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September 20, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: TYRUS W. COBB *twc*

SUBJECT: Craxi Visit Reschedule

BETTINO

The date for the proposed visit of Prime Minister Craxi of Italy on October 12 could not be met and State is coming forward with a revised time frame. The Italians drag their feet in getting back to us on a suitable date, State's reps at the scheduling session with you supported an inappropriate time, and State is moving with usual lack of haste in getting back to you with new dates.

Despite this display of bureaucratic ineptitude I urge you to exercise whatever flexibility you can in securing a new date, preferably in October. As the attached cable (Tab I) from AmEmb Rome makes clear, this visit is extremely important to us:

-- Craxi is Italy's first Socialist premier. Although he is firmly anti-communist, his orientation could become less Atlanticist and more European and, worse, perhaps more Mediterranean in emphasis.

-- Craxi's reply to the President's INF letter was strong and quite supportive. Still, as the INF deployment date approaches he could succumb to the Social-Democratic "delay and negotiate further" appeal. We need to bolster his commitment to deploy if negotiations fail.

I understand that State's revised proposal is very flexible on dates, thus giving the White House maximum latitude in selecting a new time frame.

Ty: It appears that October 20 is the new date.

NSC #8306627 + NSC #8302391

Bob

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Memo to Judge Clark
from Charles Hill (State)
dated Apr 8, 83 attached

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TAGS: OTRA, OVIP (CRAXI, BETTINO)
SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER CRAXI'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

1. (CONF - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. AS MY DCM HAS REPORTED TO EUR/WE, CRAXI UNFORTUNATELY
COULD NOT AGREE TO VISIT WASHINGTON ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER
12, DESPITE THE CONSIDERABLE ADVANTAGES HE MIGHT DERIVE
FROM HIS BEING RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF COLUMBUS' DISCOVERY OF
AMERICA. CRAXI IS LOOKING FORWARD EAGERLY TO SEEING THE
PRESIDENT, IF POSSIBLE IN OCTOBER. THIS WILL BE HIS FIRST
AMERICAN VISIT, AND HE WANTS TO BE ABLE TO SPEND AT LEAST
THREE OR FOUR DAYS IN OUR COUNTRY, INCLUDING PROBABLY A
DAY IN NEW YORK, AND PERHAPS A VISIT TO A LEADING
UNIVERSITY. UNFORTUNATELY AS REGARDS OCTOBER 12 HE WILL
BE TIED UP WITH SOME VITAL DOMESTIC MEETINGS JUST BEFORE
THAT, AND JUST AFTER THAT HE HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THE
SPANISH PRIME MINISTER ON THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 14.
HE HAS TRIED TO CHANGE THESE PLANS BUT IT WAS PHYSICALLY
IMPOSSIBLE TO DO SO, AND HE HAS THEREFORE TOLD ME WITH
REAL REGRET THAT HE CANNOT PLAN TO COME TO WASHINGTON
FOR OCTOBER 12.

3. WE HAD FIRST SUGGESTED INFORMALLY TO THE ITALIANS THAT
THEY CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT ON OCTOBER 20
OR, IF THAT DAY WAS NOT POSSIBLE, A DAY WITHIN A TIMEFRAME
UP TO A WEEK BEFORE OR A WEEK AFTER OCTOBER 20. THERE IS
NO DOUBT THAT THE ITALIANS LOST TIME IN GETTING BACK TO
US: THEY THEMSELVES ADMIT IT.

4. THAT SAID, IT REMAINS IN OUR DEEPEST INTEREST TO DO
OUR UTMOST TO FIND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AN EARLY AND
MUTUALLY AGREEABLE DATE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO SEE
THE PRESIDENT IN WASHINGTON. HE IS WELL WORTH THE
TROUBLE. ASSISTANT SECRETARY BURT OF COURSE EMPHASIZED
WHEN HE SAW CRAXI SEPTEMBER 10 THAT WE HOPED TO FIX A
DATE FOR THIS FALL VERY SOON.

