A large press pool will be placed at the airport to view arrivals and departures of national delegations. Five international lines served by an operator will be available for pool use plus one telephone and one telex line.

# Press Officers

Counsellor Daniele Verga (tel Venice 522 5092 or 2625) is responsible for summit press arrangements assisted by Dr Guariglia and Dr Teliani, while the liaison officer at the British Press Centre will be Dr Gianluigi Mascia (tel ext 515). Counsellor Roberto Bettarini is responsible for telecommunications (tel Venice 522-1718).

Mr Gordon Pirie, information officer at the British Embassy in Rome, will be in charge of running the British Press Centre. Spokesmen from the Prime Minister's Office, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and HM Treasury will also operate from it.

#### 3 June 1987

FINANCIAL TIMES JUNE 2, 1987

# The agenda for Venice

NEXT WEEK'S economic sum- measures, on the scale Venice differs from recent international meetings of finance ministers in at least one to to blame Japan for the world's many economic tensions week is as generous as could sensibly have been expected given the domestic political constraints facing Mr Naka-sone; and while Japan has on previous occasions failed to implement such parakages, this time the assurances of officials have a more convincing ring. Taken in tradem with the promise of additional united finance for developing countries, it suggests that Japan at last is taking it: international responsibilities seriously.

The spotlight in Venice ought therefore to shift to another part of the world where growth is low, inflation negligible, the current account in large surplus and government finances rock solid: West Germany. The financial community has greeted the Japanese proposals en-thusiastically. Nobody has yet suggested that the tax cuts and public spending (mainly on infrastructure) will do anything but good. There has been no hint that carefully planned reflation by the public sector will necessarily be ineffectual or that Japan must rely on a spontaneous revival led by private sector entrepreneurs. Support around the world for Japan's initiative illustrates the extent to which fiscal policy has been rehabilias an instrument of economic management.

#### Unpopular move

The question that Mr Ger-hard Stoltenburg, the West German finance minister, will have to answer in Venice is: why are the policies that are desirable in one stagnating, surplus country not also desir-able in West Germany? Even before Tokyo's conversion to more stimulatory measures, West Germany's growth pros-pects were much poorer than Japan's and its unemployment much higher. The IMF has calculated that if policies in The IMF has change, Bonn do not domestic demand in West Germany next year will grow more slowly even than in the US, a trying to curb its debtor

A package of stimulatory

would not just revitalise the those announced in important respect. It will be would reinvigorate the whole much more difficult than hither. EC economy, a trading bloc to blame Japan for the larger than either Japan or the US. However, given Mr Stoltenand imbalances. The Y6,000bm burs's past policy pronounce-package of stimulatory mea-sures announced in Tokyo last convincing West German state week is as generous as could governments of the need for reform, such a package is most unlikely to materialise unless strong pressure is brought to bear in Venice. Mr James Boker, the US Treasury Secretoy, must therefore prepare to make himself highly unnopular in Bonn. A US-West German battle in

Venice can also be expected at a deeper philosophical level. At the OFCD ministerial meeting in Paris last month, Mr Baker made it clear that he expected the Group of Seven countries to make significant progress in devising a mechanism for implementing the economic operation and co-ordination that everybod claims to support. The US ald like the industrial cou les to set informal targets for a range of "objective ectomic indicators"
(things such as real GNP
growth, current account

balances and budget deficits) and agree to hold consultations when the variables diverge from the mutually agreed targets, to see what remedial action might be required.

West Germany, supported by the UK, is resisting attempts to create a more formal structure of rules and obligations for the management of the world economy. Yet opposition to arrangements that would make effective co-operation more practicable seems largely misplaced. The objective indicators system is not intended in any sense as a substitute for greater reliance on free markets, which attract Mr Baker's whole-hearted support. It is merely a recognition that free enterprise can flourish on a global scale only if individuel countries agree to pursue consistent macroeconomic policies. This seems a pretty uncontroversial proposition given the bitter legacy today, in terms of imbalances, currency instability and renewed protectionism, of policy inconsistencies in the early 1980s. The hope must be that, once in Venice, the G7 countries will put narrow considerations of national sovereignty behind them and work together in what Mr Baker has dubbed a "partnership for growth."



