



*Al Ministro della Difesa*

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Dear Prime Minister,

I am very grateful for the friendly and cordial expressions you addressed me on the occasion of our meeting at Farnborough. I particularly appreciated the exhibition organized by the Royal Air Force; it also pleases me that the collaboration between our two Countries in the fields of defence industry, and particularly the aeronautical one, is fruitful and open to further and even more promising developments.

Several months ago I accepted an invitation by Egyptian Government to visit that Country. Unfortunately the dates of such visit, which is very important for us also because of the Red Sea situation and the operations carried out by our fleets in the mine hunting in those waters threatened by international terrorism, combine with those of the British-Italian Summit.

In recalling the frequent occasion on which we had the opportunity to work together when I held the Office of Prime Minister, I wish to apologize for not being able to take part in the Italian Delegation.

Some days earlier I shall see the Min-

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ister of Defence, Mr. Heseltine, who will be my guest at Stresa on the occasion of the NPG meeting; I will study with him in depth those problems which could possibly be further examined by you and Prime Minister Craxi.

I remain, with the expression of my warm and friendly feelings,

yours sincerely

Giorgio Napolitano

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