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From the Private Secretary

17 December 1990

I am writing on the Prime Minister's behalf to thank you for flying him and his party to and from the European Council meeting in Rome last weekend. Mr. Major was most grateful to you and your crew for the smooth flight and excellent service which he received and looks forward to flying with The Queen's Flight in the future.

C. D. POWELL

Wing Commander Nigel Beresford



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From the Private Secretary

17 December 1990

I enclose the Prime Minister's thank you letters for Rome and would be grateful if you could have them delivered as soon as possible.

Charles Powell

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THE PRIME MINISTER

17 December 1990

PERSONAL MESSAGE SENAL NO. T21/90

PRIME MIMISTER

I should like to thank you most warmly for your hospitality during the European Council in Rome and for your skilful Chairmanship of the Council itself, which yielded a very good result. I found our talk over breakfast of particular value, and am most grateful to you for finding the time.

May I ask you to convey my gratitude to all those concerned with the arrangements for the Council for their excellent work.

With every good wish,

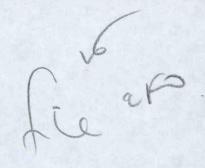
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THE PRIME MINISTER

17 December 1990

Dear Mr. President,

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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Thank you very much for your generous hospitality during the European Council in Rome. It was a great privilege to visit the Quirinale: and I was particularly grateful for your extremely kind words of welcome at lunch.

Your highly successful State Visit to the United Kingdom is remembered with great affection here, as a most important and positive contribution to our relations.

With every good wish,

Your tracerely to the Maje

His Excellency Signor Francesco Cossiga, GCMG.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

17 December 1990

Dear Stephen,

I am most grateful to you and Caroline for your very kind and warm hospitality during my visit to Rome for the European Council. It was very good to see you again and to benefit from your guidance on the Italian scene.

Please also thank all the members of your staff who helped with the arrangements. I am most grateful for their good work.

With warm regards to you both,

your Finewely,

His Excellency Sir Stephen Egerton, KCMG.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

12th December, 1990.

Dear Charles.

Thank you for your letter of 11th December. The Queen is pleased to give permission for the Prime Minister to be absent from the country for a visit to Rome from 13th to 15th December to take part in the European Council.

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(ROBERT FELLOWES)

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11 December 1990

The Prime Minister plans to visit Rome from 13 December to 15 December to take part in the European Council.

From the Private Secretary

I should be grateful if you would seek Her Majesty's permission for the Prime Minister to be absent from the country for these days.

C. D. POWELL

Sir Robert Fellowes, K.C.V.O., C.B.

10 DOWNING STREET LONDON SWIA 2AA From the Private Secretary 10 December 1990 EUROPEAN COUNCIL, ROME Thank you for your letter of 10 December with a seating plan for the VC10 for the journey to Rome. I have not been able to consult the Prime Minister about this: it may be that he would like the Foreign Secretary to travel with him throughout. But there is enough flexibility in the seating to allow that. C. D. POWELL J.S. Wall, Esq., L.V.O., Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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10 December 1990

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European Council, Rome

I enclose a suggested fit for the RAF VC10 flight to Rome.

(J S Wall)
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From the Private Secretary

10 December 1990

EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN ROME

The Prime Minister has confirmed that he will want to do Questions on Thursday 13 December before travelling to Rome. We shall therefore need a helicopter to Heathrow: and the Prime Minister will change on the aircraft so that he can go straight to the Opera on arrival.

CHARLES POWELL

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From the Private Secretary

7 December 1990

EUROPEAN COUNCIL, ROME: 14-15 DECEMBER

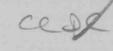
Thank you for your letter of 7 December about the practical arrangements for the European Council in Rome. I am content with everything you suggest. As to who goes to Tosca, I am willing to sacrifice myself and go. But, if other countries are mostly sending their ambassadors in Rome or their Permanent Representatives, I would make way for them.

I am copying this letter to John Gieve (HM Treasury).

Charles Powell

Stephen Wall Esq Foreign and Commonwealth Office







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7 December 1990

Dear Charles.

European Council, Rome: 14-15 December

We have the following recommendations to make on accommodation and travel for the European Council.

Living/working accommodation

We suggest that, as in October, the Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary, Private Secretaries and two detectives should stay at the Ambassador's Residence, Villa Wolkonsky. The rest of the delegation would be at the Grand Hotel. The Chancellor of the Exchequer and his party have decided to stay at the Grand Hotel.

