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THE PRIME MINISTER

27 June 1980

Dear Prime Minister

The two Meetings of Heads of State and Heads of Government in Venice have been triumphs for you personally and for your country. Both your chairmanship of our discussions and the organisation of the meetings as a whole were masterly. They made an indispensable contribution to the success of each occasion. I congratulate you.

On a more personal level, I am most grateful for the two superb gifts of Venetian glass which I have received from you. Both the vase and the plates now adorn my flat here in Downing Street.

I am writing this letter within a few days of the completion of Italy's Presidency of the European Community. It has been a notable Presidency for you and your collaborators. We in this country have particular reason to be grateful for your skill and persistency. I hope that in the next few weeks you will all be able to take a well-earned rest from the rigours of multilateral diplomacy.

signed

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His Excellency Signor Francesco Cossiga

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