

PRIME MINISTER

ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT

The Italians have really been very difficult about the arrangements. The latest development is that Mr. Fanfani, who told us a month ago that he did not really want the usual plenary, has now asked whether there can be one. He thinks it will be easier to draw together in the usual way the threads of the separate bilateral Ministerial meetings.

The talks on Friday, 25 February are scheduled to end at 1230. We had then been envisaging a working lunch at 1300 followed by a Press Conference at 1500.

Would you agree to either:

- (a) a plenary from 1230 to 1330,
- or
- (b) a plenary from, say, 1400 to 1500 followed by the usual Press Conference?

A.J.C.

I am against a joint
 Press conference. They never go well
 Can we not say a few words on the 14th
 of No. 10 - or in No 12.

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 be in office.

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