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Dear Mark

BRITISH DELEGATION HOLY SEE

1. Thank you for your Despatch on the visit of the Prime Minister to the Pope on 24 November, which we have circulated to those interested.
2. As you point out, the talks will have been valuable in helping to counter pressure on the Vatican over the hunger strike at the Maze Prison as it reaches a critical stage.

LAST PAPER

Yours ever

Dant

D A S Gladstone  
Western European Department

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Our reference page 2.  
Date 31 December 1980

Dear David,

PV.  
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ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMITS

Thank you for copying to us Michael Alexander's letter of 15 December from which we note that the Department has proposed, and the Prime Minister agreed, that we should try to postpone the Anglo-Italian summit due to take place in Rome next autumn.

2. I hope we are right to assume that you will not be instructing us to say anything to the Italians before the next summit in London: this would be likely to cause them some alarm and despondency. Better to wait until the two Prime Ministers are in London and come, at the end of their talks, to the item on "time and place of next meeting": it would then appear natural for Mrs Thatcher to refer to her already crowded programme for next autumn and ask the Italians to propose a later date for the next meeting in Rome.

3. We also assume you are still working on the basis that the next London meeting should be next April, as the Prime Minister told the Ambassador while she was here (Sir R Arculus' minute of 26 November, copied to you), and that you will be asking us in good time to propose some definite dates to the Italians.

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Yours ever  
Michael

Michael Simpson-Orlebar

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1 December 1980

*Dear Michael,*

Prime Minister's Overseas Visits and  
Visitors 1981

Lord Carrington has been considering possible programmes of visits and visitors for the Prime Minister and himself in 1981. I enclose a schedule of existing plans at Prime Ministerial level and of Lord Carrington's additional proposals, as well as a schedule of the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's own plans. We assume of course that events are likely to necessitate additional visits, outward and inward, which cannot now be foreseen.

The Queen

As background, I should recall the plans for State Visits next year. The recommendations are likely to be that King Khalid of Saudi Arabia be invited in June and President Shagari of Nigeria in November. If there is a recommendation for a State Visit in March, it may be for President Marcos of the Philippines or President Banda of Malawi. The Queen will visit Norway in May, Australia for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHGM) in September/October, and New Zealand and Sri Lanka later in October. Canada is a possibility in July.

Outward Visits by the Prime Minister

In view of the UK Presidency in the second half of 1981, the Prime Minister may prefer to fit as many of her outward trips as possible into the first half of the year.

Lord Carrington welcomes the idea that the Prime Minister should visit the Gulf in early January or in connection with her Indian visit in April. He suggests that the best countries to visit would be Saudi Arabia, Oman and

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the United Arab Emirates. If the Prime Minister agrees, we shall submit draft telegrams to the Posts with instructions and detailed suggestions. (There will not be time to include visits to all six Arab states in the Persian Gulf, but the Prime Minister has met in the relatively recent past the Amir of Qatar, and the Prime Ministers of Bahrain and Kuwait. They will be borne in mind for another Ministerial visit in the not too distant future.)

The proposals in the schedule for visits to the US and to the North/South Summit in Mexico need little explanation. Lord Carrington will make specific suggestions in due course. We shall also make detailed suggestions about a visit to India in April. A visit to Spain would only be appropriate if the Lisbon Agreement on Gibraltar is implemented. If this condition was met, a visit during the UK Presidency would be particularly appropriate. A visit to Portugal (Paul Lever's letter of 7 November) could be extremely brief, but the Portuguese would wish it to be separate from any visit to Spain.

The schedule of outward visits does not include an Anglo/Italian Summit in Rome in November. The Prime Minister may feel that the frequency of these meetings could be eased by suggesting in due course to the Italians that the second Summit due in 1981 might be postponed because of the UK Presidency until early 1982.

#### Inward Visits

Sir S Ramgoolam, although Prime Minister of Mautitius since independence, has never paid an official visit to Britain. Despite his age he is not expected to retire soon. He is firmly pro-Western and his country is among the few which have preserved the Westminster model of Parliamentary democracy. Lord Carrington recommends that Sir S Ramgoolam should be invited here in the second week of February, when the Mauritian parliament (where the government have a slender majority) will be in recess and when The Queen should be able to receive him. Given the short time available, we would be grateful to know the Prime Minister's wishes as soon as possible.

An invitation to Mr Mugabe would be an excellent way of keeping up the momentum of our relations with Zimbabwe. One of the regular Anglo/Irish Summits will be due in mid-year and should probably be held after the Northern Ireland

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local government elections in June. We shall be writing shortly with detailed suggestions about inviting M. Barre. It would be a suitable gesture to invite the Belgian Prime Minister for a brief visit before we hand over the Presidency to Belgium at the end of the year.

An invitation to Mr Seaga would be an excellent goodwill gesture after the change of government in Jamaica.

We have tended to neglect Cameroon, a stable, moderate country which is one third Anglophone. The Cameroon market, with its sound agricultural base and significant oil reserves, is buoyant and attractive. President Ahidjo, in office since independence in 1960, has just started another 5 year term. Lord Carrington recommends an official invitation in 1981.

Peru has recently returned to democratic government. The economy is strong and offers opportunities for investment and exports. Dr Ulloa, the Prime Minister, is also Minister of the Economy and Commerce and the most important person after the President. An official visit could win us a valuable friend.

The new, moderate Dominican Government would welcome an invitation to the Prime Minister, Miss Charles. There is advantage in demonstrating support for governments favouring stability in the volatile Eastern Caribbean.

You will see that Lord Carrington's schedule of inward visits includes the possibility of inviting the Polish Foreign Minister. But, depending on how things go in Poland, we may later wish to sound the Poles about the possibility of a higher level contact instead.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the members of OD and David Wright in the Cabinet Office.

yours ever  
*Roderic Lyne*

(R M J Lyne)  
Private Secretary

M O'D B Alexander Esq  
10 Downing St

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From the Private Secretary

15 December 1980

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Dear Roderic,

attached

## Prime Minister's Overseas Visits and Visitors 1981

The Prime Minister has seen your letter to me of 1 December on this subject. She is generally content with the proposals in it but has made the following comments:-

- (a) The Prime Minister wonders whether a visit by The Queen to Canada in July may not give rise to difficulties associated with the patriation of the Constitution;
- (b) The Prime Minister looks forward to seeing the draft telegrams about her visit to the Gulf in April;
- (c) The Prime Minister agrees that we should try to postpone the Anglo/Italian Summit due to take place in Rome next autumn;
- (d) The Prime Minister agrees that Sir S. Ramgoolam should be invited here in the second week of February.
- (e) The Prime Minister, as you know, does not wish to issue an invitation to Mr. Mugabe just now.
- (f) The Prime Minister does not wish to rush into the next Anglo/Irish Summit;
- (g) The Prime Minister has decided not to invite M. Barre to visit this country before the Presidential elections in France;
- (h) The Prime Minister has noted that she will be seeing Mr. Seaga in Melbourne;
- (i) One possible visit not mentioned in your letter is that to Strasbourg to report to the European Parliament at the end of the UK Presidency. The Prime Minister will not make up her mind as to whether or not she is prepared to do this until Mr. van Agt has made his decision.
- (j) The Prime Minister considered that the idea of a visit to Portugal should be dropped - at least for the time being.

Yours ever

Roderic Lyne, Esq.,  
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Michael Alexander



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not true has much it matters anyway ✓

Dear David,

8/12

# PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ITALY

1. Thank you for sending us a copy of the record of the conversation between the Prime Minister and Signor Forlani on 23 November.
2. While the Prime Minister's party were here we were told that the conversation on East/West affairs and Poland had been somewhat disappointing and lacking in content. Michael Alexander's record tends to bear this out.
3. In this context it may just be of interest that when I was pressed for de-briefing on the subject by the Danish Ambassador here he told me of a conversation he had with the Secretary-General at the MFA, Malfatti, on the subject. Malfatti, who had, I think, been with Colombo, said that Gromyko had said that the margin that lay between the present situation in Poland and Soviet intervention was very clear and very narrow. The Dane said that this was a line which he knew the Russians (possibly Pravda) to have taken on another occasion.
4. If it is true that Gromyko spoke on these lines the question arises why Colombo should not have been more forthcoming (less so in fact than his officials, who appeared during the PUS' parallel conversation with Malfatti to be divided over how to interpret whatever Gromyko had really said and meant). There is a conspiracy theory which might account for it based upon the belief that Colombo has been too close to the Socialists (PSI), eg over Malta, for the taste of most of his DC colleagues. It is argued that Colombo's Moscow and Warsaw visits were not well regarded by the DC and that Colombo, while going through the motions of debriefing himself with his colleagues, has been

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careful not to make too much of it. Like most conspiracy theories it is far from certainly true, but it could just explain why Colombo so signally failed to take an easy trick and show himself a world statesman with revealing insights into Soviet/Polish thinking.

5. May I leave it to you to copy this letter elsewhere only if you or EESD find it plausible or interesting.

*Yours we,  
Rogv.*

W R Tomkys



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Dear Chris,


Subject

Teletypes

Thank you for your letter of 13 February  
re teletype times.

I was told that the reason no reply had been  
sent by this department to your letter was because  
there was no trace of the teletype Tomkys-Vercel.

In fact it was on file (just as it should have been).  
It appears to have been received here 14 November, the  
day of dispatch (?) and acknowledged on 17 November.

Hope all is well. Let the carriers know where I  
am please in case they or you get a moment for a  
chat. Regards to all, yours, 

This form may be completed in manuscript. A reply can be written on the back

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BRITISH EMBASSY  
ROME

13 February

R P Osborne Esq

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Dear Roy Salih

I wrote to Margaret Savill on 5 December 1980 on the vexed question of teleletters & the time they took. I enclose a copy of my letter, as yet I have had no reply. Could you kindly get one of the Registry wallahs to drop me a line with the answer. Roger T is taking a keen interest in this exercise! (for the inspection I believe). Hope you are having a



good time & W@ quite a change  
from Roman & Consul Section -  
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Date 5 December 1980

Dear Miss Savill

Re: *These for action? on R.*  
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TELELETTERS

- X | 1. The radio communications operation in Rome has recently been inspected by Mr D Wilson from COD at Hanslope Park. One of the recommendations he has made is that we should make greater use of the teleletter system.
2. To enable us to make a comparison between the time taken for teleletters and bag letters to reach their destinations could you, for the teleletter on the PM's visit, and the other recipients of this letter kindly let me know when the following teleletters (copies attached) were received on desks:

Edge - Palmer (QM Section COD) - 17 September

Tomkys - Vereker (WED) - 14 November

Miller - Webb (PSD) - 20 November

This information should help us determine the effectiveness of the teleletter system, at least as applied to Rome.

Yours sincerely  
Chin *Edge*

C J Edge

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: OUR TELNO 605

1. IN CASE A SHORT SPEECH OR EVEN TWO PROVE UNAVOIDABLE YOU  
MAY FIND BASIC DRAFTS USEFUL. WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING:

FORLANI

GLAD TO CONTINUE WITH YOU THE REGULAR SERIES OF CONSULTATIONS  
BEGUN WITH YOUR PREDECESSOR. SUPPLEMENTED BY EXCHANGES BETWEEN  
FOREIGN MINISTERS AND BETWEEN OTHER PAIRS OF MINISTERS.  
RELATIONSHIP IS BEING THICKENED UP VERY SATISFACTORILY. SUCCESS-  
FUL STATE VISIT BY THE QUEEN SHOWED THAT IT IS BROADLY BASED  
ON A FOUNDATION OF POPULAR SUPPORT AND MUTUAL AFFECTION. QUEEN  
EXPRESSED OUR GRATITUDE TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR HELP OVER  
EC BUDGET. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE DEVELOP-  
MENT OF A HEALTHY AND BALANCED COMMUNITY.

DRINK TO YOU AND TO EVER CLOSER ANGLO-ITALIAN COLLABORATION.

PERTINI

GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR SO GRACIOUSLY HOSTING THIS LUNCHEON, AND  
THUS MARKING THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATION.  
IT IS PART OF THE INTENSIFIED PATTERN OF MEETINGS SET UP DURING  
SIGNOR COSSIGA'S GOVERNMENT. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY  
WITH SIGNOR FORLANI'S ADMINISTRATION.

WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE WARM WELCOME WHICH YOU,  
MR PRESIDENT, AND THE ITALIAN PEOPLE GAVE TO OUR QUEEN. AS HER  
VISIT CLEARLY SHOWED, THERE IS INDEED A BASIC WARMTH IN OUR RELATION-  
SHIP WHICH MAKES COOPERATION AT GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL EASIER AND  
MORE EFFECTIVE.

DRINK TO YOU AND TO THE HAPPY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO  
COUNTRIES.

W R TOMKYS

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- 9 DEC 1980

Visit of the Prime Minister  
the Rt. Honble. Mrs Thatcher MP ✓ 86  
to His Holiness Pope John Paul II  
on 24 November 1980

## Summary

1. Accompanied by Sir M Palliser, and others, Mrs Thatcher visited the Vatican on 24 November. She arrived in Rome the day before for talks with the Italian authorities. The Vatican were flexible in arranging the visit. (Paragraphs 1 - 2).
2. On arrival Mrs Thatcher and her party were conducted to the apartment of the Cardinal Secretary of State, with whom she reviewed the international scene and discussed Northern Ireland. (Paragraphs 3 - 4).
3. Mrs Thatcher was received by the Pope at 10.30 am. Their talk lasted longer than expected. The visit was welcomed by the Vatican and came at an opportune moment. (Paragraphs 5 - 6).



BRITISH LEGATION  
TO THE HOLY SEE.  
ROME.

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2 December 1980

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Carrington KCMG MC  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
London SW1

My Lord

The Prime Minister's Visit to the Pope

1. Accompanied by the Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Sir Michael Palliser, Mr Michael Franklin, her Assistant Private Secretary, Mr Alexander, myself and others, the Prime Minister paid an informal visit to the Vatican on Monday the 24th of November. The purpose of the visit was to call on His Holiness Pope John Paul II. This was arranged for 10.30 am and took place without advisers present.

2. Mrs Thatcher arrived in Rome on Sunday the 23rd of November for talks with the Italian authorities: plans had been made for her to call on the Pope the following afternoon. The Vatican welcomed the prospect of Mrs Thatcher's visit and the Secretariat went out of their way to enable it to take place despite the limited time available. When it became clear that the Prime Minister would have to be back in England earlier than planned, in order to attend that day's debate, the Vatican proved ready and willing to readjust the programme

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so that the Prime Minister would still have the opportunity of a private talk with the Pope.

3. The Prime Minister and her party left the Quirinal for the Vatican at 09.40 am on the 24th of November. Their arrival in the courtyard of San Damaso was marked by the presence of the Swiss Guard, drawn up in the Prime Minister's honour. The party descended from their cars and, accompanied by a Gentleman of His Holiness, proceeded to the first floor of the Secretariat building to call on the Cardinal Secretary of State. It was arranged that this call should, exceptionally, take place before the call on the Pope himself since the latter never receives visitors before 10.30 am and time was at a premium.

4. As reported in my telegram No. 46, the main subjects covered in the talk with Cardinal Casaroli were Northern Ireland; the role of the Community; developments at Madrid on the Conference for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the problem of securing freedom of religion. There was a brief discussion about the qualities of Governor Reagan and about the problems of the Middle East. Cardinal Casaroli said that the balance of terror between the United States and the USSR at least ensured some degree of detente and that this was better than none.

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5. After the call on the Secretary of State the party proceeded to the second floor where Mrs Thatcher was shown into the Pope's Private Library at 10.30 am. The Secretariat expected that the private talk with the Pope would last some twenty minutes. In fact it was nearer forty-five. After members of her party had been received, the Prime Minister was conducted to the main entrance on the courtyard of San Damaso, where the Swiss Guard presented arms as the Prime Minister left.

6. Although the visit was a brief and informal one, it was clearly welcome to the Vatican. The Pope's message to Mrs Thatcher of the 29th of October is evidence of the pressures on the Vatican as a result of the behaviour of the hunger strikers at the Maze prison. The fact that the Prime Minister has been able to discuss this and related matters privately and at length with the Pope will counter this pressure.

I am sending a copy of this despatch to Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Quirinal.

I am, my Lord  
Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mark Heath'.

Mark Heath

BRITISH EMBASSY,  
ROME.

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circulate this  
record accordingly.

24 November 1980

Munich CSO  
Outstanding notes.R A Burns Esq  
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Mr Verker

Miss Smyth -

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a follow-up (esp. para 6) with

Mr Verker

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

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have I done A?Any comments on the  
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1. I enclose a draft record of the PUS's conversation with Malfatti last night. There were three other conversations going on at the same time: tête-a-têtes between the Prime Ministers and the Foreign Ministers and a conversation between the economic officials.

2. It is not apparent from the record that the PUS had to do most of the talking, but he agreed that, for our purpose, I need do no more than summarise his remarks about the several African countries he visited recently. He had it in mind to record separately what Malfatti said to him privately about Guadeloupe type activities.

3. There was some desultory talk towards the end about post-Carter and who'll be who in the Reagan administration which I haven't thought worth recording. Also passing mentions of other areas e.g. SE Asia, where things looked a bit brighter.

M K O Simpson-Orlebar

ms en Michael  
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Done for M.O.

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Dear Paul,

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Prime Minister's visit to the Vatican

During her visit to the Vatican yesterday morning, the Prime Minister discussed international affairs with Cardinal Secretary of State Casaroli. The Permanent Under Secretary and Sir Mark Heath were also present. I have recorded separately the discussion about Northern Ireland.

In the course of a general discussion of the world situation, the Prime Minister commented on the importance of Europe's position as an area of stability in the world. Cardinal Casaroli agreed about the need to ensure that Europe's contribution to a solution of the world's difficulties was not lost. International life had reached a very critical point. The Europeans needed to draw on their long experience to look into the heart of problems. It was regrettable that we had to rely on the balance of terror between the USA and the USSR to ensure some degree of stability but this was, at least, better than nothing. Commenting on Governor Reagan, Cardinal Casaroli said that he did not question his goodwill but he wondered about how deep his political wisdom was. However he knew that Governor Reagan was a good listener and had some good advisers. This was a source of confidence. But the Europeans would certainly have a role to play; the United States needed their help. The Prime Minister described her talk the previous day with Chancellor Schmidt and said that she was optimistic. She thought that Mr. Reagan would prove himself to be a man of peace. He would give a strong lead. But he would, of course, wish to see reciprocal action by the Soviet Union. She agreed that the Europeans could influence the situation if they were clear and consistent in their policies.

In response to a question from the Prime Minister, Cardinal Casaroli said that the Vatican was studying developments in East/West relations very closely. They regarded religious freedom as indivisible and as something which could not be separated from ordinary human freedoms. Representatives of the Holy See intervened only discreetly in Madrid, but when they did so it was to make this point. They did not regard the Orthodox Church in the Soviet Union as free. In response to an observation by the Prime Minister that oppression in the Soviet Union had increased since Helsinki, Monsignor Silvestrini said that there had been

improvements between Helsinki and Belgrade but a setback subsequently. There was a sense in which Helsinki had raised too many hopes. People had expected more and more, and regimes in Eastern Europe had had a "reaction of rejection". The attitude of the US delegate in Belgrade, Mr. Arthur Goldberg, had not been helpful. He had tended to think of everything in terms of the position of Jews in the Soviet Union. The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan had, of course, changed the situation greatly. Cardinal Casaroli said that none the less some things had been won. There had, for instance, been a substantial improvement in the distribution of religious literature in the vernacular in Communist countries since Helsinki. The Prime Minister commented that it was important not to be satisfied with too little.

In the course of the brief exchange on the status of Jerusalem, Cardinal Casaroli said that the Holy See supported a solution based on internationalisation. This was the only way to safeguard the future of a city which had been "given to the world". However, the Holy See did not make a dogma of this and avoided using the word "internationalisation". They contented themselves with saying that the city should have a special status under which equality of rights would be ensured for the various religions concerned with the city.

Yours ever

Nikolai Alexander

Paul Lever, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



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Dear Sir Mark

My call on the Pope this morning was extremely valuable. I shall, of course, write to thank him in a day or two. Meanwhile, I am writing to thank you for your part in arranging the meeting: I am sorry to have kept you up so late last night.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Sir Mark Heath KCVO CMG



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YOUR TELEGRAM NUMBER 44.

PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE POPE.

1. I DELIVERED THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE COUNCIL FOR THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OF THE CHURCH THIS MORNING. MGR. SILVESTRINI WAS NOT AVAILABLE SO I WAS RECEIVED INSTEAD BY MGR. BACKIS. HE UNDERTOOK TO ARRANGE FOR THE MESSAGE TO BE FORWARDED WITHOUT DELAY.

2. MGR. BACKIS SAID THAT HE WAS GLAD TO HEAR THAT CARDINAL O'FLAICH HAD MADE A HELPFUL STATEMENT. HE KNEW OF THAT MADE BY CARDINAL HUME BUT NOT OF THE SECOND. HE SAID THAT THE VATICAN HAD ASKED FOR STATEMENTS ON THESE LINES. IT WAS DIFFICULT TO SEE WHAT MORE THEY COULD DO. I SAID THAT WE ASKED THEM TO UNDERSTAND THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON POLITICAL STATUS AND TO BE ASSURED OF OUR DETERMINATION TO REACH A JUST AND HUMANE SOLUTION.

3. I HAVE SINCE GIVEN MGR. BACKIS THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT CONTAINED IN YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 50 AND REMINDED HIM THAT I WAS READY AT ANY TIME TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT HMGS THINKING ON THESE AND RELATED MATTERS.

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FROM RESIDENT CLERK  
PLEASE ARRANGE TO PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO HIS HOLINESS POPE  
JOHN PAUL II FROM THE PRIME MINISTER (ORIGINAL LETTER FOLLOWS  
BY BAG):  
BEGINS  
YOUR HOLINESS,

I GREATLY APPRECIATED THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING RECEIVED  
BY YOU DURING MY VISIT TO THE HOLY SEE. I DERIVED ENCOURAGEMENT  
INSTRUCTION AND INSPIRATION FROM OUR DISCUSSION. YOUR WISDOM  
AND EXPERIENCE ARE OF INESTIMABLE VALUE TO US ALL. I WILL  
CONTINUE TO REFLECT FOR A LONG TIME ON WHAT YOU SAID.

YOUR SECRETARY OF STATE KINDLY TOLD ME OF THE IDEAS OF  
SOME MEMBERS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN NORTHERN IRELAND  
FOR ENDING THE PRESENT HUNGER STRIKE AT THE MAZE PRISON IN  
NORTHERN IRELAND. I EXPLAINED THE DEEP CONCERN OF THE  
GOVERNMENT AT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE HUNGER STRIKE, WHICH  
CAN BRING NO BENEFIT TO THOSE INVOLVED AND THREATENS TO BRING  
VIOLENCE AND BLOODSHED TO THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND.  
I ALSO EXPLAINED WHY WE ARE FIRMLY RESOLVED THAT IT WOULD BE  
UTTERLY WRONG TO TAKE ANY STEPS WHICH CONCEDED THAT POLITICAL  
MOTIVES CAN EXCUSE MURDER OR OTHER SERIOUS CRIMES. WE ARE  
NOW GREATLY ENCOURAGED, HOWEVER, BY THE STATEMENT THAT HAS BEEN  
MADE BY CARDINAL O'FIAICH AND HIS EPISCOPAL COLLEAGUES. THEY  
HAVE MADE AN IMPASSIONED PLEA TO THE HUNGER STRIKERS TO GIVE UP  
A CLAIM THAT CAN SO GRAVELY IMPERIL THE LIFE AND SAFETY OF OTHERS.  
WE MUST ALL DEVOUTLY HOPE THAT THE BISHOPS' PRAYER WILL MOVE  
ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ANY INFLUENCE IN THE MATTER TO STRIVE TO  
BRING AN END TO THE PRESENT DANGERS.

IT IS IN THAT LIGHT THAT THE GOVERNMENT APPROACHES THE  
INITIATIVE TAKEN BY TWO OF THE CHAPLAINS AT THE MAZE PRISON,  
TO WHICH YOUR SECRETARY OF STATE REFERRED. WE HAVE NOW HEARD  
THEIR IDEAS IN FULL DETAIL. WE APPRECIATE THEIR EARNEST  
CONCERN THAT THERE SHALL BE NO LOSS OF LIFE. BUT THE PACKAGE  
OF CONCESSIONS THEY HAVE IN MIND WOULD GIVE BOTH THE PROTESTERS

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IN THE PRISON AND THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT THE TERRORIST PRISONERS WERE BEING GRANTED POLITICAL STATUS. THE HUNGER STRIKERS AND THE PROVISIONAL IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY WOULD BE QUICK TO CLAIM A VICTORY. THIS WOULD DISASTROUSLY UNDERMINE THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE BISHOPS FOR AN END TO THE VIOLENCE. HIS MINISTER TO THE HOLY SEE WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN MORE FULLY WHY WE HAVE TO TAKE THE VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE WRONG TO MAKE THESE CONCESSIONS.

THE GOVERNMENT DOES HOWEVER TAKE MOST SERIOUSLY ITS OWN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CARE OF PRISONERS AND ITS OBLIGATION (AS THE BISHOPS REMIND US) TO KEEP PRISON REGIMES UNDER CONTINUING REVIEW. I ASSURED YOU IN MY MESSAGE OF 13 NOVEMBER THAT WE SHALL APPROACH THE PROBLEM WITH FLEXIBILITY AND FAIRNESS IN A GENUINELY HUMANITARIAN SPIRIT, AND WILL BE QUICK TO GRASP ANY PRACTICAL OPPORTUNITY TO EASE THE SITUATION. WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO THAT.

ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING AND TALKING WITH YOU.

YOURS SINCERELY,  
MARGARET THATCHER.

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cc Mr. Fergusson

ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

1. The Prime Minister told me she thought April would be the time for Signor Forlani to visit London ie between the March and June European Councils.

26 November 1980

(R Arculus)

cc: Mr D A S Gladstone, WED

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cc also Mr Saville  
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Transcript of Interview: Mrs. Thatcher/TG1 Rome, 24 November 1981

Mrs. Thatcher: ..... (first words not on tape) to hear of the earthquake in Potenza and several cities of the South. We were with Signor Colombo last evening when news came and of course as you know he went immediately. Our very great sympathy to the people of Italy and to the many families who suffered so deeply from this tragedy.

Interviewer: Thank you Mrs. Thatcher. Mrs. Thatcher, could you summarise in a few words the results of your Rome meeting and what can in your opinion Italy and England do together and what should they accomplish together.

Mrs. Thatcher: These meetings between two nations, Britain and Italy, are always extremely important. It isn't so much that you can enumerate specific things, it's just that by coming and talking for much longer time than one would normally be able to, you get a much greater understanding of the other persons view-point. I spoke for about an hour and a half with your Prime Minister last evening and then we were joined by the Foreign Ministers and went on talking so we really covered the whole range of international affairs and also one naturally asked about the problems in Italy and got a greater understanding of that.

Interviewer: Mrs. Thatcher we have read with very much interest your speech at the Lord Mayor's banquet and the speech of Lord Carrington in Hamburg about Britain's engagement to Europe. In the meantime there is a new group within the Parliamentary Party of 38 MPs who is not entirely pro-European (?); at least they want so (?) radical changes in the link with Europe which may prejudice (?) the link itself. Your pro-European attitude and the pro-European attitude of Lord Carrington - is it shared by the whole of the British Government and by the whole Parliamentary Party or not?

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Mr Saville 28/11  
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Mrs. Thatcher: It is shared by the whole British Government. There have always been one or two in the Parliamentary Party who have had different views but that new group is not suggesting any withdrawal from Europe in any way. It certainly is suggesting some changes but then Europe itself is talking about structural change. We have to restructure the budget, as you know. Its not really fair to some nations, and if there is ever a feeling of unfairness between partners then we have to deal with it because it can't go on, and also we have to look at the proportions spent on the Common Agricultural Policy because such a lot of money at the moment is going to building up surpluses that we don't want and can't eat and have to sell off cheaply to others. So even the Community itself is talking about change and that group I think is set up to pursue their own views about change but there is no question of withdrawal from Europe.

Interviewer: One last question Mrs. Thatcher. Applying arithmetics to Western Summits - are you in favour of what has for instance been suggested by the French of having the Big Four or having the Five or having the Seven?

Mrs. Thatcher: I was asked this question in Bonn last week but there has been no suggestion of what is called colloquially "Another Guadeloupe". That is not before us at the moment. And you know we do work together in so many groups; we work together not only bilaterally; we work in the Community; we work in NATO and very recently we were in Venice as the Seven. So we are constantly meeting, constantly trying to form a common view on world problems and a common defence of the western way of life. So that problem just doesn't arise at the moment and I give you the same answer as I gave in Bonn: let us get on working together with the summits we have arranged and with the groupings of which we are all members.

Interviewer: Thank you Mrs. Thatcher. Grazie.

Mrs. Thatcher: Its been a great pleasure, thank you.



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From the Private Secretary

24 November 1980

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Head of MECH

Head of MET

Mr J. Mobley

Low Bridge

Mr. Blaken

Head of EES

Dear George,

Prime Minister's Visit to Italy

I enclose a record of part of the conversation which took place in Rome last night between the Prime Minister and the Prime Minister of Italy, Signor Forlani.

I am sending copies of this letter and its enclosure to Julian West (Department of Energy) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

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Yours ever  
Mr. Verker  
Mrs. Savin

Michael Alexander

Mr. Verker  
Mrs. Savin  
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George Walden, Esq.  
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RECORD OF A CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRIME MINISTER OF ITALY, SIGNOR ARNALDO FORLANI, AT THE VILLA MADAMA IN ROME ON 23 NOVEMBER 1980 AT 2000 HOURS

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Present:

Prime Minister

Signor Arnaldo Forlani

Foreign & Commonwealth Secretary

Signor Emilio Colombo

Mr. Michael Alexander

Signor Sergio Berlinguer

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East/West Relations

Signor Forlani asked Signor Colombo to describe his recent visit to Moscow. Signor Colombo said that the climate had been extremely cordial. The Russians had made it clear that they wished to develop bilateral contacts with Western countries. They did not however wish to deal with Western groups e.g. the European Community - as such. Signor Colombo agreed with the Prime Minister that the Russians hoped to keep the West fragmented.

Signor Colombo had had five hours of talks with Mr. Gromyko and one and a half hours of talks with Mr. Brezhnev. Mr. Brezhnev was in good health. He had spent twenty minutes reading a prepared document and thereafter had participated actively in a lively discussion. Mr. Brezhnev had asked him to tell his colleagues in the West that the Russians wanted detente. He wanted better contacts with the West because of the opportunity it gave the Soviet Government to improve the living standards of their people. The Prime Minister asked whether Signor Colombo had accepted his hosts' line. Had he taxed them with the recent wave of oppression in the Soviet Union?

Signor Colombo said that he had concentrated on one problem, Afghanistan. Mr. Gromyko had replied on standard lines. Mr. Brezhnev had avoided giving any specific reply. They talked as though detente could be pursued quite separately from events in Afghanistan. They

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regarded the latter as a fait accompli. The Prime Minister commented that they wanted us to regard it in the same light.

Signor Colombo said that the Russians professed to be disappointed about progress in the various talks on disarmament. They had hoped for more from the talks in Geneva. They tended to explain the absence of progress by referring to the fact that we were now in a transitional period. Mr. Brezhnev hoped that the ratification of SALT II could be completed or at least that its main elements could be carried forward. The Russians were not inclined to pre-judge President Reagan's Administration. They had adopted a wait and see attitude.