#### 10 DOWNING STREET

Charles

Venice Economic Summit There has been some confusion over our return mignon tells me that the HS125 will return to Northalt & that you asked for a small plane to be available to take the PM to her next destination. Can you confirm that buis arrangement stands? 1's tool Nijean 295



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Venice Economic Summit-

Pright arrangements.

The RAF must obtain Pright clearance within the next couple of days for the VCIO & the buo HSI255.

may Port Noble now go ahead and inform the Italians of the various amangements?

Julie 27/5



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(2) There Bowen.

# CABINET OFFICE

70 Whitehall London SWIA 2AS Telephone 0123 270 0336

Our Ref: J6/3

27 May 1987

# PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO VENICE

As promised during our recent telephone conversation, I am writing to confirm that the Prime Minister will be attending the Economic Summit in Venice. She will arrive on the evening of Monday 8 June and depart on the afternoon of the following day, Tuesday 9 June.

The Prime Minister and her party will be staying at the Gritti Hotel, where her private office will be set up. A second private office will be set up in the Chini Foundation, where the Summit is to be held. The party will alternate between the two, depending upon where the Prime Minister is at the time.

All signal traffic will be passed to the relevant private office via the British Consulate in Venice which I understand is being upgraded to receive Category III material. A safe hand run to the private office; courtesy of a motor launch provided by the Consulate, will be available as and when required. Any material which may be sent will be securely locked overnight in the private office which will be manned during silent hours by the Royal Military Police.

Material which requires consideration by the Prime Minister should, as usual, be sent to us for passing to 10 Downing Street, who will decide whether it should be forwarded to Venice.

The Duty Clerk for the trip will be Miss Julie Bowers and the Garden Room girl will be Mrs Jean Dibblin. Both Miss Bowers and Mrs Dibblin will effectively act as COMSO's at all times until the private office is closed at the end of the day. During silent hours, Charles Powell, who will also be accommodated in the Gritti Hotel, will act as COMSO. All three are cleared for access to Category III material.

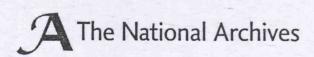
I should add that BRAHMS secure speech equipment will be available during the visit at both the Gritti Hotel and Chini Foundation.

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MOS J BOWERS

# ECONOMIC SUMMIT

I have been in touch with FCO Protocol to arrange for a supply of English/Scottish spring water (sparkling variety).

I was told this order should be placed through you so could I please ask you to obtain one case of the above in <a href="mailto:small">small</a> catering size bottles. (Last year FCO provided litre bottles which were really not suitable.)

These are for use on the conference table in the briefing room and in the fridge in the PM's hotel room.

BETH FRIER PRESS OFFICE

21 May 1987

Ref. A087/1397 Venice Economic Summit At their meeting last weekend Personal Representatives were notified of two changes in the administrative and protocol arrangements for the Summit meeting: As several of the participants will be arriving in Venice before the afternoon of Monday 8 June, the formal arrival welcoming ceremonies that afternoon will take place at the Palazzo Dogale in Venice, not at the airport. As some Heads of State or Government (notably President Mitterrand) and Ministers could not stay for a dinner on Wednesday 10 June, the President of the Republic will entertain Heads of State or Government and Ministers at lunch on that day, before the final Press Conference. The lunch will be in the Cini Foundation on the Isola San Giorgio, so that this will not mean a lot of movement by boat. 2. I am sending copies of this minute to the Private Secretaries to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. ROBERT ARMSTRONG 18 May 1987



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

14th May, 1987.

Den Charle.

Thank you for your letter of 12th May about the Prime Minister's proposed visit to Italy from 8th to 9th June to attend the Venice Economic Summit. The Queen has been pleased to approve Mrs. Thatcher's absence abroad on these dates.

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(ROBERT FELLOWES)

Charles Powell, Esq.

10 DOWNING STREET LONDON SWIA 2AA From the Private Secretary 12 May 1987 The Prime Minister intends to visit Italy from Monday 8 to Tuesday 9 June to attend the Venice Economic Summit. I should be grateful if you would seek The Queen's permission for the Prime Minister to be absent from the country on these dates. CHARLES POWELL Robert Fellowes, Esq., C.B., L.V.O.