Working accommodation will also be similar, with general offices situated in the Residence, the new Conference Centre, the Palazzo Montecitorio, and a Delegation office in the Grand Hotel. Arrangements have been put in hand to reserve the same room for informal press briefings in the Grand Hotel.

Travel

An RAF VC10 has been reserved for the Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary and accompanying party. As you know, there will be a Gala Performance of Tosca, featuring Pavarotti, at the Rome Opera on Thursday 13 December. Guests are asked to arrive by 2000 hrs. Dress is Black Tie. The Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary are invited to take one official between them. Will that be you?

Timings for the VC10 could therefore be:

London = GMT; Rome = GMT+1

Thursday 13 December

1430 ETD Heathrow (Royal Suite)

1755 ETA Rome (Ciampino)

or if the Prime Minister attends Questions:

1530 Questions end

Helicopter from Wellington Barracks

1600 ETD Heathrow (Change to Black Tie on plane)

1925 ETA Rome Ciampino



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The Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary would go direct to the Opera House, which is 30 minutes' drive with escort from Ciampino.

Friday 14 December

Prime Minister Andreotti's working breakfast with the Prime Minister will be at the Palazzo Chigi at 0830 hrs.

The Italians have asked the Heads of State and Government to arrive at the Palazzo Montecitorio from 1030 hrs. The Prime Minister will be there from 1000 hrs for his bilateral with Chancellor Kohl. The first working session of the European Council will start at 1100 hrs. The final working session will be from 0900-1130 hrs on Saturday 15 December, followed by the inauguration ceremony of both IGCs at 1130-1215 hrs. There will be four places at the table. We suggest that the Prime Minister might be accompanied by the Foreign Secretary and Chancellor (who will have arrived in Rome that morning) and by John Kerr, who will participate in both IGCs. There will also be four places behind the table. National press briefings will follow the inauguration ceremony.

For the return on Saturday 15 December, we propose to put the aircraft on standby to leave Rome at 1245 hrs. This would give an arrival time in London (Royal Suite) of 1420 hrs (flying time is 2 hrs 35 mins). Or would the Prime Minister prefer to return to Stanstead?

An HS125 has been reserved to fly the Chancellor of the Exchequer to Rome on Saturday 15 December. It will return to RAF Northolt with the Foreign Secretary at the conclusion of the first working session of the IGC on political union.

I am copying this letter to John Gieve (HMT).

Stephe Gall (J S Wall)

Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq 10 Downing Street

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PRIME MINISTER

DEPARTURE FOR THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN ROME

You are travelling to Rome next Thursday for the European Council. Your first engagement is 2000 that evening in Rome to attend Tosca (in your black tie). We could just do it in time if you take Questions in the House. You will need to leave straight from the House, helicopter to Heathrow, take-off at 1600, which would get you to Rome at 1925. You could change on the plane and go straight to the Opera House.

The alternative would be to delegate Questions to the Lord President and travel out to Rome during the afternoon, getting there at about 1800.

You may feel that it is a bit soon to be missing Questions, so I am working on the assumption that you would want to go for the first option. Agree?

CDR

Charles Powell

7 December 1990

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10 DOWNING STREET LONDON SWIA 2AA

From the Private Secretary

7 December 1990

MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MITTERRAND

Caroline de Margerie from the Elysée telephoned me this morning on two points. First, she informed me that the French and Germans have now formally agreed a paper on political union and were taking steps to get a copy to us. I asked whether we would hate it. She did not think so, but did not sound entirely convinced.

Second, she raised the question of an early meeting between President Mitterrand and the Prime Minister and suggested lunch in Paris on Tuesday 18, Thursday 20 or Friday 21 December. I explained that all these would be difficult for the Prime Minister, the first because of Questions, the others because he would be travelling to Washington. I wondered whether it would not be possible to fit in a meeting in the margins of the European Council in Rome. Caroline thought this a good idea and suggested that towards the end of the afternoon session on Friday would be a possible time. We both agreed to look further at this. I should be grateful to know if you think this is practicable.

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C. D. POWELL

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From the Private Secretary

5 December 1990

EUROPEAN COUNCIL, ROME: 14/15 DECEMBER

Thank you for your letter of 5 December about the delegation for the European Council in Rome. I imagine the Prime Minister would be content with it, and I suggest we should regard it as agreed.