Signor Colombo commented that he had been in Warsaw the day before his visit to Moscow. This had also been the day before the Polish Supreme Court's decision. He had told the Russians that the Italian Government had pursued a strict policy of non-interference in Polish affairs. They considered that this rule should be a rule for everybody. Interference by one state in the affairs of another was inconsistent with detente. Mr. Gromyko had agreed with him strongly and had said that the Polish problem was one for the Poles themselves to solve.

#### Middle East

Mr. Gromyko had also described the Iran/Iraq conflict as stupid and useless. In describing Soviet attitudes towards the conflict, Signor Colombo said that when the Deputy Prime Minister of Iraq had visited Moscow recently he had been refused arms and spare parts despite the existence of a Treaty of Co-operation between Iraq and the Soviet Union. Soviet spokesmen had not denied the existence of the Treaty but had referred to the fact that their Friendship Treaty with Iran was of far longer standing. The Prime Minister said it would not be surprising if it turned out that the Russians were withholding arms from Iraq and offering them to Iran. Signor Colombo said that he thought that the Russians were hoping to increase their influence in Iran. It was noteworthy that the Tudeh Party were emerging more clearly as the only

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organised force in the midst of the increasing chaos in Iran. Soviet behaviour generally and in particular in the United Nations was consistent with a desire to keep their hands clean so that in due course they could intervene in Iran in support of the Tudeh Party. The only encouraging development was that as a result of the war with Iraq, the position of the army had been re-inforced.

Signor Colombo said that Britain and Italy would face a common problem if and when the hostages were released. What should they do about the spare parts which they would then be in a position to supply to Iran. The Prime Minister agreed that this was a difficult problem. She said that the British and Italian Governments should keep in very close touch. Signor Forlani agreed. He hoped that the release of the hostages might introduce an element of movement into the general situation and would thereby enable the conflict with Iraq to be ended.

The Prime Minister asked whether the Italians were still getting oil from Iraq. Signor Colombo said that they were. They had had an arrangement with the Iraqis for supply from other sources e.g. Saudi Arabia in the event of an interruption of supply. But the Iraqis were now supplying oil at between 70 and 80% of the pre-war level. Italy had been getting about 20 million tonnes a year i.e. about 20% of their total supply. The Prime Minister said that this was good news. If the oil was flowing on this scale it would take pressure off the spot market. It served to confirm other evidence that damage to the oil installations, including the pipelines, was not as great as had been previously assumed.

The discussion ended with a general talk about the new US Administration and about some of the possible office-holders in it. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary commented that it would be wrong to assume that Mr. Haig, who seemed to be the front-runner for the position of Secretary of State, was "just a General". He had run the White House for some time at the end of the Nixon presidency and was a very sophisticated man. The Prime Minister said that she doubted whether there would be much difference

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between a Reagan Presidency and a Carter Presidency on the great issues of peace and war. Both recognised the need to be as strong as the other side. Both would wish to try and establish a balance at a lower level. The conversation ended at 2030.

*Paul*

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Mr. Baker  
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Dear George,

Conversation between the Prime Minister and the Prime Minister of Italy

As you know, no notetaker was present for the tête-à-tête discussion between the Prime Minister and Signor Forlani in Rome yesterday evening. This letter therefore gives only a brief summary of the discussion.

The two Heads of Government began with a discussion of Community problems. The Prime Minister repeated her gratitude for the help given by the Italian Presidency in finding a solution to Britain's budget problem in the spring. Referring to current problems, she said that it would be important to find solutions to the difficulties over New Zealand butter and the negotiations on a Common Fisheries Policy. However she was convinced that the worst of the immediate problems had now been resolved. She and Signor Forlani agreed that a two-speed Europe was unacceptable to them.

In a discussion of Italy's oil supply situation, Signor Forlani said that the cessation of oil supplies from Iran created substantial difficulties for Italy. They were now getting more oil from Saudi Arabia and some from Venezuela. Supplies from Iraq were returning to not far short of the level that had obtained before the war between Iran and Iraq. Signor Forlani had expressed some concern about his country's relations with Libya. Colonel Qadhafi was unbalanced. He might react badly to Italy's recent neutrality agreement with Malta. Italy's fishing agreements with Libya might be at risk.

The Prime Minister and Signor Forlani were both optimistic about the prospects for Governor Reagan's Administration.

The Prime Minister thought that Signor Forlani's views on the Middle East question and its handling at the forthcoming European Council were very similar to ours. Signor Forlani saw no need for a new initiative next week. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary thought that Signor Colombo might have more ambitious ideas than his Prime Minister. He seemed to be hoping that the Foreign Ministers would be instructed by the Heads of Government to construct a blueprint for the future.

/Signor Forlani

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Signor Forlani told the Prime Minister that Italy's economy had been very badly affected by the latest oil price rise. It was not merely that prices had gone up so sharply. Italy's oil imports tended to be invoiced in dollars, which had lately been a strong currency, while her exports had been paid for in currencies which were, relatively speaking, weak e.g. the deutschmark. The Prime Minister said that she had been impressed by one measure which the Italian Government were about to take to re-invigorate their economy. They were making arrangements for non-quoted companies to borrow through the market rather than through banks. Companies acting in this way would be excused tax on the borrowings. This would mean that they would have to pay an effective rate of about 14% at a time when inflation was running at about 20%.

I am sending copies of this letter to John Wiggins (HM Treasury), Kate Timms (MAFF), Julian West (Department of Energy), Stuart Hampson (Department of Trade) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

*Yours ever*

*Nicholas Alexander*

George Walden, Esq.  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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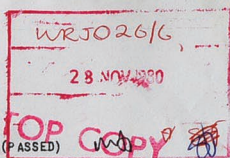
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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ROME: ITALIAN PRESS REACTIONS

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1. REPORTS OF MRS THATCHER'S ARRIVAL IN ROME WERE CARRIED BY MOST PAPERS ON 24 NOVEMBER. COVERAGE WAS RESTRICTED TO ANNOUNCING THE VISIT AND POSSIBLE AGENDA FOR THE TALKS. THE VISIT WAS WIDELY REGARDED AS USEFUL AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL, REFLECTING THE GOOD RELATIONS AND NATURAL COMITY OF INTERESTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

2. THE PAPERS ON 25 NOVEMBER WERE LARGELY TAKEN UP WITH THE EARTHQUAKE DISASTER. WHILE ALL REPORTED THE CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT, EDITORIAL COMMENT WAS LIMITED, PARTLY, NO DOUBT BECAUSE THERE WAS NO PRESS CONFERENCE, OR FINAL JOINT COMMUNIQUE. WHAT THEY DID HAVE TO SAY WAS HIGHLY SPECULATIVE.

3. LA REPUBBLICA (LEFT) SUGGESTED UNHELPFULLY THAT THERE WERE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION OVER THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, WITH "BRITAIN IN FAVOUR OF FREEZING ANY EUROPEAN INITIATIVE" BECAUSE OF THE CHANGE IN US LEADERSHIP WHILST ITALY WAS IN FAVOUR OF AN "AUTONOMOUS EUROPEAN" ROLE. AVANTI (PSI) BY CONTRAST FOUND THAT BRITAIN WAS PREPARED TO KEEP THE VENICE INITIATIVE GOING. LA REPUBBLICA ALSO THOUGHT THAT ALTHOUGH "BRITAIN CONSIDERED SOVIET WITHDRAWAL FROM AFGHANISTAN AN ESSENTIAL CONDITION FOR A RESUMPTION OF DIALOGUE, ITALY MAINTAINED A MORE FLEXIBLE APPROACH".

4. CORRIERE DELLA SERA (LEFT OF CENTRE), UNITA (PCI) AND MESSAGGERO (CENTRE) PICKED UP THE "TIMES" EDITORIAL OF 24 NOVEMBER, EMPHASISING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BRITISH ITALIAN RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EC. ON THE OTHER HAND, IL POPOLO (DC) ARGUED THAT ITALY WAS AGAINST ANY "LEADERSHIP" OR "DIRECTORATES" AND WAS IN FAVOUR OF AN "HOMOGENEOUS EUROPE". IL GIORNO (RIGHT OF CENTRE) WROTE THAT THE TALKS CONFIRMED ITALY AND BRITAIN'S DESIRE TO REFORM THE CAP. MOST PAPERS MENTIONED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S FIRM COMMITMENT TO THE EC.

5. THE PRIME MINISTER'S PRIVATE AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE WAS ALSO WIDELY REPORTED IN THE PRESS ON 25 NOVEMBER.

6. THE WHOLE OF MRS THATCHER'S TV INTERVIEW WITH SANDRO PATERNOSTRO WAS BROADCAST ON RAI CHANNEL 1 AT 8.30 PM ON 24 NOVEMBER.

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Dear Paul,

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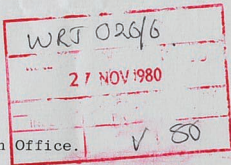
Prime Minister's Visit to Rome

Tony Galsworthy has sent me the attached note about the conversations at dinner in Rome on Sunday last during which he acted as interpreter. I do not think there is sufficient substance in his note to be worth circulating more widely.

Yours ever

Michael Alexander

Paul Lever, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.





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CONVERSATION AT SIGNOR FORLANI'S DINNER FOR PM AND LORD  
CARRINGTON: 23 NOVEMBER 1980

1. Signor Forlani expressed anxiety about the effects of enlargement on other Mediterranean countries. The Community would have an excess of olive oil. But this was practically Tunisia's only export. If arrangements were not made, countries in Tunisia's position might be unwilling to co-operate in the Community on other matters, for instance, fisheries agreements. Signor Forlani confirmed that fisheries agreements with North African countries were very important for Italy. He asked how the common fisheries policy negotiations were going. The Prime Minister expressed optimism. Signor Forlani was clearly unbriefed on this subject.
2. There was some discussion on Japan. Signor Forlani explained the Alfa-Nissan agreement. It was on a small scale and could hardly damage European car interests. Nevertheless he personally did not believe the Japanese were putting capital into this project without expecting some greater opening of the market. It would have to be carefully watched.
3. The Prime Minister asked him about terrorism in Italy. Signor Forlani said very confidently that the Italians had had some notable successes against the terrorists. He was now confident that the fight against terrorism could and would be won. The Prime Minister expressed pleasure at this: he was the first Italian politician who had been willing to say this to her.
4. The Prime Minister asked Signor Forlani how he managed to run the Council of Ministers with representatives of four parties in it. Signor Forlani admitted that agreement in the Council of Ministers was generally impossible unless something had been worked out beforehand.
5. The Prime Minister had some discussion with Signor Colombo about his visit to Moscow. Nothing much of substance emerged, except that Signor Colombo said that he had found Brezhnev in rather better health than he had expected.
6. Finally both Lord Carrington and the Prime Minister expressed concern about the earthquake, and asked that Signor Forlani should let them know if there was anything which the UK could do.

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*I spoke to Mr. Carruthers who agreed.*

*Mr Vereker 27/11*

*Mrs Smith 27/11*



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From the Private Secretary

24 November 1980

*I assume Planning Staff will lead*

*Dear George,*

*John 27/11*

*Head of WEJ  
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Mr Bunker*

*Sir R. Pickard  
Mr P. Moberly  
Mr Fegynken  
Head of Defense  
DEAR  
Head of Planning  
Staff*

Prime Minister's Visit to Italy

As you know, the Prime Minister discussed with the Prime Minister of Italy, Signor Forlani, yesterday evening the question of Italian attendance at Summit Meetings.

*PS 26/11*

The Prime Minister raised the question herself. She told Signor Forlani that there was at present no proposal to hold a quadripartite summit and that therefore the question of Italian participation was not an actual one. She added that she fully understood the position of the Italian Government and the difficulties which flowed from the previous Italian Government's decision to accept Cruise missiles on Italian soil.

Signor Forlani, according to the Prime Minister, spoke very forcefully and at length along the expected lines. The Cruise missile decision had been taken against the wishes of the majority of opinion in Italy - though the majority against deployment had probably not been very great. Signor Cossiga's Government had been conscious of the need to support NATO. However if there was a quadripartite summit and Italy was excluded, there was a real possibility that the question would be re-opened. Given that majority opinion was against the deployment, the outcome of a reconsideration of the issue was unpredictable. Signor Forlani had ended by expressing gratitude for the Prime Minister's comprehension of the Italian Government's difficulty.

As you know, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary suggested that the Prime Minister should discuss the matter with Chancellor Schmidt next week. The position of the Italian Government is of course of particular importance to the Federal Republic since Italy is a non-nuclear power and her position is closer to that of the Federal Republic than is our own.

I am sending a copy of this letter to David Wright (Cabinet Office).

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on 4 Dec  
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*Yours ever*

*Nicholas Alexander*

George Walden, Esq.,  
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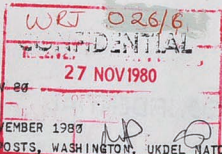
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MY TELNO 612: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ITALY

1. THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT ON 23 AND 24 NOVEMBER ENABLED WORKING CONTACT TO BE MADE WITH SIGNOR FORLANI BEFORE THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL. THE VISIT WAS SHORTENED BY THE PRIME MINISTER'S COMMITMENT TO BE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON THE AFTERNOON OF 24 NOVEMBER. IT WAS NEVERTHELESS POSSIBLE TO FIT IN TETE A TETE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS AS WELL AS BETWEEN YOURSELF AND SIGNOR COLOMBO, A DINNER WHICH BROUGHT IN SEVERAL MORE MINISTERS AND BREAKFAST WITH PRESIDENT PERTINI, FOLLOWING WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER CALLED ON THE POPE (HOLY SEE TELNO 46). THERE WAS NOT TIME FOR THE PROPOSED PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. DURING THE EVENING OF 23 NOVEMBER, A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE OCCURRED IN SOUTHERN ITALY AND SIGNOR COLOMBO HAD TO RUSH OFF TO SEE TO HIS OWN DEVASTATED CONSTITUENCY. THE EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY WHICH YOU AND THE PRIME MINISTER WERE ABLE TO CONVEY WILL HAVE BEEN MUCH APPRECIATED. SO WILL THE PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM HER MAJESTY TO PRESIDENT PERTINI. THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO SPOKE OF THE TRAGEDY DURING A USEFUL TELEVISION INTERVIEW EARLY ON THE MORNING OF 24 NOVEMBER.

3. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE WORKING CONTENT OF THE EXCHANGES WAS NECESSARILY LIMITED, AS WAS THE (VERY FAVOURABLE) PRESS COVERAGE IT HAS ATTRACTED. SIGNOR FORLANI'S PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE WILL HAVE BEEN TO ESTABLISH HIMSELF AS AN EFFECTIVE SUCCESSOR TO SIGNOR COSSIGA AT SUMMIT LEVEL: TO DEMONSTRATE THAT ITALIAN POLICY CONTINUES TO BE POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE BOTH IN RELATION TO THE COMMUNITY PROBLEM OF RESTRUCTURING AND IN NATO: AND TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT, IF THIS IS TO REMAIN THE CASE, ITALY'S ALLIES MUST SHOW UNDERSTANDING OF ITALY'S DELICATE INTERNAL POLITICAL BALANCE AND SEE THAT SHE IS NOT DISREGARDED OR CONSPICUOUSLY LEFT OUT OF SERIOUS CONSULTATIONS AMONG THE MAJOR WESTERN POWERS.

4. YOUR PRINCIPAL TALKS AND THOSE OF THE PRIME MINISTER WERE LARGELY TETE A TETE AND THE RECORDS WILL BE MADE IN LONDON. AT OFFICIAL LEVEL, THERE WAS A VALUABLE OPENING EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC DIRECTOR (BUCCI) AND FRANKLIN ON RESTRUCTURING (AN EXCHANGE TO BE FOLLOWED BY MORE SUBSTANTIAL DISCUSSIONS IN DECEMBER WHEN THE ITALIANS HOPE TO HAVE REACHED AN AGREED INTER-MINISTERIAL POSITION ON THE SUBJECT): MEANWHILE, THE PUS AND THE MFA'S SECRETARY GENERAL, MALFATTI, CONCENTRATED ON SOME OF THE POLITICAL SUBJECTS LESS LIKELY TO BE TAKEN BY MINISTERS AND HAD A USEFUL REVIEW OF AFRICAN PROBLEMS.

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5. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE BREAKFAST WITH PRESIDENT PERTINI WAS CHARACTERISTIC RATHER THAN PRODUCTIVE. THE PRESIDENT IS A MAN OF CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE BUT MARKED ECCENTRICITY. IN THE SHIFTING SANDS OF ITALIAN POLITICS, HE EXERTS CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE ON EVENTS THROUGH HIS PERSONAL STANDING AND WIDE POPULARITY, BUT HE IS ALSO 84 YEARS OLD AND UNPREDICTABLE. BUT HE IS AN ADMIRER OF THE QUEEN AND OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND FRIENDLY TOWARDS US.

6. THIS SERIES OF MEETINGS AT PRIME MINISTERIAL LEVEL DEMONSTRATED ITS VALUE LAST YEAR DURING THE BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS. IT WILL RETAIN ITS IMPORTANCE IN THE FUTURE. GIVEN THE CHANGE IN THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, IT WAS ALWAYS LIKELY THAT THIS WOULD BE A RELATIVELY LOW KEY VISIT. BUT I THINK IT SERVED ITS PURPOSE IN BRINGING SIGNOR FORLANI INTO THE PICTURE. THE NEXT ROUND IN LONDON NEXT SPRING SHOULD HAVE MORE MEAT IN IT.

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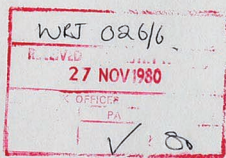
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Date 26 November 1980

I should be grateful if you could arrange for the attached letter of thanks from the Prime Minister to be transmitted to Signor Forlani.

M A Savill (Miss)  
Western European Department



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(consultations file)*



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THE PRIME MINISTER

24 November, 1980.

Dear Prime Minister,

I am most grateful to you for receiving me so courteously and hospitably in Rome despite the difficult circumstances attending my visit. You had to cope not only with my own late - and very reluctant - decision to curtail my stay, but also with the tragedy which struck your country last night. Your warmth and your calmness were equally striking.

I greatly enjoyed meeting you, and discussing together with you so many important topics. I look forward to seeing you again in Luxembourg in a few days time, and to welcoming you here next year.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Signor Arnaldo Forlani



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PER L'EX AMBASCIATORE ORE E DA CREDERE CHE DELLA COSA SI PARLERÀ NEGLI IMMINENTI COLLOQUI ROMANI DI GISCERD-DESTAING, MA PIATTIRE NON SERVE.

OCCORRE A MIO AVVISO - Afferma FENOALTEA - CHE IL GOVERNO ITALIANO, MUOVENDOSI FINCHÉ SI È IN TEMPO AVVERTA CON CHIAREZZA E FERMEZZA I SUOI ALLEATI, IN PARTICOLARE GLI STATI UNITI, CHE SE LA VENTILATA RIUNIONE SI SVOLGESSE E L'ITALIA NON VI FOSSE INVITATA, CIOÈ AUREBBE COME CONSEGUENZA LUSCITA DELL'ITALIA DALL'ORGANIZZAZIONE NATO E LA CHIUSURA DELLE BASI ALLEATE IN ITALIA.

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From the Private Secretary

21 November 1980

Dear Paul,

Cc attch - WEDAnglo/Italian Consultations

We agreed yesterday evening that the telegram and messages enclosed with your letter to me of 20 November could be despatched, with my amendments.

Yours ever

Nicholas Alexander

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Paul Lever, Esq.,  
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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. THE PRIME MINISTER WAS RECEIVED IN AUDIENCE INFORMALLY THIS MORNING. HER TALK WITH THE POPE LASTED FOR ALMOST TWICE THE TIME ALLOTTED. I BELIEVE THAT THE MAIN SUBJECT DISCUSSED WAS NORTHERN IRELAND.
2. MRS THATCHER AND HER PARTY OF SIX ARRIVED AT THE VATICAN AT 0950. ACCOMPANIED BY SIR M PALLISER, MR ALEXANDER AND ME SHE CALLED FIRST ON THE CARDINAL SECRETARY OF STATE. THE MAIN SUBJECTS COVERED IN THE TALK WITH CARDINAL CASAROLI WERE NORTHERN IRELAND, EVOLUTION OF THE COMMUNITY, CSCE AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM. BRIEF REFERENCE WAS MADE TO THE PROSPECTS FOR GOVERNOR REAGAN AND TO THE PROBLEMS OF MIDDLE EAST INCLUDING THE UK CITIZENS DETAINED IN IRAN. ON CSCE CASAROLI SAID THAT THE BALANCE OF TERROR BETWEEN THE US AND THE USSR AT LEAST ENSURED SOME DEGREE OF DETENTE AND THAT THIS WAS BETTER THAN NONE.
3. AFTER THE PRIME MINISTERS TALK WITH THE POPE WHICH LASTED FROM 1030 TO 1115 SIR M PALLISER AND OTHERS WERE PRESENTED.
4. THE PARTY LEFT FOR CIAMPINO AT 1125.

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ANGLO/ITALIAN MINISTERIAL TALKS.

DETECTIVES' DETAILS :

1. DETECTIVE CHIEF INSPECTOR PARKER, BORN 9.8.38, GUN NUMBER J222733. DETECTIVE INSPECTOR DIXON, BORN 4.2.45, GUN NUMBER J222054. BOTH THE GUNS ARE SMITH AND WESSON, MODEL 36.
2. MR C WHITMORE NOT NOW TRAVELLING, REPEAT NOT NOW TRAVELLING. HIS PLACE IN RESIDENCE SHOULD BE TAKEN BY MR ALEXANDER.
3. REFERENCE TEL-CON BARRETT-PLANT. GRATEFUL THAT LIST OF DUTY-FREE BE GIVEN TO MISS PEARY AND MISS HATT AS REQUESTED.
4. RAF CREWS ARE BOTH STAYING AT HOTEL DELLE NAZIONI, TELEPHONE NUMBER ROME 6792441.
5. PLEASE INFORM MR MORRIS OR MR WARING AT UKREP BRUSSELS, IMMEDIATELY SECRETARY OF STATE S AIRCRAFT HAS TAKEN OFF.
6. PLEASE ENDEAVOUR TO OBTAIN NEWSPAPERS BEFORE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTURE BUT IF THIS PROVES IMPOSSIBLE PLEASE PASS ALL NEWSPAPERS TO SECRETARY OF STATE'S PARTY.

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*Mr 20/11*

ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS: 23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

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1. Mrs Thatcher may be called upon to say a few words at the dinner to be given by Signor Forlani following her arrival in Rome on Sunday evening, 23 November.
2. I submit draft speaking notes together with a draft covering letter.

*P. Vereker*

P W M Vereker  
Western European Department

20 November 1980

cc Mr Gladstone





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Dear Michael,

Anglo-Italian Consultations: 23/24 November

Signor Forlani is to give a dinner on 23 November following the Prime Minister's arrival in Rome. The Prime Minister may be called upon to say a few words on this occasion. I accordingly attach some brief speaking notes.

President Pertini was to have given a lunch for the Prime Minister the following day, but this has had to be cancelled because of the Prime Minister's plans to return earlier than expected for the debate on the address.

Yours etc

Paul

(P Lever)  
Private Secretary

M O'D B Alexander Esq  
10 Downing Street  
LONDON

SPEAKING NOTES FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

DINNER TO BE GIVEN BY SIGNOR FORLANI, 23 NOVEMBER

1. Great pleasure to be back in Rome again. Glad to continue with you the regular series of consultations begun with your predecessor. Supplemented by exchanges between Foreign Ministers and between other pairs of Ministers. Successful State Visit by The Queen showed that relations between Italy and the United Kingdom based on a foundation of popular support and mutual affection. Queen expressed our gratitude to the Italian Government for help over EC budget. We shall continue to work together for the development of a healthy and balanced Community.
2. Our talks this evening have been most illuminating. Drink to you and to ever closer Anglo-Italian collaboration

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MY TELNO 624: ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT

1. ITALIANS ARE DROPPING THE PRESS CONFERENCE AND PROPOSE INSTEAD A SHORT TV INTERVIEW WITH THE PRIME MINISTER (AS IS BEING ARRANGED FOR PRESIDENT GISCARD DURING HIS VISIT LATER NEXT WEEK). PRIME MINISTER'S PRESS SECRETARY ALREADY INFORMED.

2. TIME OF CALL ON PRESIDENT PERTINI THEREFORE REMAINS 0845 ON MONDAY MORNING 24 NOVEMBER. YOU AND COLOMBO ARE ALSO INVITED. PRIME MINISTER WILL NOW GO DIRECT FROM QUIRINALE TO THE VATICAN.

3. NO OTHER CHANGES IN THE PROGRAMME. ON ARRIVAL AT FIUMICINO, PRIME MINISTER WILL BE GREETED BY HM AMBASSADOR AND VICE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL (SCAMMACCA) BEFORE INTRODUCTION OF SIGNOR FORLANI. AFTER MILITARY HONOURS, PARTY WILL MOVE TO VIP LOUNGE WITH YOURSELF AND ADVISERS BEFORE DRIVE TO MADAMA.

ORDER NOW AS FOLLOWS:

CAR 1 (ARMoured): PRIME MINISTER, FORLANI, INTERPRETER  
(PRECEDED AND FOLLOWED BY POLICE CARS WHICH HAVE A PLACE FOR

PRIME MINISTER'S DETECTIVE)

CAR 2 (ARMoured): SECRETARY OF STATE, HM AMBASSADOR, DETECTIVE.

CAR 3: SIR M PALLISER, AMBASSADOR CAGIATTI

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CAR 4: FRANKLIN, BERLINGUER (DIPLOMATIC ADVISER TO FORLANI)

CAR 5: ALEXANDER, WALDEN

CAR 6: INGHAM, DAVEY.

CAR 7: (TO WOLKONSKY): 2 PA S MISS REDMAN.

4. COLOMBO WILL GREET YOU AT MADAMA BEFORE THE THREE PARALLEL TALKS BEGIN. ITALIAN OFFICIAL DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE MALFATTI (SECRETARY GENERAL MFA), GARDINI (POLITICAL DIRECTOR) AND BUCCI (ECONOMIC DIRECTOR).

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ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT: MESSAGE TO SIGNOR FORLANI  
1. GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ARRANGE FOR FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM  
THE PRIME MINISTER TO REACH SIGNOR FORLANI BEFORE MRS THATCHER'S  
ARRIVAL:  
BEGINS

I AM SO SORRY TO HAVE HAD TO REDUCE THE TIME I WAS TO  
HAVE SPENT IN ROME. IT HAS ONLY JUST BECOME APPARENT  
THAT A MAJOR GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON ECONOMIC POLICY  
WILL HAVE TO BE MADE ON MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER. MY  
PRESENCE THERE WILL BE ESSENTIAL. NEVERTHELESS,  
PETER CARRINGTON AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING  
SUBSTANTIAL TALKS WITH YOU AND EMILIO COLOMBO ON  
SUNDAY. I AM ALSO GRATEFUL TO YOU AND YOUR OFFICIALS  
FOR HAVING REARRANGED THE PROGRAMME AT SUCH SHORT  
NOTICE TO ENABLE ME TO BE BACK HERE IN TIME. ENDS

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ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT: MESSAGE TO THE POPE

1. GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD ARRANGE FOR FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM  
THE PRIME MINISTER TO REACH THE POPE BEFORE MRS THATCHER'S  
ARRIVAL:

BEGINS

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY REGRET THAT I HAVE HAD TO  
ASK YOUR OFFICIALS TO REARRANGE THE TIMING OF MY CALL  
ON YOU ON MONDAY AT SHORT NOTICE. IT HAS ONLY JUST  
BECOME APPARENT THAT A MAJOR GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON  
ECONOMIC POLICY WILL HAVE TO BE MADE ON MONDAY 24  
NOVEMBER. MY PRESENCE THERE WILL BE ESSENTIAL. NEVER-  
THELESS, I LOOK FORWARD VERY MUCH TO HAVING A GOOD TALK  
WITH YOU AT THE REARRANGED TIME OF 1030 ON MONDAY 24  
NOVEMBER AND I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT THE ALTERATION WILL  
NOT HAVE CAUSED YOU TOO MUCH INCONVENIENCE. ENDS

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AND TO IMMEDIATE HOLY SEE (ROME PASS)

FROM WED

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ROME: 23-24 NOVEMBER

1. AS YOU KNOW FROM TELECONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT, THE PRIME MINISTER WILL NOW HAVE TO LEAVE ROME EARLIER THAN EXPECTED ON THE MORNING OF 24 NOVEMBER IN ORDER TO RETURN TO LONDON FOR THE DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS. MESSAGES OF EXPLANATION HAVE BEEN SENT.
2. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS AGREED TO THE ITALIAN PROPOSAL THAT SHE SHOULD ARRIVE AT FIUMCINO AIRPORT AT 1700 ON 23 NOVEMBER AND THAT TALKS SHOULD BEGIN AT 1815. WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL TO THE ITALIANS FOR PROPOSING THIS RE-ARRANGEMENT OF THE PROGRAMME. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SIGNOR FORLANI PROPOSES TO GIVE A LARGER DINNER WITH WIVES AT 2100 AS PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED AND DOES NOT FAVOUR THE IDEA OF A WORKING DINNER.
3. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS AGREED TO THE VATICAN'S PROPOSAL THAT HER CALL ON THE POPE SHOULD BE RE-ARRANGED FOR 1030 ON 24 NOVEMBER. WE ASSUME THAT THIS WILL MEAN TAKING OFF FROM ROME AT APPROXIMATELY 1130 INSTEAD OF 1040 AS WE HAD EARLIER PROPOSED. WE UNDERSTAND THAT A CALL ON CARDINAL CASAROLI IS NOW PROPOSED FOR 1000 BEFORE THE CALL ON THE POPE. THE PRIME MINISTER IS CONTENT TO MAKE AN EARLIER START TO MEET SIGNOR FORLANI'S WISH FOR A PRESS CONFERENCE. THIS WOULD PRESUMABLY MEAN:  
0830 - 0915 BREAKFAST WITH PRESIDENT PERTINI;  
0920 - 0950 JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE AT SIGNOR FORLANI'S OFFICE.
4. THE SECRETARY OF STATE EXPECTS TO LEAVE ROME BY RAF AIRCRAFT AT ABOUT 1400, AFTER LUNCH. GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD INFORM BRUSSELS WHEN AIRCRAFT TAKES OFF. UNLESS ANY PARTICULAR POINTS ARISE ON THE SUNDAY EVENING WHICH THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS WISH TO FOLLOW UP, WE DO NOT FORESEE ANY NEED TO ARRANGE FURTHER TALKS WITH SIGNOR COLOMBO ON THE MONDAY MORNING. LORD CARRINGTON DOES NOT

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EXPECT TO ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER FOR HER CALL ON THE POPE.

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Mr Carter

1. HM Embassy Rome will be sending a telegram containing the revised programme for the Prime Minister's visit to Rome on 23-24 November. I should be grateful if when received, this could be passed urgently to No 10.

*M. A. Savill*

M A Savill (Miss)  
Western European Dept

21 November 1980

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ADDENDUM TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE

ANGLO-ITALIAN MINISTERIAL TALKS IN ROME

23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

1. Please note the following amendments to the delegation:

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Add : Det Insp Parker

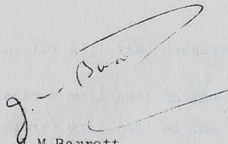
Add : Miss J Pearey, Personal Assistant, Private Office, Foreign  
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2. PROGRAMME

The latest programme, with up to date timings, as known on 21 November  
is shown at Appendix I.