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#### PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT

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FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE LONDON, SW1A 2AH

Head of Registry, Security Dept

#### ECONOMIC SUMMIT, VENICE: 8-10 JUNE

- 1. I should be grateful if you would arrange for ten safehand boxes in one suite (black) to be delivered to Mr M Harris, Chief Security Officer, Room 1, Downing Street West. The boxes should be delivered by Thursday 28 May.
- 2. Please mark the boxes: "Miss Noble, Van to Venice leaving FCO 29 May".
- 3. The van from Hanslope which will be taking other equipment to Venice will call to collect the boxes from Room 1, DSW, on Friday 29 May.
- 4. Identical keys for the suite may be delivered as follows:

Miss J Bowers, Duty Clerk, No 10 : 3 keys
Miss C Williams, Private Office, W51, FCO : 2 keys
Miss P Noble, Conference Section : 3 keys

Thank you

30 April 1987

P A Noble (Miss) Protocol Department 210 6376

CC. Mr Harris, Security Dept, Room 1, DSW Mr Denton, CTSD, Hanslope Miss Bowers, No 10 DS / Miss Williams, Private Office, W51 Mrs Lester, Chancellor's Office

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# 10 DOWNING STREET

LONDON SWIA 2AA

From the Private Secretary

27 April 1987

## VENICE ECONOMIC SUMMIT: TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Thank you for your letter of 24 April about travel arrangements for the Venice Economic Summit. They present no problems at this stage.

# Charles Powell

Lyn Parker, Esq., Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office
London SW1A 2AH
24 April 1987

# Venice Economic Summit, 8 - 10 June 1987

Air Travel

A RAF VC10 has been reserved for the Prime Minister's travel to and from Venice.

## Arrival in Venice

Delegations will be expected to arrive at Venice Airport at intervals of 40 minutes on the afternoon of Monday 8 June. There will be an official welcoming ceremony with military honours. The UK slot will be beetwen 1630 hours and 1700 hours. If we go for an arrival time in Venice of 1645 hours, VC10 timings would be as follows:-

ETD LHR Southside

1300 hours (flying time: 2 hours 15 minutes -UK on BST; Venice on BST + 1 hour. Lunch on outward flight.

ETA Venice Marco Polo 1645 hours.

The Italians wish all delegations to travel first to their hotels to settle in. Boat travel from airport to hotel will take about 25-30 minutes. The first evening engagement will be a reception at the Palazzo Ducale at 1830 hours. Ministerial arrivals at the reception will also be at specified timed intervals.

#### Departure from Venice

We understand from the Italians that in view of the Presidential dinner on the evening of Tuesday 10 June, the RAF VC10 will not be able to take off before 2300 hours. This would give the following timings:

/ETD



ETD Venice

2300 hours (flying time: 2 hours 25 minutes).

ETA LHR Southside

0025 hours (11 June).

In view of the timing of the NATO meeting in Reykjavik on 11 June, the Foreign Secretary and his immediate party may have separate travel arrangements in order to leave Venice a little earlier than the proposed VC10 take-off time.

Past experience with seating arrangements on the VClO for a delegation of this size led by three Ministers suggests that it will not be feasible to offer any seats to members of the press. We have not done this for previous Economic Summits.

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(L Parker)

Private Secretary)

C D Powell Esq No.10 Downing Street



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# 10 DOWNING STREET LONDON SWIA 2AA

From the Private Secretary

24 April 1987

# VENICE ECONOMIC SUMMIT: 8-10 JUNE

Thank you for your letter of 23 April about the administrative details of the Venice Economic Summit. I am content that the arrangements proposed in your letter should be put in hand.

Charles Powell

Lyn Parker Esq Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SWIA 2AH

23 April 1987

Venice Economic Summit: 8-10 June

There are some administrative details on which I have been asked to seek your approval.

We propose to assign 2 Conference Officers, Pat Noble and

As on previous occasions, we propose that a Secretarial Assistant from Protocol Department should be available in Venice to help the Conference Officers before the meeting starts and

We propose to ask for a team of 8 Royal Military Police

It will also be necessary to set up secure communications

I should be grateful for your confirmation that you agree

(L Parker)

Private Secretary

to carry out the safehand runs by boat and guard the various

equipment in HM Consulate. For this exercise and to operate the communications throughout the Summit, it will be necessary to send out 2 Communications Engineers and 4 Communications

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Caroline Gibson, to this visit.

thereafter work for the Advisers.

