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LAST PAPER

Dear Ewen,

ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA

1. Many thanks for your letter of 24 October introducing Ludovico Incisa, who is to be the new Italian Ambassador here. He has not yet arrived but when he does I shall try to be helpful and look after him.
2. You mention that, reading between the lines, the affairs of his predecessor, Guglielmo Folchi, seemed to be in somewhat of a mess. So far as I know, it was only wife trouble. Folchi's wife was a good-looking woman, rather younger than he, who was reputed to have affairs with other people and was not much in evidence in Caracas - though she was a good enough hostess when she did appear. Folchi himself is a tall, rather distinguished-looking diplomat of the old school: he is a kindly man with a lot of experience and not a bad brain, but rather a bumbler. But I found that if one could attune oneself for long enough to his bumbings, there were some quite interesting thoughts beneath. I believe that he has been appointed as Italian delegate to UNESCO, but this was not certain when he left here.

Yours ever,
Ressie

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cc Sir Ronald Arculus KCMG
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1. REQUESTED BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS ON VANNI D'ARCHIRAFI FOLLOW:-

BORN GENEVA 1931.

GRADUATED IN LAW FROM ROME UNIVERSITY IN 1954.
 ENTERED DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1956, WORKING ON NATO IN THE
 DIRECTORATE-GENERAL OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS.
 VICE-CONSUL, MUNICH 1958-61.
 SECOND AND LATER FIRST SECRETARY IN THE ITALIAN MISSION TO THE
 EC IN BRUSSELS, 1961-66.
 FIRST SECRETARY IN BUENOS AIRES, 1966-69.
 MFA, DIRECTORATE-GENERAL OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, 1969-73.
 COUNSELLOR MADRID, 1973-79.
 MFA, HEAD OF DELEGATION IN CHARGE OF ITALIAN PRESIDENCY
 AND TWO VENICE SUMMITS, 1979-80.
 APPOINTED HEAD OF COLOMBO'S PRIVATE OFFICE AUGUST 1980.
 AN ARISTOCRAT, COMES FROM A SICILIAN FAMILY.
 SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH AND FRENCH.

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Dear Margaret

PERSONALITY NOTES

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1. My letter of 24 October. I now enclose notes on the team which Forlani has assembled at the Palazzo Chigi, and on the four Under Secretaries at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Division of responsibilities between these MFA junior Ministers has yet to be decided; it is in any case unlikely to be precise.
2. Sergio Berlinguer, who was picked by Cossiga to be Diplomatic Adviser to the Prime Minister, is to remain in the same position under Forlani. This decision, which is a little surprising, should help to ensure continuity.

Yours ever,

Robert Culshaw

R N Culshaw

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BELLUSCIO, Onorevole COSTANTINO
Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Born at Cervia (Calabria) in 1930; he now lives in Rome.

Despite his youth he played a part in the Resistance at the end of the war. He then took a degree in Law but has made his career in journalism, working for "Avanti" (the Socialist paper), Ansa (the State News Agency) and other papers.

An early member of the Social Democrats, he quickly became head of their press office. He has also held the same position in the Ministries of Treasury, Finance, and Industry.

Close to Saragat, he was picked by him to be Deputy Head of the President's Press Office and later his Private Secretary.

Elected a Deputy for his Calabrian constituency in 1972, he held the seat in 1976 and 1979.

He is married with 2 grown up daughters, and speaks French and Albanian.

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DELLA BRIOTTA, Senator LIBERO
Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Born at Sondrio (Lombardy) in 1925, and still has a house there.

He has a degree in Literature. He came late to political life, being elected as a PSI Senator for the first time in 1979. He had long been active in the PSI at local level.

He is married with two grown up daughters; he speaks French.

His first Ministerial post was that of Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs in Cossiga's 2nd Government (April 1980), which he retains.

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BRESSANI, Onorevole PIER GIORGIO

Under-Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office with special responsibility for Information.

Born at Udine in the Veneto Region in 1929. A Lawyer. Member of the DC since 1945. DC Provincial Secretary for Udine and National Counsellor for the Friuli-Venezia-Giulia Region. Elected Deputy for Udine in 1963 and held his seat in subsequent elections. Secretary of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, and member of the Junta on Legal Matters. Member of the DC Executive. Under-Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, with responsibility for Public Administration, in 1976, under Andreotti. Under-Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office in 1979 under Cossiga. In party terms he is a member of the "Base" faction.

He lives in Udine.

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MAZZOLA, Onorevole FRANCESCO
Under-Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office with special
responsibility for the Security Services.

Born at Cuneo in Piedmont in 1936.

A lawyer by profession, he was elected Deputy for Cuneo-Alessandria
Asti in 1972 and held his seat in 1976 and 1979. A member of
the Chamber Committee on Labour, and of the Committee on Justice
and Advice to Government on the Revision of the Penal Code. A
member of the DC Executive. Under-Secretary in the Ministry of
Defence in 1978 in the fourth Andreotti Government. Appointed to
his present position in August 1979 in the first Cossiga
Government.

One of the newer faces in the party, he is a member of the largest
"Doroteo" faction.

He lives in Cuneo. He is married and has three children. His
wife (Stefania Canè) speaks good English.

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GUNNELLA, Onorevole ARISTIDE
Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Born in Trapani (Sicily) in 1931; he now lives in Palermo.

He has a degree in law and has taken a particular interest in Sicilian industry, advising the Regional Assembly on the subject and also directing the local organisation which promotes it. He has also written articles for the local and national press and been director of the Centre for Regional Studies in Sicily.

A member of the PRI, he has served on the party's foreign affairs committee and also been their Regional Vice Secretary for Sicily.

Elected a deputy for Palermo in 1968, he has held the seat since then. In Moro's 4th Government (1974-6) and in Andreotti's 5th Government (1979) he was Under Secretary for State Participations. He then became Under Secretary at the MFA in Cossiga's 2nd Government (April 1980), and has retained that position in Forlani's Government.

He is married with a son and a daughter, both grown up. He speaks French, and understands some English (but cannot speak it).

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SPERANZA, Onorevole EDOARDO

Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs since October 1980

Born in 1929 in Florence, where he still lives.

A lawyer by profession, he became DC Provincial Secretary in 1955 and also joined the city council, later becoming DC group leader in it. He was involved in the work of recovery after the disastrous 1966 floods. He has also been responsible for a number of cultural initiatives.

He has been a member of the DC National Executive since 1959. First elected a deputy (for Florence) in 1968, he has held his seat since then. In Andreotti's second Government (1972-3) he was Under Secretary for Tourism: in Andreotti's 3rd, 4th and 5th Governments (1976-9) he was Under Secretary for Justice.

In party terms he is a member of the largest faction, the Doroteo.

He is married with a son and a daughter, both grown up. He speaks French.

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RADI, Onorevole LUCIANO

Under-Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office.