5. IDEALLY, CRAXI WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PRESIDENT IF
POSSIBLE ON A MONDAY, AFTER WHICH HE WOULD AS NOTED PLAN
TO VISIT NEW YORK AND PERHAPS A UNIVERSITY. I URGE THAT
WASHINGTON DO ALL POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE US ONE OR MORE
POSSIBLE DATES OTHER THAN OCTOBER 12. AS FAR AS WE CAN
SEE, CRAXI WOULD BE FREE FOR A VISIT TO WASHINGTON ON
OCTOBER 18, 19, 20, OR 21, AS WELL AS DURING THE

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WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, OCTOBER 24. OTHERWISE, WE WOULD
~~BE PLEASED TO PUT TO HIM A DATE IN NOVEMBER FALLING AS~~
SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S RETURN
FROM HIS ASIAN TRIP.
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TO KIMMITT

FROM COBB

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3/7/10

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KEYWORDS ITALY

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SUBJECT PM CRAXI VISIT RESCHEDULE

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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April 8, 1983

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WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Meeting with President for Italian Socialist Leader

For nearly two years Benedetto (Bettino) Craxi, the young, dynamic and ambitious leader of the Italian Socialist Party (PSI), has been seeking a meeting with the President. We believe that now is an optimum time to extend a formal invitation and we therefore recommend a ten-minute photo opportunity either for the first half of July or preferably in September, closer to actual deployment of INF in Italy. Such a meeting is in the U.S. interest for foreign policy reasons as well as for Italian domestic political considerations.

On the foreign policy front, Craxi has been a stalwart Atlanticist, a good friend of the U.S., and from its inception, an advocate of the INF two-track policy. However, in recent months he has hinted at a reappraisal of his support for actual INF deployment in Italy, while continuing to state that base construction should be completed. We believe these hints are only for the purpose of internal inter-party tactical political maneuvering, but nevertheless a highly publicized meeting with the President would serve to bolster Craxi's commitment to INF, particularly during the crucial final lead up to actual deployments at Comiso. Another objective would be to note U.S. appreciation for the constructive and moderate role Craxi has played in the Socialist International.


On the domestic political scene, since 1976 Craxi has reversed the PSI's downward trend and has parlayed its ten percent of the popular vote into influential pivotal standing between the Christian Democrats and the Communists. Given parliamentary arithmetic, national coalitions which exclude the Communists are impossible to form without PSI support. Now allied in a center-left coalition with the Christian Democrats, the PSI has cooperated quite responsibly in implementing Italy's new economic austerity program. Concurrently, the Socialists are positioning themselves for the next national elections probably in the spring of 1984, following which Craxi is expected to make his bid for the Premiership. His key competitor in that election, Christian Democrat leader Ciriaco De Mita, met with the President on January 13.

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An invitation to Craxi would thus provide the opportunity to deliver a two-fold message: appreciation and encouragement to a key democratic force in Italian politics, as well as a signal that the PSI's Atlanticist posture is worth pursuing and that Craxi's efforts to undercut the Communists on the peace issue are appreciated.


Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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TO CLARK

FROM HILL

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MTG W/ PRES FOR ITALIAN SOCIALIST LEADER

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR CLARK

DUE: 11 APR 83 STATUS S FILES

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October 19, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE *pub for*

SUBJECT: Participants List for Working Visit of Prime Minister Craxi of Italy - October 20

Following is a list of participants for the working visit of Prime Minister Craxi of Italy, October 20.

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Briefing - Oval Office

The President *Amb. Rabb -*
Vice President
Robert C. McFarlane
Secretary Shultz
Assistant Secretary Richard Burt
Tyrus W. Cobb, NSC
Meese, Baker, Deaver will attend at their discretion

11:30 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. - Meeting - Oval Office
Pool photo opportunity at beginning of session

U.S. The President
Vice President
Robert C. McFarlane
Secretary Shultz
Assistant Secretary Burt
Ambassador Maxwell M. Rabb
Tyrus W. Cobb, NSC
Meese, Baker, Deaver will attend at their discretion
Neal Seidenman, State Department Interpreter

Italy Prime Minister Bettino Craxi
Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti
Secretary-General Francesco Malfatti di Montretretto
Ambassador Rinaldo Petrignani
Isabella Randone, Italian interpreter

11:50 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Meeting - Cabinet Room

U.S. Same as 11:30 meeting with following additions:
Secretary Regan
Secretary Weinberger
Attorney General Smith

Italy Same as 11:30 meeting with following additions:

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Gennaro Acquaviva, Chief, Prime Minister's Personal
Secretariat
Antonio Ghirelli, Press Secretary and Spokesman for the
Prime Minister
Ambassador Bruno Bottai, Political Director, Ministry
of Foreign Affairs
Ambassador Maurizio Bucci, Economic Director, Ministry
of Foreign Affairs

12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Working Lunch - Residence

U.S. Same as listed for 11:50 a.m. Cabinet Room meeting with
following addition:
John M. Poindexter

Italy Same as listed for 11:50 a.m. Cabinet Room meeting

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WASHINGTON

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September 13, 1983

Dear Mr. Houghtelling:

The Department is in receipt of your letter to the President recommending your wife for diplomatic service in Italy.