3. TRAVEL

Correct travel times are shown together with the programme at Appendix I.

  
M Barrett  
Conference and Visits Section  
Protocol and Conference Department

21 November 1980

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## APPENDIX I

PROGRAMME AS AT 21 NOVEMBER FOR THE  
ANGLO ITALIAN MINISTERIAL TALKS IN ROME

23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER

- 1310 Party departs in two RAF HS 125s from London Heathrow, Terminal I, de Havilland suite.  
Lunch on board.
- 1655 Aircraft with officials arrives Rome airport Fuimicino.
- 1700 Aircraft with Prime Minister and Secretary of State and party arrives Rome airport, met by Sr Forlani
- 1710 Prime Minister, accompanied by Sr Forlani leaves the airport for the Villa Madama.  
Secretary of State leaves the airport with HM Ambassador for the Villa Madama. A bedroom and a bathroom will be available for Mrs Thatcher to change.
- 1815 Tête a tête consultations between:  
The Prime Minister and Sr Forlani  
The Secretary of State and Sr Colombo  
These will merge into a plenary on conclusion of tête a têtes
- 2100 Dinner at Villa Madama
- 2300 Party returns to accommodation.

MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER

- 0845 The Prime Minister will take breakfast with President Pertini
- 1000 The Prime Minister will call on the Papal Secretary of State
- 1030 The Prime Minister will call on the Pope
- 1130 The Prime Minister's aircraft takes off from Ciampino airport, Rome, for RAF Northolt. Arriving RAF Northolt 1320 hours local.  
Lunch on board.
- 1330 Take off of the Secretary of State's aircraft for Brussels arriving Abelag airport at 1600 hours.  
Lunch on board.

NB Rome is GMT +1.

Suggested transport arrangements and passenger lists continued overleaf.

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CAR ARRANGEMENTS ON ARRIVAL IN ROME, AND  
DINNER ARRANGEMENTS ON 23 NOVEMBER.

1. SUGGESTED TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FROM AIRPORT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

VILLA MADAMA:

1ST CAR (ARMoured): PRIME MINISTER, HM AMBASSADOR, DETECTIVE  
2ND CAR (ARMoured): SECRETARY OF STATE, WALDEN, DETECTIVE  
3RD CAR: PUS, FRANKLIN, WHITMORE  
4TH CAR: INGHAM, ALEXANDER, DAVEY (EMBASSY INFORMATION OFFICER)

VILLA WOLKONSKY:

5TH CAR: MISS PEAREY, MISS HATT, MISS REDMAN (THIRD SECRETARY)

2. THE ORDER WILL HAVE TO BE REARRANGED SHOULD FORLANI ACCOMPANY  
MRS THATCHER TO MADAMA (WE AWAIT NEWS FROM ITALIANS).

3. ITALIANS INVITED TO FORLANI'S DINNER, INCLUDE (WITH WIVES):

MINISTERS: FOREIGN AFFAIRS, COLOMBO

INTERNAL AFFAIRS, ROGNONI

FINANCE, REVIGLIO

TREASURY, ANDREATTA

DEFENCE, LAGORIO

COMMUNITY POLICY, SCOTTI

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Mr Vereker (Western European Department W62A)

PRIME MINISTER'S AND SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISITS IN 1981 - ITALY AND LUXEMBOURG

Inward

First half of 1981: Italian Prime Minister accompanied by ~~Foreign~~ <sup>Secretary of State</sup> Minister for next in the series of Anglo-Italian consultations.

Early in the ~~New Year~~: Luxembourg Foreign Minister, Mme Colette Flesch, (following her recent appointment).

Outward

Second half of 1981: Prime Minister, accompanied by Secretary of State, to Italy for bi-annual Anglo-Italian consultations.

(?) October: Secretary of State ~~to~~ Luxembourg for Churchill Memorial Lectures.

*M. Savill.*

21 November 1980

M A Savill (Miss)  
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1. Mr Simpson-Orlebar rang me from Rome this morning with some further points on the programme for the Prime Minister's visit to Italy.

2. He confirmed that Signor Forlani will be at the airport to meet the Prime Minister. He will then probably accompany her back to the Villa Madama, with an interpreter, leaving the Secretary of State to travel with the Ambassador in a separate car.

3. The following morning President Pertini has invited the Prime Minister to have breakfast with him at 0845. This means that the press conference would now be at 0920. The calls on Cardinal Casaroli at 1000 and on the Pope at 1030 are now confirmed. Sir Mark Heath has asked for confirmation of those who are to accompany the Prime Minister on these calls.

4. Mr Barrett of PCD, the Conference Officer, has agreed to pursue these points direct with No 10 and to inform Rome of the result.

5. He is also asking Rome whether the S. of S. is invited to the breakfast.

*P.V.*

P W M Vereker  
Western European Department

21 November 1980

cc Private Secretary  
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Mr Gladstone

Private Secretary

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ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS: 23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

1. Mrs Thatcher may be called upon to say a few words at the dinner to be given by Signor Forlani following her arrival in Rome on Sunday evening, 23 November.
2. I submit draft speaking notes together with a draft covering letter.

*P. Vereker*  
P W M Vereker  
Western European Department

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cc Mr Gladstone

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ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS: 23/24 NOVEMBER

**CAVEAT.....**

As you know, Signor Forlani is to give a dinner on 23 November following the Prime Minister's arrival in Rome. The Prime Minister may be called upon to say a few words on this occasion. I accordingly attach speaking notes which Mrs Thatcher may find of some use.

President Pertini was to have given a lunch for the Prime Minister the following day, but this has had to be cancelled because of the Prime Minister's plans to return earlier than expected for the debate on the address.

Enclosures—flag(s).....

SPEAKING NOTES FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

DINNER TO BE GIVEN BY SIGNOR FORLANI, 23 NOVEMBER

1. Great pleasure to be back in Rome again. Glad to continue with you the regular series of consultations begun with your predecessor. Supplemented by exchanges between Foreign Ministers and between other pairs of Ministers. Successful State Visit by The Queen showed that relations between Italy and the United Kingdom based on a foundation of popular support and mutual affection. Queen expressed our gratitude to the Italian Government for help over EC budget. We shall continue to work together for the development of a healthy and balanced Community.
2. Our talks this evening have been most illuminating. Drink to you and to ever closer Anglo-Italian collaboration.

Miss Savill.

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DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE  
ANGLO-ITALIAN MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS IN ROME

23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

1. TRAVEL DETAILS

- (a) The Prime Minister, The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and those shown at Appendix I, will depart for Rome at 1310 hours GMT on Sunday 23 November from London Heathrow Airport, Terminal 1, de Havilland VIP Suite.
- (b) The Prime Minister and party will travel in two RAF HS 125s, task numbers 1440 and 1441.
- (c) Flying time from London to Rome is 2 hours 50 minutes. Rome is one hour ahead of GMT.
- (d) Those travelling are asked to arrive at London Heathrow, Terminal 1 at the times shown at Appendix II.

2. BOXES AND BRIEFCASES

- (a) One FCO security van, accompanied by an FCO security officer has been reserved for the journey to London Heathrow. This van will leave 10 Downing Street at 1130 hours and leave the Foreign and Commonwealth Office at 1125 hours. Boxes may be left in Room I (Security Department), Downing Street West, FCO, any time up to 1100 hours on Sunday 23 November.

3. TRANSPORT TO LONDON HEATHROW

Departure arrangements are shown at Appendix II.

- 4. Any queries on these arrangements should be referred to the undersigned up to 1800 hours on Friday 24 November and then to the Protocol and Conference Department Duty Officer, Miss PA Noble - home telephone number 948 1280.

*J. M. Barrett*

J M Barrett  
Conference and Visits Section  
Protocol and Conference Department  
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## APPENDIX I

PASSENGER LISTOF THOSE TRAVELLING BY RAF TASK NOS 1440, 1441LONDON TO ROME

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>
1	The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP (1)	Prime Minister
10 DOWNING STREET		
2	Mr C A Whitmore (1)	Principal Private Secretary
3	Mr M O'D B Alexander (2)	Private Secretary
4	Mr B Ingham (2)	Chief Press Secretary
5	Miss Hatt (2)	Secretarial Assistant
6	Det Insp R Parker (1)	Detective
CABINET OFFICE		
7	Mr M D M Franklin (1) CMG	Deputy Secretary
FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE		
8	The Rt Hon the Lord Carrington KCMG MC (1)	Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.
9	Mr G G H Walden (1)	Private Secretary
10	Sir Michael Palliser (1) GCMG	Permanent Under Secretary
11	Miss J Pearey (2) MBE	Personal Assistant
12	Det Insp Dixon (2)	Detective

(1) Aircraft No 1 is Task 1440

(2) Aircraft No 2 is Task 1441

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<u>Details</u>	<u>Arranged by</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Leaving from/at</u>	<u>To arrive at London Heathrow, Terminal 1 de Havilland Suite.</u>
FCO Van	Conference Section	FCO Security Officer boxes, etc.	No 10/FCO at 1125/1130 hours	1230 hours
Own car	Own office	Sir M Palliser GCMG	as directed	1245 hours
GCS Car	Conference Section	Miss J Pearey	FCO courtyard at 1140	1245 hours
		Mr Walden	14 Ashchurch Terrace W12 at 1200 hours	1245 hours
No 10 Car	Duty Clerk, No 10	Mr Whitmore Mr Alexander Mr Ingham Miss Hatt	as instructed	1250 hours
Own car	by Private Office	Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary Det Insp Dixon	as instructed	1255 hours
No 10 Car	Duty Clerk, No 10	Prime Minister Det Insp Parker	as instructed	1300 hours

Mr Franklin will make his own arrangements to reach London Heathrow by not later than 1245 hours.

#### Return Arrangements

The Duty Clerk at No 10 Downing Street has arranged cars for the Prime Minister and her party for an arrival at RAF Northolt on Monday 24 November at approximately 1320 hours. There will also be a baggage van to meet this aircraft. Conference Section will liaise with Private Offices about transport for the return of the Secretary of State's party.

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Dear Michael,

The Prime Minister's Private Call on The Pope: 10.30  
on 24 November

The Prime Minister has arranged to pay a private call on the Pope at 10.30 on 24 November, following her consultations with the Italian Government. I enclose a brief.

I attach a copy of a telegram from our Minister at the Holy See recording a conversation with the Secretary of the Vatican Council for Public Affairs about the agenda for the talk. Obviously the Pope will wish to talk about his visit to the Roman Catholic Community in Great Britain in 1982. He may also talk about his visit to the FRG. But the main subject is likely to be Northern Ireland. The briefing contains a longish background section on Northern Ireland, much of which will already be familiar to the Prime Minister, but we have felt it advisable to include this in view of the Pope's recent message to the Prime Minister about the hunger strike at the Maze Prison, and of the line he took when Her Majesty The Queen called on him last month.

The Pope's views on Poland will, of course, be of particular interest, not least in the light of Cardinal Wyszynski's recent visit to Rome (23 October - 8 November), but he may be reluctant to talk freely about what is for him a very sensitive subject. He may prefer to talk about Polish problems obliquely in a CSCE context, on which he addressed a circular letter to participating Heads of State in early September.

The Pope may ask about European Community developments, in view of the Vatican's interest in promoting the unity of Christian Europe, and about developments in the Middle East. He may seek the Prime Minister's views on the resurgence of CND in Britain.

I attach at Annex a Background Brief on the Vatican's Role and its Foreign Relations.

Yours etc

Paul

(P Lever)  
Private Secretary

M O'D B Alexander Esq  
10 Downing Street  
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 10 FROM WED  
 11 PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ROME: 23-24 NOVEMBER  
 12 1. As you know from telecons with the Department, the Prime  
 13 Minister will now have to leave Rome earlier than expected on the  
 14 morning of 24 November in order to return to London for the  
 15 debate on the Address. Messages of explanation have been sent.  
 16 2. The Prime Minister has agreed to the Italian proposal that  
 17 she should arrive at Fiumicino airport at 1700 on 23 November and  
 18 that talks should begin at 1815. We are most grateful to the  
 19 Italians for proposing this re-arrangement of the programme. We  
 20 understand that Signor Forlani proposes to give a larger dinner  
 21 with wives at 2100 as previously arranged and does not favour the  
 22 idea of a working dinner.  
 23 3. The Prime Minister has agreed to the Vatican's proposal that  
 24 her call on the Pope should be re-arranged for 1030 on 24  
 25 November. We assume that this will mean taking off from Rome at

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2 approximately 1130 instead of 1040 as we had earlier proposed.  
3 We understand that a call on Cardinal Casaroli is <sup>open</sup> ~~now~~ proposed  
4 for 1000 before the call on the Pope. The Prime Minister is  
5 content to make an earlier start to meet Signor Forlani's wish  
6 for a press conference. This would presumably mean:  
7 0830 - 0915 Breakfast with President Pertini;  
8 0920 - 0950 Joint press conference at Signor Forlani's office.  
9 4. The Secretary of State expects to leave Rome by RAF aircraft  
10 at about 1400, after lunch. Grateful if you could inform Brussels  
11 when aircraft takes off. Unless any particular points arise on  
12 the Sunday evening which the two Foreign Ministers wish to follow  
13 up, we do not foresee any need to arrange further talks with  
14 Signor Colombo on the Monday morning. Lord Carrington does not  
15 expect to accompany the Prime Minister for her call on the Pope.

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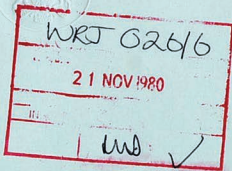
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Sir Ronald Arculus

1. I have asked Mr Simpson-Orlebar to make arrangements for the Secretary of State as you requested.
2. As regards the joint press conference, Mr Simpson Orlebar feels that Signor Forlani attaches some importance to it and Mr Simpson-Orlebar suggests that if possible we should try to meet his wishes. To do so he suggests that the Prime Minister might perhaps make an earlier start (say 0830 breakfast).
3. If you agree I shall pursue this through the Private Office.

M A Savill.

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MY TELNOS 622 AND 623: ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT

1. TO CONFIRM MY TELECONS WITH SIR R ARCULUS AND VEREKER (WED).
2. PRESIDENT PERTINI HAS INVITED THE PRIME MINISTER TO HAVE BREAKFAST AT THE QUIRINALE AT 0845 ON MONDAY MORNING 24 NOVEMBER. PROTOCOL HAVE SINCE TOLD US THAT COLOMBO AND YOURSELF ARE LIKELY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE INVITATION.
3. THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT PALAZZO CHIGI (WHICH IS CLOSE TO THE QUIRINALE) IS BEING RETIMED FOR 0920. THIS WILL ALLOW HALF AN HOUR BEFORE THE PRIME MINISTER NEEDS TO LEAVE FOR HER APPOINTMENTS AT THE VATICAN AT 1000 AND 1030 (IT IS NOT FAR FROM CHIGI).
4. IT IS CONFIRMED THAT FORLANI WILL MEET THE PRIME MINISTER AT THE AIRPORT ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON. THERE WILL BE MILITARY HONOURS. FORLANI IS LIKELY TO ACCOMPANY MRS THATCHER ON THE DRIVE TO VILLA MADAMA IN THE FIRST ARMoured CAR. SINCE THERE WILL HAVE TO BE AN INTERPRETER IN FRONT, WE PROPOSE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S DETECTIVE OCCUPY AN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CAR, FOLLOWED BY YOURSELF AND HM AMBASSADOR IN THE SECOND ARMoured CAR.
5. ON MONDAY MORNING, SIR M HEATH WILL ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER FROM THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO THE VATICAN. SIR R ARCULUS WILL ACCOMPANY HER FROM THE VATICAN TO THE AIRPORT FOR TAKE-OFF AT 1130. THERE WILL AGAIN BE MILITARY HONOURS AND SHE WILL BE SEEN OFF BY A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT.

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Miss Spence (WRT)  
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MSH

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Dear Michael,

Anglo/Italian Consultations

/ We have been in touch with you today about the revised arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to Rome. I enclose a copy of a telegram which we propose to send to the Embassy and to the Legation, setting out the present position.

// The Italian and Vatican authorities have been co-operative in re-arranging the programmes at short notice. It would be appreciated if the Prime Minister were to sign short messages of explanation. I attach drafts for these for your consideration. If they are agreed, we propose that the texts be telegraphed to Rome in advance of the signed copies so as to reach the recipients before the Prime Minister's arrival.

Yours etc

Paul

(P Lever)  
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FROM WED

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ROME 23-24 NOVEMBER

1. As you know from telecons with the department the

Prime Minister will now have to <sup>leave</sup> ~~take off from~~ Rome onthe morning of 24 November, <sup>earlier</sup> ~~earlier than expected~~, in

order to return to London for the debate on the

Address. Messages of explanation will follow.

2. The Prime Minister has now agreed to the Vatican's proposal that her call on the Pope should be rearranged for 1030 on 24 November. We assume that will mean take off from Rome at approximately 1130, instead of 1040 as we had earlier proposed. If at all possible, the Prime Minister would still prefer the call to be earlier. We understand that a call on Cardinal Casaroli is now proposed for 1000, before the call on the Pope.

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3. ~~We have put to No 10 the Italian proposal that,~~  
the Prime Minister has now also agreed to the Italian  
proposal that she should arrive at Fiumicino airport  
at 1700 on 23 November and that the talks should  
begin at 1815. We are most grateful to the  
Italians for proposing this rearrangement of the  
programme. We understand that Signor Forlani  
proposes to give a larger dinner with wives at  
2100 as previously arranged, and does not favour  
the idea of a working dinner.

4. If the timing of the call on the Pope is confirmed  
we understand that Signor Forlani proposes that  
there should be a joint press conference at 0900 on  
24 November at his office. ~~The~~ The Prime Minister is  
content with this arrangement. *2*

5. The Secretary of State expects to leave Rome at  
about midday (it is not yet certain whether this  
will be before or after lunch). He will probably  
be leaving too early to take up the Italian  
suggestion that he might accompany Signor Colombo  
to the Foreign Affairs Council on an Italian  
aircraft. Unless any particular points arise on  
the Sunday evening which the two Foreign Ministers  
wish to follow up we do not think there will be any  
need to arrange further talks with Signor Colombo  
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VILLA MADAMA:

- 1ST CAR (ARMoured): PRIME MINISTER, HM AMBASSADOR, DETECTIVE
- 2ND CAR (ARMoured): SECRETARY OF STATE, WALDEN, DETECTIVE
- 3RD CAR: PUS, FRANKLIN, WHITMORE
- 4TH CAR: INGHAM, ALEXANDER, DAVEY (EMBASSY INFORMATION OFFICER)

VILLA WOLKONSKY:

- 5TH CAR: MISS PEAREY, MISS HATT, MISS REDMAN (THIRD SECRETARY)

2. THE ORDER WILL HAVE TO BE REARRANGED SHOULD FORLANI ACCOMPANY MRS THATCHER TO MADAMA (WE AWAIT NEWS FROM ITALIANS).

3. ITALIANS INVITED TO FORLANI'S DINNER, INCLUDE (WITH WIVES):

- MINISTERS: FOREIGN AFFAIRS, COLOMBO  
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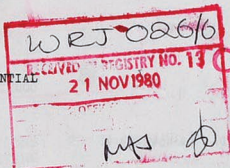
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MY TELECONS WITH VEREKER (WED): ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT

1. ITALIANS UNDERSTAND WHY PRIME MINISTER NOW NEEDS TO RETURN TO UK ON MORNING OF 24 NOVEMBER. THEY WOULD WELCOME IT IF HER ARRIVAL ON THE PREVIOUS AFTERNOON COULD BE BROUGHT FORWARD AS YOU HAVE OFFERED. FOLLOWING IS PROVISIONAL REVISED PROGRAMME, ON WHICH I HOPE WE CAN GIVE THEM COMMENTS EARLY TOMORROW MORNING.

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER

1700 PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY ARRIVE AT FIUMICINO (NOTE CHANGE OF AIRFIELD: THE PRESIDENT WILL BE LANDING AT CIAMPINO AROUND THE SAME TIME). FORLANI EXPECTED TO MEET, UNLESS HE HAS TO BE AT CIAMPINO. MILITARY HONOURS (TO BE CONFIRMED). DRIVE DIRECT TO VILLA MADAMA (TRANSPORT PLAN IN MIFT), WHERE A BEDROOM AND BATHROOM WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO CHANGE.

1815 THREE CONCURRENT CONVERSATIONS:

- (A) PRIME MINISTER/FORLANI (TETE-A-TETE)
- (B) SECRETARY OF STATE/COLOMBO (TETE-A-TETE)
- (C) OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS

THESE WILL MERGE INTO A PLENARY ON CONCLUSION OF TETE-A-TETES.

2030 FOR 2100 FORLANI'S DINNER FOR PRIME MINISTER, BRITISH PARTY, ITALIAN MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS AND THEIR WIVES (GUEST LIST IN MIFT).

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MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER

0900 OR 0915 JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE AT PALAZZO CHIGI.

1000 CALL ON CARDINAL SECRETARY OF STATE (TO BE CONFIRMED)

1030 CALL ON THE POPE (TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE VATICAN)

1130 DEPARTURE FROM CIAMPINO REPEAT CIAMPINO.

2. WED PLEASE SHOW TO SIR R ARCULUS.

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ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS: 23/24 NOVEMBER: PRIME MINISTER'S BRIEFING MEETING

1. The PUS will be attending the Prime Minister's briefing meeting at 0915 tomorrow morning.
2. As you know, the visit has now had to be shortened because the Prime Minister has to get back to London for the debate on the address. The present state of play on the revised arrangements is set out in the attached draft telegram which the department has submitted to the Private Office. The main points are that the Prime Minister is now expected to arrive in Rome at 5.00pm on Sunday 23 November and to leave at 11.30 am the following morning after a call on the Pope at 10.30 am. The Italians will probably begin the talks at 1815 on the Sunday evening with three separate tête-à-têtes (Prime Minister/Signor Forlani; Lord Carrington/Signor Colombo; and officials) with the three groups meeting up at about 8.00 pm and Signor Forlani's dinner beginning at 9.00 pm.
3. The PUS will have seen Sir R Arculus's scene-setting telegram 612 of 17 November and Sir M Heath's no. 42 of 17 November. He will also wish to note that an addendum to the CSCE Brief has been provided.
4. In addition to the exchanges of messages with the Pope referred to in the separate briefing for the Prime Minister's call at the Vatican, there has also been an exchange of messages with the Vatican at official level about the case of Miss McLaughlin. The PUS and the Secretary of State will wish to be aware of this in case Cardinal Casaroli should raise the issue.

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5. The only issue likely to cause any difficulty on this occasion is the question of a possible repeat of the Guadeloupe meeting. On this the PUS will have seen the separate brief prepared by Planning Staff.

D A S Gladstone  
Western European Department

20 November 1980

cc: Mr Bullard  
Mr Fergusson



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FROM WED

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Copies to:-

No. 10

3. We have put to No 10 the Italian proposal that, the Prime Minister has now also agreed to the Italian proposal that she should arrive at Fiumicino airport at 1700 on 23 November and that the talks should begin at 1815. We are most grateful to the Italians for proposing this rearrangement of the programme. We understand that Signor Forlani proposes to give a larger dinner with wives at 2100 as previously arranged, and does not favour the idea of a working dinner.

4. If the timing of the call on the Pope is confirmed we understand that Signor Forlani proposes that there should be a joint press conference at 0900 on 24 November at his office. [The Prime Minister is content with this arrangement.]

5. The Secretary of State expects to leave Rome at about midday (it is not yet certain whether this will be before or after lunch). He will probably be leaving too early to take up the Italian suggestion that he might accompany Signor Colombo to the Foreign Affairs Council on an Italian aircraft. Unless any particular points arise on the Sunday evening which the two Foreign Ministers wish to follow up we do not think there will be any need to arrange further talks with Signor Colombo on the Monday morning. Lord Carrington does not expect to accompany the Prime Minister for her call on the Pope.

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ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS

23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

CSCE MADRID CONFERENCE

Brief by Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Points To Make

1. Glad that procedural problems have now been resolved in Madrid but regret that it took so long to reach agreement.
2. Now look forward to a constructive meeting.

Background (can be freely drawn on)

1. Agreement was reached on Friday, 14 November on the agenda and procedures for the Madrid main meeting. The preparatory meeting, which had gone on for almost ten weeks, had failed to reach agreement on these points in the face of Warsaw Pact opposition to adopting the structure which had been employed at the Belgrade review meeting.

2. The compromise text adopted, while not ideal, effectively preserves the West's interests. It permits the review of implementation to continue until the Christmas break without attention being distracted by discussion of new proposals until the final pre-Christmas week. The East have also agreed, in principle, to another follow-up conference after Madrid.

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THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ROME: 23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

1. We have had to ask HM Embassy Rome and HM Minister at the Holy See to rearrange timings for the Prime Minister's visit to Rome so as to enable her to return to London on Monday 24 November, earlier than previously envisaged, for the debate on the Address.
2. I attach a draft telegram which sets out the position I have so far reached in discussions with the two missions and with the Private Office.
3. I also attach messages from the Prime Minister to Signor Forlani and to the Pope, expressing regret at having to ask for the programmes to be rearranged at short notice, together with a draft covering letter to No 10.

*P. W. M. Vereker*

P W M Vereker  
 Western European Department  
 (W62A 233 4759)

20 November 1980

- cc PS/PUS  
 Mr Bullard  
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<b>CAVEAT</b> .....	<p>I am writing to express my regret that I have had to ask your officials to rearrange the timing of my call on you on Monday at short notice. The reason for this is that it has only just become apparent that a major debate on foreign and economic affairs is to take place on Monday 24 November and my presence at it is essential. Nevertheless, I look forward very much to having a good talk with you at the rearranged time of 1030 on Monday 24 November and I very much hope that the alteration will not have caused you too much inconvenience.</p>	
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<p><b>CAVEAT</b>.....</p>	<p>I am sorry to have had to reduce the time I was to have spent in Rome. This is so as to enable me to get back to speak in the debate on the Address in the House of Commons. It has only just become apparent that a major debate on foreign and economic affairs is to take place on Monday 24 November and my presence at it is essential. I need hardly say how much, nevertheless, Peter Carrington and I look forward to having substantial talks with you and with Emilio Colombo on Sunday. I am also grateful to you and your officials for having rearranged the programme at such short notice to enable me to be back here in time for the debate.</p>	
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.....In Confidence	We have been in touch with you today about the revised	
<b>CAVEAT</b> .....	arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to Rome.	
	I enclose a copy of a telegram which we have sent to the Embassy and to the Legation, setting out the present position.  The Italian and Vatican authorities have been cooperative in rearranging the programmes at short notice. It would be appreciated if the Prime Minister were to sign short messages of explanation. I attach drafts for these for your consideration. If <sup>they are</sup> <del>it is</del> agreed, we propose that the texts be telegraphed to Rome in advance of the signed copies so as to reach the recipients before the Prime Minister's arrival.	
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ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS: BRIEFS

1. Paragraph 5 of Mr Gladstone's minute of 17 November referred to presentational errors in UND's contribution to the Anglo/Italian briefing and added that the briefing was late and had to be sent direct to the Cabinet Office.

2. In fact, WED's minute of 3 November commissioning briefs for the consultations requested that all 60 copies of each brief be sent direct to the Cabinet Office by noon on Friday, 14 November, with two side copies to WED. Sixty copies of UND's brief (on Security Council Enlargement) were walked to the Cabinet Office on Thursday morning ie 24 hours before the deadline - with side copies to WED. We have subsequently learnt that WED had telephoned a number of Departments to ask that briefs be routed through them, but they did not make this request to us. WED telephoned this department later on Thursday to point out the three errors in presentation, but we were not requested to recall and amend the briefs. There would in fact have been time for this but we deduced that early distribution of the material and economy in respect of typing and reproduction were being given priority over questions of presentational detail.

20 November 1980

*William*  
N C R Williams  
United Nations Department

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From the Private Secretary

18 November 1980

*Run this*

Thank you for your letter of 18 November confirming that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary is to accompany the Prime Minister to Rome for the Anglo-Italian consultations on 23 and 24 November.

The Prime Minister is content with Lord Carrington's proposal to fly direct to Brussels on the afternoon of 24 November to attend the Foreign Affairs Council.

I am sending copies of this letter to Barry Hilton (Cabinet Office) and Michael Pownall (Government Whips Office, House of Lords).

*Yours ever*

*Mike Pattison*

Christopher Jebb, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.





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From the Private Secretary

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The Prime Minister is content that Sir Michael Palliser and a Private Secretary should accompany the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary as members of her party for the visit to Rome next week. Mr. Franklin from the Cabinet Office will also be making the trip.

The Prime Minister understands that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary will be leaving Rome before her call on the Pope. She will be content for Sir Michael Palliser and Sir Mark Heath to accompany her. Mr. Whitmore, Mr. Ingham and myself will also accompany the Prime Minister.

Yours ever

Richard Alexander

Paul Lever, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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ANGLO-ITALIAN MINISTERIAL TALKS

IN ROME

23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

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I. DATE AND PLACE OF VISIT

The Prime Minister and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, accompanied by those shown at Appendix I will visit Rome on 23 and 24 November 1980.

2. PROGRAMME

The Programme of the visit as known on 18 November, including the call on the Pope is shown at Appendix II.

3. TRAVEL

Details are shown in Appendix III, including the details for the Secretary of State's departure to Brussels on 24 November.

4. INSURANCE

(a) Baggage

The insurance of baggage at the expense of HMG is not permissible. In the case of loss of personal baggage, whilst travelling or in receipt of subsistence allowance, claims may be submitted up to a maximum of £200 (no one article to exceed £50), provided that the loss is not covered by an existing policy.

(b) Personal

Those travelling in the HS 125s are advised to check whether their insurance policies provide cover for travel by non-commercial flights and to consult their insurers if they are in any doubt about their position. At present, claims on HMG for compensation are subject to a liability limit of £25,000.

5. BAGGAGE

(a) Baggage labels are enclosed for those travelling on the HS 125s in the following colours:-

Villa Wolkonsky	-	Blue
Hotel Delta	-	Red

(b) Since the luggage space on board the HS 125 aircraft is very limited, members of the party are asked to carry as small a suitcase or grip as possible.

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(c). The free baggage allowance on economy class commercial flights is 20 kilos and on first class flights is 30 kilos.

#### 6. PASSPORTS AND HEALTH

Each person travelling should have a valid passport. There are no visa or health requirements for Italy.

#### 7. LIVING ACCOMMODATION

Details are shown at Appendix I.

#### 8. WORKING ACCOMMODATION

A Private Office for both the Prime Minister and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary will be set up at the Villa Wolkonsky. There will also be offices available in the Chancery Building.

#### 9. OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND STATIONERY

(a) Office equipment including typewriters and photocopiers will be provided in the Private Office in the British Embassy in Rome.

(b) Secretarial Assistants will take a portable typewriter and any necessary stationery with them to Rome.

(c) Common user stationery will be provided by the Embassy.

#### 10. STAFF SUPPORT FROM HM EMBASSY, ROME

A member of Information Section will assist Mr Ingham with Press liaison. Secretarial assistance will be provided as required.