Born at Foligno in Perugia in 1922.

He has a degree and has lectured at university level in economics and commerce. Originally from the ranks of "Catholic Action", he became DC Provincial Secretary for Perugia, a Member of the National Council and later leader of the party's Office dealing with the depressed areas. Elected Deputy for Perugia in 1958 and has held his seat in every subsequent election. Member of the Finance, Agriculture and Forestry, and Defence Committees in the Chamber. Member of the DC Executive.

Appointed Under-Secretary for State Participations in 1968 in the second Leone Government. Became Under-Secretary for Agriculture and Forestry in 1969 under the second Rumor Government, Under-Secretary to Forlani in the Ministry of Defence in 1974 in the fourth and fifth Moro Governments and Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs (again to Forlani) in 1976 under the third and fourth Andreotti Governments. Appointed to his present post in October 1980.

Radi has most recently been political editor of "Il Popolo" (the DC paper) an important job in party but not in journalistic terms. He has written several books on economics and politics, including an amusing booklet called "Buongiorno Onorevole" containing sketches of the more important current political personalities. He is a member of the "Fanfani" faction and has for many years been very close politically to Forlani.

Lives in Foligno and is married to a teacher. They have one daughter.

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Dr Giancarlo Bosetti

Dr Bosetti, until now the editor of the local news pages of the Milan edition of L'Unità, is shortly to become its chief assistant editor: capo redattore - a job, he said, notorious for the high incidence of heart failure of those engaged in it. The hazard was greater in a party paper because of the continual struggle to reconcile the claims on space of news and party speeches.

Among other subjects in a lunch-time conversation were Fiat, the Forlani government, and cost-of-living wage increases. Dr Bosetti made the following points.

Fiat.

The PCI did not regard the Fiat settlement as a defeat. It would have been a defeat, and a very serious one, if the Fiat proposal to sack a large number of its employees had been carried out. It would have served as a precedent for the restoration of the practice of sacking generally. The abolition of this practice had been the key advantage won by the workers as a result of the hot autumn of 1969. The loss of it would gradually be followed by the loss of all the other advantages. The PCI looked upon itself, and was regarded by its supporters, as the guardian of these advantages, and of the principle of job security. In other countries when a business was doing badly it might attempt to improve its position by dismissing employees. Not in Italy. In Italy other solutions had to be found. Reduction of the cost of labour, by such measures as the fiscalisation of social insurance contributions and the phasing out of the practice of making severance payments, was favoured by the PCI; so was a greater mobility of labour provided it was achieved through management/union agreement.

Though the PCI did not see the outcome of the Fiat dispute as a defeat it did agree with that part of union opinion which looked upon the decision to strike for an indefinite period as having been a mistake. The unions in Italy had neither the financial resources nor the mental aptitude to engage in a major strike of unlimited duration.

Berlinguer's intervention, pledging support if the strikers should decide on an eventual occupation of Fiat, was a gesture expected of him by the many PCI local officials among the strikers, the PCI representatives in Turin comune and province, and the mass of PCI supporters.



The Forlani Government.

The participation of Zaccagnini supporters in the new government and the probable choice of Andreotti to succeed Forlani as the President of the DC, opened prospects of PCI collaboration with the Government on specific issues, and even a return to the wide consensus on policy which backed the single-party DC governments from August 1976 to the end of 1978. An obstacle to this development, perhaps the chief obstacle at the moment, was Craxi.

Craxi had resented the fall of the Cossiga government, regarding it as a challenge to his authority within the PSI. A challenge engineered by the PCI with the connivance of some of the Left of the DC and the PSI. The press had estimated the number of the franchi tiratori whose vote against their party had put Cossiga in a minority to have been 31. There were in fact more because some of the PSDI and MSI had abandoned their party lines by voting for Cossiga. The anti-Cossiga sharp shooters had been about equally divided between the DC and the PSI. Craxi had, however, repaired the breach within his party - at least for the time being - and was stronger than ever. His ambitions were helped along by friendship with Rizzoli and the backing of his press, including Corriere della Sera, but most evidently by L'Europeo, and they did not include an improvement in the relations between the DC and the PCI.

Twenty-one Referendums.

The proliferation of referendums seemed to occasion Dr. Bosetti amusement. Twenty-one are due to be held next year: 10 initiated by the Radical party, two by the Catholic organisation "Movement for Life", and 8 by a Right-wing DC splinter group called Partito Cristiano di Azione Sociale which polled 3000 votes in the Administrative elections last June. The eight PCAS referendums concern only Lombardy and aspects of regional administration, in particular the health service, public transport and town and country planning.

Dr Bosetti had news of a twenty-first referendum. The PDUP is to begin collecting signatures next February for a referendum to abrogate the law by which cost-of-living addition to wages (contingenze) are not to be counted in calculating severance pay (liquidazione). There is no doubt that the necessary 500,000 signatures will be forthcoming. The law is highly unpopular and that the PCI voted for it was, Dr Bosetti said, a big factor in the PCI's loss of votes in the 1979 elections.

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The government may however thwart the holding of this 21st referendum by itself rescinding the law as part of a package deal with the unions to phase out severance payments. This would involve compensatory increases in weekly and monthly salaries. Severance payments are in fact, Dr Bosetti pointed out, merely deferred payments of salary.

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LEADING PERSONALITY REPORTS

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1. I was grateful to receive your letter of 24 October containing the Personality Notes on the new Ministers not already covered by our 1978 LPRs or by your telegram 581.
 2. We look forward to receiving in due course the revision of the 1978 LPRs on which you are at present working. DSP Volume 68 Chapter 2 gives advice on how to revise the LPR and you may find this useful. In the meantime, if there is anything to add to the note on Signor Andreotti, I should be grateful to receive this before his visit on 26/27 November.

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PERSONALITY NOTES

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1. Our telegrams no. 557 and 558. Most of the Ministers in the new Government have held Ministerial office quite recently and therefore appear in the 1978 Leading Personality Report (as you know we are now working on a comprehensive revision of it). The updating required to the relevant entries is fairly self-evident.
2. Our telegram 581 gave biographical notes on the new Ministers of Agriculture and Merchant Navy. I should only add that Bartolomei has long been a supporter of Fanfani, which puts him firmly on the right of the party.
3. Personality Notes on the other new Ministers are enclosed. In the next bag I shall send similar notes on a few of the more important Under Secretaries: you would probably not thank me for reporting on all 57 of them.

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DI GIESI, Onorevole MICHELE
Minister for Posts and Telecommunications

Born at Bari in 1927.

Started his political activity in trade unions, first at local and then at National level. Elected Deputy for the first time in 1972 for Bari-Foggia, and was subsequently re-elected in 1976 and 1979. Member of Budget, Planning, Regional Questions, and Planning Works Committees in the Chamber. Vice President of PSDI. Minister for the South in the fifth Andreotti Government in 1979 and in the first Cossiga Government.

