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*From the Private Secretary*

28 December 1984

You corresponded in November with Charles Powell about the Conference on technological innovation and creation of new jobs being held by the Italian Government in April 1985. We have now received the attached letter from the Italian Ambassador to the effect that the dates of the Conference have been altered from 11-12 April to 10-11 April. I have acknowledged the letter.

Timothy Flësher

Colin Budd, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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*From the Private Secretary*

28 December 1984

In the absence of Charles Powell I am writing to thank you for your letter of 20 December about the dates for the Venice Conference on technological innovation and creation of new jobs. I shall, of course, draw the change of dates to the attention of the Prime Minister and the appropriate Government Departments.

Timothy Flesher

His Excellency Signor Andrea Cagiati, GCVO.



*The Italian Ambassador  
to the United Kingdom*

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20th December, 1984

*Dear Mr. Powell,*

I am referring to my letter of 12<sup>th</sup> November in which I sent you a communication addressed to the Prime Minister by Signor Bettino Craxi concerning the Venice Conference on technological innovation and creation of new jobs.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has now informed me that OECD, because of the great number of international meetings which have to precede the economic summit to be held in Bonn had to set its spring ministerial Conference between the 11th and the 12th April, dates originally agreed for the Venice Conference.

Taking into consideration what has just been said, the Italian Government, in order to allow as many as possible of members of Governments and competent officials to attend the aforesaid Conference, has decided to bring forward the dates to 10th and 11th April.

I would be most grateful to you if you could inform the Prime Minister of the content of this letter and hope that the unexpected change in the dates will not cause any problems.

Yours faithfully

*Andrea Cagiati*  
Andrea Cagiati

Charles Powell, Esq.,  
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister  
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ITALY: Anglo-Italian Relations; June 1979

The following information was received from the British Embassy in Rome on 11 December 1984. It concerns a communication addressed to the Prime Minister of Italy by the British Ambassador in Rome on 11 December 1984 concerning the situation of Anglo-Italian relations.

The situation of Anglo-Italian relations has improved since the beginning of the year. The Prime Minister of Italy has expressed his interest in the development of Anglo-Italian relations and has invited the British Ambassador to Rome to visit him in Rome on 11 December 1984. The Prime Minister has also expressed his interest in the development of Anglo-Italian relations and has invited the British Ambassador to Rome to visit him in Rome on 11 December 1984.

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27 November, 1984

THE PRIME MINISTER

**PRIME MINISTER'S**

**PERSONAL MESSAGE**

**SERIAL No. T199/84**

cc MASTER  
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Dear Prime Minister,

I was most interested to receive your letter of 8 November about the arrangements for the Venice Conference on Technological Innovation and the Creation of New Jobs, about which you told me during our recent meeting in London.

The subject is important to all our countries and I welcome your initiative in arranging the Conference. However, the theme covers a very wide field and I feel sure that you are right in thinking that a conference of this sort should concentrate on specific topics. I look forward to hearing your preliminary views on what these topics should be. Your ideas will help us both in our general preparations and in deciding on the most appropriate representation.

I wish you every success in this important undertaking.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Onorevole Bettino Craxi.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

26 November, 1984

Dear Charles,

Conference on Technological Innovation and Creation of  
New Jobs: Venice, 11-12 April 1985

Thank you for your letter of 13 November to Colin Budd about the letter from Signor Craxi to the Prime Minister on this subject. I enclose a possible draft reply from the Prime Minister, cleared with officials in the Department of Employment and Trade and Industry, and in the Cabinet Office.

Signor Craxi's letter makes clear the very substantial commitment of the Italian Government to this Conference, which was mentioned in the Declaration of the London Economic Summit in June and raised during the Anglo-Italian Summit in October. Signor Craxi will himself open the Conference, and three of his Ministers will participate. The Italian Government have set aside £2 million to fund it. However, they have not yet revealed proposals for an agenda or for topics for discussion, so it is difficult to judge the likely value of the Conference or the most appropriate representation from the UK. The draft reply is therefore an interim one. Nevertheless, Ministerial participation will almost certainly prove to be necessary.