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Officers from London.

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C D Powell Esq

PS/10 Downing Street



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Venice: 8-10 June

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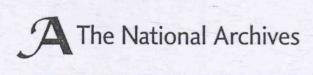
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COPIGO TO: PM TOURS, Vancouver (OtOGM), Oct 87 To Ware 2096. MR POWELL 87 SUMMIT/CHOGM I would be grateful if you would build into delegation/accreditation lists Beth Frier (Economic Summit) and Rose Padwick (CHOGM) to man the press desks in the UK briefing rooms and perform press secrettarial duties as in the past. B Ingham April 14, 1987



#### CABINET OFFICE

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14 April 1987

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#### VENICE ECONOMIC SUMMIT 8, 9, 10 JUNE 1987: COMMUNICATIONS

1. This note describes the communications arrangements for the Economic Summit. Any changes are expected to be minor and will be notified as they occur.

#### TIMETABLE

 Friday 5 June - Vehicle arrives from UK and is secured overnight by the Italian police.

Friday 5 June - Advance Installation Team arrive.

Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 June - Install communications and local radio.

Sunday 7 June - 1 Supervisor and 1 operator arrive (to test out installations and pass any advance traffic).

Monday 8 June - 2 operators arrive on VC10 with main party and communications then available on a 24 hour basis.

Wednesday 10 June - 2 operators depart on VC10

Thursday 11 June - 1 supervisor and 1 operator depart

Thursday 11 June - Engineering Team packing

Friday 12 June - Rest of team and vehicle depart

#### STAFF

3. Engineer (crypto) FCO/CTSD
Engineer (local radio) FCO/CTSD
3 x operators plus 1 supervisor FCO/COD
Communications co-ordinator (possibly) Cabinet Office

#### SECURE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

4. On line Topic cypher plus modem for fallback on public telephone network; BRAHMS Secure Speech; Possibly secure facsimile.

#### VC10 COMMUNICATIONS

5. Secure communications will not be available during the flight.

#### LOCAL RADIO

- 6. Local radio will be provided for the Administration team (for RMP control points and in boats). Clearance for their use employing frequencies of 449.75 and 444.3 Mhz with frequency modulation and with powers of 1 watt for the hand-held and 4 watts for a repeater, has been sought from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA).
- 7. A temporary vertical aerial and repeater may be required and this might be installed on the roof of the Hotel Bauer. Clearance for this has also been sought via the MFA (the hotel manager wanted authority for the installation from the MFA before agreeing to the installation).
- 8. The Protection Officers will use Storno 800 FM hand-held radios and these will operate on 147.4625 or 451.975 or 452.325 Mhz, the outward power is less than 1 watt. Clearance has been sought for the use of these frequencies.

#### BRAHMS SECURE SPEECH

9. This will be available for use by No 10 and the FCO Private Offices. Crypto keys will be taken with the equipment. This will allow secure speech back to London. Brahms may be used in the Chini Foundation or in the Gritti Hotel. (Two equipments are provided which would allow, if required, secure speech to be provided between two locations in Venice.)

#### ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING TASKS

10. The engineers will be required to assist with the setting up of electric typewriters, photocopiers and other office machinery and to give advice on the use of the computers and special communications facilities provided by the MFA.

# COMPUTERS AND SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

11. The Olivetti Company has been engaged to provide a range of computer and special facilities for the Conference. These are described in ANNEX A.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

- 12. The following facilities will be available:
  - Normal hotel telephones;
  - ii. Additional Direct Dial Lines in Private Offices, Delegation Offices and in rooms of senior officials;
  - iii. A direct private line between the No 10 switchboard and the Gritti Hotel. The line will be switchable in the hotel to the Delegation Office in the Chini Foundation and to other rooms and offices in the Gritti Hotel;
  - iv. Secure speech see paragraph 9;

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- v. Secure telegraph line from the Consulate in Venice to the FCO Comcentre with fall-back arrangements for using the public switch telephone network;
- vi. Unclassified facsimile. There will be dial-up Group 3 facsimile equipments in the UK Press Office in the Chini Foundation and in the No 10 Private Office in Hotel Gritti;
- vi. It is possible that a secure facsimile link will also be provided over the PSTN. If the equipment is available in time it is hoped to provide this facility on a trial basis but it will be fully secure for operational use.

