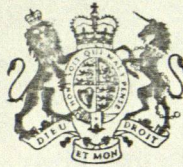


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From the Private Secretary

29 June, 1982

Mr Francis,

ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT

John Holmes wrote to me on 25 June and you yourself wrote on the same day.

The Prime Minister is content with the programme suggested in paragraph 2 of Rome telegram number 328. She accepts that a call on the Pope will not be possible owing to pressure on her timetable.

The agenda in paragraph 4 of Rome telegram number 328 is also acceptable. As for Berlinguer's suggestions as to the division of the agenda subjects between those Ministers attending, the Prime Minister will be happy to accept these as a general guideline but I think she will want to feel free to use her tête-à-tête with Mr. Spadolini as seems best on the day.

The Prime Minister has approved a delegation consisting of:-

Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary
Private Secretary
Lord Bridges
Mr Goodison
Chancellor of the Exchequer
Private Secretary
Mr Littler

From No.10, the Prime Minister will be accompanied by myself and Bernard Ingham.

BE/ I should be grateful for your advice about interpreters. Do you recommend that the Prime Minister should take a personal interpreter with her?

I am copying this letter to John Kerr (HM Treasury) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

A. J. COLES

F Richards, Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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PRIME MINISTER

ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT, 7 JULY

Are you generally content with the programme at Flag A?

Agree that you should not call on the Pope (our Ambassador thinks it would be very difficult to fit this into the timetable)?

Is the Agenda at Flag B acceptable?

You have agreed that you should be accompanied by the Foreign Secretary and the Chancellor. Do you agree that we should also take:

From the FCO, Lord Bridges and Mr. Goodison (the Under-Secretary in charge of relations with Italy, Italian speaking and knows Rome well);

From the Treasury, Mr. Littler;

From No. 10, myself and Bernard Ingham?

*If rail strike is
still on (and I expect
it will be, at L.T.)
then we must postpone
the visit.
A.S.C. -*

25 June 1982

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25 June 1982

Dear John,

Anglo-Italian Summit: 7 July

You should already have received a copy of Rome telno 328, which reported a call by HM Ambassador on the Italian Prime Minister's diplomatic adviser, Signor Berlinguer. Berlinguer made some suggestions as to how the topics for discussion at the Summit might best be divided between those Ministers attending.

In practice there is unlikely to be enough time during the Prime Minister's tete-a-tete meeting with Senator Spadolini to allow discussion of much more than the immediate international crises. Community matters may well take second place. Berlinguer has suggested that these might best be discussed in detail between Foreign Ministers and during the Plenary Session of talks after lunch, but the Prime Minister will no doubt want to underline the importance we attach to a solution of the Budget question by the end of November.

Although economic questions are best left to Finance Ministers, Senator Spadolini will no doubt make clear his concern (perhaps over lunch) at Italy's current economic problems. These have not been eased by the continuing rise in US interest rates. The adverse effect on the dollar/lire exchange rate (repeatedly reaching new record levels) is a serious worry.

The suggestions made by Berlinguer seem sensible to us, but I should be grateful if you could seek the Prime Minister's agreement in order that the agenda can be finalised with the Italians. I am writing separately about official participation in the talks and about the programme.

Yours ever,

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25 June 1982

Dear John,

Anglo-Italian Summit

Thank you for your letter of 14 June. In the light of the Prime Minister's preference that the Summit be contained in one day, Sir R Arculus has discussed outline arrangements for the programme with Signor Berlinguer, Signor Spadolini's diplomatic adviser.

On present plans, the Prime Minister will arrive in Rome at about 1130 am local time on 7 July. This will allow for a tete-à-tete meeting with Senator Spadolini prior to lunch. Simultaneous meetings could take place between the Secretary of State and Signor Colombo and between the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Italian Ministers for the Treasury, Budget and Finance. (No single Italian Minister equates in terms of responsibility with the Chancellor).

The suggested programme for the remainder of the day is set out in Rome telegram number 328, a copy of which I enclose. Since that telegram was received a further telegram has arrived from Rome (number 333) in which the Ambassador recommends against a call on the Pope due to pressure on the Prime Minister's timetable. If you agree, we shall confirm to Rome that the Prime Minister accepts the Ambassador's recommendation. We await further word from Rome on the nature of the hospitality which the Italian Prime Minister will offer during the evening.

The Italians expect to field a minimum of officials. It would seem appropriate for the Prime Minister and Mr Pym to be accompanied by Lord Bridges and Mr Goodison from the FCO. The Chancellor of the Exchequer will, I understand, be accompanied by Mr Littler and his Private Secretary. These plans may need to be reviewed when Italian intentions are clearer.

Pending confirmation from Rome of the programme outlined above you may wish to seek the Prime Minister's agreement to the arrangements as they stand.

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I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and to Sir R Armstrong.