#### II. TELEGRAMS

The Embassy will maintain a 24 hour cypher watch from the time the Prime Minister and party leave London on 23 November until their departure the following day. All telegrams for the Prime Minister or the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and party should bear the prefix 'following for ..... from .....'.  
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#### Distribution in Rome

Telegrams specifically addressed to the Prime Minister or Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's party should not be copied and circulated within the Embassy. Only those Embassy series telegrams which are relevant to the visit of the Prime Minister and Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary should be copied to the party.

#### 12. TELEPHONES

(a) The Embassy switchboard will be operated on a 24 hours a day basis throughout the visit.



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(b) There will be direct lines between the Embassy switchboard and the Private Office at Villa Wolkonsky with extensions to the bedrooms of the Private Secretaries of both the Prime Minister and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary. It will be possible for the Private Secretaries to switch calls through to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State and to listen in.

(c) Telephone numbers:-

British Embassy Rome	475544I	The RAF air crews will be staying at:
Villa Wolkonsky Rome	7768IO	Hotel Delle Nazioni
Hotel Delta	5I46I39	Via Polli 7 ROMA. Tel: 67 92 44I

(The dialling code from London is 0IQ 396, then the number you require).

### 13. SECURITY

(a) The Special Couriers for the round trip will be Miss Hatt and Miss Pearey. Members of the party carrying classified documents in their briefcases are asked to contact Mr Chapman, Communications Operations Department, FCO (tel 233 3706).

(b) HM Embassy, Rome will provide combination lock cupboards for the Private Office at the Villa Wolkonsky.

(c) The Private Office at Villa Wolkonsky will be under guard during the night of 23-24 November and any other time when classified material has been deposited there.

(d) The Embassy will operate safe-hand service from the Chancery to wherever the Private Secretaries both to the Prime Minister and to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary happen to be. The first of these will be timed to arrive at the Villa Wolkonsky and at the Hotel Delta for Mr Ingham by 0730 hours on 24 November.

(e) A security brief for Rome is enclosed for members of the delegation.

### 14. TRANSPORT IN ROME

(a) The Italian Government in liaison with the British Embassy will provide the official transport.

b) Transport for safe-hand runs and stand-by vehicles will be provided by the Embassy.

### 15 NEWSPAPERS AND COI SUMMARY

The UK newspapers of 24 November will be flown to Rome to arrive by lunchtime on that day.

The COI summary will be sent to the Embassy to reach the party at the Villa Wolkonsky early on the morning of 24 November. Copies will also be sent to Mr Ingham at the Hotel Delta.

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# 16. FINANCE

- (a) Costs will be borne by parent departments. Common service cost will be charged to the Civil Service Department.
- (b) FCO costs will be charged to DCS Subhead C 3 2 (e).
- (c) Subsistence
  - (i) Subsistence will be issued on arrival in Rome by HM Embassy based on the following rates:-

Class A	Lira 72,000	Rate of exchange:
Class B	Lira 54,000	Lira 2192.5 = £1
  - (ii) Those staying at the Villa Wolkonsky will receive one third of the appropriate rate of subsistence for the night of 24 November.
  - (iii) Those staying at the Hotel Delta will receive Conference terms, that is the bill for their hotel room, continental breakfast; service and tax will be paid by the Embassy. They will then receive one half of the Class A rate of subsistence to cover all other costs, (meals, drinks etc).
  - (iv) The detectives will subsist themselves.
  - (v) Members of the party wishing to take extra currency for private purposes are asked to take travellers cheques.

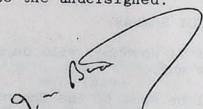
# 17. TRANSPORT IN LONDON

The No 10 Private Office will arrange transport to and from London Heathrow for the members of their party, and PCD will arrange transport for Mr Franklin. The Foreign and Commonwealth Private Offices will arrange cars for the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Permanent Under Secretary. Conference Section will arrange cars for the remaining members of the party.

# 18. ADMINISTRATION

The Administrative Arrangements in Rome are the responsibility of HM Embassy in consultation with the UK Mission to the Holy See, (for the Prime Minister's visit to the Pope). Any enquiries in London can be addressed to the undersigned.

18 November 1980

  
J M Barrett  
Conference and Visits Section  
Protocol and Conference Department  
233 5808

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

## APPENDIX I

VISIT TO ITALY OF THE PRIME MINISTER  
AND FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY

23 - 24 NOVEMBER 1980

COMPOSITION OF THE PARTY

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Accommodation</u>
I	The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP	Prime Minister	Villa Wolkonsky
2	The Rt Hon The Lord Carrington KCMG MC	Foreign and Common- wealth Secretary	Villa Wolkonsky
3	Mr C A Whitmore	Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister	Villa Wolkonsky
4	Mr M O'D B Alexander	Private Secretary to the Prime Minister	Hotel Delta
5	Mr G G H Walden	Private Secretary to The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary	Villa Wolkonsky
6	Mr B Ingham	Chief Press Secretary No 10 Downing Street	Hotel Delta
7	Mr M D M Franklin CMG	Deputy Secretary Cabinet Office	Hotel Delta
8	Sir Michael Palliser GCMG	Permanent Under Secretary of State	Hotel Delta
9	Miss R Hatt	Secretarial Assistant	Hotel Delta
10	Supt G Cawthorne	Detective	Hotel Delta
11	Supt M Waller	Detective	Hotel Delta
12	Insp M Dixon	Detective	Hotel Delta
13	R Kingston	Detective	Villa Wolkonsky

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT

AS AT 18 NOVEMBER 1980

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER

- \* 1440 Prime Minister, Secretary of State and party leave from London Heathrow de Havilland VIP Suite, Terminal I.
- 1825 Officials arrive Rome airport on RAF HS 125, Task No I441
- 1830 Prime Minister and Secretary of State arrive Rome airport on second RAF HS 125 Task No I440. After greetings, drive to Villa Wolkonsky.
- 1945 Villa Madama. Separate tête-a-têtes between the Prime Minister and Signor Forlani and between Lord Carrington and Signor Colombo.
- 2100 Dinner at Villa Madama, hosted by Signor Forlani. Dress, short dress Ladies, dark suits Gentlemen.
- 2300 Party returns to accommodation

MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER

- \* 1000 Palazzo Chigi. Plenary talks
- 1215 Press Conference for British and Italian press
- 1315 Quirinale. Lunch hosted by President Pertini. Return to Wolkonsky.
- 1515 approx Secretary of State leaves for Brussels.
- 1700 Prime Minister's call on the Pope.
- 1745 Secretary of State and party arrive Brussels, Abellat airport.
- 1950 Prime Minister's aircraft arrives at RAF Northolt.

\* All these times will probably change.



## APPENDIX III

## TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Det Supt M Waller	Flight BA 502	ETD LHR Terminal I	0855 hours
Det Supt Cawthorne		ETA Rome	1215 hours

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER

The Prime Minister	1st RAF HS I25	ETD LHR Terminal I	
Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary	Task No I440	de Havilland	
Mr Whitmore		VIP Suite	*I440 hours
Mr Walden		ETA Rome	1830 hours
Sir Michael Palliser			
Mr Franklin;			
Det Const Kingston			

Mr Ingham	2nd RAF HS I25	ETD as above	*I440 hours
Mr Alexander	Task No I44I	ETA Rome	1825 hours
Miss Hatt			
Miss Pearey			
Det Insp Dixon			

MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER

Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's party will be:

Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary  
 Mr Walden  
 Mr Franklin  
 Miss Pearey  
 Det Insp Dixon

This aircraft will fly to Brussels, and will then return with the above passengers, plus other passengers who have attended the Council of Ministers, Foreign Affairs Meeting in Brussels to RAF Northolt at approx. 1500 hours on Tuesday 25 November.

\*The Prime Minister's aircraft will depart from Rome at approximately 1800 hours on Monday 24 November and the passenger list will be:

The Prime Minister  
 Mr Whitmore  
 Mr Alexander  
 Sir Michael Palliser  
 Mr Ingham  
 Miss Hatt  
 Det Supt Cawthorne

\* These times will most probably change

This aircraft will arrive at RAF Northolt at approx. 1950 hours on Monday 24 November.

Details of travel to and from the various airports will be issued later this week.



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Mr. G. G. G. G.  
New South Wales  
P.O.

Mr. Vescher

You may wish to be aware that the Prime Minister's visit to Rome may have to be cut short (ETD Monday 1020) to enable her to get back for the debate on the Queen's Speech. No 10. will confirm as soon as possible. We are not to inform the Italians yet.

W. S. W.

If it is Mr. Heath will need the earliest possible warning - and a message from No. 10.

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*Mr. Savill  
P.W. file.*

## SPEAKING NOTES FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

LUNCH TO BE GIVEN BY PRESIDENT PERTINI, 24 NOVEMBER

1. Grateful to you for so graciously giving this luncheon, marking, as it does, the importance of this Anglo-Italian Consultation. It is part of the intensified pattern of meetings set up during Signor Cossiga's Government and I look forward to working closely with Signor Forlani's administration.

2. 

We are

most grateful for the warm welcome which you, Mr President, and the Italian people gave our Queen. As Her Majesty's visit clearly showed, a strong friendship exists between the people of Italy and the United Kingdom. This in turn makes cooperation between our two governments easier and more effective.

3. Drink to you and to the warm relations between our two countries.

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*Miss Sachs*

*cc. Mr. Colvin R.D.  
Any ideas pl? M. P. Will  
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think of anything to perk them up?*

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TELELETTER

FROM: TOMKYS, ROME

FILE REF: 026/17 DATED 14 NOVEMBER 1980

FOLLOWING FOR: VEREKER, WED, FCO

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: OUR TELNO 605

1. IN CASE A SHORT SPEECH OR EVEN TWO PROVE UNAVOIDABLE YOU MAY FIND BASIC DRAFTS USEFUL. WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING:

FORLANI

GLAD TO CONTINUE WITH YOU THE REGULAR SERIES OF CONSULTATIONS BEGUN WITH YOUR PREDECESSOR. SUPPLEMENTED BY EXCHANGES BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTERS AND BETWEEN OTHER PAIRS OF MINISTERS. ~~RELATIONSHIP IS BEING THICKENED UP VERY SATISFACTORILY. SUCCESSFUL STATE VISIT BY THE QUEEN SHOWED THAT IT IS BROADLY BASED ON A FOUNDATION OF POPULAR SUPPORT AND MUTUAL AFFECTION. QUEEN EXPRESSED OUR GRATITUDE TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR HELP OVER EC BUDGET. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HEALTHY AND BALANCED COMMUNITY.~~

DRINK TO YOU AND TO EVER CLOSER ANGLO-ITALIAN COLLABORATION.

PERTINI

GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR SO GRACIOUSLY HOSTING THIS LUNCHEON, AND ~~THUS MARKING THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATION. IT IS PART OF THE INTENSIFIED PATTERN OF MEETINGS SET UP DURING SIGNOR COSSIGA'S GOVERNMENT. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH SIGNOR FORLANI'S ADMINISTRATION.~~

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN HAS TOLD ME OF THE ~~GREAT SUCCESS OF~~ *how much she enjoyed* HER STATE VISIT LAST MONTH. SHE WAS TOUCHED BY THE WAY THE ITALIAN PEOPLE TURNED OUT IN MANY THOUSANDS TO SEE HER, AND SHE WAS STRUCK BY THE ENORMOUS COVERAGE IN THE PRESS, AND ON TV AND RADIO. WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE WARM WELCOME WHICH YOU, MR PRESIDENT, AND THE ITALIAN PEOPLE GAVE TO OUR QUEEN. AS HER VISIT CLEARLY SHOWED, THERE IS INDEED A BASIC WARMTH IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WHICH MAKES COOPERATION AT GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL EASIER AND MORE EFFECTIVE.

DRINK TO YOU AND TO THE HAPPY ~~RELATIONSHIP~~ *between our two warm* RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

W R TOMKYS

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*A strong friendship exists between the people of Italy and the United Kingdom. This in turn makes*



Miss M. A. Saville  
W.E.D.

Room 144



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*With compliments*

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We spoke, copy of my  
letter attached.

Richard Webb 16/1/81

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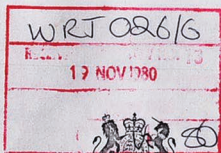
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#### TELELETTERS

1. Please refer to your letter of 5 December about making greater use of the teleletter system, and enquiring as to when certain teleletters were received on desks.
2. The teleletter from David Miller to me was received in Communications Department on 21 November (receipt No 906 17) and on my desk by Monday 24 November; note intervening weekend.
3. Incidentally, in the interests of this exercise, you may like to note that your letter did not reach me until 8 January! You are not operating a pigeon post service are you?

R Webb  
Local Staff Section  
Personnel Services Department



cc Mr. Verckes (74)  
Mr. Saville

cc also  
Lord Bridges  
Mr. Bullock  
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From the Private Secretary

18 November 1980

Dear Paul,

Anglo-Italian Consultations: 23-24 November 1980

The Prime Minister is content that Sir Michael Palliser and a Private Secretary should accompany the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary as members of her party for the visit to Rome next week. Mr. Franklin from the Cabinet Office will also be making the trip.

The Prime Minister understands that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary will be leaving Rome before her call on the Pope. She will be content for Sir Michael Palliser and Sir Mark Heath to accompany her. Mr. Whitmore, Mr. Ingham and myself will also accompany the Prime Minister.

Yours ever

Richard Alexander

Paul Lever, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Mr Lever, Private Office

ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS - QUADRIPARTITE  
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1. I submit a draft Private Secretary letter to Mr Alexander.

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R R Garside  
 Planning Staff  
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18 November 1980

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cc WED

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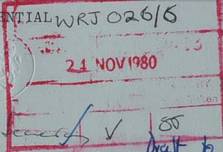
CAVEAT.....

1. We have provided a brief (no. PMVD(80)11(c)) for the Prime Minister's use on the subject of Quadripartite consultations. In the Background section of that brief we drew attention to the <sup>recent</sup> warning given by Signor Colombo to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs about the de-stabilising effect of such meetings on future Italian foreign policy. You will have received a copy of Rome's telno 613 of 17 November to the FCO on the subject of the Prime Minister's visit to Italy. You may like to draw to the Prime Minister's attention Colombo's statement that ~~the matter~~ <sup>the reports of a proposed Quadripartite Summit</sup> will certainly be raised with her.

2. You will have seen from Mr Lever's minute to <sup>Mr Gair</sup> me of 14 November that when the Italian Ambassador called on the Secretary of State the other day to talk about the rumours of a Quadripartite Summit, Lord Carrington said that HMG had not been approached about any plan to hold such a Summit in the early part of next year and was not aware that rumours about such a meeting had any substance.

Enclosures—flag(s).....

Mr Fergusson



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## PRIME MINISTER'S PRIVATE CALL ON THE POPE

1. I submit a draft letter from the Private Secretary to No. 10 Downing Street covering a composite brief for the call. The Irish section is unusually long, but RID feel that the sensitivity of the occasion justifies the length.

D A S Gladstone  
 Western European Department

18 November 1980

cc: PS/LPS )  
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ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS: BRIEFS

1. I hope that Mr Wright will not find it necessary to write to you about errors in the presentation of the briefs for the Anglo-Italian Consultations. Inevitably, however, there were some and you may like to have advance warning of them.
2. Several of the briefs were given less than the prescribed 1 1/2 inch margin. This deviation from the norm tends to creep in at the reproduction stage if departments do not exercise close enough control over it. As soon as we noticed it, we checked with the Cabinet Office who assured us that briefs need not be re-done on that account.
3. In addition there are one or two tiny errors that I do not think even Mr Wright will write to you about, e.g. underlining both the heading and the title of the ECD(I) briefs, and (in the same briefs) the date at the beginning in capitals instead of lower case. We were in close touch with ECD(I) about errors in their briefs on Friday, but the final version had to be produced so late that we could not excize these remaining errors.
4. Copies of other Departments' briefs sent to us after the deadline also contained errors (MAFF, Treasury, DOT and Department of Energy). The Cabinet Office should clearly write to them and not to us about these.
5. UN Department's brief had a covering sheet rather than continuing straight on from the heading; less than the correct margin; and 'Foreign and Commonwealth Office' at the end in capitals. The brief was produced late and had to be sent direct to the Cabinet Office.
6. In the case of the briefs which were delivered to us on time, there were a number of other errors, notwithstanding my Assistant's prior reminder to briefing departments, which we picked up and had corrected before passing the briefs to the Cabinet Office. In the case of even the tiniest of these errors, Mr Vereker is minuting his opposite numbers in the departments concerned asking them to eliminate them in the future. Needless to say, all this nit-picking takes up a considerable amount of WED's time. The only sure way

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of resolving the problem would be for this department to type all the briefs but for operational reasons that would be neither possible nor desirable.

D A S Gladstone  
Western European Department

17 November 1980

cc: Mr Spreckley, ECD(I)  
Mr N C R Williams, UN Dept



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cc. / R.D. - Mrs. Cowan.

VISIT OF ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

1. THERE WAS A COMMUNITY BRIEFING THIS MORNING BY THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR WHICH ADDED SOME POINTS TO THE ACCOUNT CONTAINED IN ANDREW WOOD'S LETTER OF 14 NOVEMBER.

2. THE ITALIANS HAD LITTLE NEW TO SAY ABOUT THE EXCHANGES BETWEEN COLOMBO AND GROMYKO EXCEPT ON THE FOLLOWING TWO POINTS :-

(A) IRAN/IRAQ

GROMYKO STATED THAT AT PRESENT THE SOVIET UNION WAS SUPPLYING ARMS TO NEITHER PARTY. HE ALSO REFERRED TO DISINFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE WEST - "WE KNOW WHERE IT COMES FROM":

(B) MENGISTU'S VISIT

GROMYKO SAID THAT MENGISTU HAD BEEN VERY CRITICAL ABOUT SOMALI POLICY. THE SOVIET UNION AGREED WITH HIM ON THE SUBJECT OF US BASES IN SOMALIA. THE SOVIET UNION HAD BEEN ACCUSED OF HAVING A BASE ON BERBERA. NOW EVERYONE ACCEPTED THE PRESENCE OF US BASES THERE AND CRITICIZED THE RUSSIANS OVER AFGHANISTAN.

3. THERE WERE ALSO SOME ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF COLOMBO'S MEETING WITH BREZHNEV, PARTICULARLY ON THE SUBJECT OF TNF. BREZHNEV ARGUED THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD REPLACED ANALOGOUS WEAPONS SYSTEMS. OTHERS, WHICH HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY HAD SUCH WEAPONS, WERE NOW UPSETTING THE BALANCE BY INSTALLING THEM. PROGRESS IN THE TALKS IN GENEVA NOW HAD TO AWAIT REAGAN, BUT THEY MUST INCLUDE FBS. ALL EUROPE MUST BE INTERESTED IN THE PROGRESS OF THESE TALKS AND HE HOPED THAT ITALY TOOK A RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE. WHY HAD SOME COUNTRIES ACCEPTED MISSILES WITHOUT WEIGHING THE CONSEQUENCES? SOVIET POLICY WAS TO RAISE THE LIVING STANDARDS OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE. THIS WAS THE AXIS OF THEIR POLICY, INCLUDING FOREIGN POLICY. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAD PREPARED PLANS ON THE BASE OF DETENTE, DISARMAMENT AND COLLABORATION. IN REPLY COLOMBO SUGGESTED THAT THE BALANCE OF FORCES SHOULD BE AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE LEVEL, AND ACCUSED THE SOVIET UNION OF CAUSING DISEQUILIBRIUM WITH THE SS20.

4. AT ONE POINT COLOMBO MENTIONED NORTH/SOUTH PROBLEMS, EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD CO-OPERATE. BREZHNEV FAILED TO UNDERSTAND AND THOUGHT THAT COLOMBO WAS REFERRING TO SOUTH ITALY. GROMYKO INTERVENED TO EXPLAIN THE BACKGROUND AND THE UN CONFERENCE. IN AN ASIDE TO GROMYKO, BREZHNEV SAID JOKINGLY THAT HE HAD DONE A BAD JOB AT THE UN. GROMYKO REPLIED BY POINTING OUT THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN THERE AND HAD NOT THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT.

SIGNED : D MADDEN

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MY TELNO 611: ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT

1. SIGNOR FORLANI HAS NOW APPROVED THE ARRANGEMENTS. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO THE TALKS AND TO BEING HOST AT DINNER. PRESIDENT PERTINI HIMSELF WISHES TO HOST THE LUNCHEON.
2. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE A JOINT ONE, WITH PERHAPS A VERY SHORT STATEMENT AND THEN QUESTIONS.
3. THERE IS NO PROBLEM OVER THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TALKS WHICH CAN FOLLOW THE PATTERN YOU SUGGESTED. SIGNOR FORLANI IS AWARE OF THE TALKS ON THE PROPOSED AGENDA WHICH I HAD WITH MINISTER COLOMBO AND HIS POLITICAL DIRECTOR (GARDINI) AND IS CONTENT.

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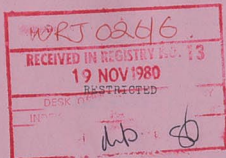
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AND TO HOLY SEE

1. DELEGATION AS KNOWN AT TODAY'S DATE IS AS FOLLOWS: NOT IN  
PROTOCOL ORDER,

THE PRIME MINISTER

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS

MR WHITMORE, PPS, NO 10

MR M O'D B ALEXANDER, PS, NO 10

MR INGHAM, CHIEF PRESS SECRETARY, NO 10

PA, NO 10

MR M FRANKLIN, DEPUTY SECRETARY CABINET OFFICE.

SIR MICHAEL PALLISER, PUS OF STATE, FCO

MR G WALDEN, PS/FOREIGN SECRETARY

MISS J PEARLY, PA, PRIVATE OFFICE

DETECTIVE SERGEANT M WALLER - ARRIVING AHEAD OF MAIN PARTY.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR DIXON

DETECTIVE SUPERINTENDENT CAMTHORNE - ARRIVING AHEAD OF MAIN PARTY.

DETECTIVE CONSTABLE R KINGSTON.

2. YOUR TEL 603, PARA 2, SUGGESTED NAMES ARE:

THE PRIME MINISTER

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY

MR WHITMORE

MR WALDEN

AND A NO 10 DETECTIVE.

IF TWO DETECTIVES CAN SHARE THIS WOULD BE IN ORDER, AND ALSO

IF NECESSARY MR WHITMORE AND MR WALDEN.

3. PARA 4 OF YOUR TEL UNDER REFERENCE, FOOTMAN'S FLAT NOT  
NECESSARY.

4. PARA 3 AND 5 NOTED, PLEASE TELEGRAPH HOTEL TELEPHONE  
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5. SUGGESTED DELEGATION FOR THE CALL ON THE POPE IS:  
THE PRIME MINISTER

MR INGHAM

MR WHITMORE

MR ALEXANDER

SIR MICHAEL PALLISER

MR FRANKLIN, DEPUTY SECRETARY CABINET OFFICE.

AND THE MINISTER TO THE HOLY SEE. GRATEFUL YOU CONFIRM A  
DETECTIVE CAN ACCOMPANY ON THIS VISIT.

6. PROPOSED ETA AT PRESENT IS 1800 HOURS. ETD NOT YET KNOWN  
UNTIL PROGRAMMES ARE FINALISED. ETA MAY CHANGE TO 1900 HOURS.

7. MISS SAVILL, WED, STATES THAT YOU ARE WORKING ON ADMIN-  
ISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FROM THE LAST ANGLO-ITALIAN MINISTERIAL  
CONSULTATIONS, AND WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ALL INFORMATION  
WE NEED THAT IS SHOWN IN THOSE, IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES.  
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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

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YOUR TELNO 39: PRIME MINISTER'S CALL ON THE POPE

1. REFERENCE TELECON SAVILL/CALLAN THIS FORENOON I CONFIRM THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE MET ON ARRIVAL AT THE COURTYARD OF SAN DAMASO BY A CONTINGENT OF THE SWISS GUARD AND A GENTLEMAN OF THE PAPAL HOUSEHOLD. THE LATTER WILL ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE LIFT TO THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE PAPAL APARTMENTS WHERE SHE WILL BE GREETED BY THE PREFECT OF THE PONTIFICAL HOUSEHOLD, MONSIGNOR MARTIN, AND ESCORTED BY HIM TO THE PRIVATE LIBRARY WHERE SHE WILL BE GREETED BY THE POPE AND INVITED TO JOIN HIM IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION. AT THE END OF THE CONVERSATION THE PRIME MINISTER MAY ASK FOR HER ADVISERS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE POPE FOR AN EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS. FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION THE PRIME MINISTER AND HER PARTY WOULD BE ESCORTED FROM THE PRIVATE LIBRARY TO THE LIFT AND FROM THERE TO THE COURTYARD SAN DAMASO. THE PARTY WOULD BE SEEN OFF ON DEPARTURE WHEN THE CONTINGENT OF THE SWISS GUARD WOULD AGAIN BE IN ATTENDANCE.

2. QUESTION OF DRESS WAS ALSO DISCUSSED BY TELEPHONE. BLACK SUIT OR DRESS WITH LONG SLEEVES AND HIGH NECK-LINE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE WITH BLACK VEIL. WE CAN LEND VEIL IF REQUIRED.

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Mr Vereker

PRIME MINISTER'S CALL ON THE POPE: 24 NOVEMBER

- A 1. I submit a draft brief for this call, which incorporates the views of HM Legation to the Holy See and EESD. RID will be supplying their contribution later today. X
2. HM Minister is to call on Bishop Silvestrini at 10.00 am on 17 November (primarily to debrief the Vatican on Cardinal Wyszynski's recent visit). Sir Mark Heath also plans to discuss arrangements for Mrs Thatcher's visit and hopes at the same time to be in a position to reply to the Pope's message on the hunger strike.
- B 3. I submit a draft telegram cleared by PCD with No 10 on the arrangements for Mrs Thatcher's call in reply to Holy See Telno 36. A signed letter from the Prime Minister to the Pope on the hunger strike is in the bag to the Holy See, and I have asked RID also to telegraph it.
- C

M A Savill

14 November 1980

M A Savill (Miss)  
Western European Department  
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YOUR TELNO 36

PRIME MINISTER'S CALL ON THE POPE

1. Prime Minister is content with arrangements suggested in your paragraphs 3 and 4, ie for advisers to accompany throughout except for the call. We expect the following to accompany Mrs Thatcher: Sir Michael Palliser, Mr Frank-  
lin, Cabinet Office, Messrs. <sup>Alexander</sup> Whitmore and Ingham from No 10, and yourself.
2. We do not yet know how long the call will be but judging by Mrs Thatcher's last visit, probably 45 minutes.

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PRIME MINISTERS CALL ON THE POPE

1. THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD LIKE, BY RETURN, FULLEST POSSIBLE BRIEFING ON PROTOCOL AND SUGGESTED DRESS FOR THE ABOVE CALL.
2. THIS IS TO ENABLE THE PRIME MINISTER TO PACK THE NECESSARY ITEMS OF CLOTHING.

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## ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS: STEERING BRIEF

1. I submit a draft steering brief for the Anglo-Italian Consultations on 23-24 November. It incorporates contributions from interested departments in the FCO and Whitehall as well as from H M Embassy Rome. The Embassy have not so far been able to extract from the Italians firm decisions on the programme. The deadline for receipt of the briefs is noon on Friday 14 November, but the Cabinet Office have agreed that the steering brief need not be in before 5 pm. To allow time for typing final and reproduction, it would be helpful if it could be returned to the department by midday. A brief for the Prime Minister's call on the Pope will be submitted separately on Monday, as agreed with the Private Office and the Cabinet Office.

*D A S Gladstone*D A S Gladstone  
Western European Department

13 November 1980

cc: Private Secretary  
Mr Fergusson  
Mr Hannay  
Mr P Moberly*Pro 74*  
**MICHAEL PALLISER**  
*[Signature]*  
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STEERING BRIEF

Brief by Foreign and Commonwealth Office

#### INTRODUCTION

1. Mrs Thatcher is to visit Rome for official talks at former Prime Minister Cossiga's invitation on 23/24 November. The talks have been timed to take place shortly before the European Council meeting on 1/2 December. It was agreed last October that Anglo-Italian bilateral talks should be held twice a year. The last in this series was held in London on 29/30 January, though Signor Cossiga also visited London on Community business in April. This will be Mrs Thatcher's first meeting with the new Prime Minister, whose four party coalition was speedily put together last month. Signor Forlani's government has a comfortable majority on paper but internal differences are already apparent. Because of this and through natural inclination, Signor Forlani who is an adroit politician, may be preoccupied with the management of internal affairs rather than external policy. He may therefore lean on the capable Signor Colombo.

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UNITED KINGDOM OBJECTIVES

2. (a) Following the success of the State Visit, to establish good working relations between the Prime Minister and the Italian Prime Minister, in particular by showing that we take seriously Italian views on major current international issues.
- (b) To discuss Community issues in preparation for the next European Council meeting (on 1-2 December); and to exchange views on restructuring the Community budget within the 1% ceiling, including the reform of the CAP.
- (c) To discuss ~~and so far as possible agree on~~ the implications of the result of the United States elections for Transatlantic and East-West relations.

PROBABLE ITALIAN OBJECTIVES

3. (a) To consolidate the institution of regular biannual Anglo-Italian Summit meetings and to establish a good working relationship with the Prime Minister.
- (b) To try to ensure that Italy is no longer excluded from any consultations on matters of international importance between the major Western Powers, particularly if they are public knowledge.
- (c) To compare notes on the probable policies and attitudes of the new United States Administration.

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- (d) To concert policy on current world political issues and in particular to review British and Italian views on the Middle East in the light of the Iran/Iraqi war, and on East-West relations in the light of developments in Afghanistan and Poland.
- (e) To elicit British thinking on European Community enlargement and restructuring.
- (f) To exchange views on world economic issues and in particular Western policy towards the developing world.

#### STRATEGY AND TACTICS

4. Signor Forlani's English is not good enough to allow him to forego interpretation. This will restrict the amount of business which can be done in the time available. At the tête-à-tête, the Prime Minister may wish to begin by referring to the great success of The Queen's State Visit to Italy in October, and proceed to emphasise the importance we attach to Italian views on the international scene by seeking Signor Forlani's views on the results of the American election. This could lead on to discussion of the situation in Poland, but this part of the discussion will need to be kept short if adequate time is to be left for discussion of the European Community matters which are of importance to us. Under this heading the Prime Minister will wish to initiate the Anglo-Italian dialogue on restructuring. For tactical

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reasons this subject can best be placed in the context of the resolution of the budget problem for which the Italian Presidency bore much responsibility. She could also mention to Signor Forlani the points she will wish to discuss at the European Council on 1/2 December.

5. The Italians are anxious to be seen to play a significant role in international affairs, and will probably raise the question of consultations which exclude them (Brief No. 11~~4~~4 Signor Colombo expressed his concern to Lord Carrington during the State Visit). In particular they may raise again, following the Giscard/Schmidt talks, their fears over the development as they see it of a Franco-German Axis. (President Giscard is to visit Italy on 27 November.) The Italians argue that we share with them an interest in ensuring that European decisions are taken by the Community as a whole, or failing that, by a group including Italy and the UK. This is for them a matter of cardinal importance.

6. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary will be having a simultaneous discussion tête-à-tête with the Italian Foreign Minister, Signor Colombo, at which we have proposed to the Italians that the Middle East and Regional Questions should be covered, together with Signor Colombo's recent visit to Moscow. Discussion of international issues (including the EC) and of the remaining agenda items can continue at the Plenary Session

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7. The Prime Minister is due to arrive in Rome at 1830 on Sunday 23 November in time for a tête-à-tête discussion with Signor Forlani. Lord Carrington is expected to have a separate tête-à-tête with Signor Colombo, after which the two Foreign Ministers may join the Prime Minister. The Embassy in Rome have not been able to extract a firm programme from the Italians, but it is expected that these meetings will be followed by an informal dinner, probably given by Signor Forlani, to include the two Prime Ministers and the two Foreign Ministers. On the following morning there is likely to be a Plenary Session which will probably be attended on the Italian side by Signor Forlani, Signor Colombo (Foreign Minister) <sup>and by senior officials,</sup> ~~Signor Malfatti (Secretary General~~ of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Signor Berlinguer (Signor Forlani's Diplomatic Adviser), Signor Vanni d'Archirafi (Chief Adviser to the Foreign Minister), the Italian Ambassador, Signor Cagiati, and probably 3 or 4 officials, including Signor Walter Gardini ~~(Political Director)~~. The Prime Minister will be supported by Lord Carrington, Sir Michael Palliser, Sir Ronald Arculus, Mr Franklin, and Private Secretaries. Signor Forlani will probably give a working lunch for the two delegations. There will probably be a joint press conference just before lunch. The Prime Minister is to pay a private call on the Pope at 5 pm (a separate brief will be provided for this) and will depart for London at about 1800. The Secretary of State will

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leave immediately after lunch for the Foreign Affairs Council in Brussels.

[To follow]

8. Personality Notes on Signor Forlani and his more prominent advisers are at Annex A. Interpreters will be provided on both sides. The Italians do not usually prepare a formal agenda, but a list of subjects has been discussed with them and is at Annex B. A list of briefs is at Annex C and some facts and figures on Italy are at Annex D.

#### RESUME OF BRIEFS

##### BRIEF NO. 2: United States Policies following the Presidential Election

9. Difficult to predict President-elect Reagan's policies before we know who will be appointed to the Cabinet and the White House staff. Mr Reagan's ~~campaign statements sounded hawkish and confrontational~~, but his policies have not been spelt out in detail and their implementation may be moderated if such figures as Dr Kissinger and Senator Henry Jackson play a rôle in the Administration.

##### BRIEF NO. 3: Middle East

###### 10. (a) Iran/Iraq and the Gulf

The state of play and implications of the Gulf are for shipping, oil supplies, Western interests. Question of Europe's rôle. Considerations to be taken into account if the hostages are released, including possible resumption of arms supplies.

*Comments on foreign policy issues during his campaign appear to presage a much firmer US stance in East-West relations.*

(b) Arab/Israel

The European Council on 1 December will need to decide on future activity by the Nine in the light of the detailed papers prepared at official level. ~~There is~~ Likely to be a period of uncertainty in the aftermath of the US elections during which a major new European initiative would not be helpful. ~~But it is~~ Important for the Nine to continue to be active.

BRIEF NO 4: European Community Questions

11. ~~On this,~~ The Prime Minister may wish to have a first discussion on restructuring and the reform of the CAP with a view to identifying common ground. This can usefully be placed within the context of the Italian Presidency's help in achieving the 30 May Budget settlement. ~~It would be useful to have a first exchange on 1981 CAP prices. The Prime Minister might also~~ mention the points she will wish to discuss at the European Council.

BRIEF NO 5: East-West Relations (including Poland, China and CSCE)

12. The Russians seem to have assessed before the Presidential election that a more difficult period in US-Soviet relations had begun, but they will be cautious about concluding that Mr Reagan's victory will necessarily lead to a worsening of bilateral relations. The Prime Minister may wish to give our impression of the Polish situation and to seek details of any Polish approach to the Italians for economic assistance, and the Italian Government's reaction. ~~The Prime Minister may like to say that~~ Recent internal developments indicate that China continues to follow

indeed they may  
hope that US  
policies will  
become more  
predictable.



pragmatic policies and that the prospects appear to be for political stability and economic growth.

BRIEF NO 6: Afghanistan/Pakistan

13. It is necessary to maintain international pressure on the Russians. Support for Pakistan remains crucial. They want more economic assistance.

BRIEF NO 7: Defence and Disarmament Questions (including CDE)

14. ~~This addresses~~ <sup>the</sup> implications for the Alliance of the growing strategic importance of the Gulf area and the need for NATO to make more effective use of its resources. <sup>the</sup> ~~also covers~~ <sup>also</sup> the modernisation of NATO's TNP <sup>the</sup> future of SALT and other arms control negotiations, particularly in the light of Governor Reagan's victory.

BRIEF NO 8: International Economic and Financial Questions

15. ~~GNP is falling or at best static in all main economies, and inflation has passed its peak in most. The downturn has been more generalised than once expected, and next year's recovery will probably be slow.~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Italians generally seek to appear as forthcoming as possible towards developing country demands. Our concern that Global Negotiations Procedures should not compromise autonomy of IMF not shared by Italy. Italy is anxious for an invitation to the 1981 limited North/South Summit: we feel such a Summit would be useful if well prepared and have indicated that we would accept an invitation. Others, such as French and Germans favour a very informal and unstructured meeting. HMG remains committed to an open world trading system. We go along with Community policy towards Japan, but need to make sure that UK interests in certain sensitive sectors are preserved.~~

Depending on the reaction of Chancellor Schmidt to our proposals for a review of NATO, the Prime Minister may wish to describe them to Signal Parliament.

BRIEF NO 9: International Energy Questions

16. ~~On energy~~, <sup>(1)</sup> we must keep in close touch with the Italians over the impact of Iran/Iraqi War. The Italians may point out that there has been some nervousness reflected recently in the rise in spot/mark prices. We agree that further action may be needed in the IEA. Consideration of energy issues in other international contexts is proceeding smoothly.

BRIEF NO 10: Regional Questions (including Italy-Malta and Italy-North Africa)

17. If the matter is raised, the Prime Minister may wish to congratulate the Italians on their recent conclusion of a Neutrality Agreement with Malta; but to express the hope that the associated aid will not help Mr Mintoff to win the next election.

18. We have taken a firm line on Libyan terrorism. We would like the Italians to take a similar line.

BRIEF NO 11: Bilateral Questions19. (a) Anglo-Italian Trade

This has shown a steady increase in both directions for several years. Until last year Italian exports to the UK increased at a greater rate than British exports to Italy. This year the trend has been reversed: the value of British exports increased by 33% whereas Italian exports only rose by 6%.

(b)

(b) Cooperation on combatting terrorism

HMG values cooperation with the Italians on terrorism: the <sup>SAS</sup> ~~SAD~~ have already supplied assistance and would be happy to provide further advice. We currently await Italian views on Italy's proposed amendments to the Anglo-Italian Extradition Treaty. A suspected Italian terrorist, Mario Ferrandi, was arrested in London on 29 October. We await a formal application for his extradition.

(c) Consultations

A Defensive Brief has been submitted separately.

BRIEF NO 12: Italian Political and Economic Scene

20. Signor Forlani's newly formed government has a comfortable majority on paper but internal <sup>defences</sup> ~~defences~~ are apparent. Italy is suffering from the effects of the world economic recession.

BRIEF NO 13: Security Council Enlargement

21. The Prime Minister may wish to take this opportunity to emphasise our views on this subject.

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MY TELNO 36: PRIME MINISTER'S CALL ON THE POPE

cc. EESD

fr. M. B. B.

1. I CALLED THIS MORNING ON MONSIGNOR SILVESTRINI, SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OF THE CHURCH. I ASKED FOR THE APPOINTMENT LAST WEEK IN ORDER TO DISCUSS CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI'S VISIT AND THE CHURCH IN POLAND. (YOUR TELNO 34). I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A WIDER DISCUSSION OF THE CURRENT POLITICAL SCENE AND OF THE TOPICS WHICH THE VATICAN ARE MOST LIKELY TO DISCUSS.

2. ON POLAND MGR. SILVESTRINI EXPRESSED HIS INTEREST IN THE ACCOUNT OF YOUR VISIT TO WARSAW LAST MONTH. HE AGREED THAT THE POSITION REMAINED DELICATE. THE VATICAN WERE GIVING DISCREET SUPPORT TO THE AUTHORITIES IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE. THEY SHARED YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ECONOMIC BACKGROUND. THE POLES FACED A HEAVY TASK IF THEY WERE TO COVER THEIR FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS. HE THOUGHT THAT HELP FROM THE WEST WOULD BE IMPORTANT.

3. MGR. SILVESTRINI SAID LITTLE ABOUT THE VISIT OF CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI EXCEPT TO REFER TO THE POPE'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI EXTENDED HIS STAY IN ROME AND MADE CLEAR HIS WISH TO HAND OVER TO A SUCCESSOR. MGR. SILVESTRINI SIMPLY SAID THAT WYSZYNSKI LEFT ROME IN A CONFIDENT FRAME OF MIND. HE MEANT THAT THE VATICAN AND THE CARDINAL WERE REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT THE PRESENT COURSE COULD BE MAINTAINED AND THAT INTERVENTION COULD BE AVOIDED.

4. MGR. SILVESTRINI ADDED THAT POLAND WAS A SUBJECT OF PARTICULAR SENSITIVITY TO THE VATICAN AND EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT WHETHER THE POPE WOULD BE ANXIOUS TO DISCUSS IT WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

5. OTHER SUBJECTS WHICH MGR. SILVESTRINI THOUGHT SHOULD FIND A PLACE ON THE AGENDA ARE BROADLY THOSE LISTED IN MY TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE. HE MENTIONED THE POPE'S VISIT TO BRITAIN IN 1982, MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS, DEFENCE AND THE MADRID CSCE CONFERENCE FROM WHICH HE HAD JUST RETURNED. HOWEVER, THE MAIN SUBJECT IS LIKELY TO BE NORTHERN IRELAND. THE POPE'S MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER ABOUT THE HUNGER STRIKE AT THE MAZE PRISON WAS ALMOST CERTAINLY SENT AT THE INSTANCE OF CARDINAL O'FLAICH. THE FACT THAT THE VATICAN ADVISED THE POPE TO SEND IT DESPITE THE QUANTITIES OF BRIEFING WE HAVE BEEN GIVING THEM ON THE SUBJECT AND THAT WE KNOW THE DESK OFFICER RESPONSIBLE IS SEIZED OF AND SYMPATHISES WITH HMGS POSITION IS A REFLECTION OF THE VATICAN'S DIFFICULTIES IN THIS AREA.

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6. MGR. SILVESTRINI MADE ONLY PASSING REFERENCE TO THE MIDDLE EAST. THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE STATUS OF JERUSALEM AND THE PROTECTION OF THE HOLY PLACES. THEY WERE INTERESTED IN M. THORN'S RECENT VISIT AND KING HUSSAIN IS A REGULAR VISITOR HERE. THE IRAQI/IRANIAN WAR IS OF COURSE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THEM.

7. MGR. SILVESTRINI INDICATED THAT THE POPE'S TALK WITH THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE WITHOUT ADVISERS SINCE THIS WAS HIS NORMAL PRACTICE. MGR. SILVESTRINI IS CONSULTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CARDINAL CASAROLI, ON WHOM THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD NORMALLY CALL AFTER SEEING THE POPE. SIR MICHAEL PALLISER WOULD CERTAINLY BE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS MEETING. MGR. SILVESTRINI WOULD ALSO PROBABLY ATTEND ON THE VATICAN SIDE.

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ITALY: MIPT

1. I CALLED ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER SIGNOR COLOMBO ON 17 NOVEMBER.

2. HE SAID THE AGENDA WE HAD PROPOSED WAS PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE TO HIM. (HE DID NOT, AS THE POLITICAL DIRECTOR DID ON SATURDAY MORNING NOTE THAT WE HAD OMITTED AFRICA).

3. FOR HIS PART, HE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU AN ACCOUNT OF HIS RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW AND ALSO OF HIS CONVERSATIONS IN WARSAW. THE ITALIANS THOUGHT WE SHOULD ALL HELP THE POLES. THEY WANTED REPHASING OF THEIR DEBTS FOR 1981 TO 1983 AND ADDITIONAL CREDITS MEANWHILE. HE HAD TOLD GROMYKO THAT ITALY WOULD HELP POLAND IF ASKED BUT THIS WAS NOT AN INTERVENTION IN POLAND'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

4. HE WOULD ALSO BE GLAD TO GIVE HIS IMPRESSIONS OF MADRID. HE THOUGHT IT WAS WORTH WHILE HAVING GONE. WE MUST MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE RUSSIANS TO PUT ANY BLAME ON THE WESTERN CAMP.

5. HE GAVE ME A LECTURE ABOUT NOT EXCLUDING ITALY FROM ANY FUTURE GUADELOUPE-TYPE CONFERENCE. I REPLIED IN THE SAME TERMS AS YOU DID TO THE RECENT REPRESENTATIONS OF AMBASSADOR CAGIATI IN LONDON. COLOMBO REPLIED HOWEVER THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING IN THE RUMOURS. HE SAID, IN LANGUAGE THAT WAS STRONG FOR HIM, THAT ITALY DID NOT WANT ANY MORE OF THIS. IN PARTICULAR IT WAS VERY EMBARRASSING DOMESTICALLY AND THE COMMUNISTS AND RADICALS EXPLOITED THESE SITUATIONS. THE ITALIANS WERE TIRED OF BEING REFERRED FROM ONE PARTNER TO ANOTHER. THE PRACTICE COULD EASILY BE STOPPED IF THERE WAS A WILL.

THIS WOULD CERTAINLY BE RAISED WITH MRS THATCHER.

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6. I ASKED SIGNOR COLOMBO WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY CHANGES IN ITALIAN POLICY BECAUSE OF SIGNOR FORLANI'S NEED TO PREVENT THE PCI FROM MAKING TOO MUCH TROUBLE. THEY WERE FOR EXAMPLE ALWAYS ASKING FOR CONSULTATION ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS. SIGNOR COLOMBO GAVE A MOST CATEGORICAL ASSURANCE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN THE ORIENTATION OF ITALIAN FOREIGN POLICY. IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THEY MIGHT GO THROUGH THE MOTIONS OF TALKING TO THE PCI BUT NOTHING HAD BEEN DECIDED. THERE WAS NO NEED FOR ANY CHANGE AND THERE WOULD BE NONE. HOWEVER THEY DID WANT TO AVOID THE EMBARRASSMENT OF INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS FROM WHICH ITALY WAS EXCLUDED.

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ITALY.

1. THE PRIME MINISTER AND YOURSELF ARE DUE HERE ON 23 NOVEMBER. YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE PRESENT POSITION OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE NEW PRIME MINISTER, SIGNOR FORLANI.

2. FORLANI IS PREOCCUPIED WITH INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES. THE FORMATION OF HIS ENLARGED COALITION ENDED A GOVERNMENT CRISIS BUT DID NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF GOVERNING ITALY. NOR DID IT CHANGE IN ANY IMPORTANT RESPECT, ITALIAN FOREIGN POLICY. ITALIAN GOVERNMENTS COME AND GO WITH DISTRESSING FREQUENCY, BUT ITALY'S FRIENDS AND ALLIES CAN NEVERTHELESS RELY ON A FAIR DEGREE OF CONTINUITY IN POLICY. THIS TIME THERE IS THE ADDED REASSURANCE THAT COLOMBO AND THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE, LAGORIO, REMAIN IN OFFICE.

3. FORLANI'S PROSPECTS ARE NOT PARTICULARLY GOOD, EVEN MEASURED BY THE SHORT LIFE EXPECTANCY (8 MONTHS ON AVERAGE) OF POST-WAR ITALIAN GOVERNMENTS. BUT HE HAS SOME ASSETS, AND THERE IS A WIDESPREAD VIEW THAT HE IS BETTER PLACED POLITICALLY THAN WAS COSSIGA. PICCOLI, THE PARTY SECRETARY, IS WORKING HARD TO UNITE THE DC BEHIND HIM. FORLANI IS TRUSTED BY THE RIGHT BUT IS EXPECTED ALSO TO MAINTAIN SOME FORM OF DIALOGUE WITH THE COMMUNISTS, WITHOUT ENVISAGING THEIR ENTRY INTO GOVERNMENT. HE HAS ALSO TO KEEP THE SOCIALISTS IN THE COALITION WITHOUT CONCEDING TOO MUCH TO THEIR LEADER, CRAXI. THIS SORT OF PARTY MANAGEMENT IS MEAT AND DRINK TO FORLANI AS TO MOST CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT AND OTHER ITALIAN POLITICIANS. BUT IT DOES LEAVE HIM WITH LESS TIME FOR INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OR MACRO ECONOMICS.

4. HE HAS RUN QUICKLY INTO RATHER SERIOUS DOMESTIC WORRIES, INCLUDING A MAJOR FINANCIAL SCQFDAL OVER A DIESEL OIL TAX FRAUD WHICH CONTINUES TO MAKE HEADLINES. THE SUMS OF MONEY SAID TO BE INVOLVED ARE HUGE AND THOUGH NOTHING HAS BEEN PROVED, IT SEEMS LIKELY TO CONFIRM THE PUBLIC'S DEEP CONVICTION THAT THEIR POLITICAL SYSTEM IS CORRUPT. AS YET IT POSES NO THREAT TO FORLANI COMPARABLE TO THE DONAT CATTIN AFFAIR WHICH BEGAN COSSIGA'S DOWNFALL. BUT AS THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THE FRAUD AND SUBSEQUENT ATTEMPTS TO COVER IT UP ARE REVEALED (INCLUDING EVEN ALLEGATIONS THAT FORLANI HIMSELF AS MINISTER OF DEFENCE IN 1975 WAS INVOLVED), FORLANI IS LARGE PREOCCUPIED WITH IT.

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5. MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO DEAL WITH IMMEDIATE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (MY SAVING TELNO 41, NOT TO UKDEL NATO), BUT THE GOVERNMENT IS DUE TO PRESENT ITS 3-YEAR STRATEGY BY THE END OF THE YEAR, AND THERE ARE ALREADY TENSIONS BETWEEN THE SOCIALISTS AND THE OTHER PARTIES IN THE GOVERNMENT. WITH THE RECESSION NOW BEGINNING TO HAVE ITS EFFECT HERE, THE WINTER WILL BE DIFFICULT. BUT THE GOVERNMENT HAS THE ADVANTAGE THAT THE MAJOR DISPUTE AT FIAT HAS BEEN SETTLED IN WHAT IS GENERALLY REGARDED AS A VICTORY FOR MANAGEMENT OVER THE UNIONS, AND THE LATTER MAY BE MORE CAUTIOUS IN FZKVURE CNFRWATATIONS.

6. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, FORLANI WILL BE LOOKING AT FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES WITH ONE EYE ALWAYS ON THEIR DOMESTIC REPERCUSSIONS. HE WILL BE AS SENSITIVE AS HIS PREDECESSORS TO ANY SUGGESTION THAT ITALY IS BEING LEFT OUT OF GREAT POWER CONSULTATIONS (ESPECIALLY IN THE LIGHT OF REPORTS OF THE GISCARD/SCHMIDT MEETING). ON COMMUNITY POLICIES, THE ITALIANS HAVE NOT YET WORKED OUT THEIR IDEAS ON RESTRUCTURING BUT WILL LOOK FOR MEASURES THAT CAN PROMOTE CONVERGENCE AND MEET THE NEEDS OF MEDITERRANEAN PRODUCERS. THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE FUNDAMENTALLY COMMITTED TO MAKING THE COMMUNITY WORK, AND RECOGNISE THAT THIS MEANS THAT IT HAS TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF ALL ITS MEMBERS INCLUDING THE U.K. ON EAST/WEST RELATIONS COLOMBO WILL BE FRESH FROM HIS VISITS TO MOSCOW, WARSAW AND MADRID. THE ITALIANS HAVE BEEN ROBUST OVER TNF AND THE LINE TO TAKE AT MADRID, BUT FORLANI HAS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE ATTITUDE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY WHO WANT CONSULTATION ON THIS AND OTHER ASPECTS OF FOREIGN POLICY AS PART OF THEIR PRICE FOR LESS VEHEMENT OPPOSITION.

7. I CANNOT SAY WHETHER THE PRIME MINISTER WILL FIND FORLANI AS SATISFACTORY AN INTERLOCUTOR AS HIS PREDECESSOR. BUT OUR SHARED INTERESTS WITH ITALY ON THE ISSUES OF THE DAY ARE NO LESS THAN BEFORE. ITALIAN POLICY HAS SHOWN A DEGREE OF CONSISTENCY OVER THE YEARS AND IF THE PRIME MINISTER CAN ESTABLISH A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH FORLANI THIS, TOGETHER WITH YOUR UNDERSTANDING WITH COLOMBO, WILL STAND US IN GOOD STEAD AT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND ELSEWHERE. THE ITALIANS WILL TRY TO HELP US WHEN THEY CAN, PROVIDED THAT WHAT WE WANT IS NOT DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO THEIR INTERESTS. RUGGIERO IN BRUSSELS SHOULD BE A USEFUL ALLY WHENEVER WE CAN WORK TOGETHER.

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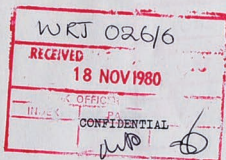
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1. FOLLOWING IS PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME DRAWN UP BY ITALIAN OFFICIALS.  
THEY HOPE TO CONFIRM MINISTERIAL APPROVAL SHORTLY.

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER

1900 HOURS PRIME MINISTER AND SECRETARY OF STATE ARRIVE ROME  
AIRPORT. AFTER GREETINGS, DRIVE TO VILLA WOLKONSKY.

2015 VILLA MADAMA. SEPARATE TETE-A-TETES BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER  
AND SIGNOR FORLANI AND BETWEEN LORD CARRINGTON AND SIG.COLOMBO.

2120 DINNER AT VILLA MADAMA, HOSTED BY FORLANI.

MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER

1800 HRS PALAZZO CHIGI. PLENARY TALKS (LIMITED NUMBERS).

1215 HRS PRESS CONFERENCE FOR BRITISH AND ITALIAN PRESS.  
(OFFICIALS DO NOT YET KNOW WHETHER FORLANI WOULD JOIN MRS  
THATCHER FOR THIS.)

1315 HRS QUIRINALE. LUNCH HOSTED BY PRESIDENT PERTINI.  
RETURN TO WOLKONSKY.

1700 HRS CALL ON THE POPE.

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FROM 1800 HRS PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTURE (SECRETARY OF STATE  
DEPARTS 1730).

2. ITALIANS WISH TO KNOW WHETHER MRS THATCHER WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW  
THE DINNER WITH EG A DRIVE ROUND ROME SEMICOLON ALSO WHETHER SHE  
WOULD LIKE HALF-AN-HOUR'S SHOPPING OR SIGHTSEEING BETWEEN THE  
MONDAY LUNCH AND HER CALL ON THE POPE. THEY WOULD BE HAPPY TO  
ARRANGE THIS. OR WE CAN DO SO AD HOC IF PREFERRED.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT PALAZZO CHIGI, WOULD  
THE PRIME MINISTER WISH TO HAVE A MORE INFORMAL MEETING WITH THE  
BRITISH PRESS ONLY? THIS COULD BE FITTED IN AT VILLA WOLKONSKY  
EARLY ON THE MONDAY BEFORE SHE LEAVES FOR THE PLENARY.

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ROME

1. Mr Simpson-Orlebar telephoned this morning to say that the Italians had asked if the arrival time of the Prime Minister's aircraft on Sunday evening could be put back from 1800 to 1900. It seems that another high personality, probably President Pertini, is returning to Rome also at 1800. However, no time need be lost through this postponement since both sets of tete-à-tete talks will now take place in the Villa Madama at 2015, before dinner starting at 2100.

2. I assured Mr Simpson-Orlebar that the Embassy's set of briefs would be in the next bag. I hope this is right.

*Dug*

D A S Gladstone

17 November 1980

cc: PCD  
Mr Vereker

*Miss Savill 17/11*

*Good. Be ensure that para 1 is fed into the machinery here*

*Mr. Gladstone.*

*Your para 2. Yes, they were in Sunday's bag. (2 etc).*

*Mrs Savill. 17/11.*



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ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS: BRIEFS

1. I attach a copy of a minute pointing out errors in the presentation of briefs prepared for the Anglo-Italian Consultations.
2. You may think them in most cases trivial. So do I. But the Cabinet Office does not. Similar minor errors in the case of the Anglo-German Consultations were the subject of a firm letter from Sir Robert Armstrong's Office to the PUS's Office.
3. There were many other errors besides these in the briefs prepared within the FCO. We did our best to get them corrected before the Cabinet Office deadline, and in most cases succeeded (those with asterisks have been corrected). But it is not possible for us to spot all the errors in the time available, especially (eg as was the case with ECD(I) and UN Department's briefs, both for good reasons) when the briefs are being produced so late.
4. I should be grateful if the closest possible supervision can be exercised by Assistants and desk officers over the presentation of future briefs for the Prime Minister's *Various* Consultations.
5. I am copying this minute to DRC, since I understand that in many cases the failure to have a 1 1/2 inch margin occurs in the reproduction process. But this too should of course be supervised by briefing departments.

*P. Vereker*

P W M Vereker  
Western European Department  
(W62A 233 4759)

17 November 1980

cc Mr Brown, DRC  
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*Miss Savill*

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1. With reference to paragraph one of my letter of the above reference of 13 November, I would inform you that the VIP Suite to be used at London Heathrow on departure is the de Havilland Suite in Terminal 1.

2. I would be grateful if you would confirm that the distribution of the party between the two RAF HS 125s for the journey to Rome is along the same lines as the distribution of the party for the visit to Bonn.

J M Barrett  
Conference and Visits Section  
Protocol and Conference Department

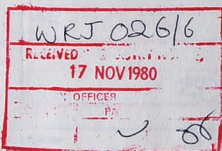
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ANGLO/ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS  
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1. With reference to my letter of 6 November 1980, the RAF have informed me that as the flight to Rome is a long one for an RAF HS 125, the aircraft will have to leave from London Heathrow. This means that the flying time will be five minutes longer and the aircraft will now take-off at 1410 hours. The RAF have not, as yet, informed us from which suite the passengers will board the aircraft.

2. I am enclosing for ease of reference, copies of two telegrams received from the Holy See concerning the Prime Minister's meeting with the Pope. I would be very grateful to have your comments on the various suggestions regarding the programme of this visit and also after this visit as proposed by the Ambassador to the Holy See.

*Yours ever,*  
*Michael Burch*  
J M Barrett  
Conference and Visits Section  
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1. I submit a draft letter to No. 10 covering Sir R Arculus' Despatch of 28 October on the new Italian Government.

D A S Gladstone  
Western European Department

13 November 1980



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The usual briefing on the Italian internal political and military scene is of course being provided as part of the Prime Minister's briefing material for the Anglo-Italian Consultations on 23/24 November. We thought that, in addition, she might care to see Sir R Arculus' Despatch of 28 October on the new Italian Government and a copy is enclosed.

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## ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS: STEERING BRIEF

1. I submit a draft steering brief for the Anglo-Italian Consultations on 23-24 November. It incorporates contributions from interested departments in the FCO and Whitehall as well as from H M Embassy Rome. The Embassy have not so far been able to extract from the Italians firm decisions on the programme. The deadline for receipt of the briefs is noon on Friday 14 November, but the Cabinet Office have agreed that the steering brief need not be in before 5 pm. To allow time for typing final and reproduction, it would be helpful if it could be returned to the department by midday. A brief for the Prime Minister's call on the Pope will be submitted separately on Monday, as agreed with the Private Office and the Cabinet Office.

D A S Gladstone  
Western European Department

13 November 1980

cc: Private Secretary  
Mr Fergusson  
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STEERING BRIEF

Brief by Foreign and Commonwealth Office

INTRODUCTION

1. Mrs Thatcher is to visit Rome for official talks at former Prime Minister Cossiga's invitation on 23/24 November. The talks have been timed to take place shortly before the European Council meeting on 1/2 December. It was agreed last October that Anglo-Italian bilateral talks should be held twice a year. The last in this series was held in London on 29/30 January, though Signor Cossiga also visited London on Community business in April. This will be Mrs Thatcher's first meeting with the new Prime Minister, whose four party coalition was speedily put together last month. Signor Forlani's government has a comfortable majority on paper but internal differences are already apparent. Because of this and through natural inclination, Signor Forlani who is an adroit politician, may be preoccupied with the management of internal affairs rather than external policy. He may therefore lean on the capable Signor Colombo.

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UNITED KINGDOM OBJECTIVES

2. (a) Following the success of the State Visit, to establish good working relations between the Prime Minister and the Italian Prime Minister, in particular by showing that we take seriously Italian views on major current international issues.
- (b) To discuss Community issues in preparation for the next European Council meeting (on 1-2 December); and to exchange views on restructuring the Community budget within the 1% ceiling, including the reform of the CAP.
- (c) To discuss and so far as possible agree on the implications of the result of the United States elections for Transatlantic and East-West relations.

PROBABLE ITALIAN OBJECTIVES

3. (a) To consolidate the institution of regular biannual Anglo-Italian Summit meetings and to establish a good working relationship with the Prime Minister.
- (b) To try to ensure that Italy is no longer excluded from any consultations on matters of international importance between the major Western Powers, particularly if they are public knowledge.
- (c) To compare notes on the probable policies and attitudes of the new United States Administration

/(d)



- (d) To concert policy on current world political issues and in particular to review British and Italian views on the Middle East in the light of the Iran/Iraqi war, and on East-West relations in the light of developments in Afghanistan and Poland.
- (e) To elicit British thinking on European Community enlargement and restructuring.
- (f) To exchange views on world economic issues and in particular Western policy towards the developing world.

#### STRATEGY AND TACTICS

4. Signor Forlani's English is not good enough to allow him to forego interpretation. This will restrict the amount of business which can be done in the time available. At the tête-à-tête, the Prime Minister may wish to begin by referring to the great success of The Queen's State Visit to Italy in October, and proceed to emphasise the importance we attach to Italian views on the international scene by seeking Signor Forlani's views on the results of the American election. This could lead on to discussion of the situation in Poland, but this part of the discussion will need to be kept short if adequate time is to be left for discussion of the European Community matters which are of importance to us. Under this heading the Prime Minister will wish to initiate the Anglo-Italian dialogue on restructuring. For tactical

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reasons this subject can best be placed in the context of the resolution of the budget problem for which the Italian Presidency bore much responsibility. She could also mention to Signor Forlani the points she will wish to discuss at the European Council on 1/2 December.

5. The Italians are anxious to be seen to play a significant role in international affairs, and will probably raise the question of consultations which exclude them (Brief No. 11~~4~~ Signor Colombo expressed his concern to Lord Carrington during the State Visit). In particular they may raise again, following the Giscard/Schmidt talks, their fears over the development as they see it of a Franco-German Axis. (President Giscard is to visit Italy on 27 November.) The Italians argue that we share with them an interest in ensuring that European decisions are taken by the Community as a whole, or failing that, by a group including Italy and the UK. This is for them a matter of cardinal importance.

6. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary will be having a simultaneous discussion tête-à-tête with the Italian Foreign Minister, Signor Colombo, at which we have proposed to the Italians that the Middle East and Regional Questions should be covered, together with Signor Colombo's recent visit to Moscow. Discussion of international issues (including the EC) and of the remaining agenda items can continue at the Plenary Session.

