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**10 DOWNING STREET**

PRIME MINISTER

Here is Signor Cossiga's  
reply to your message of  
21 October. We have acknowledged

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17 November 1980

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ROUGH TRANSLATION

"Dear Madam,

I have received the message you so kindly sent to me and wish to thank you for your expressions of esteem and appreciation for which I am most grateful.

I too wish to express to you my gratitude for your co-operation in the fulfilment of our common tasks.

I firmly believe in the invaluable contribution that Great Britain can give to the European Community, and to stability and balance in our Continent and indeed in the entire world. It is because of this belief that I have endeavoured, especially during the six months of the Italian Presidency of the EEC, to find a solution to the problems facing us and strengthen the relations existing between our two Countries.

I am glad of this opportunity to send you my best wishes for the task ahead of you and for your personal wellbeing.

With warmest regards, I remain,

Signed: Francesco Cossiga"

Letter dated 5.11.80.



*Francesco Cossiga*

Roma, 5 novembre 1980

*Gentile Signora,*

ho ricevuto il messaggio che ha voluto cortesemente inviarmi e La ringrazio per le Sue espressioni di stima e di apprezzamento, che mi sono giunte particolarmente gradite.

Anche io tengo ad esprimerLe la mia riconoscenza per la Sua cooperazione nel compimento del nostro comune lavoro.

Sono fermamente convinto del contributo insostituibile che la Gran Bretagna può dare alla Comunità Europea ed alla stabilità ed all'equilibrio del nostro continente come pure del mondo intero. Per questo mi sono adoperato con impegno, in particolare durante il semestre di Presidenza della Comunità da parte dell'Italia, per cercare di facilitare una soluzione dei problemi esistenti e di rafforzare i rapporti fra i nostri due Paesi.

Colgo l'occasione per inviarLe i più sinceri ed i più fervidi auguri per la Sua attività e per il Suo personale benessere.

Con i più cordiali saluti, mi creda,

*Francesco Cossiga*

Signorā Margaret Thatcher  
Primo Ministro  
10, Downing Street  
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*The Ambassador*

*Italian Embassy,  
4, Grosvenor Square,  
London, W.1.*

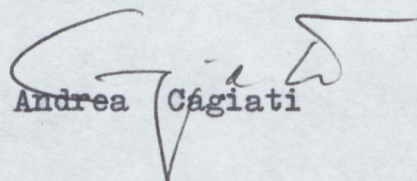
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14th November, 1980

*Dear Mr. Alexander,*

I take pleasure in sending you, herewith enclosed, a letter addressed to the Prime Minister by the former President of the Italian Council of Ministers, Signor Francesco Cossiga, together with a rough translation.

*Very sincerely yours*

  
Andrea Cagiati

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14th November, 1980

I take pleasure in sending you, herewith  
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by the former President of the Italian Council of  
Ministers, the Hon. Francesco Cossiga, together with  
a copy of the letter.

Address: ...

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17 November 1980

I enclose a copy of a message to the Prime Minister from Signor Cossiga, in response to her message set out in your telegram No. 531 to Rome.

I have acknowledged receipt of the message. No further action seems to be required.

M A PATTISON

Paul Lever, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office



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17 November 1980

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 14 November to my colleague, Mr. Alexander, who is with the Prime Minister in Bonn today.

I will, of course, bring Signor Cossiga's letter to Mrs. Thatcher's attention as soon as she returns.

M A PATTISON

His Excellency Signor Andrea Cagiati