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My dear Prime Minister

OPS Visit to Rome : Fully 29.

My visit to Rome was all too brief but enormously enjoyable and, I would like to think, fruitful. I found our talks stimulating and useful. I believe they have laid a foundation on which we can build.

I am most grateful for all the kindness you showed me personally during my stay and for the care which so obviously went into all the arrangements. The dinner which you gave at the Villa Madama and our drive together afterwards were memorable occasions. Please pass on my thanks to all concerned.

Finally, thank you so much for your gifts of orchids and of a necklace of Sardinian coral. The necklace is superb. ^{and} the orchids are looking lovely.

I look forward one day to visiting the Spanish steps.

Yours sincerely MT

His Excellency Signor Francesco Cossiga