He lives in Bari where he still maintains close contacts with the local trade union movement. Married with 2 children.

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GAVA, Onorevole ANTONIO
Minister for Relations with Parliament

Born at Castellammare (near Naples) in 1930, one of the 8 sons of Silvio Gava, a DC Minister in many post-war Governments. Lives in Naples. A graduate in jurisprudence, he became President of the Provincial administration of Naples in 1961, DC Provincial Secretary for Campania in 1969 and President of the first Regional Assembly of Campania in 1970. He has been a Deputy for Naples/Caserta since 1972. He survived fierce accusations of mismanagement and corruption during the Naples cholera outbreak in 1973. He is a member of the DC Executive. The Ministerial appointment in Forlani's Government (October 1980) was his first.

In party terms he is a staunch member of the right wing 'Doroteo' faction. He has also been head of Piccoli's political secretariat.

He is married with 3 sons.

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MAZZOTTA, Onorevole ANTONIO
Minister for the Regions

Born in 1940 in Milan, where he still lives. A graduate in economics and commercial studies. He became DC Regional Secretary for Lombardy and was elected as a Deputy for Milan/Pavia in 1972. He was re-elected in 1976 and 1979. Under Secretary for Agriculture in Andreotti's third Government (1976-1978). By recent Italian standards he has got his first Ministerial post (in October 1980) young.

He is one of the new faces in the party. Originally a member of the 'Base' faction, he was one of the founders of a new group (they do not think of themselves as a faction) called 'Proposta'. A close friend of Umberto Agnelli, he retains his links with industrial and financial circles.

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BODRATO, Onorevole GUIDO
Minister for Education

Born Monten Riero (Cuneo, Piedmont) in 1933. Degree in law. Economic research at the Institute for Economic and Social Research in Turin and Secretary of the Regional Committee for Economic Planning of Piedmont. Became National Leader of the Youth Movement of the DC and Vice President of the National University Union. Member of the Christian Workers Movement's National Council for Local Government. Elected Deputy for the first time in May 1968 for Turin-Novara-Vercelli. Was subsequently re-elected in 1972, 1976 and 1979. Became Director of the Public Relations and Press Section of the DC and Vice Secretary of the DC. Under the last Cossiga Government was a member of the Budget, Planning, and State Participation Committees in the Chamber. Appointed to his present post in October 1980.

A leading light on the left of the DC, Bodrato started his political career as a follower of Donat Cattin and as the ideologist of the "Forze Nuove" faction. Following the shift of the "Forze Nuove" more to the right, Bodrato broke with Donat Cattin and started up a new more left-wing current inside the DC called the "Nuove Forze".

Lives in Turin and is married with 4 children. Speaks neither English nor French.

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NICOLAZZI, Onorevole FRANCO
Minister for Public Works

Born Gattico (Novara, Piedmont) in 1924.

Teacher. During the war was in the resistance as a member of the Matteotti Brigade. In 1944 enrolled in the PSUP (Partito Socialista Unione Proletaria). When the Socialists split in 1947, forming the PSI under Nenni and the PSDI under Saragat, Nicolazzi joined the PSDI and became PSDI Provincial Secretary of the Novara Federation until 1952. In 1956 he became a member of the Central Committee of the PSDI, and was elected Mayor of Gattico and Vice President of the Provincial Administration of Novara. Elected Deputy for Turin-Novara-Vercelli in 1963 and subsequently re-elected in 1968, 1972 and 1979. Has been a member of Education, Arts and Health Committees in the Chamber. Under-Secretary at the Ministry of the Interior in the Colombo Government in 1970 and in the second Andreotti Government in 1972. Minister for Industry in the fifth Andreotti Government in 1979. Minister for Public Works in the first Cossiga Government.

Married with 1 son. Speaks English and French well.

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NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT: AGRICULTURE AND MERCHANT NAVY MINISTERS

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1. ROME TELS NO 577 AND 578 REPORTED THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO NEW MINISTERS TO THESE PORTFOLIOS. BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
2. AGRICULTURE: GIUSEPPE BARTOLOMEI. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT (DC). AGE 57, MARRIED WITH 3 SONS. BORN AND RESIDES IN AREZZO (NEAR FLORENCE). FIRST ELECTED SENATOR IN 1963 SINCE WHEN HAS BEEN RE-ELECTED ON FOUR OCCASIONS. HAS BEEN HEAVILY INVOLVED WITH THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PARTY SINCE 1944, MOST RECENTLY AS PRESIDENT OF THE DC PARLIAMENTARY GROUP. IS CONCERNED WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. THIS IS HIS FIRST MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENT.
3. MARCORA IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT BUT HE COULD GET A PARTY POST.
4. MERCHANT NAVY (WITH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR FISHERIES): FRANCESCO CAMPAGNIA OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLICAN PARTY (PRI). 59 YEARS OLD, AND FIRST ELECTED A DEPUTY IN 1968 SINCE WHEN HAS BEEN RE-ELECTED ON THREE OCCASIONS. IS A NEAPOLITAN AND REPRESENTS THE NAPLES-CASERTA CONSTITUENCY. IS A DOCTOR IN JURISPRUDENCE AND HAS STUDIED POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY AND ECONOMICS. HAS A JOURNALISTIC EXPERIENCE AND HAS ALSO PURSUED A REPUTABLE ACADEMIC CAREER. HAS NUMEROUS PUBLICATIONS OF A POLITICAL NATURE TO HIS CREDIT. IN 1957 HE FOUNDED THE CENTRE FOR NORTH-SOUTH STUDIES. SOME TIME AGO SERVED ON THE COMMISSION FOR AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY. HIS SOLE MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE WAS AS MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS IN THE FIFTH ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT (1979). WAS TWICE AN UNDER-SECRETARY. MARITAL STATUS NOT KNOWN.
5. CAMPAGNIA IS ONE OF THE THREE PRI REPRESENTATIVES IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT. HIS PREDECESSOR, SIGNORELLO, BECAME MINISTER FOR TOURISM. THIS CHANGE PROBABLY REFLECTS THE CHANGING BALANCE BETWEEN DC FACTIONS RATHER THAN ANY DISSATISFACTION WITH HIS PERSONAL PERFORMANCE.

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6. THE UNDER-SECRETARIES IN THESE MINISTRIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

AGRICULTURE:

ON MARIO CAMPAGNOLI (DC)
SENATOR FABIO FABBRI (PSI)
SENATOR ANSELMO MARTONI (DC)

MERCHANT NAVY:

ON GIUSEPPE CAROLI (DC)
ON GIOVANNI NONNE (PSI)

7. THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE ALSO FOR VETERINARY MATTERS, CONTINUES TO BE ON ALDO ANIASI OF THE ITALIAN SOCIALIST PARTY.

