<u>SPEAKING NOTES</u>

1.   The Italian Government has already expressed
its disappointment about the approach established with the
Guadeloupe meeting, which tends to set up, at least in fact,
a directorate for the management of the main problems of the
Western world in the political, economic and military fields.

2.   Were this approach to become established and
developed, it would objectively deprive the existing consul
tations, both within the Atlantic Alliance and the European
Community, of part of their substance and relevance.

3.   Whereas in the NATO framework institutionalized
consultations with the United States can continue to be held
on a basis of theoretical equality, the external relations
of the European Community would be affected by an unaccepta
ble hierarchy according to which three Countries would deal
directly with the Americans on a different and privileged level.

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4. The Atlantic and the European spirit would thereby suffer through a resumption of the Gaullist practices which have benefited neither the Atlantic Alliance nor the European co-operation.

5. No assurance have been given that the Guadeloupe proceedings will not be followed by other similar initiatives, and there are reasons to believe that they could expand to other levels. The Bonn meeting of experts from the four Countries about economic aid to Turkey shows the possibility of such developments and implies that the Italian objections and considerations have not been taken into due account.

6. The Italian Government does not wish to over-emphasize the issue, which however imposes to it a realistic reappraisal of the whole consultation process within the Atlantic Alliance and the European Community.

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