#### COMMUNICATIONS PROVISIONS BY THE ITALIAN MFA

- 13. The MFA have said they will provide each delegation with a number of communications facilities:
  - i. Computer and special communications arrangements for the Delegation Office with links to the Personal Representative as described in Annex A;
  - ii. Unclassified facsimile on local DDL lines in the No 10 office in the Gritti Hotel and in the Delegation Office in the Chini Foundation. Note: The MFA have been asked to provide the facsimile in the UK Press Spokeman's office in the Chini Foundation instead of the Delegation Office;
  - iii. Telephone circuits (provisional and may change):
  - 1 x Direct Line Delegation Office to the Gritti hotel;
  - 1 x Direct Line Delegation Office to Press Centre;
  - 2 x Urban Direct Dial Lines in Delegation Office;
  - 2 x Chini Switchboard extensions to Delegation Office;
  - iv. Information and Video Information Services for delegations and the Press (full details not yet released).

#### ORDERS FOR LINES

- 14. The Italian MFA have been advised that we require the following additional lines:
  - i. IN CHINI FOUNDATION IN UK DELEGATION OFFICE:
    - 2 x Direct Dial Lines (DDL)
      1 x Extension to Room 312 in Gritti Hotel to extend
      the 'hot-line';
  - ii. IN UK PRESS SPOKESMAN'S OFFICE IN CHINI:
    - 2 x DDL 1 x 4 Wire Telephone Circuit with no terminal equipment (to be provided by COI);
  - iii. IN GRITTI HOTEL:
    - 1 x "Hot-Line" from No 10 Downing Street terminating on a switchboard (provided if possible via MFA) in Room 312 with extensions to Rooms 309, 340, 406 and Chini Delegation Office (as in (i) above).

DDLs to Rooms: 305, 312, 314, 315, 319 and 340;

iv. IN UK CONSULATE:

1 x DDL

1 x Direct 75 Baud Telegraph Circuit to the FCO, Whitehall Building in London;

v. HOTEL SPLENDIDE SUISSE:

2 x DDL in Press Suite Room 302

#### MEDIA CENTRE FACILITIES

- 15. The following facilities will be provided by the MFA:
  - i. In the UK Press Briefing Office: closed circuit television (CCTV) and 10 telephones ( there will be an operator to arrange international calls which will be charged);
  - ii. UK PRESS SPOKESMAN'S OFFICE

2 X DELS 1 X 4 WIRE FOR COI FACSIMILE - see paragraph 13.ii Direct Line to Delegation Office (supplied by MFA)

iii. COLLECTIVE PRESS CENTRE

15 x telex 25 x telefax 50 x telephones Closed circuit television monitors and other communication facilities.

#### CELLULAR RADIO

16. The Italian MFA were uncertain whether cellular radio is available. If it is it might provide a useful additional portable telephone facility. This is being investigated.

C.K. Sous

C K DAVIES
Telecommunications Secretariat

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VENICE ECONOMIC SUMMIT 8, 9, 10 JUNE 1987: COMPUTERS AND SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. The Economic Summit will be held at the Chini Foundation on the Island of San Giorgio Maggiore in Venice. The Olivetti Company has been engaged to provide a range of computer and communications facilities between Personal Representatives (PR) in the Main Conference Room and Delegation Offices. The facilities are described below:

#### PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S WORK STATION

- 2. The Work Station is shown at Fig. 1 and its location in the Main Conference Room is shown in Fig. 2. The Work Station links to a Replay Station in the Delegation Office, the arrangement is illustrated in Fig. 3. The links between the PR and the Delegation Office provide:
  - i. TELEWRITING. The PR can write on an A4 tablet in the Conference Room and this will appear on screen A (Fig. 3) in the Delegation Office;
  - ii. VIDEO CAMERA. This will allow any document on the PR's desk to be displayed in the Delegation Office on the video camera replay monitor B (Fig. 3);
  - iii. DIRECT TELEPHONE. A direct telephone (marked C in Fig. 3) is provided between the PR and the Delegation Office. This will have a visual calling indication only on the instrument in the meeting room;
  - iv. FACSIMILE. A direct facsimile link between the PR and the Delegation Office (marked D in Fig. 3). This will permit the both way exchange of messages;
  - v. VIDEO DISPLAY. To receive messages sent from the keyboard of the PC in the Delegation Office (marked E in Fig. 3)

