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Dear Charles

Toronto Economic Summit: Prime Minister's Bilateral with  
Signor de Mita: Tornado for Jordan

I sent you yesterday briefing for the Prime Minister's meeting in Toronto with Signor de Mita. I now see from your letter recording the Prime Minister's meeting with King Hussein on 15 June, that she intends to raise with Signor de Mita the question of Italian credit support for the sale of Tornado to Jordan. My separate letter, also dated 16 June, with briefing for the Toronto meeting with Chancellor Kohl sets out the main points which the Prime Minister might use. We believe the Italian delay to be due more to bureaucratic problems than real ones: the Italians are better disposed to the proposed deal than the Germans and should face fewer political difficulties. But they may be sitting on the fence awaiting the FRG decision. This is not helpful: an Italian decision now would increase the pressure on Bonn.

Yours ever

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