CHARLES POWELL

J. S. Wall, Esq., Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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From the Private Secretary

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3 December 1990

EUROPEAN COUNCIL: ROME

I have consulted the Prime Minister about arrangements for the European Council in Rome. He would be happy to travel out to Rome on the evening of Thursday 13 December and attend the Gala performance of "Tosca". That would enable him to accept Signor Andreotti's invitation to a working breakfast on the Friday morning, before the start of the Council. It might be a good idea to fit in another bilateral, if there is time, before the Council. In that case, I would suggest that Chancellor Kohl should have priority.

C. D. POWELL

Richard Gozney, Esq., Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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- could a pit dorne - could a pit done loved Topas PRIME MINISTER EUROPEAN COUNCIL, ROME The European Council will be held in Rome from the evening of Thursday 13 December until mid afternoon on Saturday 15 December. The proceedings of the Council do not actually start until mid morning on 14 December. But the Italians have invited Heads of Government to arrive the previous evening to attend a gala performance of "Tosca", with Pavarotti singing. If you leave directly from the House after PM's Questions, you could be in Rome just in time. You have no other engagements that evening at present. Another advantage is that you could then have a working breakfast with Signor Andreotti on the Thursday morning, to which he has invited you. There might also be time to squeeze in a bilateral with another European Head of Government e.g. Chancellor Kohl, before the Council starts. Agree to this proposal? CD? CHARLES POWELL 30 November 1990 c:\wpdocs\foreign\rome.dca

Foreign and Commonwealth Office London SW1A 2AH 29 November 1990 Dear Charler, European Council: Bilateral with Andreotti Signor Andreotti, who will chair the European Council on 14/15 December, has asked for a bilateral with the Prime Minister before the European Council starts. As Andreotti is not proposing to visit capitals before the Council, he suggests a meeting in Rome before the Summit starts. He has offered lunch on 13 December; a meeting at 1700 or 1900 on 13 December; or breakfast on 14 December. The Foreign Secretary thinks this meeting would be a useful way of encouraging the Italians to take our views fully into account at the European Council itself. Andreotti is inviting heads of government to a gala performance of "Tosca" at the Rome opera (with Pavarotti singing). We do not know how many intend to accept. If the Prime Minister wanted to attend, this would be a good way to meet other members of the European Council informally (and the Italians would be delighted if Mrs Major attended, too). But the Foreign Secretary sees no need for the Prime Minister to do this if he preferred to wait until the European Council itself. In this case, breakfast with Andreotti would prove worthwhile if the Prime Minister were willing to fly to Rome late the evening before. I am sending a copy of this letter to David Hadley (Cabinet Office). Yours ever, Lichau Sin (R H T Gozney) Private Secretary C D Powell Esq 10 Downing Street

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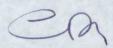
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EUROPEAN COUNCIL: PROGRAMME

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THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER
- GALA PERFORMANCE OF TOSCA, WITH PAVAROTTI

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER

- 1100-1300 -FIRST SESSION OF EUROPEAN COUNCIL
- 1330 LUNCH GIVEN BY PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
- 1600-1930 SECOND SESSION OF EUROPEAN COUNCIL
- 2030 WORKING DINNER AT CHIGI PALACE

SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER

- 0900-1130 THIRD WORKING SESSION
- 1135-1235 INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR BOTH IGCS
- 1235-1315 NATIONAL PRESS CONFERENCES
- 1315-1400 PRESIDENCY PRESS CONFERENCE
- 1530 FIRST WORKING SESSION OF IGC ON POLITICAL UNION
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- 2. IN REPLY TO MY QUESTION DI ROBERTO CONFIRMED THAT IT WAS NOT THE INTENTION THAT HEADS OF STATE/GOVERNMENT SHOULD ATTEND THE WORKING SESSIONS OF THE TWO IGCS. THE REASON WHY THEY WERE BEING HELD ONE AFTER ANOTHER WAS TO PERMIT FOREIGN MINISTERS WHO WISHED TO DO SO TO ATTEND BOTH. THE PRESENT INTENTION IS THAT, AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY ONLY ANDREOTTI AND DELORS WILL SPEAK.

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From the Private Secretary

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21 November 1990

Thank you for your letter of 9 November about a possible visit to the British School by the Prime Minister during her visit to Rome next month.

The Prime Minister already has a full programme. She will be fully occupied either with the Council itself or with the opening of the two Inter-Governmental Conferences which follow immediately afterwards. I am sorry that a visit to the School will not therefore be possible.

