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6 November 1985

From the Private Secretary

Thank you for your letter of 21 October.

The Prime Minister was indeed interested to hear about the Confindustria conference in Turin, but feels that she really does not have the time to record a message for it. I am sorry about this. But I have established that Lord Young, Secretary of State for Employment, who as you know has responsibility for the encouragement of enterprise, for small firms and for deregulation, would be very happy to do so in her place. You might like to ask a member of your staff to contact his office (213-6460) to make the necessary arrangements if you wish to pursue this.

The Prime Minister has asked me to pass on through you her best wishes for the success of the conference.

Charles Powell

His Excellency Signor Andrea Cagiati, GCVO.

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Dear Charles,

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Thank you for your letter of 28 October to Leigh Lewis with which you enclosed a letter from the Italian Ambassador about a conference organised by Confindustria.

My Secretary of State would be happy to record a message for the conference, and a draft reply for you to send to the ... Ambassador is attached.

I am copying this to Rachel Lomax (H M Treasury) and Colin Budd (FCO).

Yours etc,

CHRISTOPHER SNELL
Private Secretary

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His Excellency Mr Andrea Cagiati
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November 1985

Thank you for your letter of 21 October.

The Prime Minister was ^{indeed} ~~very~~ interested to hear about the
 Confindustria conference in Turin, but ^{feels} ~~regrets~~ that ^{she really} ~~because of~~
~~she does not have the time to~~
 the pressure of other commitments she will not be able to
 record a message for the conference. ^{it is an agony about this. But I} ~~However,~~ the Secretary
^{have excluded but Lord Young, Secretary}
 of State for Employment, Lord Young, who as you know has
 responsibility for the encouragement of enterprise, for small
 firms and for deregulation, would be very happy to do so in
 her place. ^{you might like to put a member}
^{of your staff to contact his office}

~~I would be grateful if you would contact Lord Young's office~~
 (213-6460) to make the necessary arrangements. ^{if you wish}
^{to pursue this}

The Prime Minister has asked me to pass on ^{through} ~~to~~ you her best
 wishes for the success of the conference.

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His Excellency
Ambassador
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I thank you for your letter of 21 October.

The Prime Minister was very interested in your report on
Chad's political situation. He has asked me to
the present of other countries in the area. It is
reports a message to the Government. However, the
of State for Information, and I am sure you will
responsibility for the management of Chad's
There are no reports on the situation in
the area.

I would be glad to see you in London in the next few days
(21-24) to see the necessary arrangements.
The Prime Minister has asked me to pass on to you his
wishes for the success of the operation.



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From the Private Secretary

25 October 1985

Thank you for your letter of 21 October about the Conference on "Resources for Development" being organised by Confindustria.

I will have a word with the Prime Minister about your proposal that she should contribute to this in the form of a television interview as soon as possible.

(Charles Powell)

His Excellency Signor Andrea Cagiati, G.C.V.O.

Andrea CAGIATI

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From the Private Secretary

28 October 1985



I enclose a copy of a letter which I have received from the Italian Ambassador asking whether the Prime Minister would record a message for the Conference being organised by Confindustria on "Resources for Development".

I see no realistic prospect of the Prime Minister being able to do this but I should be grateful if you could seek the Employment Secretary's views and in particular let me know whether it would be possible for the Prime Minister to suggest that he might record the message instead of her.

I am copying this letter to Rachel Lomax (H.M. Treasury) and Colin Budd (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

CHARLES POWELL

Leigh Lewis, Esq.,
Department of Employment.

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MR. INGHAM

I attach a copy of a letter from the Italian Ambassador to the Prime Minister on which I should be grateful for advice. The Conference in question is an important one and you may wish to consult Treasury and Department of Employment. But I can well imagine that it will be difficult to find time in the Prime Minister's diary. In the meantime I am acknowledging the Italian Ambassador's letter.

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CHARLES POWELL
25 October 1985

Mr Powell

I do not see any prospect
of the Prime Minister's undertaking
this, with the Euro Council
immediately ahead. It seems
the right forum for hard work.

John 28/10
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The Italian Ambassador
to the United Kingdom

CDP o/r

Careful Jeremy Corbyn on this. He
shall need to put it to the PM at
his next meeting, libik. MSA 23/10

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London, 21st October, 1985

Dear Mr. Powell,

Confindustria (the Confederation of Italian Industry equivalent to the CBI), is organising a conference on the subject "Resources for Development" to be held in Turin on 29 - 30 November next. The aim of the conference is to examine the political and economic choices which have to be made in order to ensure a better utilization of the available resources in the fight against the slowing down of the process of economic development and the worsening of the problem of unemployment.

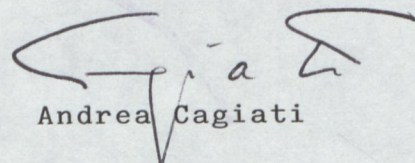
The proceedings will be televised live by Italian Television and will see the participation of the Prime Minister, of several Ministers, as well as of the major representatives of Italian industry, among whom Giovanni Agnelli, Carlo de Benedetti, Pietro Marzotto, Cesare Romiti and Romano Prodi.

In this framework Confindustria would very much like to host the testimony of the Prime Ministers of some of the major European countries (United Kingdom, France and West Germany) to learn about the ways and means with which their individual national realities and the problems of development have been tackled, which economic and social levers have been pulled, and the results they have achieved, in the respect of the freedom of enterprise.

If, as I hope, Mrs. Thatcher is willing to lend her contribution with regard to the UK experience in this field, we would, in due course, finalize the arrangements for a brief interview with a correspondent of Italian Television.

I look forward to hearing from you and remain very

sincerely yours



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