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SUMMARY OF ITALIAN PRESS COMMENT ON VISIT OF UNITED STATES
SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE TO ITALY - 28-29 MAY.

1. The two day visit of American Secretary of State Cyrus Vance has been widely reported in the Italian Press. The general tone of the reporting suggests that the visit has helped to bolster Signor Andreotti's personal prestige as a politician of international standing and has thus given valuable psychological support to the Christian Democratic Party.
2. La Stampa (Fiat owned) of 29 May describes this visit as of "special significance" during which Mr Vance gave a first hand account of American thinking on the Middle East, the Energy crisis, SALT II talks and the forthcoming summit meeting in Tokyo.
3. Il Popolo (Christian Democrat) of 29 May quotes Vance as describing Italy as "one of our key allies and a dear friend whom we consult on every question of major importance".
4. Corriere della Sera (Independent) 30 May - comments on the cordiality and satisfaction of Mr Vance's meetings with President Pertini, Foreign Minister, Forlani and Signor Andreotti and quotes the Secretary of State's description of Italy as

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'a vitally important country for the United States and our people'.

5. 'L'Unita' (Communist) 30 May in article headlined "Vance satisfied with visit to Rome" quotes Vance as speaking of the talks as "underlining the strong bonds of friendship which unite our two countries".

6. Most papers carried factual reports of the talks and gave prominence to Andreotti's and Vance's agreement that, despite the energy crisis, economic development should be increased. Prominence was also given to Andreotti's suggestion that industrialized countries should plan to increase humanitarian aid to the poorer Arab countries. Cooperation between Italy and the United States in seeking to find alternative sources of energy was also picked out as an important theme.

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