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INFO SAVING FLORENCE

ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT. PROGRAMME AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

1. THE PROGRAMME NOW LOOKS AS FOLLOWS (ALL TIMES LOCAL):

0700 PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY TAKE OFF FROM NORTHOLT.

1005 ARRIVE PISA: PARTY TRANSFERS DIRECT FROM VC10 TO THREE HELICOPTERS.

1015 LEAVE FOR FLORENCE (SEATING ARRANGEMENTS FOLLOW).

1040 ARRIVE FLORENCE (PERETOLA AIRPORT). PARTY PROCEEDS BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CARS TO PALAZZO PITTI (SEATING TO FOLLOW).

1100 PARTY ARRIVES PALAZZO PITTI. FORMAL GREETING BY CRAXI. PRIME MINISTER'S TETE A TETE WITH CRAXI AND INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS BETWEEN MINISTERS.

1200 PRIME MINISTERS JOINED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS.

1230 PLENARY SESSION.

C. 1330 PLENARY ENDS. FOREIGN MINISTERS SIGN EXTRADITION AGREEMENT.

1400 LUNCH (PALATINE GALLERY PALAZZO PITTI)

1530 JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE.

1615 PRIME MINISTER VISITS SALA DEI CINQUECENTO IN THE PALAZZO VECCHIO VIA THE VASARI CORRIDOR AND UFFIZI GALLERY.

1655 PARTY LEAVES PALLAZZO VECCHIO.

1715 LEAVE FLORENCE AIRPORT.

C. 1740 DEPART PISA FOR LONDON.

(TIMINGS AFTER 1615 ARE APPROXIMATE).

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ARRANGEMENTS AT PISA AND FLORENCE AIRPORTS

2. THE ITALIANS HOPE TO SEND A JUNIOR GOVERNMENT MINISTER TO MEET THE PRIME MINISTER AS A COURTESY AT PISA AIRPORT, AND TRAVEL WITH HER BY HELICOPTER TO FLORENCE. THE AIR ATTACHE (GP CAPT MADELIN) WILL ALSO BE ON HAND AT PISA. THE THREE HELICOPTERS ARE TO BE POSITIONED CLOSE TO THE VC10. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY AUTHORITIES ARE LIKELY TO BE AT FLORENCE AIRPORT, INCLUDING THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND THE PREFECT. HM CONSUL (MR RAWLINSON) WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

GREETING AT PALAZZO PITTI

3. CRAXI WILL MEET THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE MAIN COURTYARD OF THE PALAZZO (WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER'S CAR ONLY WILL ENTER). THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS WILL INSPECT A SMALL GUARD OF HONOUR. THE BRITISH NATIONAL ANTHEM (BUT NOT ITALIAN) WILL BE PLAYED. CRAXI WILL THEN ESCORT THE PRIME MINISTER INTO THE SALA DELLE AMBRE FOR THEIR TETE A TETE. PRESS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL BE PRESENT IN THE COURTYARD; AND TV CAMERAS WILL BE PERMITTED BRIEFLY TO TAKE FILM OF THE OPENING MOMENTS OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S AND FOREIGN SECRETARY'S MEETINGS (BUT PROBABLY NOT OF THE OTHER MINISTERS). OTHER MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS WILL LEAVE THEIR CARS IN AN ADJACENT COURTYARD AND WALK THROUGH TO WATCH THE GREETING CEREMONY. ITALIAN PROTOCOL HOPES TO ARRANGE THAT THE ITALIAN MINISTERIAL TEAM WILL BE PRESENT IN THE COURTYARD TO MEET THEIR COLLEAGUES AND TO TAKE THEM TO THEIR RESPECTIVE MEETINGS.

MEETINGS

4. ALL MEETINGS TAKE PLACE IN THE SILVER MUSEUM OF PALAZZO PITTI. MINISTERS' MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN A (COMPLICATED) SERIES OF INTER-CONNECTING ROOMS. (EMBASSY AND ITALIAN OFFICIALS WILL BE ON HAND TO GIVE ASSISTANCE). THE ITALIANS WOULD LIKE ATTENDANCE AT THE TETE A TETE TO BE LIMITED TO THREE A SIDE (PRIME MINISTER, PRIVATE SECRETARY AND INTERPRETER). FOREIGN MINISTERS AND AMBASSADORS WILL JOIN THE TETE A TETE AT 1200. WE ASSUME PRIVATE SECRETARIES WILL TAKE THE RECORD AT INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS. A MEMBER OF THE EMBASSY STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE THE RECORD AT THE PLENARY MEETING. ALTHOUGH PORTABLE RADIATORS WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE PALAZZO FOR THE OCCASION, MEETING ROOMS MAY BE A LITTLE COLD. THERE ARE ONLY LIMITED TOILET FACILITIES.

