

PRIME MINISTER

ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

You told Signor Craxi that we would arrange the next Summit early next year. As this event has been much postponed it would be helpful to agree a date as soon as possible.

Could we discuss with the Italians on the basis of three possible alternatives:

- (a) Thursday 5 - Friday 6 January (i.e. ^{during} the Recess);
- (b) ✓ Thursday 26 (leaving after Questions) -
✓ Friday 27 January;
- (c) Thursday 9 (leaving after Questions) -
Friday 10 February?

It would be better if we could do it all within a day, but I know that if we propose that, the Italians will make an issue of it. Given the background of postponement it would be better to meet their wishes from the outset.

A. J. C.

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