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Prime Minister

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The attached should have reached you in Luxembourg, but was somehow not despatched.

You may feel a message to Sig. Spadolini is now unnecessary. But FCO suggest it is still not too late to bid farewell to Sig. Forlani.

Content with the draft message to Forlani?

WJH

Yes not

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Note cc Press

I have told FCO, PM is content.

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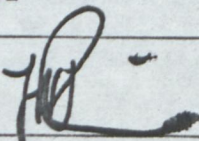
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10 **FOLLOWING FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY:**
NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

11 1. It was announced on 28 June that Signor Giovanni Spadolini,
12 Leader of the Republican Party, had succeeded in forming a new
13 coalition government comprising Republicans, Christian Democrats,
14 Socialists, Social Democrats, and unlike the previous government,
15 Liberals. Colombo is retained as Foreign Minister and Lagorio
16 at Defence. On the assumption that Signor Spadolini will be in
17 Luxembourg, the Prime Minister will no doubt wish to congratulate
18 him personally. But it is usual on these occasions to publish
19 a written message of congratulations and, if the Prime Minister
20 agrees, we suggest that Rome convey to the new Prime Minister's
21 office, for publication, a message ^{dated yesterday 28 June} on the following lines:

/// 22 Begins. Please accept my warm congratulations on your
// 23 appointment as Prime Minister. ^{I look forward to meeting you}
/ 24 ~~inmediately~~ ~~meet at once~~ at the European Council and ~~I look forward~~ to work-
25 ing with you closely in the future on the many questions of

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2 mutual interest of our two governments, particularly in the
3 European Community. Ends
4 2. The Prime Minister may also wish to pass a message to the
5 outgoing Prime Minister, Forlani, on the following lines:
6 Begins. I was sorry that the events which made it impossible for
7 you to come to London earlier this month have also made it
8 impossible for you to continue as Prime Minister. I should like
9 to convey my thanks to you for all of the cooperation and
10 support which you have given me personally and the British
11 Government during your term as Prime Minister. I much enjoyed
12 working with you. Ends

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MIPT: NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

1. SPADOLINI'S TEAM NUMBER 27 COMPARED WITH 26 IN OUTGOING FORLANI ADMINISTRATION. THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS (DC) FOUGHT HARD TO GAIN TWO MINISTERIAL PLACES TO COMPENSATE FOR THEIR LOSS OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S POSITION SEMICOLON THE INCOMING LIBERALS HAVE ONE SEAT WHILE THE REPUBLICANS (PRI) HAVE GIVEN UP TWO OTHER PLACES WHILE SECURING THE PRIME MINISTRY.

2. THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THE PORTFOLIOS FOR OUR PURPOSES ARE GENERALLY UNCHANGED. COLOMBO, LAGORIO AND ANDREATTA REMAIN AT FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND THE TREASURY, RESPECTIVELY. SO TOO DO ROGNONI AND LA MALFA (INTERIOR AND BUDGET) AND, LESS HAPPILY, BARTOLOMEI AT AGRICULTURE. THE LIST OVERALL UNDERLINES THE PRESSURE ON SPADOLINI TO CONCILIATE THE MAIN POLITICAL FORCES WITHIN THE COALITION: TWO COMPETENT MINISTERS WHO LACKED A STRONG POLITICAL BASE, PANDOLFI (INDUSTRY - DC) AND REVIGLIO (FINANCE - PSI) HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY MARCORA (DC -FORMERLY THE HIGHLY COMPETENT MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE) AND FORMICA (PSI), BOTH OF WHOM HAVE A POWERFUL POLITICAL FOLLOWING. OF THE OTHER APPOINTMENTS, ONE POINTER FOR THE FUTURE MAY BE THAT OF SIGNOR SIGNORILE, A LEFT-WING PSI LEADER, ECLIPSED BY CRAXI SEMICOLON HE GOES TO THE CASSA PER IL MEZZOGIORNO.