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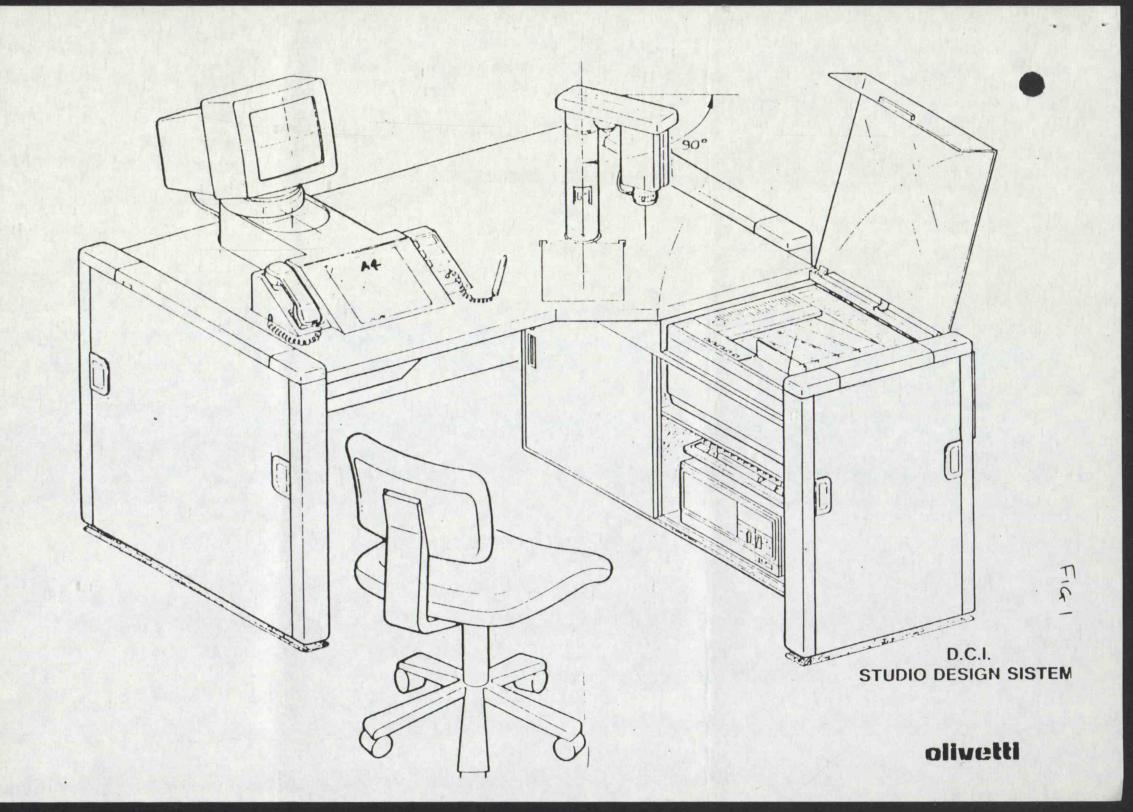
3. In addition to the facilities connecting to the PR described above, there will be a work station, shown in Fig. 4, to receive a copy of the agreed or amended document at the end of each session and a word processor (not illustrated).

