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*Caro. Can I go out
to the airport
with Signor Cossiga?*

Prime Minister

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Dear Michael,

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Visit of Signor Cossiga 29/30 January 1980

We discussed the handling of Signor Cossiga's visit.

As suggested in your letter, we envisage that the Prime Minister and Signor Cossiga will have a tete-a-tete from 5.30 pm on 29 January until approximately 7 pm, when Signor Cossiga will need to go and change for the Prime Minister's dinner at 7.45 pm. I assume that the Prime Minister will wish to be supported only by a Private Secretary. We agreed that the FCO should aim to provide a single interpreter to cover the meeting. We have it in mind that the plenary talks on 30 January should begin at 10 am and continue until midday. We have asked the Italians to let us know urgently which Ministers Signor Cossiga will be bringing with him. We can then consider who should be present on our side. There are at present no compelling reasons to hold a joint press conference. It is possible that the Italians will suggest one. For the time being we might leave the question open.

*Rather long!
Can we join in?
Yes
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I understand that the Prime Minister has offered a working lunch at 1 pm on 30 January following which Signor Cossiga and his party would leave for the airport.

When the Prime Minister visited Rome in October last year Signor Cossiga was present to meet her at the airport. This is contrary to usual practice agreed some years ago for visits by EEC Prime Ministers, when it was agreed that minimum formalities should be observed in view of the frequency of visits. Subject to the Prime Minister's views, therefore, we would envisage an official greeter and Sir R Arculus, our Ambassador in Rome, who will be here for the talks, meeting Signor Cossiga at the airport.

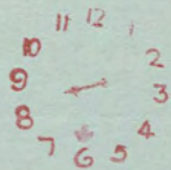
I shall let you know as soon as we hear further from the Italians about the composition of Signor Cossiga's party.

*yours ever
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