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Prime Minister

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MR COLES *ml 7/10*

cc: Mr Fall, FCO  
Sir Robert Armstrong

THE ITALIAN VIEW ON THE GREEK PRESIDENCY

At a meeting yesterday Mr Badini, who is acting as Diplomatic Adviser to Mr Craxi, told me that Mr Craxi was taking the opportunity to say to Mr Papandreou that:

- it was important that the Greek Presidency should not once again fall into the error of representing Greek views but must respect its Community obligations;
- the Presidency must demonstrate more than ever its impartiality at the Athens European Summit and make a genuine effort to make some progress.

Mr Craxi understood that there was no way of reaching agreement by trying to push over the net contributors and that a genuine consensus was going to be necessary either at Athens or thereafter.

2. I had the impression that Mr Badini wanted this statement of Mr Craxi's position to be passed to the Prime Minister.

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6 October 1983

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*From the Private Secretary*

MR. WILLIAMSON

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THE ITALIAN VIEW OF THE GREEK PRESIDENCY

The Prime Minister has noted your minute of 6 October recording Mr. Craxi's remarks to Mr. Papandreou about the Greek handling of the EC Presidency.

A. J. GOLES

10 October 1983

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