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From the Private Secretary

1 June 1988

ECONOMIC SUMMIT: PRIME MINISTER'S BILATERAL WITH THE
ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER

I see from Ottawa telegram No. 366 that it is proposed that the Prime Minister should see Signor de Mita at 1800 on Saturday 18 June.

The Prime Minister will not have arrived in Toronto until 1530 local time and will presumably not be settled in her hotel until about 1630. A meeting with de Mita at 1800 local time is the equivalent of seeing him at midnight London time. I am not sure that that is very wise. Would it not be possible to find a time on the Sunday morning when neither the Prime Minister nor Signor de Mita are involved in the arrival ceremonies? I should be most grateful if you could look into this.

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Charles

I've consulted
FCO Protocol. We
arrive ~~at~~ in Toronto
at 1525 hrs (local)
and there are no
evening engagements
in the programme.

An 1800 hrs bilateral
presents no problems.

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ECONOMIC SUMMIT: MEETING WITH THE
ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER

The Italians are proposing that the Prime Minister should meet Signor de Mita at 1800 on Saturday 18 June. How does this fit in with our proposed arrival time?

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Charles Powell

31 May 1988

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YOUR TELNO 223: ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT MEETING

1. I HAVE SPOKEN TO THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR. HE HAS RECEIVED SIMILAR INSTRUCTIONS FROM ROME. HE PROPOSES THAT THE ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER SHOULD CALL ON MRS THATCHER AT HER HOTEL AT 1800HOURS ON SATURDAY, 18 JUNE.

2. MY ITALIAN COLLEAGUE WILL BE PUTTING THIS SUGGESTION TO HIS OWN AUTHORITIES AT THE SAME TIME AS WE PUT IT TO YOU. THE ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER ARRIVES IN TORONTO ON THE MORNING OF 18 JUNE.

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