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7. The Prime Minister is due to arrive in Rome at 1830 on Sunday 23 November in time for a tête-à-tête discussion with Signor Forlani. Lord Carrington is expected to have a separate tête-à-tête with Signor Colombo, after which the two Foreign Ministers may join the Prime Minister. The Embassy in Rome have not been able to extract a firm programme from the Italians, but it is expected that these meetings will be followed by an informal dinner, probably given by Signor Forlani, to include the two Prime Ministers and the two Foreign Ministers. On the following morning there is likely to be a Plenary Session which will probably be attended on the Italian side by Signor Forlani, Signor Colombo (Foreign Minister), Signor Malfatti (Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Signor Berlinguer (Signor Forlani's Diplomatic Adviser), Signor Vanni d'Archirafi (Chief Adviser to the Foreign Minister), the Italian Ambassador, Signor Cagiati, and probably 3 or 4 officials, including Signor Walter Gardini (Political Director). The Prime Minister will be supported by Lord Carrington, Sir Michael Palliser, Sir Ronald Arculus, Mr Franklin, and Private Secretaries. Signor Forlani will probably give a working lunch for the two delegations. There will probably be a joint press conference just before lunch. The Prime Minister is to pay a private call on the Pope at 5 pm (a separate brief will be provided for this) and will depart for London at about 1800. The Secretary of State will  
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leave immediately after lunch for the Foreign Affairs Council in Brussels.

[To follow]

8. Personality Notes on Signor Forlani and his more prominent advisers are at Annex A. Interpreters will be provided on both sides. The Italians do not usually prepare a formal agenda, but a list of subjects has been discussed with them and is at Annex B. A list of briefs is at Annex C and some facts and figures on Italy are at Annex D.

#### RESUME OF BRIEFS

##### BRIEF NO. 2: United States Policies following the Presidential Election

9. Difficult to predict President-elect Reagan's policies before we know who will be appointed to the Cabinet and the White House staff. Mr Reagan's campaign statements sounded hawkish and confrontational, but his policies have not been spelt out in detail and their implementation may be moderated if such figures as Dr Kissinger and Senator Henry Jackson play a rôle in the Administration.

##### BRIEF NO. 3: Middle East

###### 10. (a) Iran/Iraq and the Gulf

The state of play and implications of the Gulf are for shipping, oil supplies, Western interests. Question of Europe's rôle. Considerations to be taken into account if the hostages are released, including possible resumption of arms supplies.



(b) Arab/Israel

The European Council on 1 December will need to decide on future activity by the Nine in the light of the detailed papers prepared at official level. ~~There is~~ likely to be a period of uncertainty in the aftermath of the US elections during which a major new European initiative would not be helpful. ~~But it is~~ important for the Nine to continue to be active.

BRIEF NO 4: European Community Questions

11. On this, ~~The~~ Prime Minister may wish to have a first discussion on restructuring and the reform of the CAP with a view to identifying common ground. This can usefully be placed within the context of the Italian Presidency's help in achieving the 30 May Budget settlement. ~~It would~~ be useful to have a first exchange on 1981 CAP prices. ~~The Prime Minister might also~~ mention the points she will wish to discuss at the European Council.

BRIEF NO 5: East-West Relations (including Poland, China and CSCE)

12. The Russians seem to have assessed before the Presidential election that a more difficult period in US-Soviet relations had begun, but they will be cautious about concluding that Mr Reagan's victory will necessarily lead to a worsening of bilateral relations. The Prime Minister may wish to give our impression of the Polish situation and to seek details of any Polish approach to the Italians for economic assistance, and the Italian Government's reaction. ~~The Prime Minister may like to say that~~ Recent internal developments indicate that China continues to follow

pragmatic policies and that the prospects appear to be for political stability and economic growth.

BRIEF NO 6: Afghanistan/Pakistan

13. It is necessary to maintain international pressure on the Russians. Support for Pakistan remains crucial. They want more economic assistance.

BRIEF NO 7: Defence and Disarmament Questions (including CDE)

14. ~~This addresses~~ <sup>The</sup> implications for the Alliance of the growing strategic importance of the Gulf area and the need for NATO to make more effective use of its resources. <sup>The</sup> ~~brief~~ also covers the modernisation of NATO's TNF <sup>and</sup> the future of SALT and other arms control negotiations, particularly in the light of Governor Reagan's victory.

BRIEF NO 8: International Economic and Financial Questions

15. ~~GNP is falling or at best static in all main economies, and inflation has passed its peak in most. The downturn has been more generalised than once expected, and next year's recovery will probably be slow.~~ Italians generally seek to appear as forthcoming as possible towards developing country demands. Our concern that Global Negotiations Procedures should not compromise autonomy of IMF not shared by Italy. Italy is anxious for an invitation to the 1981 limited North/South Summit: we feel such a Summit would be useful if well prepared and have indicated that we would accept an invitation. Others, such as French and Germans favour a very informal and unstructured meeting. HMG remains committed to an open world trading system. We go along with Community policy towards Japan, but need to make sure that UK interests in certain sensitive sectors are preserved.

BRIEF NO 9: International Energy Questions

16. On energy, we must keep in close touch with the Italians over the impact of Iran/Iraqi War. The Italians may point out that there has been some nervousness reflected recently in the rise in spot market prices. We agree that further action may be needed in the IEA. Consideration of energy issues in other international contexts is proceeding smoothly.

BRIEF NO 10: Regional Questions (including Italy-Malta and Italy-North Africa)

17. If the matter is raised, the Prime Minister may wish to congratulate the Italians on their recent conclusion of a Neutrality Agreement with Malta; but to express the hope that the associated aid will not help Mr Mintoff to win the next election.

18. We have taken a firm line on Libyan terrorism. We would like the Italians to take a similar line.

BRIEF NO 11: Bilateral Questions19. (a) Anglo-Italian Trade

This has shown a steady increase in both directions for several years. Until last year Italian exports to the UK increased at a greater rate than British exports to Italy. This year the trend has been reversed: the value of British exports increased by 33% whereas Italian exports only rose by 6%.

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(b) Cooperation on combatting terrorism

HMG values cooperation with the Italians on terrorism: the <sup>SAS</sup> ~~SAS~~ have already supplied assistance and would be happy to provide further advice. We currently await Italian views on Italy's proposed amendments to the Anglo-Italian Extradition Treaty. A suspected Italian terrorist, Mario Ferrandi, was arrested in London on 29 October. We await a formal application for his extradition.

(c) Consultations

A Defensive Brief has been submitted separately.

BRIEF NO 12: Italian Political and Economic Scene

20. Signor Forlani's newly formed government has a comfortable majority on paper but internal <sup>defences</sup> ~~defences~~ are apparent. Italy is suffering from the effects of the world economic recession.

BRIEF NO 13: Security Council Enlargement

21. The Prime Minister may wish to take this opportunity to emphasise our views on this subject.

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BRIEF FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S CALL ON THE POPE

1. We have discussed your draft brief for the Prime Minister's call on the Pope. The Private Office have asked that this should reach them on Monday (the Prime Minister's briefing meeting for her visit to Italy will be at 5.45 pm on Tuesday 18 November).  
Mr Fergusson (who has written separately to Mr Heath) has now told me that he thinks there should be two main themes in the brief:

- (i) Cardinal Wyszynski's visit and developments in Poland, and
- (ii) Ireland.

2. Mr Newington and Mr Gladstone have discussed the question of providing Mr Heath in advance with separate briefing to feed into the Vatican on Ireland, [REDACTED] RID will be (or have?) providing you with a draft (covering also the Hunger Strike) and we may need to add a cross reference to the Queen's call in that.

3. On Poland I should be grateful if EESD would please provide us with a short draft 'Line to Take' and 'Background' by close of play tomorrow, Friday 14 November.

*P. Vereker*

P W M Vereker  
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cc Mr Gladstone  
Mr Battiscombe, EESD  
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Sir Mark Heath KCVO CMG  
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I was most interested to read your despatch on The Queen's visit. Its success is merely one of a number of straws pointing in the same direction which suggest that there could be advantage in trying to thicken up and exploit our relationship with the Vatican. The telegram which we sent you on 6 November about the Church in Poland is perhaps the most obvious area, and your contacts, from the Cardinal Secretary of State downwards, might throw useful light on the evolving situation in Poland at a moment of crucial importance to the West. The complex of subjects relating to Ireland is another obvious area on which I hope that you feel that you receive adequate background briefing material. There are other areas, too, such as Latin America where the Papal administration may have useful things to say. In short, this letter is meant as encouragement to you to err on the side of generosity for an experimental period of, say, 6 months, in your reporting on Vatican assessments and in your input on UK policies.

2. For my part I am breaking my duck and giving Archbishop Heim lunch next Tuesday!

3. As a spur to your efforts may I make a specific request that you have an exchange of views on political subjects in time for what you elicit to be taken account of in the briefing for the Prime Minister's call on 25 November.

*Yours ever,*

*E A J Fergusson*  
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YOUR TELNO 36: PRIME MINISTER'S CALL ON THE POPE

OF THE BRIEFS IN PREPARATION I THINK (B) IS LIKELY TO BE OF MAIN INTEREST ON VATICAN SIDE. THE POPE MAY EXPRESS INTEREST IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S TALKS WITH THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. THE VATICAN FOLLOW MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS WITH PARTICULAR CONCERN. HE MAY ASK ABOUT OUR <sup>AID</sup> ~~OH~~ POLICIES AND FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN MADRID. BOTH THESE <sup>SUBJECTS</sup> (AID AND CSCE) ARE OF INTEREST TO THE VATICAN. THEY ARE ALSO KEENLY INTERESTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EC ON WHICH THE POPE MAY SEEK THE PRIME MINISTER'S VIEWS, PARTICULARLY <sup>HOW</sup> SERIOUSLY TO TAKE THE OPPOSITION'S THREAT OF WITHDRAWAL. THE VATICAN ARE NOT UNWORLDLY ABOUT THE NEED TO DEFEND THE CIVILIZED PART OF IT. THE POPE MIGHT THEREFORE POSSIBLY ASK FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VIEWS ON MR FOOT'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS DISARMAMENT AND DETERRENCE.

2. I DOUBT WHETHER THE POPE WILL WISH TO SAY MUCH ABOUT HIS VISIT TO THE FRG. I UNDERSTAND THAT PRESIDENT GISCARD'S VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THAT OF THE PRIME MINISTER.

3. ARRANGEMENTS AT THE VATICAN ARE LIKELY TO BE SIMILAR TO THOSE WHEN MRS THATCHER PAID AN INFORMAL CALL AS LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION IN JUNE 1977. THE POPE USUALLY RECEIVES VISITORS ALONE IN THE PRIVATE LIBRARY. THE PRIME MINISTER AND HER PARTY WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE CORTILE SAN DAMASO BY A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE PAPAL HOUSEHOLD OR, POSSIBLY, BY MGR SILVESTRINI.

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Silvestrini.*

*Mons. Martin.*

4. THE NORMAL PRACTICE FOR ADVISERS IS FOR THEM TO ACCOMPANY THE VISITOR THROUGHOUT EXCEPT FOR THE ACTUAL CALL. THIS RULE CAN BE BENT IF THE VISITOR WISHES. IN SUCH A CASE THE POPE (OR THE CARDINAL SECRETARY OF STATE) MAY BE ACCOMPANIED BY ONE OR MORE OF HIS ADVISERS. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO ~~KNOW~~ MRS THATCHER'S WISHES IN THIS RESPECT SO THAT I MAY WARN THE VATICAN.

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5. UNLESS WE WISH IT THERE WOULD NORMALLY BE NO EXCHANGE OF GIFTS. THE POPE MAY PRESENT A SMALL MEDALLION AS A MOMENTO OF THE VISIT. AT THE END OF THE PRIVATE TALK IT IS USUAL FOR THE ADVISERS TO BE ADMITTED TO THE LIBRARY AND PRESENTED TO THE POPE.

6. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAVE ALREADY RELEASED NEWS OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE PRESS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VISIT TO ROME. THE VATICAN WERE TOLD OF THIS BUT HAD NO COMMENT. THEY DO NOT ANNOUNCE VISITS IN ADVANCE.

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ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT: STEERING BRIEF

1. FOLLOWING ARE DRAFT SECTIONS OF STEERING BRIEF COVERING  
INTRODUCTION, STRATEGY AND TACTICS:  
BEGINS

INTRODUCTION

1. MRS THATCHER IS TO VISIT ROME FOR OFFICIAL TALKS AT  
FORMER PRIME MINISTER COSSIGA'S INVITATION (CONVEYED VIA HM  
AMBASSADOR ROME) ON 23/24 NOVEMBER. THE TALKS HAVE BEEN  
TIMED TO TAKE PLACE SHORTLY BEFORE THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL  
MEETING ON 1/2 DECEMBER. IT WAS AGREED LAST OCTOBER THAT  
ANGLO-ITALIAN BILATERAL TALKS SHOULD BE HELD TWICE A YEAR.  
THE LAST IN THIS SERIES WAS HELD IN ROME ON 29/30 JANUARY.  
(SIGNOR COSSIGA ALSO VISITED LONDON ON COMMUNITY BUSINESS IN  
APRIL.) PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING IS TO VISIT ITALY FOR  
BILATERAL TALKS ON 26/27 OR 27/28 NOVEMBER. (CHANCELLOR  
SCHMIDT IS NOT NOW EXPECTED TO VISIT ITALY UNTIL NEXT YEAR.)  
2. THIS WILL BE MRS THATCHER'S FIRST MEETING WITH THE NEW  
PRIME MINISTER, WHOSE FOUR PARTY COALITION WAS SPEEDILY PUT  
TOGETHER LAST MONTH. SIGNOR FORLANI'S GOVERNMENT, DESPITE  
APPEARANCES, IS NOT SOUNDLY BASED. AND THERE IS ALREADY  
PRESS SPECULATION ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF ELECTIONS NEXT  
YEAR.

STRATEGY AND TACTICS

3. SIGNOR FORLANI'S ENGLISH IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO ALLOW HIM  
TO DO WITHOUT INTERPRETATION. THIS WILL AFFECT THE AMOUNT  
OF BUSINESS WHICH CAN BE DONE IN THE TIME AVAILABLE. AT THE  
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REFER TO THE MARKED SUCCESS OF THE QUEEN'S STATE VISIT TO ITALY IN OCTOBER. MRS THATCHER MAY THEN WISH TO EMPHASISE THAT WE VALUE ITALIAN VIEWS ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE BY SEEKING SIGNOR FORLANI'S VIEWS ON THE RESULTS OF THE AMERICAN ELECTION. THIS COULD LEAD ON TO DISCUSSION OF THE SITUATION IN POLAND, BUT THIS PART OF THE DISCUSSION WILL NEED TO BE KEPT SHORT IF ADEQUATE TIME IS TO BE LEFT FOR DISCUSSING THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MATTERS WHICH ARE OF IMPORTANCE TO US. ON THIS THE PRIME MINISTER MAY WISH TO THANK SIGNOR FORLANI FOR THE ITALIAN SUPPORT WHICH WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE BUDGET PROBLEM: TO MENTION TO SIGNOR FORLANI THE POINTS SHE WILL WISH TO DISCUSS AT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL (1/2 DECEMBER) AND HAVE A FIRST DISCUSSION ON RESTRUCTURING.

4. THE ITALIANS ARE CONCERNED TO BE SEEN TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AGAIN, AND MAY RAISE THE QUESTION OF CONSULTATIONS WHICH EXCLUDE THEM (BRIEF NO 11). SIGNOR COLOMBO RAISED THIS WITH LORD CARRINGTON DURING THE STATE VISIT.

5. THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY WILL BE HAVING A SIMULTANEOUS TETE-A-TETE WITH THE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, SIGNOR COLOMBO, IN WHICH WE HAVE PROPOSED TO THE ITALIANS THAT THE MIDDLE EAST AND REGIONAL QUESTIONS SHOULD BE COVERED: TOGETHER WITH SIGNOR COLOMBO'S RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW. FURTHER DETAILED DISCUSSION ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND ON THE EC TOGETHER WITH THE REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS CAN CONTINUE AT THE PLENARY SESSION. ENDS

2. GRATEFUL FOR ANY CORRECTIONS, AMENDMENTS OR SUGGESTED ADDITIONS: ALSO FOR FULL PROGRAMME DETAILS AND NAMES OF OFFICIALS LIKELY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TALKS (WITH BIOGRAPHIES WHERE NECESSARY). WE ARE NOT YET ABLE TO SAY WHICH OFFICIALS WILL ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER.

3. WILL THERE BE AN EXCHANGE OF GIFTS? WE ASSUME NOT. WILL THE PRIME MINISTER BE EXPECTED TO MAKE ANY SPEECHES, HOWEVER SHORT? IF SO, GRATEFUL FOR ANY SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT SHE MIGHT SAY.

4. GRATEFUL FOR REPLY ON ALL POINTS BY 130900Z (TO MEET BRIEFING DEADLINE).

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47 - YOUR TELNO 550: ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT: STEERING BRIEF

1. THE ITALIANS ARE NOT READY TO GIVE PROGRAMME DETAILS OR NAMES OF OFFICIALS FOR A DAY OR TWO. I HAVE ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH SIGNOR FORLANI AND WILL CLEAR OUTSTANDING POINTS WITH HIM OR WITH SIGNOR COLOMBO WHO IS RETURNING FROM MOSCOW. IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE NO (NO) EXCHANGE OF GIFTS. IF PRESIDENT PERTINI PARTICIPATES, ONE SPEECH ON EACH SIDE MAY BE UNAVOIDABLE.

2. ON YOUR DRAFT STEERING BRIEF, I SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

3. PARAGRAPH 1. FOURTH SENTENCE: FOR 'ROME' READ 'LONDON'? PENULTIMATE SENTENCE: THE DATE IS NOW FIXED FOR 27/8 NOVEMBER.

4. PARAGRAPH 2: DELETE SECOND AND THIRD SENTENCES AND INSERT AS FOLLOWS:

'SIGNOR FORLANI'S GOVERNMENT HAS A COMFORTABLE MAJORITY ON PAPER BUT INTERNAL DIFFERENCES ARE ALREADY APPARENT. BECAUSE OF THIS AND THROUGH NATURAL INCLINATION, SIGNOR FORLANI, WHO IS AN ADROIT POLITICIAN, MAY BE PREOCCUPIED WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS RATHER THAN EXTERNAL POLICY. HE MAY THEREFORE LEAN ON THE CAPABLE SIGNOR COLOMBO.

5. PARAGRAPH 3: DELETE LAST SENTENCE AND INSERT:

'ON THIS, THE PRIME MINISTER MAY WISH TO MENTION TO SIGNOR FORLANI THE POINTS SHE WILL WISH TO DISCUSS AT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL (1/2 DECEMBER) AND HAVE A FIRST DISCUSSION ON RESTRUCTURING. THIS CAN USEFULLY BE PLACED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE BUDGET PROBLEM FOR WHICH THE ITALIAN PRESIDENCY BORE MUCH RESPONSIBILITY. THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM HAS BEEN RESOLVED. IT REMAINS TO TACKLE THE UNDERLYING CAUSE'.

6. PARAGRAPH 4: ADD FOLLOWING SENTENCE:

'IN PARTICULAR THEY MAY RAISE AGAIN, FOLLOWING THE GISCARD/SCHMIDT TALKS, THEIR FEARS OVER THE DEVELOPMENT AS THEY SEE IT OF A FRANCO/GERMAN AXIS. THE ITALIAN VIEW IS THAT THEY SHARE WITH US AN INTEREST IN ENSURING THAT EUROPEAN DECISIONS ARE TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, OR FAILING THAT, BY A GROUP INCLUDING ITALY AND THE UK. THIS IS FOR THEM A POINT OF CARDINAL IMPORTANCE.

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ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS: 23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

1. We need to establish the Prime Minister's wishes as to who will accompany her to Rome for the Anglo-Italian Consultations on 23-24 November. I submit a draft letter to No 10.

2. At the last in the bi-annual series of summits which was held in Rome on 29-30 January, Mr Franklin and Mr Bullard accompanied the Prime Minister. I have consulted Lord Bridges who says that in view of the Prime Minister's known preference for keeping these teams small it would not be appropriate to propose him or Mr Hannay in addition to Mr Franklin.

A 3. Sir Mark Heath has asked for advice as to who will accompany the Prime Minister for her call on the Pope at 5 pm on 24 November. The draft letter proposes that the PUS and the Minister to the Holy See might do so. I understand that the Secretary of State's programme will oblige ~~her~~ to leave Rome before the call to attend the Foreign Affairs Council in Brussels.

*P. Vereker*

P W M Vereker  
Western European Department

12 November 1980

cc: Lord Bridges  
Mr Bullard  
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## ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS: 23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

1. I attach a copy of a letter from the Cabinet Office drawing attention to briefs, mainly prepared in the FCO, for the Anglo-German Consultations whose format did not follow the rules set out in the Cabinet Office's commissioning letter. You will see from this that the Cabinet Office are very particular about this and I should be grateful if all briefs sent to them for Friday's deadline for the Anglo-Italian Consultations could first be checked carefully to see that they follow in every respect the instructions on format set out in Annex C of the Cabinet Office's letter of 29 October which was annexed to my circular minute of 3 November.

*Freeman*

P W M Vereker  
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(W62A 233 4759)

12 November 1980

cc:  
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From the Secretary of the Cabinet: Sir Robert Armstrong KCB, CVO

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10th November 1980

Dear Andrew,

## Anglo-German Consultations: Briefs

In my Private Secretary letter PS(80) 25 of 3rd November, I listed the briefs needed for these talks and gave details of the format. All the FCO and Treasury briefs arrived on time and I am grateful for this, particularly in view of the relatively short time allowed for preparation.

You may have noticed that the details on the format of the briefs contained Annexes C and D of my letter were more explicit than has been the case in the past. This was done in an effort to ensure that, in contrast to previous briefing operations, all those preparing briefs scrupulously observed the layout instructions. This has been partially effective in that there seem to have been less errors of format and layout on this occasion than previously. It was not, however, entirely successful as the following details reveal:

- In Briefs 2(a) and 2(b) the words "Brief by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office" were omitted and in Brief 3(c) it was included in capitals and not lower case.
- In Briefs 3(b) and 9, the rubric "THIS DOCUMENT IS THE PROPERTY OF etc ...." was omitted.
- The symbol at the top lefthand corner of the brief was incorrect in Briefs 2(b), 4 and 10.
- The heading of Brief 8(a) read incorrectly Anglo-German Consultations (Including in UK and FRG).

These are, I know, small points which do not affect the substance of the briefs. But there is no reason why some brief drafters should fail to observe details which the majority succeed in observing. Furthermore, and more importantly, mistakes which are noticed when the briefs reach

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R. A. Burns, Esq



here have to be rectified and corrigenda issued. This means more typing and distribution costs. I should, therefore, be grateful if you could remind those concerned with the above briefs of the need to pay greater care and attention to the details of the format in future, particularly if they are drafting the briefs for the Anglo-Italian Consultations, which are due to reach us on Friday, 14th November.

I am copying this letter to Jonathan Taylor (Treasury) since Brief 8(a) was prepared by the Treasury.

*Yours ever,*

*David.*

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(D. J. Wright)



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## ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS

1. DETECTIVE SUPERINTENDENT WALLER, ONE OF THE FOREIGN SECRETARY'S DETECTIVES WILL ARRIVE ROME FLIGHT BA 502 AT 1215 HOURS ON 20 NOVEMBER. PLEASE MAKE NECESSARY APPOINTMENTS WITH LOCAL SECURITY OFFICIALS AND ARRANGE ACCOMMODATION, NOTIFYING PCD OF ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS.
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PRIME MINISTER'S CALL ON THE POPE: 24 NOVEMBER

1. WE ARE PREPARING BRIEFING FOR THE PRIME MINISTER FOR THIS  
CALL AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) UK/VATICAN RELATIONS (INCLUDING STATUS OF APOSTOLIC  
DELEGATE, PAPAL VISIT AND POSSIBILITY OF UPGRADING  
RELATIONS):
- (B) NORTHERN IRELAND (INCLUDING PAPAL MESSAGE ON  
HUNGER STRIKE):
- (C) BACKGROUND ON THE VATICAN.

2. GRATEFUL FOR ADVICE ON ANY PARTICULAR POINTS THAT SHOULD BE  
INCLUDED. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SUBJECTS THE POPE IS LIKELY TO  
RAISE? (FOR EXAMPLE, HIS VISIT TO THE FRG? PRESIDENT GISCARD'S  
CALL ON THE POPE?) AS YOU KNOW, WE DO NOT, REPEAT NOT, EXPECT  
THE PRIME MINISTER TO RAISE THE SUBJECT OF UPGRADING MISSIONS.

3. GRATEFUL ALSO TO KNOW DETAILS OF VATICAN ARRANGEMENTS FOR  
THIS CALL: WHO WILL BE PRESENT ON THE VATICAN SIDE? WILL THERE  
BE AN EXCHANGE OF GIFTS? WE ASSUME NOT. GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD  
INFORM WHEN VATICAN IS TO ANNOUNCE THIS VISIT. GRATEFUL FOR  
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ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT: STEERING BRIEF

1. Following are draft sections *of steering brief* covering Introduction,  
Strategy and Tactics:

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## INTRODUCTION

1. Mrs Thatcher is to visit Rome for official talks at former Prime Minister Cossiga's invitation (conveyed via HM Ambassador Rome) on 23/24 November. The talks have been timed to take place shortly before the European Council meeting on 1/2 December. It was agreed last October that Anglo-Italian bilateral talks should be held twice a year. The last in this series was held in Rome on 29/30 /January.

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January. (Signor Cossiga also visited London, <sup>on Community business</sup> in April.) President Giscard d'Estaing is to visit Italy for bilateral talks on 26/27 or 27/28 November. [Chancellor Schmidt is <sup>not</sup> ~~not~~ now expected to visit Italy until next year.]

2. This will be Mrs Thatcher's first meeting with the new Prime Minister, whose four party coalition was speedily put together last month. Signor Forlani's government, despite appearances, is not soundly based. And there is already press speculation <sup>about</sup> of the possibility of elections next year.

#### STRATEGY AND TACTICS

3. Signor Forlani's English is not good enough to allow him to do without interpretation. This will affect the amount of business which can be done in the time available. At the tête-à-tête [~~between 1 and 1 1/2 hours~~], the Prime Minister <sup>at the outset</sup> may wish <sup>marked</sup> to refer to the success of The Queen's State Visit to Italy in October.

<sup>At significant</sup> The Italians are concerned to be seen to play a role in international affairs (Brief No 11). Signor Colombo raised ~~the question of Allied~~ <sup>the</sup> consultations with Lord Carrington during the State Visit. <sup>3</sup> And Signor Forlani may also raise

this with the Prime Minister. To forestall ~~complaints~~, Mrs Thatcher may <sup>then</sup> wish to emphasise that we value Italian views on the international scene by seeking Signor Forlani's views on the results of the American election <sup>This could</sup> and lead on to discussion of the situation in Poland, <sup>but</sup> this ~~part of the discussion~~ will, however, need to be kept short if adequate time is to be left for discussing the European Community matters which are of importance to us.

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The Prime Minister may wish to thank Signor Forlani for the Italian support which was essential to the resolution of the Budget problem; to mention to Signor Forlani the points she will wish to discuss at the European Council (1/2 December) and have a first discussion on restructuring.

g. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary will be having a simultaneous tête-à-tête with the Italian Foreign Minister, Signor Colombo, in which we have proposed to the Italians that the Middle East and Regional Questions should be covered. Further detailed discussion on international issues and on the EC together with the remaining agenda items can continue at the Planary Session.

Ends

2. Grateful for any <sup>Correction amendments</sup> amendments (or suggested additions); full programme details and names of officials likely to participate in the talks (with biographies where necessary) <sup>also for</sup> by 1000 on 13 November. <sup>Gratefully to reply</sup> <sup>We are not yet able to say which officials will accompany the Prime Minister.</sup>

3. Will there be an exchange of gifts? We assume not.

Will the Prime Minister be expected to make any speeches? <sup>how many speech?</sup>

<sup>Also</sup> Yes, grateful for your suggestions. <sup>any suggestions as to what she might say.</sup>

4. Grateful for reply on all points by ~~1000~~ 130900Z (to meet briefing deadline)

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PRIME MINISTER'S PRIVATE CALL ON THE POPE: 24 NOVEMBER

1. Mrs Thatcher will take advantage of her visit to Rome on the occasion of the Anglo-Italian Consultations on 23/24 November to pay a private call on the Pope on the afternoon of 24 November. WED will provide a brief for this call divided into the following sections:

- (a) UK/Vatican relations (including status of Apostolic Delegate, Papal visit and possibility of upgrading relations).
- (b) Northern Ireland (including Papal message on hunger strike).
- (c) Background on the Vatican.

2. I should be grateful if you could send me a contribution covering (b) Northern Ireland in draft by noon on 12 November, divided into Points to Make and Background.

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cc: Mr Tyrer (OID G 76/3)

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VISIT BY ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

1. THE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVED IN MOSCOW ON 9 NOVEMBER. HISTALKS WITH GROMYKO BEGAN YESTERDAY, WHEN THERE WAS ALSO A LUNCH WITH SPEECHES.

2. GROMYKO'S SPEECH CONTAINED A PREDICTABLE ATTEMPT TO POINT TO THE BENEFITS OF SOVIET/ITALIAN CO-OPERATION, BALANCED BY A STANDARD ATTACK ON NATO'S TNF DECISION. ON THE US/SOVIET TALKS IN GENEVA HE CLAIMED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD DO EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT. ON IRAN/IRAQ HE DESCRIBE THE WAR AS UNNECESSARY AND ENORMOUSLY DESTRUCTIVE: THE SOVIET UNION HAD NO WISH TO INTERFERE AND NEITHER SHOULD ANY OTHER COUNTRY.

3. THE KERNEL OF HIS SPEECH WAS DEVOTED TO DETENTE AND CSCE.

ON DETENTE HIS LINE WAS THAT IN THE PAST ALSO THERE HAD BEEN SHARP DOWNTURNS IN THE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE. PREVIOUSLY HOWEVER THERE HAD BEEN LACKING MUTUAL TRUST AND THE EXPERIENCE OF COPING WITH DIFFICULT PROBLEMS ACCUMULATED DURING THE YEARS OF DETENTE. IF THE MANY FORCES FAVOURING DETENTE WERE MOBILIZED, IT WOULD BE QUITE POSSIBLE TO RETURN INTER-STATE RELATIONS TO THE FAVOURABLE COURSE DEVELOPED IN THE 1970S. HAVING NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MADRID MEETING HE CONTINUED :

"WILL IT BECOME A BUSINESSLIKE EXERCISE BASED ON THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT OR WILL IT BE REDUCED TO CONFRONTATION AND FRUITLESS POLEMICS ? TO LISTEN TO SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS, ONE GETS THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY ARE GOING TO MADRID ONLY TO ORGANIZE A KIND OF VERBAL CORRIDA. BUT COMPLETELY DIFFERENT QUALITIES ARE NEEDED FOR THE CONDUCT OF SENSIBLE POLICY, IF OF COURSE THE AIM PURSUED IS NOT THE DISRUPTION OF ALL-EUROPEAN MEASURES. WE WOULD LIKE TO HOPE THAT IN ROME AND IN OTHER WESTERN CAPITALS THERE WILL BE A FEELING OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PRESERVATION AND CONTINUATION OF CO-OPERATION ON AN ALL-EUROPEAN LEVEL. THE SOVIET UNION WISHES TO SEE THE MADRID MEETING BRING USEFUL RESULTS TO THE PEOPLES AND STRENGTHEN THEIR HOPES FOR A PEACEFUL

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FUTURE. THIS AIM WOULD ABOVE ALL BE SERVED BY THE ACHIEVEMENT AT THE MEETING OF AN AGREEMENT TO HOLD A CONFERENCE ON MILITARY DETENTE AND DISARMAMENT IN EUROPE."