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cc. Mr. ~~James~~ Clarke
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Dear Margaret,

We spoke Herewith
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requested by Mr. Davis
then for info.

RAFFAELE VANNI

1. Further to our telcon of 1 September in which you requested a personality note on Raffaele Vanni, I hope that the information given below will be useful.
2. Vanni was born in Rome on 15 February 1928. After attending a "liceo classico" he enrolled at Rome University to study law but did not take a degree.
3. The son of a railway worker, Vanni gravitated very early in life towards both trade union affairs and politics. From 1947 to 1949 he was secretary of the Youth Federation of the Republican Party and in 1948 became a member of the Youth Commission of the newly-formed trade union centre CGIL (Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro) which was then made up of trade unionists of all major political persuasions.
4. In 1950, when a number of Socialists, Social Democrats and Republicans left CGIL in order to form their own separate union centre, Vanni was a founder member of the resulting Unione Italiana del Lavoro (UIL). He was from the outset a confederal secretary of the union and was elected General Secretary in October 1971.
5. Sig. Vanni was ousted from the post of General Secretary in October 1976 by the present incumbent, Giorgio Benvenuto, a Socialist. This move followed the development of an alliance between the Socialist and Social Democrat factions within the union.
6. Vanni continued active involvement with the Republican Party until 1969 when in response to a union decision that the simultaneous holding of trade union and political office was incompatible he resigned from the Party's National Executive.

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7. Since 1976, Vanni has involved himself increasingly in European trade union affairs. He is at present chairman of the EC Economic and Social Affairs Committee. He is also, however, still a member of UIL's Central Committee. Signor Vanni is generally considered now to be much more a politician than a trade unionist and the general feeling is that he will eventually seek election to the European Parliament.

8. Vanni has made two official trade union visits to the UK, in 1960 and 1965. He does not speak English.

Yours ever,

Peter

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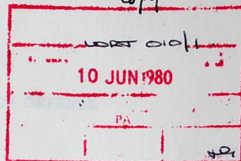
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The Italian Defence and Air Attache has forwarded copies of the Curriculum Vitae on the Italian Secretary of State for Defence. We enclose a copy for your use.

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THE HON. LELIO LAGORIO - MINISTER OF DEFENCE

Mr. Lagorio was born in Trieste on November 9, 1925. He lives in Florence, is married and has two daughters. His father was an Army Staff Officer. During the Fascism, when he was attending high school, he was repeatedly warned by the police for his actions of dissent within the school.

After the armistice of September 8, 1943 he collaborated with the National Liberation Committee of the Metalliferous Hills in Tuscany.

He graduated in law and for nine years was assistant to Professor Piero Calamandrei (a world-known jurist and one of the chiefs of anti-fascist Resistance) in the Chair of Comparative Trial Law at the University of Florence. A lawyer and a publicist, he contributes to many newspapers and politics and administration science reviews. He has been the editor of the politics and culture review "*Città e Regione*" since 1975. He is the managing director of the Study Center "*Lo Stato moderno*" an Institute of Research and Debates on State problems.

Enrolled in the Italian Socialist Party, he was Secretary of the Provincial Federation of Florence in the sixties and, later on, Regional Secretary of Tuscany. He has been a member of the Central Committee and the National Directorate of the Socialist Party since 1968 and 1970 respectively. He has been responsible for the socialist policy on defence, justice and public order since 1978. In this position he endeavoured to strengthen the links between military and civil circles and to give his party a socialist mark of European type backed by a modern government policy.

He is very experienced in local administration: from 1960 to 1964 he was vice president of the Province of Florence and from 1965 to 1969 Deputy Major and Major of Florence. From 1970 to 1978 he was President of the Tuscany Region. On his regional experience he wrote "*A Region to be built*" (1975), "*A President in Tuscany*" (1977), "*A Region in the crisis*" (1979).

President Pertini, "motu proprio" has awarded him the decoration of Knight Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy.

As the candidate with most votes in the 14th Florence-Pistoia constituency he became a Member of Parliament as a result of the elections of June 3, 1979.

He has visited almost all European countries, the United States and the Soviet Union. On April 4, 1980 he was appointed Minister for Defence in the 2nd Cossiga Administration.

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COLOMBO, ONOREVOLE EMILIO

Italian Foreign Minister

Born in 1920 in Potenza (Basilicata), which he has represented in Parliament as a Christian Democrat since 1946. Doctor of Law. Like Andreotti other protege of De Gasperi, he became a junior Minister at 28; Minister of Agriculture 1955-58, and for Foreign Trade 1958-59. As Minister for Industry in the following three years he was responsible for organising the nationalisation of the electricity industry (a watershed in Italian politics). He was concurrently in charge of relations with the EEC and led the Italian delegation in the first British entry negotiations. Minister of the Treasury without a break from 1963-70 and, together with Carli overcame more than one economic crisis, and successfully defended the lira.

Prime Minister of a centre-left government from August 1970 to February 1972. His task was made difficult by intense squabbling within the Christian Democrat party, aggravated by his own efforts to put through needed reforms, and by the Socialist overtures to the Communists. Colombo's position became untenable when the Christian Democrats and the Socialists, though parties in the same coalition government, supported different candidates in the presidential election at the end of 1971. Resigned February 1972.

Colombo returned to the Treasury in Andreotti's single party Christian Democrat government, February-June 1972, but occupied the comparatively unimportant post of Minister without Portfolio for relations with the UN during Andreotti's second government. Colombo returned to a senior post, that of Minister of Finance, when Rumor formed his government in July 1973. He once more took over the Treasury in March 1974, remaining there until the General Election in June 1976. Mr Roy Jenkins tried to interest him in joining the Commission, but he declined. Elected President of the European Parliament in March 1977. Appointed Foreign Minister April 1980.

Colombo is a devout Catholic. Unmarried, he is said to be a lay Franciscan who has taken a vow of celibacy. A handsome, highly intelligent and hard working man with quiet sense of humour. He is a good speaker. Beneath his gentle exterior, he is a capable politician, especially in his limited area of the Mezzogiorno. At the same time, his lack of a real power base was probably his own undoing as Prime Minister. He runs a small faction in the Christian Democrat party which is nominally allied with Andreotti's, but, in general, he takes a neutral stand in internal party squabbles. He appears to suffer from catarrh of a rather pronounced kind which makes him restless and twitchy.

Colombo has been a good friend of Britain, which he has often visited, once in June 1971 as Prime Minister. Speaks good French but scarcely any English. He likes music and collects old silver.

