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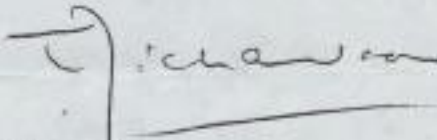
Date: 9 June 1988

Private Secretary

cc: Mr Braithwaite
Mr Dalton, MAED

TORONTO ECONOMIC SUMMIT: LETTER FROM ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER

- A 1. Mr Powell asked for a draft reply to Signor de Mita's
- B letter to the Prime Minister, if you considered it necessary and appropriate.
- 2. I submit a draft reply to PS/No 10, suggesting that it should be sufficient to brief the Prime Minister for her bilateral with Signor de Mita on 19 June. MAED concur.



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bcc Mr ~~Krick~~
No 10

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CAVEAT

SUBJECT:

Thank you for your letter of 7 June about the Italian Prime Minister's proposal to discuss environmental problems at the Toronto Economic Summit. We do not want to encourage the Italians to raise specific environmental issues at the Summit, still less to incorporate their lengthy text in the communique. So we do not consider it appropriate to send a formal reply. We shall, of course, brief the Prime Minister to respond to this proposal when she sees Signor de Mita in Toronto.

Enclosures flag(s)



*for advice / draft
if this is
necessary, in
the future*

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From the Private Secretary

Mr Brown
enclosure

7 June 1988

PS/mrs Walker

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MAED

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Russell Dixon

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Dear Lyn,

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from the Italian Prime Minister about the discussion of environmental problems at the forthcoming Toronto Economic Summit. The Italian Ambassador warned me the other day that his Prime Minister would wish to raise this at the bilateral in Toronto. I should be grateful for a draft reply, if you consider this necessary and appropriate, in due course.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Alex Allan (HM Treasury) and Deborah Lamb (Department of the Environment).

Yours sincerely
Charles Powell

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Lyn Parker Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

*Miss Abbott with
MAED
Gratefully you would
consult DoE, but I would
have thought just a letter
- better to bring the PM
to the bilateral with De Mita.
WED on copies the
PTO*

Unofficial Translation

Dear Prime Minister and Dear Friend,

I am pleased to learn that a meeting has been arranged in Toronto for Saturday the 18th of June at 18h00. This will be a useful and pleasant occasion to have an initial exchange of views on several problems of mutual interest in view of the commitments in which we will be engaged in the following days, both at the Summit of the Seven and at the European Council in Hanover.

At the Summit of the Seven, it is the intention of the Italian Government to raise the environment problem and to urge a debate on this matter of such great interest and topicality. To this end, a few days ago I handed over to the Prime Minister of Canada, Mr Mulroney, in his capacity as current President of the Seven, the attached document which is intended to be a basis for discussion.

I should be grateful if you would kindly let me know your thoughts and any suggestions you may have.

Looking forward to meeting you in Toronto, I send you my kindest regards.

Signed: Ciriaco De Mita

Unofficial Translation

TORONTO SUMMIT DECLARATION ON ENVIRONMENT
ITALIAN DRAFT

- 1) In line with previous Summits, the Seven Heads of State or Government wish to emphasize:
 - the greater and greater importance of the environment problem today, which requires more attention and stronger determination by all the Governments of the World, North and South, East and West;
 - the need for a clearer perception of its global character, intersectoral, international, as well as intergenerational;
 - the necessity to recognize once and for all the interdependence between environment and development in the framework of a "sustainable growth";
 - the recourse to the "city technologies" as a means to alleviate the growing hardships of urban life, in the industrialized as well as in the developing countries;
 - the urgency to move from statements to action and to have increasing recourse to preventive rather than remedial measures in this field.

- 2) As regards immediate steps, the Seven Heads of States or Government wish to restate the commitments taken at the Venice Summit to co-operate in a few priority areas, such as ozone protection, air and water pollution, hazardous substances, endangered species, deforestation and desertification, etc. They wish also to stress the need to complete and enlarge the work already in progress. They address a special appeal to all countries which have not yet done so to sign and/or to ratify the Vienna Convention of 1985 on the protection of the ozone layer and the Montreal Protocol of 1987 on the CFC's, as soon as possible. They also stand ready to go beyond

what has been envisaged at Montreal if the deterioration of the ozone layer as pointed out in recent scientific international assessments is confirmed. They wish to express support for the Geneva negotiations on the freezing of the nitrogen oxides emissions. They finally welcome and encourage the efforts of UNEP for an agreement on the international traffic of dangerous wastes.

- 3) The Seven Leaders, in conclusion, wish to emphasize that these partial initiatives, as well as any other which will materialise in the future, are just stepping stones on the very long way to that international global agreement, all-encompassing and far-reaching, for the protection of environment, which is clearly recommended by the Brundtland Report.

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