4. COLOMBO'S SPEECH, AT LEAST IN THE VERSION PRINTED BY TASS WAS FAIRLY BLAND. HE REFERRED TO DIFFERENCES OF VIEW, BUT HIS MAIN PITCH WAS FOR THE ADVANTAGES WHICH WOULD ACCRUE FROM CONTACT AND A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S POSITIONS.

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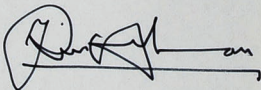
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ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS: 23/24 NOVEMBER 1980

1. I enclose a summary of Brief No 8, on  
'INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS'.



K P O'Sullivan  
Economic Relations Department

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1. Below is a short paragraph on UK/Italian trade as requested. I have cleared it in outline with Mr Dennison Cross, though he may wish to comment on the precise structure and drafting:

/to Italy

(A) In 1979 Italy was the UK's ninth-largest export market and, in turn, the UK provided the third-largest market for Italian goods. UK exports were valued at £1.5 billion in 1979 and £1.4 billion in the first 9 months of 1980. However, the UK had a trade deficit of £1030 million in 1979 and £337 million in the first 9 months of 1980. Our trade performance with Italy has deteriorated through the 1970s; exports covered 98% of imports in 1970 and only 59% in 1979. During the first 9 months of 1980 this coverage has improved to 81%, mainly as a result of improvements on the oil account. The main components in trade between the two countries are manufactured goods ~~and machinery in particular~~ and transport equipment. (B)

2. If Mr Dennison Cross has any comments, perhaps he can let you have them direct.

J M C Rollo

J M C Rollo  
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cc. Mr Denison Cross, CRE, Department of Trade

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(a) Anglo Italian Trade

[A] - [B]  
(b) Cooperation in Combating Terrorism.

[C] - [D]  
(c) Consultations.

A separate brief has been prepared on this.

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*Mr. Gledhill*



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*Guy to: Lord Bridges  
WED ✓*

*Mr Vereker's PA.  
Miss Gail D. Spalding*

D H A Hannay Esq  
AUSS  
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7 November 1980

*Dear David,*

ANGLO/ITALIAN DISCUSSIONS: COMMUNITY RESTRUCTURING

1. We were grateful to you for the copy of Rhodes' minute of the meeting between Michael Franklin and Biondo on 29 October, and also for the advance notice you gave me on the telephone of what had transpired.

2. I spoke to Alessi subsequently on another matter and he took the initiative in saying that it had been agreed in London that official discussions should be postponed until after the Prime Ministerial visit here. He added that Bucci had been ill and this had caused some delay, (this is certainly true) and implied that it was Michael Franklin who had suggested that we should aim at a date after rather than before the Summit. I did not argue the point.

*Yours etc,*

*Roger.*

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Mr Rennie, News Dept

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ITALY: 23/24 NOVEMBER

1. The Prime Minister is to visit Rome on 23/24 November for the next in the series of regular Anglo-Italian Consultations at Head of Government level. As usual, Mrs Thatcher will be accompanied by Lord Carrington. The last meeting in this series took place when Signor Cossiga visited London in January.

If asked

The Prime Minister will pay a private call on the Pope on the afternoon of 24 November.

2. I attach, as requested, some basic statistics on Italy.

*M A Savill*

M A Savill (Miss)  
Western European Department  
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Noting bilateral (Terrorism + other matters)  
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R N Culshaw Esq MVO  
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1. As agreed in the telephone conversation yesterday between Michael Simpson-Orlebar and Peter Vereker, I enclose a draft brief on the Italian Internal Political and Economic Scene, for the Prime Minister's visit to Italy.
2. The deadline for receipt of briefs by the Cabinet Office is noon on Friday, 14 November. I should be grateful if you have any amendments, if they could reach me by noon on 13 November.

M A Savill (Miss)  
Western European Department

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ANGLO ITALIAN CONSULATATIONS

1. GRATEFUL YOU INFORM AVAILABILITY AND NECESSITY OF ARMoured CARS FOR MINISTERS DURING THE ABOVE VISIT.
  2. ON PRESENT PLANNING THE DELEGATIONS WILL ARRIVE ON TWO RAF HS 125S, AND THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE FOREIGN SECRETARY WILL LEAVE INDEPENDENTLY ON THESE AIRCRAFT ON MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER. GRATEFUL FOR DETAILS OF MAXIMUM NUMBER HM AMBASSADOR CAN ACCOMMODATE AND DETAILS OF WHERE REST OF DELEGATION WILL BE STAYING.
  3. DETECTIVE SUPERINTENDENT CAWTHORNE, ONE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S DETECTIVES WILL ARRIVE IN ADVANCE OF THE MAIN PARTY ON FLIGHT BA 502 AT 1215 HOURS ON 20 NOVEMBER. PLEASE MAKE NECESSARY APPOINTMENTS WITH LOCAL SECURITY OFFICIALS AND ARRANGE ACCOMMODATION. PLEASE NOTIFY PCD OF ACCOMMODATION DETAILS.
- CARRINGTON

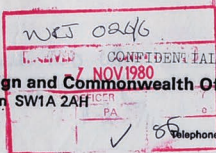
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J. M. Barrett

M O'D B' Alexander  
10 Downing Street

Your reference

Our reference TXW 408/311/1

Date 6 November 1980

ANGLO ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS: 23-24 NOVEMBER: SUGGESTED AIRCRAFT

1. We propose, with your approval, that the Prime Minister should travel to Rome in an RAF HS 125 on Sunday 23 November. The flying time to Rome is 2 hours 45 minutes, and Italy is one hour ahead of the United Kingdom, so if we want the Prime Minister to arrive at 1800 hours local, the Prime Minister's aircraft would need to take-off from RAF Northolt at 1415 hours local time. The return journey would be fitted in after the Prime Minister calls on the Pope. If the aircraft were to take-off from Rome before 1815 hours local it would return to RAF Northolt, but if take-off is after that time, the aircraft will have to return to London Heathrow.
2. It is proposed that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary should depart RAF Northolt at the same time, but subject to your views, would travel in a separate HS 125 as he will either be flying on to Brussels from Rome, or would plan to leave Rome slightly earlier than the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely,  
J M Barrett  
Conference and Visits Section  
Protocol and Conference Department

CC P Lever, Private Office  
D Copping, MOVOPS

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*Sheila*  
ll. attach PCO letter  
containing this info.  
Hb. 7/11.

Reference .....

Mr Barrett  
PCD

*Max Smith*

*Have we got the  
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for the visit to Italy  
yet?*

*John Wright*

ANGLO-GERMAN CONSULTATIONS: CALL ON PRESIDENT CARSTENS ETC

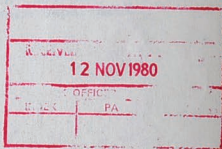
1. Mr Lever told me this afternoon that the Prime Minister had agreed to the German proposal for a call on President Carstens between 1500 and 1530 on Monday, 17 November, immediately after the Ambassador's lunch for leading German industrialists.

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2. I conveyed to the Embassy in Bonn the news that the Prime Minister was unwilling to attend the reception for members of the Embassy staff which Sir O Wright had proposed for the early evening of Sunday 16 November. As a substitute the Ambassador has suggested a 'walk about' in the Embassy during the late morning of Monday 17 November, while the Prime Minister is visiting the Beethovenhaus. I conveyed this suggestion to Mr Lever.

3. You should also know that the Prime Minister requires no more than 45 minutes at the Ambassador's residence for a wash and brush up and a preliminary meeting with Sir O Wright between her arrival in Bonn and the beginning of her talks. This has implications for the timing of her flight. As I understand it, present plans are for the Prime Minister to leave the Residence in time to be at the Chancellor's bungalow at 1945. You may like to check this point with Mr Eastwood in Bonn in order to decide on the timing of flights.

*J. S. Laing*



J S Laing  
West European Department  
W67

7 November 1980

cc: Mr Eastwood Bonn,  
Mr Vereker WED  
Mr Lever, Assistant Private Secretary

*Mr. Under*

*ETA Rome*

*23 Nov. 1800 hours (local) (ET)  
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*Dear Sir,*

ANGLO ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS 23-24 NOVEMBER IN ROME

I. I would be grateful if you could provide two HS 125s, series 600 for the above meeting. One HS 125 will be used by the Prime Minister and the second HS 125 by the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary. On present plans the take-off time for both aircraft would be 1415 hours local on 23 November. The Prime Minister will depart Rome at approximately 1800 hours local on Monday 24 November, and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary may leave Rome slightly earlier than this, or he may fly from Rome direct to Brussels. I will keep you informed of actual travel plans.

*Yours Sincerely*  
*Mike*

J M Barrett  
Conference and Visits Section  
Protocol and Conference Department

cc *WED M*  
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- Mr. Forlan  
Mr. [unclear]  
- I have informed Mr.  
Signor Forlan in  
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Wto. ✓

Dean Paul,

Anglo-Italian Consultations: 23/24 November 1980

(2A) The Prime Minister has seen your letter to me of 3 November about the arrangements for her visit to Rome later this month. She has noted that Italian Ministers may not be available on the Sunday evening. Nonetheless her preference would be for a tete-a-tete with Signor Forlan on the Sunday evening followed by a small dinner party, possibly a quatre, with Signor Colombo and Lord Carrington.

Yours ever

Michael Alexander

Paul Lever, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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TO FCO SAVING TELEGRAM NO 40 OF 29 OCTOBER 1980  
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FRANCO/ITALIAN TALKS

1. The French Embassy have told us in confidence that President Giscard's visit to Rome for bilateral talks will be on 26/27 or 27/28 November.

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Mr Vereker,  
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cc: Mr Bullard  
Mr Fergusson

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1. The Italian Ambassador has asked to see the PUS to discuss the Prime Minister's visit to Rome. The call has been fixed for 11.30 on Friday 14 November.

2. Unless you have any points you would particularly wish the PUS to make, I would have thought that a copy of the Steering Brief - in draft if necessary - would suffice.

Jenny Freeman

5 November 1980

Mrs E J Freeman  
APS/PUS

Miss ~~Freeman~~  
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FOLLOWING FOR WED

YOUR TELNO 426: ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT

1. PROSPECTS FOR THE SUMMIT MUST CLEARLY DEPEND UPON A RESOLUTION OF THE ITALIAN POLITICAL CRISIS.

WHETHER OR NOT FORLANI'S PRESENT EFFORTS TO FORM A COALITION SUCCEEDED IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT THERE WILL BE AN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FORMED BEFORE 23 NOV.

ITALIAN OBJECTIVES MAY NOT BE AFFECTED VERY MUCH BY THE PRECISE COMPOSITION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT. BUT WE COULD NOT THIS WEEK EXPECT ANYONE TO GIVE US ANY GUIDANCE. WE MAY BE ABLE TO TAKE SOUNDINGS DURING THE STATE VISIT IF PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE BY THEN.

2. WHOEVER IS THE ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER IN LATE NOVEMBER, HE WILL HAVE AS HIS FIRST OBJECTIVE IN THESE TALKS TO ESTABLISH (OR RECONFIRM) A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH MRS THATCHER. THE TALKS WILL AFFORD A NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONCERT POLICY WITH A MAJOR ALLY ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND TO BE SEEN AT THE TOP TABLE. AT PRESENT OUR BEST ESTIMATE IS THAT THE PRINCIPAL POLITICAL TOPICS ON WHICH THEY WOULD WANT SUCH CONSULTATION WOULD BE THE OUTCOME OF THE US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS SEMICOLON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, BOTH OVER ARAB/ISRAEL AND OVER THE MIDDLE EAST WAR SEMICOLON AND WESTERN POLICY TOWARD THE DEVELOPING WORLD, ON WHICH THEY WOULD PRESS FOR A MORE FORTHCOMING WESTERN APPROACH. EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ENLARGEMENT AND RESTRUCTURING WOULD BULK VERY LARGE IN THEIR THINKING BUT ON BOTH THEY ARE LIKELY TO WANT TO ELICIT BRITISH THINKING AND TO LOOK FOR A MEASURE OF GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT CAN BE REFLECTED IN A COMMUNIQUE RATHER THAN TO PUT FORWARD PRECISE IDEAS OF THEIR OWN AT THAT STAGE.

3. THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION, THE THREAT OF JAPANESE AND OTHER ASIAN COMPETITION, EAST/WEST RELATIONS AND ENERGY SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN ANY PROBABLE AGENDA. TERRORISM IS A LIVELY PREOCCUPATION BUT WE JUDGE IT UNLIKELY THAT THE ITALIANS WILL HAVE ANY PRECISE PROPOSALS TO ADVANCE.

4. ALTHOUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HOPE THAT COLOMBO WILL STAY IN OFFICE HE MAY NOT AND THERE IS NO ASSURANCE OF CONTINUITY EITHER AMONG MINISTERS OR IN THEIR CABINETS. I HOPE, THEREFORE, THAT YOU CAN WORK FOR THE PRESENT ON THE BASIS OF THE ABOVE ADVICE. AS SOON AS THERE IS A NEW GOVERNMENT WE WILL CONSULT THE ITALIANS URGENTLY AND REPORT FURTHER.

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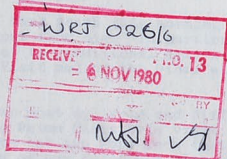
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*Dear Francis,*

ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS 23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

1. I see from the Cabinet Office Private Secretary letter PS(80)24 of 29 October that FCO will like the lead in producing Brief No 7 on defence and disarmament questions in consultations.
2. I am writing to ask if you will please clear inputs on disarmament issues and GLCMs with DS17, on defence sales (if required) with DS12 (Malcolm Haworth, ext 5783) and on defence equipment and industrial issues with IP2 (John Thatcher, Ext 3124).
3. Sir Frank Cooper is particularly concerned that defence equipment should be included, and it may be that IP2 should provide the text for this part of the brief.

Copy to:  
APS/PUS  
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Head of DS17  
Head of IP2  
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*Yours sincerely*  
*Edmond*  
*(for Bro Wess, away at a meeting)*

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Mr Armour

Miss Savill o/r

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1. In commissioning the briefs for the Prime Minister's visit to Rome we have said nothing about the call on the Pope. Please discuss urgently with HM Legation what briefs will be required: I hope that Sir M Heath will provide an input. I assume we shall have to produce a brief ourselves on the state of play of UK/Vatican relations. I also assume that the deadline for getting them to No 10 (which in this case I suppose had better be by Private Secretary letter) will be 14 November, which means that we should put them to Under-Secretaries ideally on 12 November.

*R.*  
P W M Vereker  
Western European Department

4 November 1980

*Miss Savill*  
~~Mr Vereker~~

1. I spoke to Sir Mark Heath this morning. He felt that we already have sufficient input from him. In particular, he drew my attention to some of the additional briefs supplied by him at the time of the State Visit and of the views expressed by the PUS, which he shares.

2. He said that the most delicate and difficult matter for decision before the Prime Minister's visit was whether or not she should be advised to let the Pope know that we are considering changing the status of our relations with the Holy See.

3. Sir Mark Heath suggested that we build on the public remarks about the European Community made by The Queen in her speech. He reminded me of the Pope's belief that European culture and history are inextricably entwined with the history of the Church itself. Any theme of reconciliation would strike a responsive chord.

4. Sir Mark Heath also asked for instructions fairly soon on what part he was to play in the Prime Minister's visit. Should he accompany the Prime Minister at her audience with the Pope? Or at least accompany her to and from the Vatican? Or offer some hospitality?



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*Russ S. Miller*  
*fa. wp.*

Dear Michael,

Anglo-Italian Consultations, Rome:

23/24 November

We should like the Embassy in Rome to prompt the Italians to firm up the arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to Rome on 23/24 November. Could you let us know the Prime Minister's preferences on two points?

✓ Sir Ronald Arculus plans to give a dinner for the Prime Minister on the evening of her arrival, Sunday 23 November. Would the Prime Minister prefer a quiet 'in house' dinner; a small dinner to which only Signor Forlani and Signor Colombo, the Foreign Minister, would be invited; or perhaps a larger dinner including, for example, other Italian Ministers and/or industrialists? The second might be best, since Signor Forlani and Signor Colombo might speak more frankly in a relaxed atmosphere, though the Embassy are not certain that Italian Ministers would be available on the Sunday evening.

Should Lord Carrington be present at the Prime Minister's tete-a-tete with the Italian Prime Minister? Would she prefer it to be on the Sunday evening (if possible) or on the Monday morning? One possibility might be for Lord Carrington to have a separate discussion with Signor Colombo for, say, 20 minutes or so and then for the two Foreign Ministers to join the Prime Ministers.

Yours etc

*Paul*

(P Lever)  
Private Secretary

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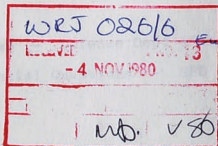
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ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS: 23-24 NOVEMBER  
1. IT WILL BE FOR THE ITALIANS, AS HOSTS, TO DECIDE ON THE  
AGENDA, BUT IN DISCUSSING THIS WITH THEM YOU SHOULD PUT FORWARD  
THE FOLLOWING AS OUR PROPOSALS:  
(A) OUTCOME OF THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, AND  
ITS IMPLICATIONS  
(B) EAST-WEST RELATIONS  
(C) AFGHANISTAN  
(D) MIDDLE EAST (INCLUDING IRAN/IRAQ)  
(E) EUROPEAN COMMUNITY QUESTIONS  
(F) DEFENCE AND DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS  
(G) THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SCENE  
(H) ENERGY QUESTIONS  
(I) BILATERAL QUESTIONS (INCLUDING COOPERATION IN COMBATING  
TERRORISM).  
2. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON PROGRAMME WILL FOLLOW.

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ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS: 23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

1. You will see from your copy of my minute of today's date about briefing for the Anglo-Italian Consultations that WED is responsible for producing the Steering Brief. Its framework will be roughly as follows:

- (a) Introduction
- (b) UK Objectives
- (c) Italian Objectives
- (d) Strategy and Tactics
- (e) Programme
- (f) Resumé of Briefs.

2. For much of Sections (a) and (d) we shall need to consult other departments and HM Embassy Rome; and we shall be circulating a draft shortly. Any preliminary thoughts would be gladly received by Miss Savill (233 3266 - on paper before pm Wednesday) in Room W63.

3. I should be grateful if those action addressees of this minute who are producing briefs could please supply a summary of their briefs (normally two to three sentences) for Section (f). the Resumé of Briefs. This should also be cleared with other FCO and Whitehall Departments and through Under-Secretaries as necessary. Where the lead department, as listed in Annex B to Mr Wright's letter of 29 October is not in the FCO, I should be grateful if the appropriate FCO department would obtain from or clear with their contacts in other Departments, as appropriate, a summary for inclusion in the Steering Brief. Contributions (top copy only on draft paper) should reach Miss Savill by noon on Monday 10 November.

4. I suggest that responsibility for coordinating these summaries might be divided as follows:

- 2. United States policies following the Presidential election - NAD
- 3. Middle East - MED
- 4. European Community Questions - ECD(I)
- 5. East-West Relations - EESD



6. Afghanistan/Pakistan - SAD
7. Defence and Disarmament Questions - Defence Dept ✓
8. International Economic and Financial Questions - ERD
9. Regional Questions - SED
10. Bilateral Questions - WED.

ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATION *P. Verker* NOVEMBER 1980

P W M Vereker  
Western European Department  
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3 November 1980

CC Mr Gladstone o/r  
Mr Fergusson  
Mr Bullard  
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Mr Hannay  
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| (a)      | Iran/Iraq and the Gulf  | WED       |
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| 3.       | European Community Questions                                    |           |
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| (b)      | Reconstructing the Community Budget                             | ECG(1)    |
| (c)      | 1981 Budget   | ECG(1)    |
| (d)      | Political Cooperation   | ECG(1)    |
| 4.       | East-East Relations, including Poland, China, Cambodia and USSR | WED       |
| 5.       | Soviet Union/Pakistan   | SAD       |

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## ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS: 23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

1. I attach a copy of the Cabinet Office's commissioning letter of 29 October about briefing arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to Rome on 23-24 November. I should be grateful if action addressees would now prepare FCO briefs as indicated below. In each case the lead department is responsible for clearing its brief through Under-Secretaries and with other FCO and Whitehall Departments as necessary and for subsequent typing, reproduction and delivery of the briefs to the Cabinet Office. 60 numbered copies of each brief should be sent direct to Mrs M Wagner in the Cabinet Office Committee Section by noon on Friday 14 November. Two side copies (unnumbered) should be sent to Miss Savill (tel 233 3266) in WED (W64). Please note particularly that the Prime Minister has asked that the briefs should not be too long.

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(b) Arab/Israel	NENAD
4. European Community Questions	
(a) Steering Brief on EC Questions	ECD(I)
(b) Restructuring the Community Budget	ECD(I)
(d) 1981 Budget	ECD(I)
(f) Political Cooperation	ECD(E)
5. East-West Relations, (including Poland, China Cambodia and CSCE)	EESD
6. Afghanistan/Pakistan	SAD

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7. Defence and Disarmament Questions (including CDE)

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8. International Economic and Financial Questions:

(b) Relations with developing countries

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10. Regional Questions (including Italy/Malta and Italy/North Africa)

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- in consultation with ESID, MAED + Planning Staff

3. Copy addressees will wish to note that in most cases they can expect to be consulted in preparation of briefs, both by action addressees in the FCO and by other Government Departments as shown in Annex B to Mr Wright's letter.

4. I am circulating a separate minute on the Steering Brief.

*Review*  
P W M Vereker  
Western European Department  
(W62A 233 4759)

3 November 1980

cc Assistant Heads of:

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CSCE Unit

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MAED

Mr Fergusson

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29th October, 1980

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Yours sincerely,

(Signed) D.J. WRIGHT



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23rd-24th NOVEMBER 1980

<u>PMVD(80)</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Lead Department</u>	<u>In Consultation with</u>
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	(b) Relations with developing countries	FCO	As appropriate
	(c) Trade Questions including the threat of Japanese competition	Trade	Treasury FCO

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10.	Regional Questions (including Italy-Malta and Italy-North Africa)	FCO	As appropriate
11.	Bilateral Questions:		
	(a) <del>General Bilateral Relations</del>	<del>FCO</del>	<del>As appropriate</del>
	(a) Anglo-Italian Trade	FCO	Trade Treasury
	(b) Co-operation in combating terrorism	FCO	Home Office
	(c) Consultations	FCO	
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13.	UN Security Council Enlargement	FCO.	



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Mr Fergusson

*Private Secretary**Draft to intnt  
21/3/11*

ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS, ROME: 23/24 NOVEMBER

1. I submit a self-explanatory draft letter from the Private Secretary to the Private Secretary at No. 10 in order to establish the Prime Minister's wishes on points connected with her programme for the Anglo-Italian Consultations. The Embassy in Rome do not think that the Italians have yet given much thought to the programme, and it is time they did. I shall be sending a separate telegram to Rome about the agenda.

*P. Vereker*P W M Vereker  
Western European Department

31 October 1980

*Long attention.*

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CAVEAT.....

We are anxious that the Embassy in Rome should have early discussions with the Italians to prompt them into firming up the arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to Rome on 23/24 November. It would be helpful in this connexion if you could ascertain the Prime Minister's preferences on <sup>these</sup> certain points connected with the programme.

Sir Ronald Arculus plans to give a dinner for the Prime Minister on the evening of her arrival, Sunday 23 November. He is wondering whether the Prime Minister would prefer a quiet 'in house' dinner; a small dinner to which only Signor Forlani and Signor Colombo, the Foreign Minister, would be invited; or perhaps a larger dinner including, for example, other Italian Ministers and/or industrialists.

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We are inclined to think that the second of these alternatives might be <sup>better</sup> ~~best~~, as enabling Signor Forlani and Signor Colombo to speak frankly in a relaxed atmosphere, but the Embassy are not certain that Italian Ministers would in fact be available on the Sunday evening. It would be helpful to know what the Prime Minister would prefer.

It would also be helpful to know whether the Prime Minister would wish Lord Carrington to be present at her tête-a-tête with the Italian Prime Minister, and whether she would prefer <sup>it</sup> ~~them~~ to be on the Sunday evening (if possible) or on the Monday morning. One solution might be for Lord Carrington to have a separate discussion with Signor Colombo for, say, 20 minutes or so and then for the two Foreign Ministers to join the Prime Ministers.



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FRANCO/ITALIAN TALKS

1. The French Embassy have told us in confidence that President Giscard's visit to Rome for bilateral talks will be on 26/27 or 27/28 November.

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Anglo-Italian Consultations: *23/24 November 1980*  
 ANNEX B?

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*PMVD(83) (F7) indicates subjects primarily for discussion by Foreign Ministry (F7D).*

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*Dear Robert,*

ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS, ROME, 23-24 NOVEMBER

1. As you know, it had been agreed before the fall of the Cossiga Government that the Prime Minister would visit Rome for the next in the series of bi-annual Anglo-Italian Consultations on 23-24 November. Our present expectation is that an Italian Government of some kind will be formed before 23 November and that the Summit will go ahead as planned.
2. Assuming the Summit takes place on the dates agreed, our main aim at the meeting will be to establish good working relations with the new Italian Prime Minister (Signor Cossiga is almost certainly going to step down), in particular by showing that we take seriously Italian views on major current international issues. It will be timely to discuss issues of current importance in the Community, particularly those likely to come up at the European Council in December, and we shall want to explore Italian thinking on restructuring with a view to establishing closer cooperation. Our assessment of UK and probable Italian objectives is set out in Annexes A and B.
3. The Prime Minister plans to arrive in Rome on the evening of Sunday, 23 November in time for dinner and to leave in the late afternoon of the following day. Although Italian officials are as yet unable to offer any advice on the programme it seems probable that there will be a tête-à-tête with the Italian Prime Minister on the Sunday evening, a plenary session on the Monday morning, a lunch given by the Italian Prime Minister and a joint press conference.

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4. The Italians have not yet proposed an agenda, but it seems likely to include: the outcome of the United States Presidential election and the new United States Government's policies, particularly as they may affect East/West relations; developments in the Middle East, both over Arab/Israel and the Gulf; and Western policy towards the developing world, on which the Italians may press for a more forthcoming Western approach. European Community enlargement and restructuring will be much in their minds but they are likely to want to elicit British thinking rather than to put forward precise ideas of their own. We therefore envisage that the main subjects for discussion will be:

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- (a) outcome of the United States Presidential election, and its implications
  - (b) East-West Relations
  - (c) Afghanistan
  - (d) Middle East (including Iran/Iraq)
  - (e) European Community Questions
  - (f) Defence and Disarmament Questions
  - (g) The International Economic Scene
  - (h) Energy Questions
  - (i) Bilateral Questions (including cooperation in combating terrorism).

5. I assume that, as when she last visited Rome, the Prime Minister will not wish on this occasion to be accompanied by any of her Ministerial colleagues, apart from the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary. She may wish to delay a decision on participation by officials until the Italians have been able to tell us their own proposals for participation and agenda.

6. I attach at Annex C a suggested list of briefs, the preparation of which I suggest should be coordinated by the Cabinet Office in the usual way.

*Tom. C.,*

*Michael*

Michael Palliser

cc: Sir Douglas Wass GCB  
HM TREASURY

Sir Frank Cooper GCB CMG  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Sir Donald Maitland GCMG OBE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Sir R Arculus KCMG, Rome



ANNEX A

ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT: 23-24 NOVEMBER 1980

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- (2. United States policies following the Presidential election)
3. Middle East:
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  - (b) Arab/Israel
4. European Community Questions:
  - (a) Steering Brief on EC Questions
  - (b) Restructuring the Community Budget
  - (c) CAP reform ~~and prices~~
  - (d) (possibly) 1981 budget
  - (e) (possibly) Fisheries
  - (f) Political Cooperation
5. East/West Relations (including Poland, China, Cambodia and CSCE)
6. Afghanistan/Pakistan
7. Defence and Disarmament Questions (including CDE *? Tando*)
8. International Economic and Financial Questions  
(including the threat of Japanese and other Asian competition, and Western policy towards the developing world)
9. International Energy Questions
10. Regional Questions (including Italy/Malta and Italy/North Africa)
11. Bilateral Questions (including terrorism)
12. Italian political and economic scene.



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From the Permanent Secretary  
Sir Kenneth Clucas, K.C.B.

22 October 1980

Sir Michael Palliser GCMG  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
Downing Street  
LONDON SW1A 2AL

Dear Michael,

ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS, ROME: 23/24 NOVEMBER

Thank you for my copy of your letter of 15 October to Robert Armstrong.

I have no comments on the statements of objectives in Annexes A and B.

Your list of briefs in Annex C also looks right. We shall wish to contribute to briefs 4(a), 8 and (in respect of Anglo-Italian bilateral trade questions) 11.

I am copying as you did.

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KENNETH CLUCAS

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Mr Bullard

~~Miss. Robertson~~

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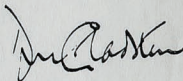
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ANGLO-GERMAN CONSULTATIONS

1. I submit draft 'objectives' letters to go from the PUS to Sir R Armstrong on the Anglo-German consultations due to take place in Bonn on 16-17 November and the Anglo-Italian consultations due to take place in Rome on 23-24 November. The drafts take account of consultations with interested FCO Departments, and of comments from H M Embassies in Bonn and Rome, notably Sir O Wright's telegrams nos. 742, 743 and 744, and Sir R Arculus's telegram no. 544. The PUS has asked to see these in good time before his departure for Africa.

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D A S Gladstone  
Western European Department

14 October 1980

cc: Mr Spreckley, ECD(I)  
Mr FitzHerbert, ECD(E)  
Mr Mallaby, Planning Staff  
Mr du Boulay, PCD

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bcc PS/LPS

Sir P Preston

Sir A Acland

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Sir R Arculus KCMG, Rome

Mr. de Fonblanque (ECU)

I should be  
 grateful if you  
 could complete:  
 para 2; Annex A  
 (para 2) and  
 Annex C para 6.

Hutswill.

(x3266.) 13/10

ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT: 24-25 NOVEMBER

1. As you know, it had been arranged before the fall of the Cossiga Government that the Prime Minister would visit Rome for the next in the series of the bi-annual Anglo-Italian Summits on 23-24 November. The prospects for the summit depend upon a resolution of the Italian political crisis but we are assuming for the present that, whether or not Signor Forlani's present efforts to form a coalition succeed, there will be an Italian Government formed before 23 November and the summit will go ahead as planned. The Embassy have undertaken to consult the Italians urgently as soon as there is a new government and report further.

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Sent to  
 Logan D.D.

D. J. Johnson  
 ECSD.

2. Our main aim at the meeting, if and when it does take place, will be to establish good working relations between the Prime Minister and the new Italian Prime Minister, in particular by showing that we take seriously Italian views on major current international issues, especially the Middle East. *On Community issues,*

The lists of UK and likely Italian objectives are set out in Annexes A and B.

3. It is at present envisaged that the Prime Minister should arrive in Rome on the evening of <sup>Sunday</sup> Monday, 24 November and leave in the late <sup>afternoon</sup> evening of the following day. Although Italian officials are as yet unable to offer any advice on the programme it seems probable that there will be a tête-a-tête with the Italian Prime Minister, <sup>on the evening</sup> followed by a plenary session <sup>Monday</sup> on the morning, a <sup>working</sup> lunch followed by <sup>the Italian Prime Minister</sup> a further plenary session in the afternoon, and possibly a joint press conference before the Prime Minister flies home.