Though your wife has an impressive background, positions abroad are normally filled by career members of the Foreign Service. However, should an appropriate appointed position become available, you may be assured that she will receive every consideration.

Your effort to bring your suggestion to the President's attention is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Roscoe B. Starek, III

Roscoe B. Starek, III
Special Assistant for
White House Liaison

Mr. Ayres Houghtelling
60 Sutton Place South,
New York, New York.

Sep 683 Anne Higgins ltr. attached
Thanking for advice

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

FOR: Mr. William P. Clark
National Security Council
The White House

WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

REFERENCE:

TO: The President FROM: Ayres Houghtelling

DATE: unknown SUBJECT: Houghtelling

recommending his wife for diplomatic service in Italy.

WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: 9/6/83

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XX THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

 A draft reply is attached.

 A draft reply will be forwarded.

 A translation is attached.

XX An information copy of a direct reply is
attached.

 We believe no response is necessary for the
reason cited below.

 Other.

REMARKS:

Will. N. B. Hill
for Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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September 6, 1983

Dear Mr. Houghtelling:

On behalf of President Reagan, I want to thank you for your message and for sending him the artwork.

Because of the specific nature of your comments, I have taken the liberty of forwarding your message to the appropriate officials at the Department of State.

With the President's best wishes to you and Mrs. Houghtelling,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

Mr. Ayres Houghtelling
60 Sutton Place South
New York, NY 10022

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Dear president Reagan:

It's presumptuous of me at this time to bother you with Shakespeare, but he is the vehicle to relay a story, please be patient.

My wife and I believe you are our type of President. Sometimes we wish you were a bit stronger and tougher but we know it's difficult.

This summer we presented, large prints on canvas, same size as the original paintings, which are approximately 40" x 60", to the city of Venice, Italy. Prints of Othello, and of Othello. They will hang in the Civici Musei Venizian, which is being restored at this time.

We're sending the Taming of the Shrew to the city of Padua later. Hamlet to Denmark. "Macbeth" to Edinburgh etc. etc.

I expect to finish the rest of the Plays of Shakespeare at a Villa in Porto Santo Stefano, Italy. The villa is owned by Senator Lowell Weicker. We saw it this summer, and we want it.

Would you do me this favor?

My beautiful wife is Italian, actually, an Italian princess "Lydia Maddalena". Her

cousin is Princess Paula of Belgium. She is now the assistant to the president of NBC news - Ruven Tsank. (a print of her portrait is in the brochure).

She would serve our country, beautifully in our diplomatic service to Italy. She naturally speaks perfect Italian. I want her near me while I'm painting the plays of Shakespeare. Incidentally, I have been asked by the U.S.I.S. to lecture in England, Germany and Italy on our plays of Shakespeare. A cultural exchange. Euzan Modi - (office of European affairs.) As you know Italy is the local of thirteen of Shakespeare's plays. more than England, Eleven (all History) + Greece, six

I know you so very busy, God Bless you, but if you or Nancy are in New York - would love you to see the Originals in color. Or if we could talk to you for a very few minutes in Washington, it would be wonderful.

Thank you, Bless you and God be with you — Sincerely
Agnes Thoughttelling

P.S. At the proper time, we're going to send you under separate cover all prints mounted on Gatorboard.

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: Rinaldo Pettrignani

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SUBJECT: respond to his letter of August 3rd

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Referral Note: letter sent by MKD 9/22/83

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
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83 SEP 27
Date SEP 26 1983

For: Mr. William P. Clark
National Security Council
The White House

WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

Reference:

To: Michael Deaver From: Italian Ambassador Petrignani

Date: August 3, 1983 Subject: Italian award "Grand
Official in the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic"

WH Referral Dated: 9/21/83 NSC ID# 8306653
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 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

Action Taken:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
- The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.
- Other.