3. AS A WHOLE, THE TEAM LOOKS EXPERIENCED AND REASONABLY COMPETENT. IT IS NOT INNOVATIVE AND IF SPADOLINI HAS REALLY TRIED TO GIVE IT A MORE TECHNOCRATIC LOOK AND LESS DEPENDENT POLITICALLY, THEN HE HAS FAILED. ATTENTION WILL NOW CONCENTRATE ON WHETHER HE CAN BREAK TRADITION BY TACKLING A SERIOUS PROGRAMME OF INTERNAL ECONOMIC REFORM AND HE HAS STARTED BOLDLY BY UNDERTAKING TO TACKLE THE "SCALA MOBILE" OR INDEXATION SYSTEM WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO INFLATION IN THE COUNTRY. BUT THE FIRST COMMENTS ARE MOSTLY CYNICAL AND MANY SEE SPADOLINI'S GOVERNMENT AS A TRANSITIONAL STAGE LEADING EVENTUALLY TO A SOCIALIST-LED COALITION.

4. NOTES ON THE NEW MINISTERS NOT INCLUDED IN OUR PERSONALITY REPORT FOLLOW BY BAG.

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(HOLY SEE AND OTHER CAREER CONSULAR POSTS) (ACTIONED).

MY TEL: 239 OF 23 JUNE: ITALIAN INTERNAL SITUATION.

1. SPADOLINI SAW PRESIDENT PERTINI ON 28 JUNE AND PRESENTED A NEW FIVE PARTY COALITION GOVERNMENT: 15 CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS (DC), 7 SOCIALIST (PSI), 3 SOCIAL DEMOCRATS (PSDI), 1 REPUBLICAN (PRI) AND 1 LIBERAL (PLI).

THE GOVERNMENT WAS SWORN IN ON 28 JUNE AND THE NEW MINISTERS ARE THEREFORE IN OFFICE. STATE SECRETARIES (JUNIOR MINISTERS) SHOULD BE NOMINATED BY 7 JULY WHEN THE TRADITIONAL CONFIDENCE DEBATE WILL BEGIN IN PARLIAMENT. THE FIVE PARTY COALITION GIVES SPADOLINI A COMFORTABLE PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY AS LONG AS THEY STICK TOGETHER.

2. THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

PRIME MINISTER	-	GIOVANNI SPADOLINI (PRI)
FOREIGN AFFAIRS	-	EMILIO COLOMBO (DC) (NO CHANGE)
INTERNAL AFFAIRS	-	VIRGINIO ROGNONI (DC) (NO CHANGE)
JUSTICE	-	CLELIO DARIDA (DC)
BUDGET	-	GIORGIO LA MALFA (PRI) (NO CHANGE)
FINANCE	-	RINO FORMICA (PSI)
TREASURY	-	BENIAMINO ANDREATTA (DC) (NO CHANGE)
DEFENCE	-	LELIO LAGORIO (PSI) (NO CHANGE)
EDUCATION	-	GUIDO BODRATO (DC)
PUBLIC WORKS	-	FRANCO NICOLAZZI (PSDI)
AGRICULTURE	-	GIUSEPPE BARTOLOMEI (DC) (NO CHANGE)
TRANSPORT	-	VINCENZO BALZAMO (PSI)
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Prime Minister

[Signature]

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS	-	REMO GASPARI (DC)
INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE	-	GIOVANNI MARCORA (DC)
LABOUR	-	MICHELE DI GIESI (PSDI)
FOREIGN TRADE	-	NICOLA CAPRIA (PSI)
STATE PARTICIPATIONS	-	GIANNI DE MICHELIS (PSI) (NO CHANGE)
MERCHANT/MARINE		
ALSO FISHERIES	-	CALOGERO MANNINO (DC)
HEALTH	-	RENATO ALTISSIMO (PLI)
TOURISM	-	NICOLA SIGNORELLO (DC) (NO CHANGE)
CULTURE	-	VINCENZO SCOTTI (DC)
EC POLICY	-	GUSTAVO ABIS (DC)
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	-	DANTE SCHIETROMA (PSDI)
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH	-	GIANCARLO TESINI (DC)
MEZZOGIORNO	-	CLAUDIO SIGNORILE (PSI)
REGIONS	-	ALDO ANIASI (PSI)
RELATIONS WITH		
PARLIAMENT	-	LUCIANO RADI (DC)
CIVIL EMERGENCIES	-	GIUSEPPE ZAMBERLETTI (DC)

3. FOR COMMENTS SEE MIFT.

4. FCO PSE PASS SAVING OTHER EC POSTS WASHINGTON AND UKDEL NATO

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