4. As the meeting is in Rome it will be for the Italians to propose an agenda. It seems likely that the principal political topics on which the Italians will want to consult the Prime Minister will be the outcome of the US Presidential election; developments in the Middle East, both over Arab/Israel and over the Middle East war; and Western policy towards the developing world on which they are likely to press for a more forthcoming Western approach. European Community Enlargement and <sup>f</sup>Restructuring are likely to bulk very large in their thinking although they are likely to want to elicit British thinking and to look

*in line for dinner*

*and reaction of the new U.S. government's policies*



for a measure of joint agreement that can be reflected in a communique rather than to put forward precise ideas of their own at that stage. We think that the main subjects for discussion are likely to be:

- (a) outcome of US Presidential election
- (b) Middle East
- (c) East-West Relations
- (d) Afghanistan
- (e) European Community Questions
- (f) Defence and Disarmament Questions
- (g) The international economic scene
- (h) Energy Questions
- (i) Bilateral Questions (including cooperation in combating terrorism).

5. I assume that <sup>as from the time when the last meeting Rome,</sup> the Prime Minister will not wish on this occasion to be accompanied by any of her Ministerial colleagues <sup>by officials</sup> and will wish to delay a decision on ~~official~~ participation until the Italians have been able to tell us of their proposals for the Summit.

6. I attach at Annex C a suggested list of (with the proposed at which will I imagine be coordinated by the Cabinet alone in the usual way.

## ANNEX A

ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT: 24-25 NOVEMBER 1980  
BRITISH OBJECTIVES

1. To establish good working relations between the Prime Minister and the Italian Prime Minister, in particular by showing that we take seriously Italian views on major current international issues.
2. To discuss Community issues in preparation for the next European Council meeting (on 1-2 December), and to initiate a dialogue on restructuring the Community budget within the 1% ceiling.

ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT: 24-25 NOVEMBER 1980

ANNEX B

*PL-B. A. 11C* ITALIAN OBJECTIVES

1. To establish (~~or re-confirm~~) a good working relationship with the Prime Minister.
2. To concert policy on international issues and ~~to be seen~~ at the ~~top table~~, in particular to review British and Italian views on the Middle East, <sup>and Iran/Iraq</sup> in the light of the Iran-Iraqi war, and on East-West relations in the light of developments in Afghanistan and Poland.
3. To exchange views on <sup>and in particular</sup> Western policy towards the developing world.
4. To elicit British thinking on European Community Enlargement and Restructuring.

ANNEX C

ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT: 24-25 NOVEMBER 1980

## LIST OF BRIEFS

1. Steering Brief
2. Outcome of US Presidential election
3. Middle East
  - (a) Iran-Iraq and the Gulf
  - (b) Arab-Israel
- ~~5~~. East-West Relations (including Poland, China, Cambodia, CSCE and CDE)
- ~~6~~. Afghanistan
- ~~4~~. European Community Questions:
  - (i)
  - (ii)
  - (iii)
  - (iv)
7. Defence and Disarmament Questions
8. International Economic Scene (including the threat of Japan and other Asian competition, and Western policy towards the developing world)
9. Energy Questions
10. Regional Questions (including Italy/Malta and Italy/ North Africa)
11. Bilateral Questions (including terrorism)
12. Italian political and economic scene.



	<b>DRAFT:</b> <del>xxxxxx Letter/telegram/cable/xxxxxx</del> <b>FROM:</b> Sir Michael Palliser  <b>DEPARTMENT:</b> <b>TEL. NO:</b>	<b>TYPE:</b> Draft/Final 1+  <b>Reference</b>
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<b>PRIVACY MARKING</b>  .....In Confidence	<b>SUBJECT:</b> ANGLO GERMAN CONSULTATIONS: BONN, 16-17 NOVEMBER	
<b>CAVEAT</b> .....	<p>1. The next in the series of 6-monthly Anglo-German consultations between the Prime Minister and Chancellor Schmidt will be held in Bonn on 16-17 November. The Prime Minister has said she wishes to be accompanied by the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary; the Chancellor of the Exchequer; the Secretary of State for Defence; the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; and either the Secretary of State for Industry or the Secretary of State for Trade. At this stage, so soon after the Federal elections, the Germans have not been able to let us know which Ministers will be accompanying Schmidt, but officials have told the Embassy that they are hoping to use the consultations as an occasion to boost UK/FRG relations and are recommending that a wide range of Ministers take part.</p> <p>2. For similar reasons it has been difficult to find out the Germans' plans for the consultations. At present we we expect that the Prime Minister's party will arrive in Bonn in the afternoon of Sunday, 16 November, in time to hold some individual talks in restricted session before</p>	
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the main official dinner that evening. On the following day Agriculture and Finance Ministers will leave to attend Council meetings in Brussels. There will be time for more restricted talks, for a plenary session, and for a press conference. In the evening, the Prime Minister is to attend a dinner to be given by HM Ambassador in Bonn for leading German industrialists; and Lord Carrington will fly to Hamburg to address the Uebersee Club. Both the Prime Minister and Lord Carrington plan to return to London that night.

3. In place of a formal agenda, German officials have given the Embassy in Bonn a list of likely subjects for discussion<sup>(Annex A)</sup>. Obviously not all these subjects will be covered; but I think nonetheless that we shall have to provide briefs on them all, since those that Herr Schmidt does not raise may come up in discussions between other Ministers. We expect that he will himself concentrate on .....

4. I attach at Annex B and C our assessment of British and likely German objectives at the meeting, and at Annex D a suggested list of briefs, the preparation of which I imagine will be co-ordinated in the usual way by the Cabinet Office.

/cc & bcc

cc: Sir Douglas Wass KCB, HM Treasury  
Sir B D Hayes Esq CB, MAFF  
Sir Frank Cooper GCB CMG, MOD  
Sir Jack Rampton KCB, Department of Energy  
Sir Peter Carey KCB, DOI  
C A Whitmore Esq, No 10

bcc: PS  
PS/LPS  
Sir Peter Preston  
Mr Bullard  
Mr Butler Lord Bridges  
Mr Fretwell Hanney  
Mr Fergusson  
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Sir Oliver Wright, Bonn

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ANGLO-GERMAN CONSULTATIONS: BONN, 16-17 NOVEMBER 1980

PROPOSED LIST OF BRIEFS

1. STEERING BRIEF (FCO)
2. EUROPEAN COMMUNITY QUESTIONS
  - i. STEERING BRIEF ON THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (FCO)
  - ii. COMMUNITY BUDGET (Treasury)
  - iii. EUROPEAN MONETARY SYSTEM (Treasury)
  - iv. CAP: PRICES AND REFORM (MAFF)
  - v. FISHERIES (MAFF)
  - vi. EXTERNAL COMMUNITY QUESTIONS (FCO)
  - vii. OTHER INTERNAL COMMUNITY QUESTIONS (FCO)
3. REGIONAL QUESTIONS (FCO)
  - i. THE MIDDLE EAST
  - ii. SOUTHERN AFRICA AND RHODESIA
  - iii. CHINA
  - iv. SOUTH-EAST ASIA
4. EAST-WEST RELATIONS (FCO)
5. THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SCENE (Treasury)
6. NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE (INCLUDING BRANDT COMMISSION REPORT) (FCO)
7. INTERNATIONAL ENERGY (D/Energy)
8. DEFENCE MATTERS (MOD)
9. ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT (FCO)
10. FRG INTERNAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SCENE (FCO)



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17 October 1980

D J Wright Esq  
CABINET OFFICE

- 1. Mr. Giddens 20/10*  
*2. Kevin J. Smith - do not*

*also a note to me a/c p*  
*Planning Staff will do the brief.*

*R*  
*20/10*

*Dear David,*

ANGLO ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS:  
ROME, 23 - 24 NOVEMBER

1. You will have seen from Rome telegram number 568 that the Italian Foreign Minister made an approach to Lord Carrington, in the margins of the State Visit to Italy, expressing in unusually high-key terms Italian opposition to quadripartite consultations.
2. Although this is a long-standing Italian preoccupation the terms of this approach suggest to us that it would be advisable to have a separate defensive note prepared for the Prime Minister's use at the Anglo-Italian consultations, rather than covering the issues in general terms in the Steering Brief as we have done on previous occasions. One possible way of incorporating this in the briefing would be to divide Brief No 11 "Bilateral Questions" into Section (a) "Terrorism" and Section (b) "Consultations". If you agree with this suggestion you may wish, in putting the proposed list of briefs to the Prime Minister's Private Secretary, to indicate that Brief 11(b) would be a defensive note on the Italian attitude to quadripartite consultations. We would then ensure that the brief had a suitably restricted circulation.

*Yours ever,*

*R A Burns*

R A Burns  
Private Secretary to the  
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YOUR TELNO 426: ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT

1. PROSPECTS FOR THE SUMMIT MUST CLEARLY DEPEND UPON A RESOLUTION OF THE ITALIAN POLITICAL CRISIS.

WHETHER OR NOT FORLANI'S PRESENT EFFORTS TO FORM A COALITION SUCCEEDED IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT THERE WILL BE AN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FORMED BEFORE 23 NOV.

ITALIAN OBJECTIVES MAY NOT BE AFFECTED VERY MUCH BY THE PRECISE COMPOSITION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT. BUT WE COULD NOT THIS WEEK EXPECT ANYONE TO GIVE US ANY GUIDANCE. WE MAY BE ABLE TO TAKE SOUNDINGS DURING THE STATE VISIT IF PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE BY THEN.

2. WHOEVER IS THE ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER IN LATE NOVEMBER, HE WILL HAVE AS HIS FIRST OBJECTIVE IN THESE TALKS TO ESTABLISH (OR RECONFIRM) A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH MRS THATCHER. THE TALKS WILL AFFORD A NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONCERT POLICY WITH A MAJOR ALLY ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND TO BE SEEN AT THE TOP TABLE. AT PRESENT OUR BEST ESTIMATE IS THAT THE PRINCIPAL POLITICAL TOPICS ON WHICH THEY WOULD WANT SUCH CONSULTATION WOULD BE THE OUTCOME OF THE US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS SEMICOLON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, BOTH OVER ARAB/ISRAEL AND OVER THE MIDDLE EAST WAR SEMICOLON AND WESTERN POLICY TOWARD THE DEVELOPING WORLD, ON WHICH THEY WOULD PRESS FOR A MORE FORTHCOMING WESTERN APPROACH. EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ENLARGEMENT AND RESTRUCTURING WOULD BULK VERY LARGE IN THEIR THINKING BUT ON BOTH THEY ARE LIKELY TO WANT TO ELICIT BRITISH THINKING AND TO LOOK FOR A MEASURE OF GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT CAN BE REFLECTED IN A COMMUNIQUE RATHER THAN TO PUT FORWARD PRECISE IDEAS OF THEIR OWN AT THAT STAGE.

3. THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION, THE THREAT OF JAPANESE AND OTHER ASIAN COMPETITION, EAST/WEST RELATIONS AND ENERGY SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN ANY PROBABLE AGENDA. TERRORISM IS A LIVELY PREOCCUPATION BUT WE JUDGE IT UNLIKELY THAT THE ITALIANS WILL HAVE ANY PRECISE PROPOSALS TO ADVANCE.

4. ALTHOUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HOPE THAT COLOMBO WILL STAY IN OFFICE HE MAY NOT AND THERE IS NO ASSURANCE OF CONTINUITY EITHER AMONG MINISTERS OR IN THEIR CABINETS. I HOPE, THEREFORE, THAT YOU CAN WORK FOR THE PRESENT ON THE BASIS OF THE ABOVE ADVICE. AS SOON AS THERE IS A NEW GOVERNMENT WE WILL CONSULT THE ITALIANS URGENTLY AND REPORT FURTHER.

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ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

1. THE 'OBJECTIVES' LETTER FROM THE PUS TO THE SECRETARY OF THE CABINET FOR THE ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT WILL HAVE TO ISSUE IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH. WE ARE VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE PROBLEMS CAUSED YOU NOT ONLY BY THE STATE VISIT BUT ALSO BY THE FALL OF THE COSSIGA GOVERNMENT. NEVERTHELESS WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO HAVE BY TELEGRAM BY 13 OCTOBER YOUR BEST ESTIMATE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) PROBABLE ITALIAN OBJECTIVES FOR THE SUMMIT:
  - (B) ANY INFORMATION ON PROGRAMME AND MINISTERIAL PARTICIPATION THE ITALIANS CAN PROVIDE AT THAT STAGE:
  - (C) ITALIAN IDEAS ON THE AGENDA.
2. WE ARE COLLATING FCO IDEAS ON AGENDA AND WILL LET YOU HAVE THESE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TOGETHER WITH ADVICE ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S TRAVEL PLANS AND ON WHO WILL ACCOMPANY HER.

CARRINGTON

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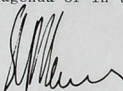
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Mick Savill

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ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT

1 I refer to your minute of 7 October.  
I agree that in view of the limited  
Italian interest in South African question,  
there is no need to include South Africa  
or Namibia either in the agenda or in the  
British objectives.



S N P Hemans

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ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT: 24-25 NOVEMBER

1. The deadline for submission of the PUS' 'objectives' letter to the Secretary of the Cabinet for the Anglo-Italian Summit is ~~15~~ 15 October. We have asked HM Embassy Rome for their preliminary ideas on probable Italian objectives, agenda, programme and ministerial participation (the State Visit and the recent fall of the Cossiga Government will not ease their task in extracting this information from Italian officials). Meanwhile we need to clear our own minds about items we would like to see on the agenda and about our own objectives for the summit. I set out below a first draft for these and shall be grateful if departments would please let the desk officer for Italy, Margaret Savill (W64, 233 3266) have any proposals for additions/subtractions/alterations to these (consulting other Whitehall departments as necessary) by close of play on Thursday 9 October.

## 2. British Objectives

- (i) To establish good working relations between the Prime Minister and the new Italian Prime Minister, in particular by showing that we take seriously Italian views on major current international issues, especially the Middle East.
- (ii) To promote our tactical alliance with the Italians on Community issues in preparation for the next European Council meeting (on 1-2 December) and in particular to convince them of the importance we attach to restructuring the Community budget within the 1% ceiling and to reducing the cost of the CAP.

## 3. Proposals for Agenda

- (i) European Community questions;
- (ii) Middle East;
- (iii) East-West relations including Afghanistan, Poland, CSCE, SALT and TNF;
- (iv) International economic scene;
- (v) Energy questions;
- (vi) Regional questions including : Italy/Malta neutrality agreement; Italy/North Africa;
- (vii) Bilateral questions including equipment collaboration and terrorism.

Miss Deaves.  
D.C.D.

Wespole. You  
will be in touch  
with No. 19  
direct in due  
course on the  
administrative  
arrangements for this.  
visit.  
M. Savill.

*P. Vereker*  
P W M Vereker  
Western European Department  
(W62A 233 4759)

7 October 1980

cc Planning Staff  
Mr Rollo, Economic Service  
CSCE Unit  
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Mr Gladstone  
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Miss M A Savill  
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Date 1 October 1980

Dear Margaret,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE VATICAN

1. With reference to our telegram No. 14, I enclose a copy of the Sostituto's formal reply to our request for a call to be paid on the Pope by the Prime Minister at 5 p.m. on Monday, 24 November.

Yours ever,  
Jim.  
(J H Callan)

cc R N Culshaw Esq MVO  
British Embassy, Rome



SECRETARIAT OF STATE

No. 49444

FROM THE VATICAN, 26 September 1980



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The Secretariat of State presents its compliments to Her Britannic Majesty's Legation to the Holy See and has the honour to acknowledge the communication 353/2 of 1 September 1980 concerning the forthcoming visit to Rome of the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher, P.C., M.P.

The Secretariat of State has pleasure in stating that the Holy Father has graciously consented to the desire expressed by the Prime Minister to be received in audience on Monday, 24th November at 5 o'clock.

The Secretariat of State avails itself of the occasion to renew to Her Majesty's Legation the assurance of its high consideration.



The British Legation to the Holy See  
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Mr Gladstone,  
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cc Min Savill  
Mr. Hays

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Before the PUS departs for Africa on 18 October he ought to despatch the customary letter to Sir Robert Armstrong regarding the Anglo-German and Anglo-Italian Summits in November. It would be helpful to have drafts as early as possible in that week.

6 October 1980

R. A. Burns  
PS/PUS

We'd better aim at closing  
or play 15 October.

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TO ROUTINE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 26 OF 25 SEP

(12) YOUR TEL NO 14

PRIME MINISTERS VISIT TO THE VATICAN

1. THE SOSTITUTO TOLD ME TODAY THAT A FORMAL REPLY TO OUR REQUEST FOR A CALL BY MRS THATCHER ON THE POPE AT 5 PM ON MONDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, WAS IN COURSE OF PREPARATION AND THAT WE COULD PLAN ON THE BASIS OF A CALL ON MONDAY AFTERNOON. HE COULD NOT YET BE PRECISE ABOUT THE TIME.

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Miss Savill

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OBJECTIVES LETTERS FOR ANGLO-GERMAN AND ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMITS

1. Mr Burns rang me to say that he will be accompanying the PUS on one month's tour to Africa leaving on 18 October, and hopes that the PUS can see the 'Objectives letters' for the Anglo-German and Anglo-Italian Summits before he goes. Would you please therefore work to this deadline.

R.

P W M Vereker  
Western European Department

10 September 1980

cc/ Mr. Christie  
Mr. Ferguson

Sp. 9 Oct. 1980.

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TO ROUTINE HOLY SEE

TELEGRAM NUMBER 14 OF 29 AUGUST

AND TO SAVING ROME

YOUR TELNO 21: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ITALY: CALL ON THE POPE

1. AS AGREED BY TELEPHONE HM EMBASSY ROME WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH DETAILS OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROPOSED PROGRAMME.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE ENTIRELY CONTENT TO PLAN ON THE BASIS OF A PRIVATE CALL. MRS THATCHER WOULD IN FACT MUCH PREFER TO HANDLE THE CALL IN THIS LESS FORMAL FASHION.

CARRINGTON

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*Mr Savill - Del. M.  
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legation.*

*Wb.  
27/8.*



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*Mr Bullard*

*R.*

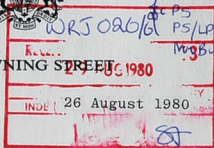
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From the Private Secretary

INDEX 26 August 1980



*Dear David*

Prime Minister's Visit to Italy

Thank you for your letter of 21 August, about arrangements for the Prime Minister to call on the Pope during her visit to Rome on 23-24 November.

The Prime Minister would be entirely content to plan on the basis of a private call. She would in fact much prefer to handle the call in this less formal fashion.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Barry Hilton (Cabinet Office).

*Yours ever*

*Mike Pittman*

J.D. Neilands, Esq.,  
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Dear Mike,

Bn. 1 wh. fl. noted.  
 Mts. 21/8.  
 reply now rec'd  
 re Mts. 27/8.

Prime Minister's Visit to Italy

Would you please refer to paragraph 2(b) of Michael Alexander's letter of 25 July about the Prime Minister's visit to Rome on 23-24 November during which Mrs Thatcher has said she would like to call on the Pope.

The Pope will be in Rome at that time. Owing to the brevity of Mrs Thatcher's visit, however, we propose that she should pay a private, rather than an official, call on the Pope. Such a call would, we consider, make the best use of the available time in that formalities would be kept to a minimum. There would be no presentation of suites nor obligatory separate call on the Cardinal Secretary of State followed by his return call, although Cardinal Casaroli could be included in the private visit if desired.

Furthermore, to fit in with the programme of Anglo-Italian talks, the call will have to take place during the afternoon of 24 November. Since Papal audiences are usually only arranged in the morning, the Vatican have indicated that the Pope is more likely to agree a call during the afternoon if it is a private rather than official one. In view of these considerations I hope that you can agree that we should seek a private call on the Pope.

I am sending a copy of this letter to David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever

*David Neild*  
 (J D Neilds)  
Asst Private Secretary

M A Pattison Esq  
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Mr Lever

*draft to me*

*ON 21/3*

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ITALY

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1. HM Legation to the Holy See have sought advice, in Holy See telno 21 of 11 August, on whether the Prime Minister's call on the Pope during her visit to Rome on 23-24 November should be official or private.
  2. I submit a self-explanatory draft letter to No 10.

*M A Savill*

M A Savill (Miss)  
Western European Department

20 August 1980

cc: PCD

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Sir Ronald Arculus KCMG  
ROME

*My dear Ronald,*

ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS

1. Since returning from leave this week I have read your despatch of 7 July about the Italian Presidency and noted the recommendation in paragraph 11 about compensating by bilateral means for the inevitable exclusion of Italy from certain restricted consultations.

2. Plans are now in train, as you know, for the next meeting of the two Prime Ministers in November. Do you think it would be helpful if I were to offer Gardini half a day or a day of talks here between now and then? You know my view of his chairmanship, and I am not sure how much influence he has on Italian foreign policy, but the things that he says are often of interest if one can only manage to grasp what he is driving at. I would gladly fit in some talks if you thought it would be helpful: I could for example invite him here on his way to one of the meetings of the Political Committee in Luxembourg or on his way back. Perhaps you could let me know what you think.

*Yours ever*  
*Julian*

J L Bullard

*ph. info.*

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TO ROUTINE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 21 OF 11 AUGUST

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5 YOUR TELEGRAM NO 348 TO ROME.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ITALY

1. WHEN I CALLED ON THE SOSTITUTO ON SATURDAY, 9 AUGUST, TO PURSUE THE QUESTION OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S WISH TO CALL ON THE POPE, HE ASKED ME TO SEND HIM A FORMAL NOTE OF REQUEST CONTAINING FULL DETAILS OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME TO ENABLE HIM TO GIVE THE FULLEST CONSIDERATION TO WHEN AND IF A CALL ON THE POPE COULD BE FITTED INTO IT.

2. GRATEFUL FOR DETAILS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. WOULD VISIT BE OFFICIAL OR PRIVATE?

CALLAN

THIS TELEGRAM  
WAS NOT  
ADVANCED

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Spoke to Mr. Joubert  
who will discuss direct  
with Hqs. Legation + inform us  
(call will probably be in pri-  
vate).

Spoke to Mr. Callan.  
Sgt. Hqs. 29/8.

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YOUR TELNO 348. ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS:

1. THESE DATES ARE CONVENIENT TO SIGNOR COSSIGA AND WILL BE RESERVED.
2. BERLINGUER SUGGESTS THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT BE DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER THE STATE VISIT SO AS NOT TO DETRACT FROM IT. ONE MONTH AHEAD WOULD BE THE NORMAL PRACTICE HERE. X
3. PENDING ACTION BY MINISTER TO THE HOLY SEE, I DID NOT MENTION PROPOSAL FOR CALL ON THE POPE.

THIS TELEGRAM  
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TO IMMEDIATE ROME  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 348 OF 6 AUGUST  
*(enc to f1)* AND TO IMMEDIATE HOLY SEE  
YOUR LETTER OF 15 JULY TO THE PRIVATE SECRETARY:  
ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS  
FROM WED

1. PLEASE NOW TAKE UP BERLINGUER'S SUGGESTION THAT WE SHOULD PROPOSE DATES FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS, AND SUGGEST A VISIT ON 23-24 NOVEMBER. THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD AIM TO ARRIVE IN ROME IN TIME FOR DINNER ON SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER, AND TO RETURN TO LONDON LATE IN THE AFTERNOON OF MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER.
2. THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON THE POPE IF HE IS IN ROME. HM MINISTER TO THE HOLY SEE SHOULD PURSUE THIS WITH THE VATICAN AUTHORITIES ONCE THE DATES ARE CONFIRMED.

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1. cc PS/Mr. Baker  
2. ps pl.



Mr Vereker

026/b - 5/8  
- 8 JUL 1980

Anglo-Italian Consultations

The Secretary of State has seen a copy of your minute of 29 July. He agrees that, subject to the agreement of Buckingham Palace, Mr Hurd should accompany The Queen on Her visit to Belgium.

Paul Lever  
(P Lever)

4 August 1980

cc: PS  
PS/LPS  
PS/Mr Hurd  
Mr Fergusson  
PCD

Mr. Amos WDA 6/8  
Min. Sec. - LR  
into 17/8

I spoke to PCD (Min. Sec.) who will write to the Palace about Mr. Hurd.  
Tel. sent to Rome.

R.  
6/8.



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Private Secretary

## ANGLO-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS

- A (2a) 1. Mr Alexander's letter to Mr Lever of 25 July said that the Prime Minister had agreed that we should propose to the Italian Government a visit on 23-24 November. The dates chosen overlap with the dates now announced for The Queen's Visit to Belgium (24-25 November). If you consider that the Secretary of State would wish to accompany The Queen to Belgium you may like to sound out No 10 informally about proposing to the Italian Government a visit later in that week. We are not, for the time being, taking any action with the Italians until this question is decided.
2. If, on the other hand, the Secretary of State does not consider it necessary for him to accompany The Queen on what would be largely formal visits to Belgium, the European Commission and NATO you may wish to suggest that another FCO Minister should go in his place. I understand that the Lord Privy Seal expects to be in Africa that week. I have consulted ECD(I) and Defence Department who would not see objection to this although both departments would see some advantage in the Anglo-Italian Consultation dates being changed in a way which would allow Lord Carrington to participate in both events.

P. Vereker

P W M Vereker  
Western European Department

29 July 1980

- cc Mr Logan (Defence Dept)  
Mr Goodenough (ECD(I))  
PCD  
PS/LPS  
PS/PUS  
PS/Mr Blaker  
Mr Fergusson  
Mr Gladstone  
Miss Savill

fa. Mto.

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From the Private Secretary

*M. Verelst*  
*Mr. Loring*

*I have spoken to*  
*the FRG Embassy on*  
*21. Sep. minute*  
*on (b).*

*Miss Loring*

*Pr. 29/7*

*Dear Paul,*

*Pr. 29/7*

*Inc 1*

*Noted for action please*  
*PS/KRS 026/64*  
*PS/IPS*  
*25 July 1980*  
*Mr. Gulland*  
*Lord R. Giff*  
*Mr. Ferguson*  
*Mr. Harman*  
*PC*

Anglo-German and Anglo-Italian Consultations

As I have already told you on the telephone, the Prime Minister has agreed that:

- (a) We should propose to the Federal German Government moving the dates of the Anglo-German bilateral from 17/18 November to 16/17 November. The Prime Minister would propose to arrive in Germany in time for dinner on Sunday, 16 November. She would prefer to leave late in the afternoon of Monday, 17 November but would be prepared, if necessary, to return after dinner that night;
- (b) We should propose to the Italian Government a visit on 23/24 November. The Prime Minister would, again, aim to arrive in Rome in time for dinner on Sunday, 23 November and to return to London late in the afternoon of Monday, 24 November. The Prime Minister would like to call on the Pope if he is in Rome.

I am sending a copy of this letter to David Wright (Cabinet Office).

*Yours ever*

*Nicholas Alexander*

Paul Lever, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

*I have passed*  
*this on to Sam, &*  
*told them of Mr. Verelst's*  
*conversation with*  
*Alan Goldschmidt.*

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*19/7*



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

25 July 1980

28 JUL 1980

Miss Smith

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Dear Michael,

Anglo-Italian Consultations

It was agreed last October that Anglo-Italian Consultations should be held at Head of Government level twice a year. The last in the series took place in January when the Italian Prime Minister visited London. The timing of the next meeting was discussed in the margins of the Venice Summit. The Diplomatic Adviser to Signor Cossiga has now told Sir Ronald Arculus that Signor Cossiga is looking forward to seeing Mrs Thatcher and Lord Carrington again in Rome and has asked whether dates might be found in late November.

Lord Carrington would see advantage in a visit by the Prime Minister to Rome at the time proposed. It is important that we continue to take full advantage of the Italian wish to maintain a tactical alliance with us on Community questions. The suggested timing would be shortly before the next European Council Meeting (1-2 December) and well after the State Visit to Italy (14-17 October) which will also provide an opportunity for Lord Carrington to have consultations with the Italian Foreign Minister. However, you will wish to take account of the timing of the Anglo-German Summit about which I have written to you separately. Subject to that we propose that Mrs Thatcher might consider paying a two-day visit to Rome during the week beginning 24 November.

A visit to Rome would also provide a suitable occasion for a meeting with the Pope, if the Prime Minister so wished.

Our Embassy would like, if possible, to put suggested dates to Signor Cossiga's office before the end of this month.

I am sending a copy of this to David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours etc

Paul

(P Lever)

M O'D B Alexander Esq  
10 Downing Street



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Secretary of State  
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Mr Fergusson

Private Secretary

ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

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1. In the margins of the Venice Council HM Ambassador at Rome undertook to explore Italian thinking about the date of the Prime Minister's next meeting with Signor Cossiga, which is due to take place in Italy. Sir Ronald Arculus has now reported that Signor Cossiga's Office would like the meeting to be held in the latter part of November. They have asked that we should suggest dates when Mrs Thatcher would be free.

2. I submit a self-explanatory draft letter from the Private Secretary to the Private Secretary at No 10. ECD(I) agree.

*P. Vereker*

P W M Vereker  
Western European Department

24 July 1980

cc Mr Spreckley, ECD(I)  
Mr Gladstone o/r

*[Signature]*  
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BRITISH EMBASSY,

ROME.

15 July 1980

*Mr. Verica*  
*Miss Taylor*  
*Mr. Bullard*  
*Lord Bridges*  
*Mr. Thompson*  
*Mr. Manning*  
G G H Walden Esq  
Private Secretary to the Secretary  
of State  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
LONDON S W 1.  
EC D(1)  
*2/7*

Dear George,

ANGLO/ITALIAN BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

1. When we were in Venice I was asked to find out in mid-July what the Italians thought about the Prime Minister's next meeting with Signor Cossiga, which ought to take place towards the end of this year, though so far as we were concerned it could be allowed to slip into early next year.
2. I took this up with Berlinguer in Cossiga's office last week and reminded him about it today. He said he had now been able to consult his Prime Minister who was indeed looking forward to seeing Mrs Thatcher again in Rome, with Lord Carrington. He thought the visit should take place well after the State Visit by The Queen, which would in itself provide an opportunity for consultations between Lord Carrington and Signor Colombo. On the other hand it should take place shortly before the European Council Meeting at the beginning of December. Berlinguer interpreted this as meaning that we should aim at a meeting in the latter part of November. Because we were always better organised than the Italians he suggested that the Prime Minister's office might like to suggest some dates informally, so at least the Italians would know what dates were not convenient for Mrs Thatcher. This ought to be done if possible before the summer recess, i.e. at the end of July or beginning of August.
3. It is therefore clear that the Italians do not want the date to slip, and there is from their point of view considerable advantage in having the meeting before the next European Council. This might be turned to our advantage also.

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4. When I mentioned this to Mrs Thatcher in Venice she said she would want to devote a day to the meeting in Rome and stay the night at the Villa Wolkonsky. Lord Carrington suggested that the meeting might take place outside Rome for greater peace and quiet. The only place I could think of offhand would be the Villa Rosebery in Naples. But given the time of year and for other practical reasons I daresay the Italians would prefer to have it in Rome.

5. Although it is strictly speaking for the Italians to propose dates, I see considerable merit in Berlinguer's invitation to us to make an opening bid. If you agree, I should be grateful if you could obtain some indications from No.10 which I can put to Berlinguer, preferably before the end of this month.

*Yours ever,*  
*Roxall*

(R Arculus)