

PRIME MINISTER

BRIEFING MEETING FOR ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

I attach a list of those attending. Mr. Hurd is out of town.

You may like to start with

DEFENCE. The main issues are:

Arms Control on which Craxi is thought to be unsound when it comes to inclusion in negotiations of the British and French forces;

Defence Procurement Collaboration, including the European Fighter Aircraft, the EH101 helicopter project and our possible participation in the A129 Mark 2 helicopter with Agusta. You will want to establish whether any difficulties have arisen with the Italians about collaboration with Westland since Sikorsky/Fiat took a stake. You might also discuss what you should say publicly about Westland and future collaboration at the joint press conference.

Mentice helicopter - 2 letters by name ? PRA?

Participation in SDI research, on which the Italians have yet to commit themselves, and Craxi may press you for details of our arrangements with the United States. (These are confidential but you could describe the various instruments e.g. Memorandum of Understanding and considerations e.g. defence of intellectual property which guided 46).

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On TERRORISM - on which Mr. Partridge will speak in Mr. Hurd's absence - the main event of the Summit is the new Extradition Treaty. You will want to establish whether there are particular points for you to discuss with Signor Craxi; and what you should lay stress upon at your press conference.

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On INDUSTRIAL and SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATION, you might ask Mr. Pattie which particular aspects he wants you to highlight (Memorandum of Understanding on Italian participation in Spallation Neutron Sources, Eureka, proposal for meetings of

British and Italian Scientific Research Ministers).

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On ITALY'S PARTICIPATION IN G5, you might invite Mr. Braithwaite to give an account of any discussion of this in the margins of the Sherpa meeting this weekend: and how this affects anything which you say to Craxi.

On the EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, the two main themes are our Presidency; and the future of the CAP. On this latter we are having a note of some of the most telling statistics translated into Italian, for you to hand to Craxi. You might ask Mr. Williamson for some further details of the costs of Mediterranean products.

Finally, ARMS SALES TO ARGENTINA. You might ask for rather fuller information than the brief volunteers. What exactly are the Italians thought to be selling or about to sell?

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C.D. Powell
10 March 1986

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FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir Geoffrey Howe
Lord Bridges
Mr. Braithwaite

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Mr. Younger
Sir D. Perry

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Mr. Pattie

HOME OFFICE

Mr. Partridge

CABINET OFFICE

Mr. Williamson



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message from RTA's office.

Tomorrow's briefing
meeting.

Geoffrey Pattie will
now be accompanied
by DTI official
Mr S. Bower.

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