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VISIT BY THE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER
28 MAY 1980

THE ITALIAN POLITICAL SITUATION

1. Signor Cossiga was sworn in on 4 April on reappointment as Prime Minister, at the head of a new coalition Government which includes the Socialists. He had resigned in mid-March rather than face defeat on a key vote but was given a mandate by President Pertini to form a new Government. Within 16 days - a record by recent Italian standards - Cossiga succeeded in forming a 3-part coalition made up of 16 Christian Democrats, 9 Socialists and 3 Republicans. By bringing in the Socialists, Cossiga succeeded in forming a Government which has a majority in Parliament without outside support, for the first time since 1974. This has strengthened Cossiga's personal position.

2. It is too early to assess the performance of the new Government. The inclusion of Socialists and Republicans in place of Social Democrats and Liberals in Cossiga's new Government might be expected to produce a more leftward-looking Government. On the other hand, the new coalition is effectively an anti-Communist alliance, which has been made possible by recent strengthening in the position of the right wing in both the Christian Democrat Party and the Socialist Party. This trend is apparent in the composition of the Government: members of the centre and right factions predominate among the Christian Democrat Ministers, and there is only one left-winger among the 9 Socialists.

3. Political activity is now focussed almost entirely on the Administrative Elections which will be held on 8 June, and in which the Communists are expected to lose further ground. The results will also be important for the Cossiga Government: if the Socialists do badly, left-wing Socialists may press for the party to withdraw from the coalition.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office
27 May 1980

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for Mrs. M.S. 7/5, Mrs. 7/5.

You asked for a note on the new Minister of Labour. I am afraid we don't know very much about him, but I enclose a preliminary note which we will try to supplement when we find out more (eg whether he speaks English).

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FOSCHI, Onorevole Franco

Minister of Labour (Christian Democrat)

Born at Recan^ati (Ancona) 1931. Qualified as a doctor, specialising in psychiatry. An active member of the Independent Catholic Workers Association (ACLI).

Mayor of Recan^ati from 1960 to 1970. First elected to Parliament (for the Ancona region, which he still represents) in 1968. Was Chairman of a Parliamentary Committee of Enquiry into health reform and social services. Founder and President of the National Union of Italian Co-operatives, whose aim is to promote the creation of co-operatives particularly in the agricultural, building and fishing industries. From 1976 to 1979 he was Under-Secretary (junior Minister) in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with particular responsibility for Italian emigrant workers. In that capacity he travelled widely, visiting Italian emigrant communities overseas.

He was appointed Minister of Labour in Cossiga's second government in April 1980, his first full ministerial appointment.

He belongs to the "Forze Nuove"^{faction} of the Christian Democrat Party, headed by Donat-Cattin, which is closely linked to the Catholic Trade Unions and workers' organisations.

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ANDREATTA, Senator Prof. Beniamino

Minister ^{without Portfolio} ~~of the Budget~~ (Christian Democrat). Born Trento 1928. Professor of Economics at the Catholic University of Milan and subsequently at the University of Bologna, where he is Director of the Institute of Economics in the Faculty of Political Science. A liberal economist, he has also played a leading role in running a Christian Democrat Economic research group (AREL) in Rome.

One of the most respected "technicians" of the DC party, he was for many years an economic adviser to the late Aldo Moro, to whom he was close politically. Elected Senator in 1976 for a constituency near Bologna) he was an active member of the Senate Finance and Treasury Committee from 1976-79 until his appointment as Minister of the Budget on the formation of the Cossiga Government in August 1979.

A large, friendly, talkative man, with a good sense of humour, very well disposed to Britain. He speaks good English and studied Economics at Cambridge for a period in the 1960s. ~~Universally~~ known as "Nino" (the diminutive of his Christian name).

Reappointed Minister without Portfolio ("with special tasks"), with responsibility for co-ordinating economic policy, in Cossiga's second Government in April 1980.

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The Italian Ambassador

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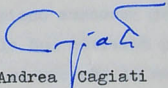
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28th April, 1980

Dear Secretary of State,

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a message addressed to you by Signor Emilio Colombo, Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs, together with a rough translation.

Very sincerely yours


Andrea Cagiati

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The Rt. Hon. The Lord Carrington, KCMG, MC.

Text of the message of Signor Emilio Colombo,
Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs, addressed
to The Rt. Hon. The Lord Carrington, KCMG, MC,
Foreign Secretary.

"Ho ricevuto il messaggio che Ella ha
voluto inviarmi in occasione della mia nomina a
Ministro degli Affari Esteri.

Nel gradito ricordo del nostro recente
incontro a Lisbona, desidero ringraziarLa e ricambiarLe
ogni augurio di pieno successo per il Suo benessere
personale e per la Sua attività politica.

Sono sicuro che la nostra collaborazione
in campo comunitario, proiettata anche nel più vasto
quadro della comunità internazionale, potrà essere
ricca di risultati positivi e che insieme potremo lavorare
con successo per una sempre più feconda integrazione
europea, il cui ideale ci ha guidati per lunghi anni.

Signed: Emilio Colombo"

British Embassy
Via St. James's Place
London, W.1

ROUGH TRANSLATION

I have received the message you so kindly sent to me on the occasion of my appointment as Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Remembering with pleasure our meeting in Lisbon, I wish to thank you for your kindness and reciprocate the best wishes for your personal wellbeing and for every success in your political career.

I am confident that our co-operation within the European Community, also projected in the wider international field, can be enriched with positive results and that, together, we can successfully work at achieving an ever more fruitful European integration, the ideal of which has inspired us for so many years.

Emilio Colombo
Emilio Colombo

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*Mr. Scall for
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Dear Ambassador,

I warmly thank you for your kind words.
My husband and I have always resented the friendly atmosphere of your Country in the happy years we spent in Rome.
Dear Margaret

I shall be grateful if you convey to Lord Carrington the message he has addressed to me.

DEATH OF SENATOR MANLIO BROSIO

Attached is a copy of a letter sent by Senator Brosio's widow asking the Ambassador to convey her thanks for the message of sympathy sent by the Secretary of State. May I leave it to you to forward this to the Private Office?

Manlio Brosio
Yours ever
Michael
(Clotilde Brosio)

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H.E. R. ARCULUS
BRITISH EMBASSY
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Mantio Brosio

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Turin, 25th March 1980

Dear Ambassador,

I warmly thank you for your so kind words.

My husband and I have always remembered the friendly atmosphere of your Country in the happy years we spent in London.

I shall be grateful if you convey to Lord Carrington my most sincere thanks for the message he has addressed to me.

Yours,

Clotilde Brosio

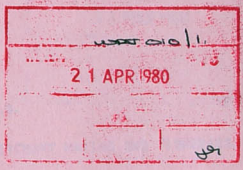
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TO IMMEDIATE ROME

TELEGRAM NUMBER 196 OF 11 APRIL

PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING FROM ME TO SIGNOR COLOMBO:
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I WAS DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING YOU AT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEETING IN LISBON. I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN MINISTER AND TO WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR NEW POST.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN THE FUTURE ON THE MANY QUESTIONS IN WHICH WE HAVE A COMMON INTEREST, IN PARTICULAR THE IMPORTANT TASK OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION.
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 TELEGRAM NUMBER 199 OF 5TH MARCH
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RESIGNATION OF ITALIAN MINISTER OF MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES.

