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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Robert M. Kimmitt
National Security Council

SUBJECT: Alerting NSC on Presidential
Correspondence

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to President Reagan from Mr. Bettino Craxi of the Council of Ministers of Italy which is transmitted for your information.

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*Ambasciata d'Italia
Washington*

August 17, 1983

Dear Mr. President

I have the honour to convey to you the enclosed message from the Honorable Bettino Craxi, President of the Council of Ministers of Italy, along with an unofficial translation of the text.

I avail myself of this occasion, Mr. President, to extend to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely

Ranieri Tallarigo

Ranieri Tallarigo,
Chargé d'Affaires

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Unofficial translation of the message addressed to the President of the United States by the Prime Minister of Italy, dated August 17, 1983.

"Dear Mr. President,

I very much appreciated the message of congratulations that you addressed to me on the occasion of my appointment as President of the Council of Ministers. I share your conviction that we are going through a phase in international relations which appears very delicate and complex and in which the West has an extraordinarily important role to play. The friendly relations as a whole which unite Italy to the democratic countries of the West, and first of all to the United States, will continue to be the hinge of our foreign policy, aimed at ensuring peace and progress in the world, with full respect to the principles of liberty and justice. Our longstanding bonds of friendship will stimulate us to further strengthen the bilateral cooperation in all fields.

In this spirit, I return to you my most sincere wishes for your high office and I convey to you my most cordial greetings. Bettino Craxi".

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Text of the message addressed to the President of the United States by the Prime Minister of Italy, dated August 17, 1983.

"Caro Signor Presidente,

ho molto gradito il messaggio di congratulazioni inviatomi in occasione della mia nomina a Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri. Condivido con Lei la convinzione che stiamo attraversando una fase dei rapporti internazionali assai delicata e complessa, nella quale l'Occidente ha un ruolo da svolgere straordinariamente importante. Il sistema delle relazioni amichevoli che legano l'Italia ai paesi democratici dell'Occidente, ed in primo luogo gli Stati Uniti, continuerà ad essere il cardine della nostra azione di politica estera diretta all'affermazione della pace e del progresso nel mondo nel rispetto dei principi di libertà e di giustizia. I nostri antichi vincoli di amicizia ci stimoleranno a rafforzare ulteriormente la collaborazione bilaterale in tutti i settori.

In questo spirito Le ricambio i più vivi voti augurali per la Sua attività di governo e Le invio il mio più cordiale saluto. Bettino Craxi".