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FOLLOWING PERSONAL FROM AMBASSADOR FOR PUS AND PRIVATE OFFICE
MY TELNO 880: QUADRIPARTITE MEETINGS

1. CARLUCCI TELEPHONED BACK TO ME TO SAY THAT HE HAD PUT THE PRIME MINISTER'S SUGGESTION TO THE PRESIDENT WHO HAD WEIGHED IT VERY SERIOUSLY. HIS CONCLUSION WAS THAT HE WOULD PREFER NOT TO TAKE UP THE IDEA. HE DID NOT WANT TO OFFEND THE ITALIANS AND THOUGHT THAT THEY WOULD BE BOUND TO BE UPSET. HIS FRANK REACTION THEREFORE WAS THAT HE WOULD PREFER NOT TO PURSUE THE MATTER UNLESS THE PRIME MINISTER REALLY HAD VERY COMPELLING REASONS.
2. CARLUCCI ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT THERE MIGHT ALSO BE TIME-TABLE CONSIDERATIONS AND THAT THE PRESIDENT MIGHT BE PRIVATELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PRESSURES ON HIS PROGRAMME SINCE IT WAS ALREADY AN UNUSUALLY TIRING TRIP.

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From the Private Secretary

26 April 1987

Quadripartite Meetings

The Prime Minister has seen Washington telegram 896 recording President Reagan's response to the idea of a quadripartite meeting of Heads of Government when he is in Europe in June. Clearly we cannot do anything further for the time being, although the Prime Minister remains attached to the idea of another meeting of this sort in due course.

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