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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 24, 1981

FOR: JAMES BAKER
EDWIN MEESE
RICHARD ALLEN
JAMES BRADY
MICHAEL DEEVER
CHARLES TYSON
JOSEPH CANZERI
ROBERT GARRICK
ED GRAY
DAVE FISCHER

FROM: MORT ALLIN
Press Office (2947 or 2948)

SUBJECT: Alleged Interview of President Reagan

As attached states, the U. S. Embassy in Rome would like to inform top-level Italians whether interview is genuine or not.

Would each of you please let me know as soon as possible whether, to your knowledge,

- (a) President Reagan ever met with Mr. ^x Carpi; *Piev*
- (b) Written answers were ever prepared; or
- (c) The statements may have been gleaned from other articles/ broadcasts done by the candidate in the past?

If all your answers are negative to all three possibilities, I will recommend that the Embassy state that "to the best of our knowledge, the interview never took place and the statements attributed to President Reagan were never made by him."

Please advise of any recommended changes if such a statement is to be suggested to the Embassy.

Thanks.

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WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICE FOR ALLEN; USICA/EU FOR BALDYGA
 E.O. 12866: N/A
 TAGS: PFOR, IT
 SUBJECT: ALLEGED INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN
 REF: ROME 01208, BURNETT/MALONE TELCON 1/22

1. ROME WEEKLY "IL SETTIMANALE" OF JANUARY 27 CARRIES WHAT IS ALLEGED TO BE AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN CONDUCTED BY PIER CARPI, THE AUTHOR OF A CONTROVERSIAL BOOK CALLED "THE KENNEDY CLAN."

2. THE INTERVIEW HAS ATTRACTING HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION BECAUSE OF STATEMENTS ABOUT ITALIAN POLITICAL LEADERS AND THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY. ADVISORS TO ITALIAN PRESIDENT PERTINI AND SENATE PRESIDENT FANFANI HAVE ALREADY ASKED EMBASSY WHETHER THE INTERVIEW IS GENUINE.

3. THE FOLLOWING EXCERPTS MAY HELP ESTABLISH WHETHER OR NOT THE INTERVIEW IS GENUINE.

Q. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE ITALIAN POLITICAL LEADERSHIP?

A. I DON'T KNOW ANY OF THEM PERSONALLY, BUT I HOPE TO...

Q. ONE OF THEM CLAIMS TO KNOW YOU WELL AND TO HAVE MET YOU WHEN HE WAS FOREIGN MINISTER.

A. I'M SORRY, BUT I HAVE A VERY GOOD MEMORY. I DON'T KNOW ANY ITALIAN POLITICIANS BUT I HOPE TO GET TO KNOW THEM SOON. I'M SURE THAT WE'LL HAVE A CLEAR EXCHANGE OF IDEAS WHICH WILL LEAD TO A REINFORCEMENTS OF THE ALREADY VERY GOOD RELATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

Q. HOW DO YOU LOOK UPON A POSSIBLE ENTRANCE OF THE

*****WHSR COMMENT*****

PRESS OFFICE MR
 EOS:EURW

COMMUNISTS INTO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT?

A. THE U.S. DOES NOT INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, NOT EVEN ITS FRIENDS. NATURALLY I WOULD NOT LOOK UPON IT FAVORABLY BUT I THINK THAT IT'S REALLY IMPROBABLE.

Q. IN ITALY IT'S TALKED ABOUT SERIOUSLY AND OUR COUNTRY HAS THE STRONGEST COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE WEST...

A. YOU MAY BE A GOOD WRITER, BUT YOU ARE A POOR POLITICIAN...

Q. THANK YOU, THAT'S A COMPLIMENT.

A. IT'S NOT CORRECT TO SAY THAT ITALY HAS THE STRONGEST COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE WEST. IN REALITY, IT IS THE WEAKEST. IT RECEIVES A LOT OF VOTES BUT THAT IS ITS PRINCIPAL WEAKNESS. OUTSIDE OF A FEW PARTY LEADERS AND A CERTAIN STRUCTURE, THOSE ITALIANS ARE NOT VOTING COMMUNIST. I WOULD SAY THAT THE PCI IS ILLEGITIMATELY USING ITALIAN SOCIALIST VOTES, PROTEST VOTES, A KIND OF NATIONALISTIC VOTE AND A PURELY IRRATIONAL VOTE. BY BECOMING A GOVERNMENT PARTY, THE PCI WOULD ONLY LOSE ITS VARIED AND UNDEFINABLE ATTRACTIVENESS AND IT WOULD LOSE VOTES. THE COMMUNISTS ARE COMMUNISTS, AND THAT'S IT. ONCE IN POWER THEY MUST FOLLOW INTERNATIONALIST DICTATES AND REMAIN FAITHFUL TO MOSCOW AND DISAPPOINT THOSE WHO VOTED FOR THEM, OR CHANGE AND THEN THEY WOULD NO LONGER BE COMMUNISTS AND THE DISAPPOINTMENT WOULD BE EVEN GREATER. IN ADDITION, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE ITALIAN COMMUNISTS HAVE A REAL LEADER CAPABLE OF PLAYING AN ALTERNATIVE ROLE, WHICH IS POSSIBLE ONLY FOR SOMEONE OF THE MYTHICAL STATURE OF A TITO.