I am copying this letter to Callum McCarthy (DTI), David Normington (Department of Employment), Leigh Lewis (Minister without Portfolio's Office) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,  
Peter Ricketts

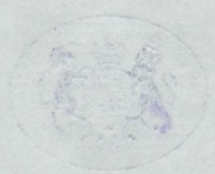
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PRIME MINISTER

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TO:

Your Reference

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- Unclassified

On. Bettino Craxi  
President of the Italian  
Council of Ministers

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SUBJECT:

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I was most interested to receive your letter of 8 November about the arrangements for the Venice Conference on Technological Innovation and the Creation of New Jobs, <sup>about which you told me</sup> which I recall discussing with you during our recent meeting in London.

*and I welcome your initiative in arranging the conference*

The subject is important to all our countries. It is, <sup>at least</sup> however, ~~one~~ that covers a very wide field and I feel sure that you are right in thinking that a conference of this sort should concentrate on specific topics. I look forward to <sup>hearing</sup> receiving your preliminary views on what these topics should be. Your ideas will help us ~~all~~ both in our general preparations and in deciding on the most appropriate representation.

I wish you every success in this important undertaking.

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*From the Private Secretary*

13 November 1984

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from Signor Craxi about the proposed international conference in Venice next April on "Technological Innovation and Creation of New Jobs". Signor Craxi asks for the UK to be represented at Ministerial level. You will recall the matter was raised during the Anglo-Italian Summit.

*bnf* I should be grateful for a draft reply to Signor Craxi's letter in due course.

I am copying this letter and its enclosure to Callum McCarthy (Department of Trade and Industry), David Normington (Department of Employment) Leigh Lewis (Minister without Portfolio's Office) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

(C.D. POWELL)

C.R. Budd, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



The Italian Ambassador  
to the United Kingdom

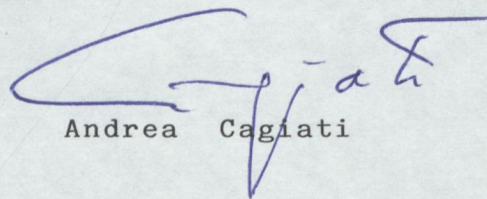
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London, 12th November, 1984

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Dear Mr. Powell,

I take pleasure in sending you, herewith enclosed,  
the text of a message addressed to the Prime Minister  
by Signor Bettino Craxi, together with a rough translation  
of the same.

Sincerely yours

  
Andrea Cagiati

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Charles Powell, Esq.,  
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister  
(Overseas Affairs)  
10 Downing Street  
London S W 1



ROUGH TRANSLATION

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FROM: Signor Bettino Craxi, President of the Italian Council of Ministers.

TO: The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP

Date: Rome, 8th November, 1984.

PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

SERIAL No. T1864/84

"Dear Prime Minister,

You will recall that on the occasion of the summit of the major industrialized countries, held in London last June, I proposed to convene an international conference on the theme: "Technological innovation and creation of new jobs", offering to organize it in the course of 1985.

Comforted by the favour with which the proposal was met, I gave immediate instructions that a study be got under way, within the Italian Government, on the organization of the conference and on the analysis of the possible topics of discussion.

As for the organizational aspects, the Italian Government has thought it appropriate to favour the participation of all the members of OECD, as well as other international organizations more directly interested in the problem, among which OECD itself, the United Nations, the EEC and ILO. We believe that a wide comparison of the specific national experiences will foster a deeper understanding of the options available, to make the process of technological and industrial innovation compatible with the aim, shared by us all, to defend and promote employment levels in our countries.

We have already made arrangements for the conference to be held in Venice on 11 and 12 April, 1985. I myself will attend by delivering the introductory address. As for the agenda and the specific topics to be debated, we are planning to send to your Government the Italian Government's preliminary proposals at the earliest.