Remarks:

Kristie A. Keeney
for Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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D R A F T

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 3 informing me of the decision of President Pertini, taken on the recommendation of former Prime Minister Fanfani, to bestow upon me the decoration of "Grande Ufficiale nell'Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana."

I am deeply grateful for this very high honor. As Senator Fanfani noted in his letter which you transmitted to me, our regulations would not allow me to receive foreign decorations while in office. However, I would be pleased and honored to receive the insignia and the diploma of the Order of Merit at an appropriate time when permitted by our regulations.

May I ask you, Mr. Ambassador, please to convey to President Pertini and Senator Fanfani my deep appreciation for this gesture, which reflects the friendship between our two countries embodied by the warm nature of then Prime Minister Fanfani's visit to Washington and Williamsburg last May.

Sincerely,

Michael Deaver

His Excellency
Rinaldo Petrignani,
Ambassador of Italy
1601 Fuller Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

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MEMORANDUM FOR STATE

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION TO DEEVERS, MICHAEL
SOURCE PETRIGNANI, RINALDO
DATE 03 AUG 83

KEYWORDS ITALY MP

SUBJ LTR TO DEEVERS FM AMB FANFANI RE DECORATION OF GRANDE UFFICIALE

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DUE DATE: 24 SEP 83

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FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 21, 1983

Dear Rinaldo:

Thank you for your letter of August 3, 1983 and the enclosed letter from Senator Fanfani, advising that the President of the Italian Republic intends, on the recommendation of the Senator, to offer to me the decoration of "Grande Ufficiale dell'Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana" at some point after I am no longer an official of the United States Government.

As the former Prime Minister correctly notes, the laws of the United States generally prohibit acceptance by American officials of titles and decorations conferred by other nations. I do, however, want to express to you and to him my deepest appreciation for your letters and for your very kind comments about my efforts in connection with the Williamsburg Summit and the Prime Minister's visit. It was an honor for me to be able to join many others in helping to extend the hospitality of President Reagan and the people of the United States to the Prime Minister. That honor is enhanced by knowing that our efforts did in fact make some contribution to the success and enjoyment of the Prime Minister's visits to the United States, and it was most gracious of you and him to say so.

I am also enclosing herewith a separate letter expressing my thanks to the former Prime Minister, and would be most grateful if you would arrange for its delivery to him.

I hope you enjoyed your recent weeks in Italy. With kindest personal regards and, again, my thanks,

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

His Excellency
Rinaldo Petrucci
Ambassador of Italy
1601 Fuller Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 16, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING 
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Future Award of an Italian Decoration

Thank you for forwarding for review by our office the letters you received from Italian Ambassador Petrignani and Senator (and former Prime Minister) Fanfani, advising that, on Fanfani's recommendation, the President of the Italian Republic has decided to award you an Italian decoration at some future point when you are no longer a Federal employee.

Fanfani's statement that "American procedures" preclude your acceptance of this award while in office is, in general, correct. The Constitution prohibits Federal officials from accepting foreign gifts, titles and the like without Congressional consent; and Congress by statute has established a general rule against accepting foreign gifts or decorations, which are to be turned over to our Government. Though there are possible exceptions permitting individual acceptance that we could explore, I do not think it prudent or necessary to do so (particularly since it is clear the Italians do not expect you to accept the decoration now).

There is a separate question as to whether, as a Federal officer, you should or must reject what could (but does not have to) be characterized as a "present offer" of a future decoration. The constitutional provision, the statute and applicable regulations give little if any guidance on this point; and in checking with the State Department, we found little policy or precedent in this area. Apparently, however, foreign governments do at times advise our foreign service officers, shortly before their retirement, that an award or decoration will be conferred upon or after retirement; and we are advised by State that no one has viewed this notification as presenting any problem, or giving rise to any obligation that the "notice" or "offer" be rejected.

Given this practice (and the fact that the relevant statutory and regulatory reporting and other requirements are basically triggered by actual "acceptance" of a gift or decoration), I do not think you have to treat the Italian correspondence as a "present offer" of a decoration that you must either accept or

(almost certainly) reject at this time. Rather, I think you may justifiably view the letters simply as notification of a firm intent to make a formal offer of the decoration to you after you have left office, which you need not now formally accept or reject.