1. SRGNOR FRANCO EVANGELISTI, WHO HAD BEEN MINISTER OF MERCHANT MARINE (WHICH INCLUDES RESPONSIBILITY FOR FISHERIES) SINCE THE FORMATION OF THE COSSIGA GOVERNMENT LAST AUGUST, RESIGNED ON 4 MARCH FOLLOWING HIS INVOLVEMENT IN A SCANDAL ABOUT PAYMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE BANKRUPT CALTAGIRONE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. EVANGELISTI, WHO IS A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF ANDREOTTI'S , ADMITTED IN A PRESS INTERVIEW LAST WEEK THAT HE HAD RECEIVED MONEY ILLEGALLY FOR HIS OWN AND HIS ASSOCIATES' ELECTION EXPENSES FROM ONE OF THE CALTAGIRONE BROTHERS WHO RAN THE COMPANY. HE ADDED THAT MANY OTHERS HAD RECEIVED MONEY IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. THE CALTAGIRONE BROTHERS HAVE FOR SOME TIME BEEN UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE MAGISTRATES FOR ALLEGEDLY CORRUPT FINANCIAL DEALINGS. THESE AND OTHER INVESTIGATIONS LED TO THE ARREST ON 4 MARCH OF NO LESS THAN 38 SENIOR BANKERS, FINANCIERS AND BUSINESSMEN , WHO ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ARRANGING UNAUTHORISED LOANS TO VARIOUS BUSINESSES FROM THE STATE SAVINGS BANK, ITALCASSE. WARRANTS WERE ISSUED FOR THE ARREST OF A FURTHER 11 WHO HAD ALREADY LEFT THE COUNTRY (INCLUDING THE CALTAGIRONE BROTHERS). PUBLIC IMPRESSION OF WIDESPREAD SCANDAL HAS BEEN COMPOUNDED BY SEPARATE BUT COINCIDENTAL REVELATIONS ABOUT BRIBES TO LEADING FOOTBALLERS, INCLUDING SOME OF THE BEST KNOWN PLAYERS IN THE COUNTRY.

3. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR HOW FAR THE ITALCASSE INVESTIGATIONS WILL GO , OR TO WHAT EXTENT ANY LEADING POLITICAL FIGURES MAY BE INVOLVED. IT HAS LONG BEEN ALLEGED THAT ALL THE MAIN PARTIES EXCEPT THE COMMUNISTS RECEIVED ITALCASSE PAYMENTS. THERE IS SPECULATION ABOUT ANDREOTTI'S POSITION, BUT IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE PROMPT RESIGNATION OF HIS RIGHTHAND MAN, EVANGELISTI, WILL BE ENOUGH TO KEEP ANDREOTTI IN THE CLEAR.

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4. MEANWHILE, EVANGELISTI HAS BEEN REPLACED AT THE MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE BY ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE ANDREOTTI FACTION OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PARTY, SENATOR NICOLA SIGNORELLO. SIGNORELLO WAS MINISTER OF TOURISM IN 1973/74 BUT HAS SINCE THEN BEEN OUT OF OFFICE.

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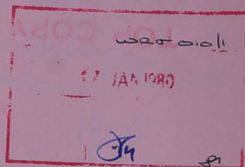
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1. MESSAGES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE (MY TELNO 106 TO -~~me~~ ISLAMABAD, NOT COPIED TO ROME, REFERS). YOU MAY WISH TO AUTHORISE ROME TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES:

(A) TO SIGNOR MALFATTI : 'I WAS EXTREMELY SORRY TO LEARN THAT ILL-HEALTH HAS FORCED YOU TO RESIGN FROM THE POST OF FOREIGN MINISTER. PLEASE ACCEPT MY VERY SINCERE SYMPATHY. I HAVE VALUED OUR CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP AND VERY MUCH HOPE THAT CIRCUMSTANCES MAY PERMIT YOU TO RETURN TO PUBLIC LIFE IN THE FUTURE. WARM REGARDS. PETER CARRINGTON.'

(B) TO SIGNOR RUFFINI : 'I WAS VERY PLEASED TO LEARN OF YOUR APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU IN THE MANY FIELDS WHERE WE HAVE COMMON INTERESTS.'

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SIGNOR ADOLFO SARTI

1. During the weekend, the Italian Foreign Minister, Signor Malfatti, resigned for reasons of ill-health. His place has been taken by the Defence Minister, Signor Ruffini.
2. The new Minister of Defence is Signor Adolfo Sarti. He is a lawyer, born in 1928, who has been Senator for Piedmont since 1972. He was Minister for Tourism and Entertainment in Signor Moro's Governments between 1974 and 1976. He was out of Government from 1976 until July 1979, when Signor Cossiga appointed him Minister for Relations with Parliament. HM Embassy consider him intelligent and able. He led the recent debate in the Senate on Afghanistan. He was tipped to be Minister of Foreign Affairs, but clearly Signor Ruffini's greater experience has counted.
3. I recommend that the Secretary of State should write to congratulate Signor Sarti on his appointment. I attach a draft.
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4. It might also be worth reassessing where we now stand on a possible visit to Italy by Secretary of State in the second half of this year (you say in your MO 25/3/14 of 22 November 1979 that Mr Pym had accepted an invitation in principle). If you think that Mr Pym would still like to take this up, we could ask the Embassy to check that the invitation in principle still stands.

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15 January 1980

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ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, ATTILIO SOTTILI, HAS LITTLE EXPERIENCE OF DEFENCE MATTERS BUT HAS ENJOINED SINCE A GOOD REPUTATION OF HIMSELF AS AN ACTIVE AND CAPABLE MINISTER OF DEFENCE SINCE SEPTEMBER 1971. HIS MAIN MINISTERIAL COLLEAGUES TO BE THE

DRAFT LETTER FROM SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE TO SIGNOR ADOLFO SARTI

May I offer you my warmest congratulations on your appointment as Minister of Defence. I look forward to working with you in advancing the common defence aims of our two countries and furthering the aims of the North Atlantic Alliance.