INTERPRETATION

5. SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION THROUGH HEADPHONES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE PLENARY MEETING AND PRESS CONFERENCE. THE ITALIANS ARE PROVIDING INTERPRETERS FOR ALL INDIVIDUAL MINISTERIAL MEETINGS. IN ADDITION, HEAD OF CHANCERY, (RICHARDSON), WILL INTERPRET INTO ENGLISH FOR THE PRIME MINISTER AT HER TETE A TETE. EMBASSY OFFICIALS FAMILIAR WITH THE SUBJECT MATTER WILL BE ON HAND AT OTHER MINISTERIAL MEETINGS TO HELP IF NECESSARY WITH INTERPRETATION, AS FOLLOWS:-

SIR C HOWE - LAMPART

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MR YOUNGER - FITZHERBERT

MR HURD - TANTUM

MR PATTIE - MISS ELMES

ITALIAN OFFICIAL INTERPRETERS WILL BE PRESENT AT THE LUNCH.

LUNCH

6. THIS TAKES PLACE IN THE ADJACENT PALATINE GALLERY IN PALAZZO PITTI. THERE WILL BE A SHORT INTERVAL BETWEEN THE END OF THE PLENARY AND LUNCH. OFFICIALS EXPECT CRAXI TO MEET THE PRIME MINISTER TO TAKE HER INTO LUNCH IN THE ANTE-CHAMBER TO THE PALATINE GALLERY: THE EXACT ARRANGEMENTS ARE STILL BEING CONSIDERED BUT THE ITALIANS EXPECT TO INVITE MINISTERS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS. THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WILL LUNCH SEPARATELY IN THE ADJACENT ROYAL APARTMENTS.

PRESS CONFERENCE

7. THE ITALIANS SUGGEST THAT THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS ARE ACCOMPANIED ON THE PLATFORM BY FOREIGN MINISTERS AND PRIME MINISTERIAL PRESS SPOKESMEN ONLY. MINISTERS WILL BE GIVEN RESERVED SEATS IN FRONT OF THE PRESS. CRAXI WILL SPEAK FIRST, FOLLOWED BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THEN QUESTIONS.

AFTERNOON

8. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS AGREED TO VISIT THE SALA DEI CINQUECENTO IN THE PALAZZO VECCHIO (POWELL'S LETTER OF 22 JANUARY TO BUDD). TO ENABLE THIS TO BE DONE EASILY AND SECURELY THE ITALIANS ARE SPECIALLY OPENING FOR THE PM THE FAMOUS VASARI CORRIDOR, WHICH LINKS PALAZZO PITTI ABOVE STREET LEVEL WITH THE UFFIZZI GALLERY AND THE PALAZZO VECCHIO VIA THE PONTE VECCHIO. THE GALLERY HOUSES AN OUTSTANDING COLLECTION OF PORTRAITS NOT NORMALLY SEEN BY THE PUBLIC. WE SUGGEST THE PRIME MINISTER MAY WISH TO PAUSE BRIEFLY TO SEE BOTTICELLI'S PRIMAVERA IN THE UFFIZZI GALLERY. WE ASSUME THAT THE BRITISH PARTY WILL BE LIMITED TO MINISTERS, PRIVATE SECRETARIES, DETECTIVES AND SENIOR OFFICIALS ONLY. AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING GUIDE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE PRIME MINISTER. THE MAYOR OF FLORENCE, BOGIANCKINO, WILL ESCORT THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE PALAZZO VECCHIO (TOWN HALL) TO THE SALA DEI CINQUECENTO. HE HAS ASKED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER STOP BRIEFLY EN ROUTE IN HIS OFFICE WHERE HE WILL ASK HER TO SIGN THE VISITORS BOOK AND (PROBABLY) PRESENT HER WITH A TRADITIONAL GOLD FLORIN. WE HAVE ALLOWED FORTY MINUTES IN THE PROGRAMME FOR THIS VISIT.

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9. HIS STAFF DO NOT YET KNOW WHEN CRAXI WILL WISH TO TAKE HIS LEAVE OF THE PRIME MINISTER, BUT THINK HE MAY DO SO INFORMALLY AT PALAZZO PITTI BEFORE THE PRIME MINISTER WALKS TO THE VASARI CORRIDOR. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL REJOIN HER CAR IN AN INSIDE COURTYARD AT THE PALAZZO VECCHIO: CARS FOR THE REST OF THE PARTY WILL BE LINED UP OUTSIDE. OFFICIALS WHO DO NOT ACCOMPANY THE PARTY ALONG THE VASARI CORRIDOR WILL JOIN THEIR CARS AT PALAZZO PITTI BY 1635 FOR TRANSFER TO PALAZZO VECCHIO.

GIFTS

10. CRAXI'S OFFICE SAY THAT HE PROPOSES TO PRESENT THE PRIME MINISTER WITH A HAND-EMBROIDERED TABLE CLOTH. HE WILL GIVE SMALL COMMEMORATIVE SILVER MEDALS OF THE PALAZZO CHIGI (PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE) TO OTHER MINISTERS.

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