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Mr Fergusson *hint*
Private Secretary

signed 29/6
Telegram to come

NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

1. As agreed, I submit a draft telegram to Luxembourg containing messages for the Prime Minister to send to Signor Spadolini and Signor Forlani. According to our Embassy in Rome, the former should be in Luxembourg together with Signor Colombo.

D. A. S. Gladstone

29 June 1981

D A S Gladstone
Western European Department

cc:

Mr Fergusson

It is difficult to get over the problem of a simultaneous message & meeting. I have proposed a small change.

2. Re Sec 7 of State primarily needs to prompt to agreement re. Colomb. No message is necessary.

[Signature]
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Folio 35 is
empty.

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for Osborne

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No confirm that
Spadolini will attend to
European Council.

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SAVING TO FOR INFO MILAN (ACTIONED) HOLY SEE (ACTIONED)

ALL EC POSTS.

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MY TELNO 236: ITALIAN POLITICAL SITUATION.

1. SPADOLINI HAS CONTINUED HIS ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS WITH A VIEW TO FORMING A GOVERNMENT COALITION FROM THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS (DC), SOCIALISTS (PSI), SOCIAL DEMOCRATS (PSDI), REPUBLICANS (PRI - SPADOLINI'S OWN PARTY) AND LIBERALS (PLI). HE HAS TODAY BEEN SEEING THE OTHER FOUR PARTY SECRETARIES. BARRING UNFORESEEN DIFFICULTIES HE IS EXPECTED TO PRESENT THE LIST OF THE NEW COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO PRESIDENT PERTINI TOMORROW, 27 JUNE, THOUGH IT COULD STILL SLIP.

2. THE PRESENT DISCUSSIONS CENTRE ON THE DIVISION OF MINISTERIAL POSTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES. ALTHOUGH SPADOLINI HAS TRIED TO MAINTAIN THE FORMAL CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR NAMING MINISTERS IS HIS ALONE, THE BARGAINING BETWEEN THE PARTIES AND THE RUMOURS ARE AS LIVELY AS EVER.

3. ONE KEY POST IS THE TREASURY, AT PRESENT HELD BY ANDREATTA (DC) WHO MAY NOT BE RETAINED, THOUGH THE DC WILL FIGHT HARD FOR THE SLOT.

THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ALSO PRESENTS DIFFICULTIES., THE SOCIALISTS ARE THOUGHT TO WANT THIS PORTFOLIO WHICH GIVES THE HOLDER A GREAT DEAL OF INFLUENCE ON DOMESTIC POLITICS., THE DC WILL NOT WANT TO LET IT GO. AT FOREIGN AFFAIRS, COLOMBO IS GENERALLY ASSUMED TO BE SAFE., LAGORIO (PSI) AT DEFENCE IS THOUGHT LIKELY TO STAY, THOUGH HIS POSITION IS SAID TO HAVE WEAKENED IN THE LAST FEW DAYS.

4. ONCE SPADOLINI HAS OBTAINED AGREEMENT ON THE COMPOSITION OF A NEW COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, PERTINI SHOULD SIGN TWO DECREES APPOINTING THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS MINISTERIAL TEAM. THE NEW COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WOULD THEN TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE WHICH COULD BE AS EARLY AS 27 OR 28 JUNE. AT THAT POINT SPADOLINI AND HIS NEW TEAM WOULD FORMALLY TAKE OVER THOUGH SPADOLINI WOULD HAVE TO SEEK A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FROM PARLIAMENT WITHIN TEN DAYS.

5. THE IMPLICATIONS FOR ITALIAN PARTICIPATION AT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL ON 24 JUNE (MY TEL 244) HAVE STILL NOT BEEN RESOLVED.

6. C F C O PSE PASS SAVING ADDRESSEES

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