

ROUGH TRANSLATION

FROM: Senator Amintore Fanfani
TO: The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher
Date: 20th June, 1983

"Dear Prime Minister,

I have read your message concerning the initiatives of industrial co-operation between our two countries with particular regard to the EH 101 helicopter project.

I hereby confirm the commitment of the Italian Government to the realization of the project. The necessary funds for the civil version have already been made available and we are therefore ready to finalize the agreement. Problems still exist however for the military version, since the earlier dissolution of Parliament has prevented the completion of the legislative iter of the decree.

Please accept, my dear Prime Minister, my most cordial regards.

Amintore Fanfani."

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*Al Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T 91A /83

Roma, 20 giugno 1983

Signora Primo Ministro,

ho letto il Suo messaggio in merito alle iniziative di cooperazione industriale fra i nostri due Paesi con particolare riguardo al progetto dell'elicottero EH 101.

Posso confermarLe l'impegno del Governo italiano alla realizzazione del progetto. Per quanto concerne la versione civile sono stati già reperiti i necessari fondi finanziari e si è quindi pronti a finalizzare lo schema di memorandum di intesa. Permangono problemi invece per la versione militare dato che lo scioglimento anticipato delle Camere ha impedito il completamento dell'iter del pertinente provvedimento di legge.

Voglia gradire, Signora Primo Ministro, i miei più cordiali saluti

Signora Margareth Thatcher
Primo Ministro del Regno Unito
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From the Private Secretary

29 June 1983

EH 101 Helicopter

The Prime Minister sent a message to Signor Fanfani about the above project on 17 May. I now enclose a copy of Mr. Fanfani's reply, together with a translation.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Roger Bone (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Jonathan Spencer (Department of Trade and Industry), John Gieve (Chief Secretary's Office) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

A. J. COLES

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29 June 1983

I write to thank you for your letter of 28 June enclosing a letter to the Prime Minister from the President of the Italian Council of Ministers, Signor Amintore Fanfani.

JOHN COLES

His Excellency Signor Andrea Cagiati, G.C.V.O.

*The Italian Ambassador
to the United Kingdom*

London, 28th June 1983

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Dear Mr. Coles,

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a letter addressed to the Prime Minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, by the President of the Italian Council of Ministers, Signor Amintore Fanfani.

A rough translation is also provided.

Sincerely yours


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