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OPENING TALKING POINTS AND THEME FOR THE DISCUSSION

(U) Rearming America and Revitalizing NATO: Italy

- The Reagan Administration is dedicated to rearming America. We have submitted programs to Congress to get the American economy moving, and to restore American military strength.
- We must bring our military capabilities up to a level that is consistent with our military requirements. We can do this because the American people are prepared, for the first time in two decades, to make major increases in the aggregate resources available for defense.
- We are determined to demonstrate once again to Italy and to all our Allies the reliability and value of American friendship, and we are confident that you will want to join us in assuming a fair share of an enhanced defense effort.
- One of the great strengths of our Alliance is that, unlike the Warsaw Pact, no one partner dominates the other, in terms of military or political contributions.
- In this respect, we look upon the Italians as an important ally and we are aware of your past contributions.
- My plan is to consult with you and with other allies frequently, so as to resolve any misunderstandings before they become problems.

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TALKING POINTS

(S) Italian NATO Contributions - Need for Increased Defense Spending

- (U) I am aware of the important role Italy had in NATO's dual track LRTNF decision of December 1979, and that your government is trying hard to show substantial increases in defense spending, meeting the NATO goal of 3 percent or more in three of the last four years.
- (U) We intend to demonstrate to our allies the level of our concern over the Soviet threat by the new level of effort we will make.
- (U) The new DoD programs add \$6.8 Billion in FY 81 and \$25.8 Billion in BY 82 to the total obligation authority. We plan to increase real defense obligation authority 7 percent per year in FY 83 through FY 86.
- (U) It would be a great example to the alliance and helpful in my dealings with the US Congress if Italy can make good on her 6 percent or more increase in FY 81.

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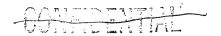
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TALKING POINTS

Italian Contributions to NATO AWACS

- (C) NATO AWACS is vitally important to the Alliance for enhanced deterrence, early warning, and crisis management. As you know, AWACS will greatly improve the air and sea defense of the Southern Flank.
- (C) I know that, as in the case of nuclear modernization, Italy played a key role in bringing about the Alliance AWACS program.
- (C) If the program fails, the Alliance would be vulnerable to low-level air attack, and many of our other defense improvements would be wasted.

 We need the full force of 18 aircraft.
- (C) I understand that Italy is now considering a delay in its AWACS contribution. If Italy were to defer the total payment of her AWACS contributions much beyond 1985, we would face extreme difficulty in holding the program together. The program cannot withstand any additional financial pressures, without facing collapse.
- (C) We appreciate the serious economic problems which Italy faces. We have our own serious problem with inflation, unemployment, and inadequate growth of the economy. President Reagan has taken very difficult steps to cut back unnecessary government spending, reduce taxes, and revitalize the economy. We hope that Italy will be able to make similar hard choices.

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(C) Italian Contributions to NATO AWACS. Prior to May 1978, Italy was committed to make only a \$1 million symbolic contribution to NATO AWACS. After a series of letters between Italian MOD Ruffini and Secretary Brown during the spring of 1978, as well as extensive DoD contacts with Italian MOD officials, Minister Ruffini on 15 May 1978 committed Italy to a total contribution of \$102.2 million (1977 \$). In the Multilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MMoU) signed on December 1978 by twelve Alliance defense ministers, the Italian payment schedule was expressed as follows:

"Italian acquisition share commitment is limited to \$102.2M in real terms (June 1977 US dollars). The present Italian commitment to the Acquisition Programme is limited to the following amounts: 1979, \$4.6M; 1980 \$5.0M; 1981, \$5.6M; 1982, \$5.0M; 1983, \$5.0M; in 1983 Italy will evaluate her economic situation and, if possible, increase the level of payments subsequent to 1983 by 10 to 15 million dollars annually."

This Italian position (derived from US suggestions) was accepted by participating nations.