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We believe that the conference should be held at ministerial level. The members of the Italian Government who will take part, and contribute to its preparation, are the Minister for Employment, the Minister for Industry and the Minister for Scientific and Technological Research. We believe moreover that it would be helpful if the conference were attended also by representatives of the employers, trade unions and scientists in the form and in the terms to be agreed. The delegation representing your country can therefore include representatives of said categories.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs will naturally ensure the necessary links in order to facilitate the preparator stage of the conference, whilst my Office will attend to the co-ordination of the event.

I am confident that you will agree with me in recognizing the fundamental interest and particular importance of the topics to be debated at the conference, especially in the present phase of transition in our societies and economies.

In view of this we attach great importance to the contribution that your country will be able to give to the successful outcome of this initiative.

In the hope of receiving confirmation of your Government's participation in the conference, and notification of the members of the delegation who will be attending, I send you my warmest regards.

Signed: Bettino Craxi."



Text of the message addressed to The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher by the President of the Italian Council of Ministers, Signor Bettino Craxi.

"Eccellenza,

Ricorderà che in occasione del vertice dei Paesi maggiormente industrializzati, tenutosi lo scorso giugno a Londra, proposi la convocazione di una conferenza internazionale sul tema: "Innovazione tecnologica e creazione di nuovi posti di lavoro", offrendo di organizzarla nel corso del 1985.

Confortato dal favore con cui la proposta è stata accolta, ho dato tempestiva istruzione di avviare in seno al Governo Italiano uno studio sull'organizzazione della conferenza ed una analisi dei suoi possibili temi di discussione.

Quanto agli aspetti organizzativi, il Governo Italiano ha ritenuto opportuno orientarsi a favore di una partecipazione estesa a tutti i paesi membri dell'OCSE, oltre che agli organismi internazionali più direttamente interessati al problema, tra i quali la stessa OCSE, l'ONU, la CEE e l'OIL. Riteniamo infatti che un ampio confronto delle specifiche esperienze nazionali faciliterà una più approfondita comprensione delle opzioni disponibili per rendere il processo di rinnovamento tecnologico ed industriale compatibile con l'obiettivo, da noi tutti condiviso, della difesa e promozione dei livelli occupazionali nei nostri Paesi.

Abbiamo già preso le opportune intese perchè la conferenza possa tenersi a Venezia nei giorni 11 e 12 aprile 1985. Conto io stesso di intervenire ai lavori, svolgendo un discorso di introduzione.

Per quanto attiene, invece, all'articolazione dei lavori ed agli specifici temi cui dedicare il dibattito penseremmo di inviare al più presto al Governo del suo Paese le preliminari proposte italiane.

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Riteniamo che la conferenza debba tenersi a livello ministeriale. Gli esponenti del Governo Italiano che saranno chiamati a parteciparvi, e a concorrere alla sua preparazione, sono i Ministri del Lavoro, dell'Industria, e della Ricerca Scientifica e Tecnologica. Consideriamo comunque utile che ai lavori vengano associati, nella forma e nei modi da convenire, esponenti degli ambienti imprenditoriali, sindacali e scientifici. La delegazione che rappresenterà il Suo Paese potrà quindi includere esponenti di detti ambienti.

Il Ministro degli Affari Esteri assicurerà naturalmente i necessari collegamenti per facilitare il processo preparatorio della conferenza, mentre il coordinamento dell'iniziativa sarà curato dai miei uffici.

Sono certo che Lei converrà con me nel riconoscere il fondamentale interesse e la specifica importanza, specie nell'attuale momento di transizione delle nostre società e delle nostre economie, dei temi che saranno dibattuti alla conferenza. Per questo teniamo molto al contributo che il Suo Paese potrà dare alla buona riuscita dei lavori.

Nell'auspicio di poter ricevere la conferma della partecipazione del Suo Governo alla conferenza e l'indicazione sui membri della delegazione che sarà destinata a prendervi parte, Le invio i miei migliori saluti.

Bettino Craxi."