Accordingly, attached for your review and signature are letters to Petrignani and Fanfani that thank them for notifying you of the Italian action, but are silent on whether you will accept the decoration in the future. The letter to Fanfani is enclosed with the letter to Petrignani, for actual delivery to the Senator by the Ambassador (who had advised you he would be returning to Washington sometime after Labor Day).

Let me know if you have any questions; thank you.

Attachments

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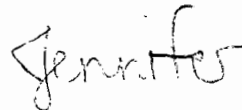
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FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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August 3rd, 1983

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My dear Mike,

Senator Amintore Fanfani, before relinquishing his office as Italian Prime Minister, has asked me to forward to you the enclosed letter.

As you will see, Prime Minister Fanfani informs you of the decision of the President of the Italian Republic to bestow upon you the decoration of "Grande Ufficiale al Merito della Repubblica", one of the highest in Italy, as a token of his deep appreciation for all that you have done towards the preparation of both his visit here and the Williamsburg Summit.

To the warm wishes of Senator Fanfani, I would like to add my own congratulations as well as the expression of my deepest personal gratitude.

I hope to soon have the opportunity to seeing you again.

With best wishes and warmest regards

Yours sincerely

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P. S. I am going for a few weeks to Italy on leave and shall be back after Labor Day. I hope to see you soon after my return. I know that you are also leaving - have a very good summer!

The Honorable
Michael Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff
and Assistant to the President
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PRIME MINISTER CRAXI OF ITALY
DEPARTURE STATEMENT

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PRIME MINISTER CRAXI VISITS US AS THE LEADER OF ONE OF AMERICA'S CLOSEST AND MOST STALWART ALLIES. ITALY, IN RECENT YEARS, HAS EMERGED AS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL NATIONS OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE. PRIME MINISTER CRAXI, BY ASSUMING LEADERSHIP OF THE ITALIAN PEOPLE, HAS QUICKLY ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS A MAJOR FIGURE IN GLOBAL POLITICS. WE ARE IMPRESSED BY THE DYNAMIC AND STATESMANLIKE LEADERSHIP PROVIDED BY THE NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, AND WE ARE PARTICULARLY PLEASED BY THIS OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO DEEPEN OUR CONSULTATIONS AND BROADEN OUR COOPERATION WITH OUR TRUSTED ITALIAN FRIENDS.

ITALY IS PLAYING A CRUCIAL ROLE IN THE NATO EFFORT TO CORRECT THE IMBALANCE IN NUCLEAR FORCES IN EUROPE.

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IN OUR DISCUSSION TODAY, PRIME MINISTER CRAXI AND I REVIEWED THE I.N.F. NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION AND REAFFIRMED OUR GOAL: AN EQUITABLE, VERIFIABLE AGREEMENT. IF SOVIET INTRANSIGENCE CONTINUES, WE ARE COMMITTED TO NATO DEPLOYMENT OF U.S. MISSILES. WE REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT AN UNDERSTANDING WILL BE REACHED, AND WE WILL CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS EVEN AFTER INITIAL DEPLOYMENTS. INDEED, FOR 2 YEARS THE UNITED STATES HAS NEGOTIATED IN GOOD FAITH, WHILE THE SOVIETS HAVE CONTINUED TO DEPLOY THEATER NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND I ALSO REVIEWED DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER ARMS CONTROL FIELDS.

THE U.S. AND ITALY SHARE A COMMON APPROACH TO THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT IN EUROPE, WHERE WE WILL BE ATTEMPTING TO REDUCE THE RISK OF SURPRISE ATTACK IN EUROPE BY IMPROVING OBSERVATION CAPABILITIES AND BY PROVIDING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF MILITARY FORCES AND ACTIVITIES. WE ARE STRIVING FOR REDUCTIONS OF CONVENTIONAL FORCES AND TO ESTABLISH PARITY IN GROUND FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

I EXPRESSED TO THE PRIME MINISTER OUR DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS ITALY IS MAKING TO MEDITERRANEAN SECURITY AND TO THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. ITALY WAS AMONG THE FIRST NATIONS TO OFFER ITS FORCES FOR SERVICE IN THE SINAI TO HELP IMPLEMENT THE HISTORIC CAMP DAVID ACCORDS. ITALIAN AND AMERICAN SOLDIERS NOW ARE BEARING THE DIFFICULT BURDENS OF PEACEKEEPING IN LEBANON.