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 47 OF 15 JANUARY

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1. THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, ATTILIO RUFFINI, HAS LITTLE EXPERIENCE OF EEC AFFAIRS BUT HAS ESTABLISHED A GOOD REPUTATION FOR HIMSELF AS AN ACTIVE AND CAPABLE MINISTER OF DEFENCE SINCE SEPTEMBER 1977. HIS NATO MINISTERIAL COLLEAGUES FOUND HIM EASY TO DEAL WITH AND STAUNCHLY PRO-NATO IN HIS ATTITUDES. HE IS ALSO LESS VERBOSE AT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS THAN MANY ITALIANS. ONCE HE HAS SETTLED INTO THE WAYS OF THE EEC HE SHOULD BE AT LEAST AN ADEQUATE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, THOUGH HIS PERSONALITY IS PLEASANT RATHER THAN FORCEFUL. HE IS VERY WELL-DISPOSED TOWARDS BRITAIN (HE TOLD ME, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT HE THOUGHT BRITAIN HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN NATO AS A COUNTER-WEIGHT TO THE GERMAN INFLUENCE WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE OVERPOWERING). IN DOMESTIC POLITICS HE IS MORE STRONGLY ANTI-COMMUNIST THAN MANY OF HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE CENTRE-RIGHT FACTION OF THE DC PARTY. ALTHOUGH BORN IN MANTUA, HE HAS CLOSE LINKS WITH SICILY (HIS WIFE COMES FROM AN INFLUENTIAL SICILIAN FAMILY AND HIS UNCLE WAS ARCHBISHOP OF PALERMO, WHICH HE HIMSELF HAS REPRESENTED IN PARLIAMENT SINCE 1963). THOUGH STILL SOMEWHAT UNTRIED INTERNATIONALLY, HE MAY TURN OUT TO BE QUITE A GOOD CHOICE.
2. HIS SUCCESSOR AS MINISTER OF DEFENCE, ADOLFO SARTI, WAS A PROTEGE OF RUMOR UNDER WHOM HE SERVED IN THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR AND THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE IN THE EARLY 70S. HE WAS OUT OF OFFICE (FOLLOWING RUMOR'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE LOCKHEED BRIBES SCANDAL) UNTIL BECOMING MINISTER FOR RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT UNDER COSSIGA LAST AUGUST. BUT HE IS REGARDED AS A CAPABLE POLITICIAN WITH A MORE INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK THAN MOST ITALIAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS (HE WAS AT ONE TIME HEAD OF THE PARTY'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE). AT 51, HE IS STILL RELATIVELY YOUNG FOR MAJOR MINISTERIAL OFFICE. ALTHOUGH HE HAS LITTLE EXPERIENCE OF DEFENCE MATTERS, HE IS SAID TO HAVE MADE A GOOD IMPRESSION WHEN HE SUBSTITUTED FOR FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER MALFATTI AT THE NAC AND SPECIAL TNF MEETINGS LAST MONTH. HE IS A LARGE, EXPANSIVE PERSONALITY WHO IS WELL LIKED BY HIS COLLEAGUES.

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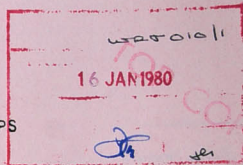
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RUFFINI, ONOREVOLE ATTILIO

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT)

1. BORN MANTOVA 1925. BARRISTER. TOOK PART IN WARTIME RESISTANCE. JOINED DC IN 1945. DEPUTY FOR PALERMO SINCE 1963. MEMBER OF PARTY NATIONAL COUNCIL SINCE 1969. UNDER-SECRETARY (JUNIOR MINISTER) FOR EDUCATION 1972, AND FOR THE TREASURY 1972-74. PARTY VICE-SECRETARY APRIL 1974 TO JULY 1976, RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESS AND INFORMATION. MINISTER OF TRANSPORT FROM JULY 1976 TO SEPTEMBER 1977 WHEN HE WAS SWITCHED TO DEFENCE AFTER THE PREVIOUS MINISTER OF DEFENCE, LATTANZIO, HAD BEEN HEAVILY CRITICISED FOR THE ESCAPE FROM A ROME PRISON OF THE NAZI WAR CRIMINAL KAPPLER. RUFFINI RETAINED HIS JOB AS DEFENCE MINISTER WHEN THE NEW ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT WAS FORMED IN MARCH 1978.

2. RUFFINI IS A MEMBER OF THE MAINSTREAM "DOROTEI" FACTION OF THE DC, AND IS PERSONALLY CLOSE TO ANDREOTTI. HAS A SOLID BASE OF LOCAL SUPPORT IN SICILY, AND IS AN ACTIVE AND CAPABLE MINISTER.

3. WELL-DISPOSED TOWARDS BRITAIN. INTERESTED IN LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS. GOOD ON TELEVISION. MARRIED - WIFE IS LIVELY, INTELLIGENT, INTERESTED IN POLITICS, AND COMES FROM AN INFLUENTIAL SICILIAN FAMILY. FIVE CHILDREN - ONE SON WORKING IN UK TO LEARN ENGLISH.

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MY TELNO 40 ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER:

1. AS EXPLAINED IN TELECON ADAMS/CROWE (UKREP) MINISTER RUFFINI (FORMERLY MINISTER OF DEFENCE: ITALIAN PERSONALITIES LIST NO.111) HAS NOW TAKEN MALFATTI'S PLACE. RUFFINI LEFT THIS AFTERNOON FOR BRUSSELS TO PRESIDE OVER THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. A MEMBER OF HIS PRIVATE OFFICE TOLD US THIS AFTERNOON THAT HE WOULD UNDERSTANDABLY HAVE TO RELY VERY HEAVILY AT THIS COUNCIL ON THE KNOWLEDGABLE HEAD OF THAT OFFICE, RENATO RUGGIERO.

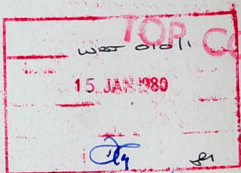
2. MEANWHILE, SARTI (FORMERLY MINISTER FOR RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT: PERSONALITIES LIST NO.117) HAS TAKEN OVER FROM RUFFINI. SARTI'S POST HAS BEEN FILLED BY DARIDA, HITHERTO A PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR WHO WAS THE LAST CHRISTIAMN DEMOCRAT MAYOR OF ROME. I WILL SEND A FURTHER ASSESSMENT TOMORROW OF THE NEW MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE. BUT RUFFINI HAS LONG HAD CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH HMG. HIS LAST VISIT TO THE UK WAS AT THE INVITATION OF MR PYM IN NOVEMBER LAST TO DISCUSS TNF AND OTHER PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

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ADAMS LETTER OF 10 JANUARY TO HANNAY: ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

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2. MEANWHILE, I WAS GLAD TO HEAR (TELECON SNELL/KEELING (WED)), THAT YOU PROPOSE TO SEND A MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY TO SIGNOR MALFATTI.
3. PLEASE PASS ADVANCE COPIES TO:

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TO IMMEDIATE ISLAMABAD (FOR PS)

TELEGRAM NUMBER 86 OF 14 JANUARY

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM NOW REPEATED TO YOU AT REQUEST OF PRIVATE OFFICE
WAS RECEIVED FROM ROME TELEGRAM NO 40 OF 14/1

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Mr Fergusson

Miss Keeling

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NEW ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

1. We have learnt that Signor Ruffini has replaced Signor Malfatti as Italian Foreign Minister. The Italian Embassy has confirmed this but we have not yet received a report from H M Ambassador at Rome. I recommend that a message should be sent to Signor Ruffini on behalf of the Secretary of State. I submit a draft message at

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A Personality Note is attached.