Charles Powell

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COP OF 100 Foreign and Commonwealth Office London SW1A 2AH 19 November 1990 Dear Charle European Council, Rome: British School Thank you for your letter of 11 November about Sir Alan Campbell's proposal that the Prime Minister visit the British School in Rome in the margins of the December European Council. Sir Stephen Egerton recommends against. There will be very little time. The Prime Minister's time will be fully occupied either with the Council itself, or with the two Inter-Governmental Conferences which follow it. He also doubts the wisdom of the idea: there seems no obvious reason for the Prime Minister to visit this particular institution. I enclose a draft reply. Jon - ever, (R H T Gozney) Private Secretary C D Powell Esq 10 Downing Street

DRAFT LETTER FROM PS/NO 10 To: Sir Alan Campbell KCMG 45 Carlisle Mansions Carlisle Place LONDON SWIP 1HY Thank you for your letter of 9 November about a possible visit to the British School by the Prime Minister during her visit to Rome next month. The Prime Minister already has a full programme. She will be fully occupied either with the Council itself or with the opening of the two Inter-Governmental Conferences which follow immediately afterwards. I am sorry that it will not therefore be possible.

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Dear colleague, Dear Grammi The next meeting of the European Council in Rome has for a long time been planned for 14-15 December 1990. This understanding was confirmed at the extraordinary meeting of the European Council in Rome on 27-28 October 1990.

To our great surprise we have just been informed by the Presidency that the meeting of the European Council is now scheduled to begin at lunch time on Thursday 13 December and not on 14 December.

I regret having to tell you that it is absolutely impossible for myself and the Prime Minister to participate in a mesting of the European Council on that day. We have on 13 December in our Parliament a crucial debate on next year's budget which for constitutional reasons, makes it imperative for us to be in Copenhagen on the whole of that day.

I therefore have to ask you to stick to the original schedule so that the meeting of the European Council does not begin until Friday, 14 December.

I have circulated a copy of this letter to all our colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

Signor Gianni De Michelia, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Rome Italy

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13 November 1990

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European Council, Rome: Support Staff

Thank you for your letter of 12 November about support staff for the European Council meeting in Rome. I am content with what is proposed.

C. D. POWELL

J.S. Wall, Esq., L.V.O., Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office London SW1A 2AH 12 November 1990 Ga Charles, EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING - ROME, 13-14 DECEMBER 1990: SUPPORT STAFF I should be grateful for your agreement to the inclusion of the following support staff in the UK Delegation for the European Council meeting to be held in Rome: 2 Conference Officers (Miss J S Wills and Miss J A Barson) 1 Delegation Typist (Miss A Lindsay) 1 Cabinet Office Coordinator (Mr A Hart) 2 Communications Officers 6 Royal Military Police The Communications Officers will be assisting Mr Hart before and after the meeting and supplementing the communications staff at the British Embassy. Six Royal Military Police are required this time to guard the Private Office at the Residence and the Delegation Office at the Grand Hotel for two nights besides doing their usual general support duties. Gory, (J S Wall) Private Secretary C D Powell Esq 10 Downing Street





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LONDON SWIA 2AA

From the Private Secretary

11 November 1990

EUROPEAN COUNCIL, ROME: BRITISH SCHOOL

I enclose a copy of a letter from Sir Alan Campbell asking whether the Prime Minister would be able to pay a brief visit to the British School at Rome in the margins of the European Council in early December.

It seem unlikely to be possible: and I don't think the analogy with the visit by Chamberlain and Halifax in 1939 is a very timely one. But you may wish to get our Ambassador's advice.

CHARLES POWELL

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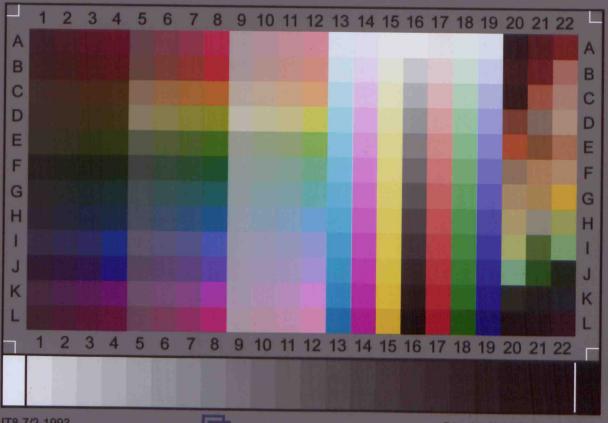
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November 9, 1990

Dear Chales,

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