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THE PEACE, BUT IN MAKING PEACE AS WELL. THE
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TOWARD THE RESTORATION OF LEBANESE
SOVEREIGNTY THROUGHOUT THAT TROUBLED NATION.
I CANNOT OVEREMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
ITALIAN DILIGENCE IN THIS CRUCIAL EFFORT.

WE EXAMINED THE WORLD ECONOMY AND
DISCUSSED OUR RESPECTIVE EFFORTS TO DEAL
WITH THE ECONOMIC CHALLENGES WE FACE. I
EXPRESSED OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE DIFFICULT
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS ITALY PRESENTLY CONFRONTS
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RESTORE BALANCED AND NON-INFLATIONARY
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I'VE BEEN ESPECIALLY IMPRESSED BY PRIME MINISTER CRAXI'S COMMITMENT TO ATTACK ORGANIZED CRIME AND NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. WE SHARE A CRUCIAL INTEREST IN EFFORTS TO SUPPRESS THE INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS. ACCORDINGLY, THE PRIME MINISTER AND I HAVE AGREED TO ESTABLISH A JOINT ITALIAN-AMERICAN WORKING GROUP ON ORGANIZED CRIME AND NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.

PRIME MINISTER CRAXI COMES TO OUR SHORES AS AN ESPECIALLY WELCOME GUEST, IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, WHERE THE ELEMENT OF PERSONAL TRUST IS SO ESSENTIAL, SUCH MEETINGS AS THIS ARE INVALUABLE. I AM DELIGHTED TO SAY THAT THE PRIME MINISTER AND I HAVE LAID THE BASIS TODAY FOR CONTINUING THE OPEN, COOPERATIVE AND MUTUALLY-HELPFUL RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS BEEN TRADITIONAL BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR LEADERS.

THANK YOU. ##

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL



ACTION

October 19, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: TYRUS W. COBB *TWC*

SUBJECT: Revision of President's Departure Statement for Craxi Visit

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State, the AG's office, and the speechwriters have approved the revised remarks.

RECOMMENDATION

That you insert the revised departure remarks in the Craxi briefing memo.

Approve *RM*

Disapprove _____

cc: Tyson

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Italy is playing a crucial role in the NATO effort to correct the imbalance in nuclear forces in Europe. In our discussion today, Prime Minister Craxi and I reviewed the I.N.F. negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union and reaffirmed our goal: an equitable, verifiable agreement. If Soviet intransigence continues, we are committed to NATO deployment of U.S. missiles. We remain hopeful that an understanding will be reached, and we will continue negotiations even after initial deployments. Indeed, for 2 years the United States has negotiated in good faith, while the Soviets have continued to deploy theater nuclear weapons.

The Prime Minister and I also reviewed developments in other arms control fields. The U.S. and Italy share a common approach to the forthcoming Conference on Disarmament in Europe, where we

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We examined the world economy and discussed our respective efforts to deal with the economic challenges we face. I expressed our understanding of the difficult economic problems Italy presently confronts and our support for the tough, but essential measures the Italian government is taking to restore balanced and non-inflationary growth. I expressed the hope that our own strong recovery would help Italy lift itself out of its present recession.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. ROOSEVELT

FROM CHRISTINE HATHAWAY

SUBJECT Official Working Visit of
Prime Minister Craxi of Italy
October 18-21, 1983

The following will be presented to Prime Minister Craxi on the occasion of his Official Working Visit to Washington:

Williamsburg Letter Opener and Paperweight

Letter Opener has a rosewood handle that has a sterling silver Presidential Seal on it and a sterling silver blade; the Paperweight is inspired by the 1820 Seal of the United States (The Great Seal) and is made of pewter and rosewood.

Personally inscribed photograph of the President in blue leather frame with Presidential Seal.

Mrs. Craxi will receive the Cartier Vermeil Strawberry Basket.

Miss Stefania Craxi will receive a Williamsburg Scalloped Dish with Nancy Reagan signature in the center.

Mr. Vittorio Craxi will receive a pewter tray with the Presidential Seal in the middle.

cc: Michael Deaver/William Sittmann/Jim Rosebush/
David Fischer/Kathy Osborne/Carol Cleveland/
John Hilboldt/Tim Towell/Jim Mancini/EUR/WE
D. Thomas Longo, Jr.