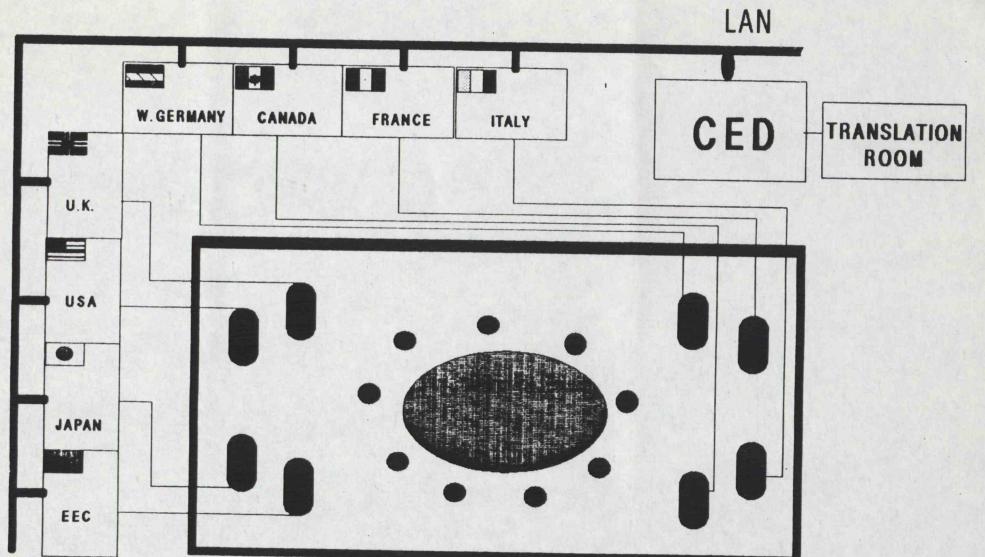
#### OTHER FACILITES

4. A word processor will be provided in the Delegation Office and there will be a range of both direct dial telephones and extensions from a specially installed Summit switchboard.

#### TRAINING AND FURTHER INFORMATION

5. Training in the operation of the above systems will be given to delegations upon arrival. The equipment will be available in Venice for trial use from 20 May 1987.



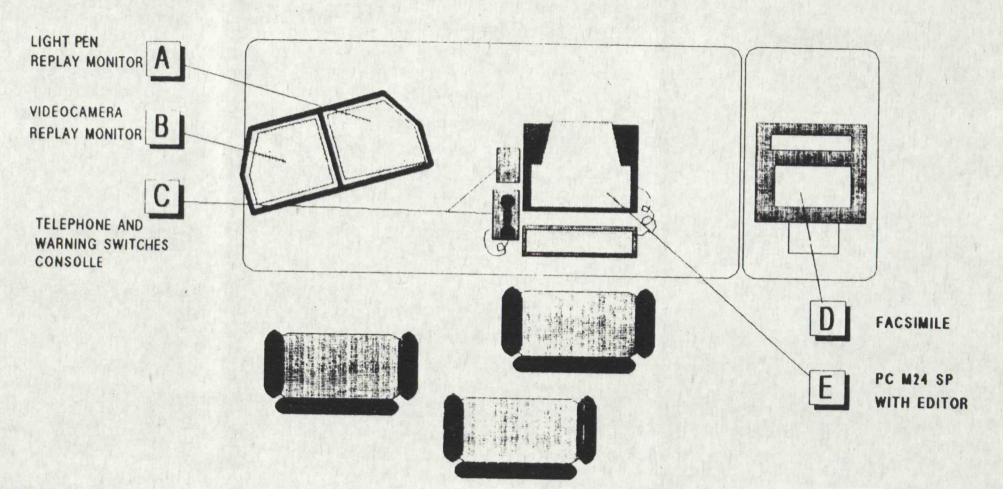


CONFERENCE ROOM AND DELEGATIONS CONNECTED VIA LOCAL AREA NETWORK



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# DELEGATION ROOM REPLAY STATION CONNECTED TO THE R.P. DESK



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## DELEGATION ROOM WORK STATION FOR DOCUMENT HANDLING

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

20 February 1987

The Lord Bridges KCMG ROME

Dear Tom

VENICE ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Caroline Elmes wrote to Geoffrey Adams on 6 February about administrative arrangements for the Venice Summit. Conference Section will be sending answers to her detailed questions in due course. But I thought you might like this personal note about your own plans.

I have had a word with Tony Galsworthy and Charles Powell. They welcome your plan to be present in Venice at the time of the Summit, and the Prime Minister will look forward to seeing you on her arrival. As to what happens after that, we are of course in the hands of the Italians, though as you know better than I do, it is most unusual for Ambassadors to be included in the working or formal programmes of Economic Summits.