Yours ever

J E Holmes

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO
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ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

1. ON THE BASIS OF YOUR TELNO 153 AND PUS'S LETTER OF 10 JUNE TO ARMSTRONG, I SPOKE TO BERLINGUER (DIPLOMATIC ADVISER TO PRESIDENT SPADOLINI) ON 21 JUNE.

2. PROGRAMME.

BERLINGUER AGREED THE FOLLOWING OUTLINE, TIMINGS ONLY APPROXIMATE AT THIS STAGE:

1215 SIMULTANEOUS TETE-A-TETES

(A) PRIME MINISTER/SPADOLINI

(B) YOURSELF/COLOMBO

(C) CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER/ANDREATTA- FORMICA-LA MALFA

ONE NOTE-TAKER ON EACH SIDE FOR THE TOP-LEVEL TALK. COLOMBO WILL COME BACK ESPECIALLY FROM PARIS FOR THE TALK WITH YOU. THERE IS NO SINGLE OPPOSITE NUMBER TO THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER.

1330 WORKING LUNCH FOR THOSE MINISTERS NAMED ABOVE PLUS A FEW OFFICIALS.

1515 PLENARY SESSION.

1630 JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE.

[1800, SAY, PRIME MINISTER'S POSSIBLE CALL ON THE POPE.]

1900 OR
LATER RECEPTION, OR EARLY DINNER.

2200 DEPARTURE FROM CIAMPINO.

3. BERLINGUER MENTIONED TWO POINTS. FIRST, THERE WOULD NORMALLY BE A CALL ON PRESIDENT PERTINI WHO WOULD HAVE WANTED TO SEE THE PRIME MINISTER. BUT HE WILL STILL BE ON HIS VISIT TO FRANCE. THE TIME COULD THEREFORE BE UTILISED FOR A CALL ON THE POPE, TO WHICH THERE WOULD BE NO PROTOCOL OBJECTION AS THIS IS A WORKING VISIT. (SIR M. HEATH IS BEING CONSULTED SEPARATELY). SECONDLY, SPADOLINI WILL DECIDE IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO WHETHER HE WOULD PREFER TO

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OFFER AN EARLY DINNER OR A RECEPTION. IN EITHER CASE THE GUESTS WOULD BE THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE FIVE PARTY SECRETARIES. IF IT WERE A RECEPTION, IT MIGHT BE SOMEWHAT EXTENDED.

4. AGENDA.

BERLINGUER SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING FOR PRIME MINISTERS:

I. POLITICAL

1. EAST/WEST - DEFENCE AND ARMS CONTROL.
2. CRISES: (A) MIDDLE EAST (INCLUDING IRAN/IRAQ);
(B) FALKLANDS (INCLUDING CENTRAL AND LATIN AMERICA).
3. MEDITERRANEAN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA.

II. ECONOMIC

4. EC QUESTIONS (AFTER THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL)
5. ECONOMIC SITUATION (AFTER VERSAILLES, AND INCLUDING CREDITS AND CONTRACTS WITH THE SOVIET BLOC).

III. BILATERAL QUESTIONS, IF ANY.

BERLINGUER THOUGHT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD HAVE ROUGHLY THE SAME AGENDA THOUGH THEY MIGHT, EG, GO MORE INTO DETAIL OVER THE REGIONAL QUESTIONS IN CENTRAL AND LATIN AMERICA AND THE MEDITERRANEAN

FINANCE MINISTERS WOULD PRESUMABLY DISCUSS:

- (A) EC ECONOMIC QUESTIONS AND THE MONETARY SITUATION AFTER THE EMS ADJUSTMENTS,
- (B) THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SCENE AFTER VERSAILLES,
- (C) BILATERAL QUESTIONS, IF ANY.

5. I ASKED BERLINGUER ABOUT PARTICIPATION OF OFFICIALS. HE SAID SPADOLINI WILL WANT THE MINIMUM. COLOMBO MIGHT BE SUPPORTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DIRECTORS. AND SPADOLINI BY BERLINGUER HIMSELF AND A PRESS OFFICER. ON PAST FORM THE ITALIAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS MIGHT NOT HAVE SENIOR OFFICIALS WITH THEM. (WE DID NOT DISCUSS THIS, BUT I AM SURE THAT IF THE PUS WISHED TO COME, HE COULD BE BALANCED BY MALFATTI, SECRETARY GENERAL AT THE MFA, AS ON THE LAST SUCH VISIT TO ROME).

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6. I ALSO INFORMED BERLINGUER THAT YOU WOULD PROBABLY ARRIVE IN ROME THE NIGHT BEFORE FROM YUGOSLAVIA, AND THAT I WOULD BE OFFERING A DINNER FOR YOU, WHICH WOULD NOT DUPLICATE THE ENTERTAINMENT OFFERED ON THE FOLLOWING EVENING BY PRIME MINISTER SPADOLINI. (I WILL MAKE SEPARATE PROPOSALS ABOUT THIS).

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