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D A S Gladstone
Western European Department

14 January 1980

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Mr. Keeling

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Mr. J. Mahony

Lord Bridges

From WED
 1. Would you please pass the following message to
 Signor Ruffini on behalf of Lord Carrington,

"I was very pleased to learn of your appointment
 as Minister of Foreign Affairs and look forward
 to working closely with you in the many fields
 where we have common interests."



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PERSONALITY NOTE

RUFFINI, Onorevole Attilio

Minister of Foreign Affairs (Christian Democrat)

Born Mantova 1925. Barrister. Took part in wartime Resistance. Joined DC 1945. Deputy for Palermo since 1963. Member of Party National Council since 1969. Under-Secretary (junior Minister) for Education 1972, and for the Treasury 1972-74. Party Vice-Secretary April 1974 to July 1976, responsible for press and information. Minister of Transport from July 1976 to September 1977 when he was switched to Defence after the previous Minister of Defence, Lattanzio, had been heavily criticised for the escape from a Rome prison of the Nazi war criminal Kappler. Ruffini retained his job as Defence Minister when the new Andreotti government was formed in March 1978.

Ruffini is a member of the mainstream "Dorotei" faction of the DC and ^{was} personally close to Andreotti. Has a solid base of local support in Sicily, and is an active and capable Minister.

Well-disposed towards Britain. Interested in Latin American affairs. Good on television. Married - wife is lively, intelligent, interested in politics, and comes from an influential Sicilian family. Five children - one son working in UK to learn English.

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Mr. Keeling
WSD
Jan 14

Mr Fergusson

Private Secretary

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RESIGNATION OF SIGNOR MALFATTI

1. Signor Malfatti, the Italian Foreign Minister, has resigned due to ill-health. You may remember that he suffered a heart attack recently and has been convalescing. He had hoped to resume his position but it seems that doctors' advice is firmly against this. A successor has not yet been appointed.

2. I submit a draft message of sympathy from the Secretary of State.

D A S Gladstone

D A S Gladstone
Western European Department

14 January 1980

cc: EID(I)
Mr Hannay

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TELCOM KEELING/SNELL YESTERDAY: RESIGNATION
OF SIGNOR MALFATTI

1. Please deliver the following message from me to
Signor Malfatti, begins:

I was extremely sorry to learn today that ill-
health has forced you to resign from the post of
Foreign Minister. Please accept my sincere
sympathy. I have valued our close working
relationship and very much hope that circumstances
may permit you to return to public life in the
future. Warm regards.

Peter Carrington

Copies to:-

Italian Embassy
17, Three Kings Yard,
London, W.1.

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11th January, 1980

Dear Mr. Walden,

JR

Please find herewith enclosed a message addressed to Lord Carrington by the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Signor Franco Malfatti, together with a rough translation.

Yours sincerely

Ludovico Incisa di Camerana

Ludovico Incisa di Camerana,
Minister.

Encs.

Mr. Vercken
Mr. Keeling

G. G. H. Walden, Esq.,
Private Secretary
to The Rt. Hon. The Lord Carrington, KCMG, MC,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
London S.W.1.

Jan 16

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cc to
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Italian Embassy
14, Three Kings Yard,
London, W.1.

Text of the message addressed to the Rt. Hon.
The Lord Carrington, KCMG, MC, by the Italian
Minister for Foreign Affairs, Signor Franco Malfatti.

"Desidero esprimerLe il più sincero ringraziamento
per la Sua partecipazione al lutto che ci ha dolorosamente
colpiti con la scomparsa del Senatore Pietro Nenni.

Il Ministro degli Affari Esteri, Franco Malfatti".

SIR D. HAITLAND
MR BULLARD
MR FERGUSON

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REF TELEGRAM ADDRESS/REPLYING WITH DEATH OF SENATOR PIETRO NENNI

1. WENT "I wish to thank you most sincerely for sharing in our Country's grief for the loss of Senator Pietro Nenni.

Signed: Franco Malfatti
Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs."

QUOTE I WAS SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF FORMER ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PIETRO NENNI. HE WAS A GREAT ITALIAN STATESMAN AND HIS DEATH WILL BE A LOSS TO THE ITALIAN PEOPLE AND TO HIS MANY ADMIRERS THROUGHOUT EUROPE. PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEP CONDOLENCES. UNQUOTE.

2. GRATEFUL FOR CONFIRMATION BY ELDEST TELEGRAM FOR ACTION IN ADVANCE OF THE FUNERAL AT 1300Z.

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REF TELECON ADAMS/KEELING WED: DEATH OF SENATOR PIETRO NENNI

1. OVERNIGHT THE FUNERAL OF THE ITALIAN SOCIALIST PARTY PRESIDENT (WHO WAS TWICE FOREIGN MINISTER) HAS BEEN BUILT UP INTO A STATE OCCASION. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO PIN DOWN THE FRENCH BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT IS SENDING A MESSAGE TO COSSIGA. WE RECOMMEND THAT WE BE AUTHORISED TO FORWARD A MESSAGE FROM YOU TO FOREIGN MINISTER MALFATTI. SUGGESTED TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE I WAS SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF FORMER ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PIETRO NENNI. HE WAS A GREAT ITALIAN PATRIOT AND HIS DEATH WILL BE A LOSS TO THE ITALIAN PEOPLE AND TO HIS MANY ADMIRERS THROUGHOUT EUROPE. PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEP CONDOLENCES. UNQUOTE.

2. GRATEFUL FOR CONFIRMATION BY DESKBY TELEGRAM FOR ACTION IN ADVANCE OF THE FUNERAL AT 1330Z.

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MR BULLARD

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Done.

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*To the Italian Ambassador
to the United Kingdom*

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London, 2nd January, 1980 - 0101

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My dear Sir,

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a card addressed to you by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy, Signor Franco M. Malfatti.

My good wishes for your political career and for every success. Unfortunately on the 7th January I shall be travelling in London and in Rome, but on a plane.

Roberto Ducci

As ever yours
Roberto Ducci

Enc.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Ian Gilmour, Bt, MP.

Il Ministro degli Affari Esteri



Franco Maria Maffatti

*ringrazia e ricambia cordialmente
i migliori auguri*

Natale 1979

Capodanno 1980

The Rt. Hon. Sir Ian GILMOUR, Bt, MP.

Lord Privy Seal

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

LONDON, SW1.