Money ever,

R Q Braithwaite

bc Mr Powell, Downing Street Mr Galsworthy



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10 DOWNING STREET LONDON SWIA 2AA

From the Private Secretary

22 December 1986

#### ECONOMIC SUMMIT, VENICE

Thank you for your letter of 22 December about the offer of the ship "Orient Express" to accommodate the British delegation at the Venice Economic Summit.

I agree that we should go for an hotel, for the reasons you give, and would therefore be grateful if the offer could be declined with thanks.

Charles Powell

A. C. Galsworthy, Esq., C.M.G., Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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CONFIDENTIAL Foreign and Commonwealth Office London SW1A 2AH 22 December 1986 Jean Charles, Economic Summit, Venice: June 1987 The Venice Agents of British Ferries have offered the cruise ship "Orient Express" to accommodate our Delegation to the Venice Summit. British Ferries is owned by James Sherwood, a US citizen and the Orient Express is registered in Bermuda. James Sherwood also owns the Cipriani Hotel which is the Prime Minister's first preference for accommodation at the Summit. Rome Embassy are of course pursuing this preference but they understand

informally from the Italian authorities that they are still proposing to allot us to the Gritti Palace.

We would advise against the suggestion of using a ship. The draw-back to such an arrangement is that it would cut the Prime Minister off from her fellow Heads of Government. It might also appear something of a slight to the Prime Minister's Italian hosts by suggesting that they were unable to provide adequate facilities in Venice itself. The owners of the ship would propose to let accommodation not occupied by the UK Delegation to journalists. This would probably make it difficult to give the British Delegation the necessary privacy. The ship will, in any event, be hired for press accommodation.

Security advice is that accommodation in a hotel is marginally safer than a ship since it reduces the amount of travelling.

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(A C Galsworthy) Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq 10 Downing Street

Ref. A086/3122 MR INGHAM Venice Economic Summit 1987 All the countries concerned have now confirmed that their Heads of State or Government can accept the Italian Prime Minister's invitation to the Economic Summit in Venice from 8 to 10 June 1987. These dates will be announced by the Italian Government on Tuesday 4 November at noon Italian time (11.00 am GMT). Unless you wish to put out an announcement of these dates on the record, you may like to mention them at your Lobby on the morning of Tuesday 4 November. I am sending copies of this minute to Mr Powell and to the Private Secretaries to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. PROBERT ARMSTRONG 3 November

The Italian Ambassador VERY URGENT to the United Kingdom ( Mr Powell PS/ Foreign & 1621-H.8 Communeallt. Santan PS/ Chamaller of the London, 31st October, 1986 The lyder 31. Dear & Robert, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith the text a message addressed to you, from Ambassador Renato Ruggiero, containing the dates of the Venice Summit. rivelely yours Bruno Bottai encl. Sir Robert Armstrong, GCB, CVO Secretary of Cabinet Cabinet Office 70, Whitehall LONDON SW1

From: Ambassador Renato Ruggiero
To: Sir Robert Armstrong, GCB, CVO

Date: Rome, 30th October, 1986

Very Urgent

#### TEXT

" Dear Colleague,

I wish to inform you that, following the proposals exchanged in these past days, I am now able to indicate that, upon the general agreement on behalf of Heads of State or Governments, the forthcoming Economic Summit will take place in Venice on June 8, 9 and 10, 1987. Unless otherwise requested, the official announcement to the press will be made next Tuesday, November 4, 1986 at noon, Italian time.

With most cordial regards,

Yours sincerely

Renato Ruggiero"

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### 10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

31 October 1986

## ECONOMIC SUMMIT: VENICE: JUNE 1987: LIVING ACCOMMODATION

Thank you for your letter of 30 October advising that we should not press our bid to stay at the Cipriani but should settle for the Gritti Palace. The Prime Minister's strong preference would still be to go to the Cipriani if possible. She accepts that this may be difficult and would agree to the Gritti Palace as a fall-back. I think that the message is do your best, but surrender to superior force if unavoidable! (I am sure that you will not read into this any personal preference on the part of the writer of this letter).

Charles Powell

A. C. Galsworthy, Esq., C.M.G., Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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