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*From the Private Secretary*

17 June 1985

**BRIEFING ON PRIVATISATION**

Your prompt response for a request for the briefing pack on privatisation has earned me a personal letter of thanks from the Italian Minister for Industry, thanks which I pass in turn on to you.

Roughly translated, the letter says

"I have received the documents about the criteria for privatising shares of public sector companies in the UK. I am very grateful to you personally for your help which has been both timely and effective. I am most grateful also for the invitation to send to London an official of the Ministry of Industry to look more fully at the issues. I will be in contact again when the documents have been studied further."

You will see from this that the Italians propose to take up the suggestion of sending over a reconnaissance team. I do not know whether we will hear more about this from Italy or via the Embassy.

(Andrew Turnbull)

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*Il Ministro  
per l'Industria il Commercio  
e l'Artigianato*

Roma, 11 giugno 1985

Egregio Signor Turnbull,

ho appena ricevuto i documenti riguardanti i criteri di privatizzazione delle aziende pubbliche adottati dal Regno Unito in questi anni.

Desidero vivamente ringraziarLa per la Sua personale collaborazione che è stata precisa ed efficiente. La ringrazio infine anche per l'invito rivoltomi ad inviare a Londra un collaboratore del Ministero per approfondire l'argomento; penso di poterLe dare una risposta non appena la documentazione sarà stata esaminata.

Colgo l'occasione per inviarLe i miei più cordiali saluti.

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