- (U) With a best case reading of the Italian position, Italy would complete payments by 1987 -- two years after the acquisition period ends. The US and other nations had hoped to convince Italy to increase her annual contributions from 1983 onwards in order to reach her \$102.2M total by 1985 when all acquisition bills will be due.
- (U) However, an Italian representative to the NATO AWACS program recently stated that Italy would pay only \$10 million (1977 \$) per year from 1984 through 1991 (six years after the acquisition phase ends). Such a deferred payment schedule would cost the NATO AWACS program about \$70 million in interest alone to cover the Italian payments needed by 1985. This potential financial crisis has shaken the confidence of our AWACS partners. If Italy does not increase her payments through 1985, nations would have to contribute more funds; however, in signing the MMoU, several nations have already capped their total contributions. In the absence of increased Italian contributions, the program would face an extremely severe financial crisis in 1983 or 1984, coming perilously close to bankruptcy.

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TALKING POINTS

(U) US-Italy MoU on Armaments Cooperation

- The MoU on reciprocal defense procurements is an important step in the process of achieving the greatest common defense capability at the lowest possible cost.
- It will have the added benefits of enhancing standardization while aiding the defense industrial bases of both nations.
- We consider the Beretta pistol an excellent candidate for a US single family of 9mm handguns and are reviewing issues surrounding its possible acquisition.
- Should we choose the Beretta pistol, we would need to confirm that all requirements of the Services could be met.
- We will continue to investigate the structuring of a mast mounted site cooperative effort that will be meaningful to both sides.
- Bilaterally we will continue to seek opportunities for expanding arms cooperation with Italy.
- We agree on the important support Italy provided to NATO in joining NATO AWACS and agreeing to GLCM basing. We believe that Italian_ defense industry is an important asset to the Alliance and want to work with you to improve its contribution.

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TALKING POINTS

(C) The Income Taxes of US Navy's Italian Employees

- We have recognized this as a troublesome issue which, if not treated delicately, could cause great harm to the Italian workers who have faithfully served our common cause in their employment with US NATO forces in Italy.
- We are anxious to form an agreement with the Government of Italy which equitably shares the resolution to this problem.
- My staff and that of our State Department and Justice Department are ready to meet again, as necessary, after you complete your internal review of the draft executive agreement we offered on 3 March, this year.

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TALKING POINTS

(C) Consultations

- (C) Recognizing Italy's key role in the Alliance, I assure you that we respect Italy as a partner and value our opportunities for close consultations.
- (C) Italy's Foreign Minister Colombo was the first foreign minister to meet with the President and the Secretary of State. Secretary Haig and I considered his visit a valuable contribution to our development of key policies for the new administration.
- (C) My trip to Rome is my first bilateral meeting in an Allied Capital.

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TOAST FOR SECRETARY WEINBERGER APRIL 9-10

IHO MINISTER OF DEFENSE LAGORIO OF THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY

MR. MINISTER AND DISTINGUISHED COMPANY: I AM VERY PLEASED, MR. MINISTER, TO BE IN ITALY, A NATION WHOSE CUISINE AND CULTURE ARE UNSURPASSED AND A NATION WHOSE FRIENSDHIP STANDS SECOND TO NONE IN IMPORTANCE TO MY GOVERNMENT. THIS IS MY FIRST BILATERAL VISIT AS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, AND I HOPE OUR MEETINGS HAVE BEEN AS USEFUL FOR YOU AS THEY HAVE FOR ME.

THE BROAD RANGE OF MUTUAL INTERESTS AND THE EXTENT OF OUR RELATIONSHIP HAS PROVIDED MANY TOPICS FOR CONSULTATION. OF ALL THE TOPICS UPON WHICH WE HAVE CONFERRED, THE SUBJECT OF INCREASING DEFENSE SPENDING IS PROBABLY THE MOST COMPLICATED AND YET MOST NECESSARY.

DURING THIS PERIOD, BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS ARE CONSIDERING
DEFENSE BUDGETS. I AM MOST ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT YOUR
DEFENSE BUDGET SHOWS SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN DEFENSE SPENDING
AS DOES THE US DEFENSE BUDGET, AND IT INDICATES TO ME THAT WE
ARE OF THE SAME MIND WHEN WE CONTEMPLATE THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR MUTUAL
SECURITY INTERESTS.