

PRIME MINISTER

YOUR TALKS WITH MR. FANFANI

His diplomatic adviser (Ambassador Paolini) confirmed last night that at today's tete-a-tete Fanfani would like to discuss with you:

- (a) East/West strategic relations, including INF and defence;
- (b) international economic questions, including Williamsburg;
- (c) European Community subjects (this is largely an opportunity for us to get over our point about the budget - following which it may be best for the two Foreign Ministers to join you to continue the discussion of Community issues and then proceed to other matters).

I attach a text which the Italians gave us last night for that section of the Communique dealing with the proposal for a "Round Table". It is very similar to the text we had in mind but the English is not very good. I attach the full text of your press statement, amended in the light of last night's briefing meeting. I do not suggest that you waste time discussing it with Mr. Fanfani. Officials can get together during the morning and you could look at it over lunch.

A.J.C.

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Our two countries are linked by deep ties of friendship. Senator Fanfani and I want to enrich British-Italian understanding and to broaden the scope of existing bilateral contacts.

To this end we have given our backing to the proposal for a yearly Italian-British round table which will bring a new contribution to our relations.

We hope that the round-table will be a forum in which people with a common interest in the relations between Italy and Great Britain can meet and exchange their views on various specific issues. They will be introduced by experts and discussed by representatives from cultural, political-parliamentarian, economical-social world who have an interest to the various issues with the participation of representatives of the press.

The round table will be held in 1983 in.....  
and will be focussed on.....

Our officials will look at the practical details in view of carrying out the proposal.