Q. WHO IS THE PERSON THAT YOU MOST ADMIRE?

A. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THEM. BUT I HAVE GREAT SYMPATHY FOR THE ROMAN PONTIFF... I ADMIRE HIM FOR THE THINGS THAT HE HAS SAID AND WRITTEN, WHICH SHOW GREAT MORAL TENSION.

Q. WHO ARE THE STATESMEN WHOM YOU MOST ADMIRE?

A. METTERNICH, JEFFERSON AND PITT.

Q. AND THE PEOPLE THAT YOU MOST LOVE?

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WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICE FOR ALLEN; USICA/EU FOR BALDYGA

A. THERE ARE THREE THAT I COULD NEVER IMITATE:
 ST. FRANCIS, HENRY THE IV OF NAVARRA AND GIUSEPPE
 GARIBALDI.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY MUSICAL FAVORITES?

A. IN ADDITION TO MODERN MUSIC, JAZZ IN PARTICULAR,
 I HAVE SOME GREAT LOVES. MY HEART IS WITH VIVALDI,
 MY INTELLECT WITH WAGNER AND MY EAR WITH OFFENBACH.
 I HAVE ALSO KNOWN TWO GREAT CONDUCTORS, TOSCANINI
 AND VICTOR DE SABATA. I FIND THE LATTER ONE OF THE
 GREATEST.

Q. WHAT IS THE MOST RECENT BOOK YOU HAVE READ?

A. I RECENTLY REREAD A NEW TRANSLATION OF "THE
 MASTER AND MARGERITA" BY MICHAEL BULGANOV, A GREAT
 AUTHOR. I AM ALSO A GREAT FAN OF POETRY AND NARRA-
 TION: POE, BAUDELAIRE, TENNYSON, BORGES. I THINK
 YOUR DANTE IS SOMETHING SUBLIME, ESPECIALLY IN THE
 HYMN TO ULYSSES IN THE "DIVINE COMEDY."

Q. AND WITH ADVERSARIES THAT STAB YOU IN THE BACK?
 I AM REFERING TO THE PROBLEM OF TERRORISM WHICH
 AFFECTS MINE AND MANY OTHER COUNTRIES.

A. IT'S A PLAGUE WHICH MUST BE AND WILL BE DESTROYED.
 FREE PEOPLE AND THEIR GOVERNMENTS MUST USE EVERY MEANS
 TO DESTROY THIS CRIME. EVERY COUNTRY HAS ITS PROB-
 LEMS, OFTEN DIFFERENT, BUT THERE ARE SOME WHICH HAVE
 BEEN IN THE EYE OF THE CYCLONE FOR TOO LONG: ITALY,
 TURKEY, SPAIN...THERE ALSO CLEARLY EXIST AN INTER-
 NATIONAL DESIGN, COUNTRIES, HIDDEN CENTERS, MEN WHO
 ORGANIZE, FINANCE AND PROTECT TERRORISM.

Q. IS THERE A REAGAN DOCTRINE?

A. YOU BET THERE IS. IT'S BASED ON TWO FUNDAMENTAL
 POINTS. THE CONSTITUTION OF THE U.S. AND THE

DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN. I DON'T THINK THAT ANY PRESIDENT COULD ADD ANYTHING TO THEM. IT'S DIFFICULT ENOUGH TO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THOSE TWO.

Q. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF "COURS DE MAIN" LIKE THAT IN THE HORN OF AFRICA, THE USE OF CUBAN MERCENARIES IN REVOLTS AND LOCAL CONFRONTATIONS IN MANY COUNTRIES?

A. THE U.S. WILL NOT TOLERATE SUCH CRIMES AND I'M SURE THAT OUR ALLIES WOULD AGREE.

Q. WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO DURING YOUR ADMINISTRATION ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES IN THE EMBASSY IN TEHRAN?

A. WE'LL DO SOMETHING, THAT'S CLEAR. IT'S EVEN CLEARER THAT WE DO NOT INTEND TO GIVE IN TO BLACKMAIL, NOR TO DEAL WITH COMMON PIRATES. YOU WILL REMEMBER HOW JULIUS CAESAR, KIDNAPPED BY PIRATES, AFTER THE PAYMENT OF THE RANSOM, RETURNED TO EXECUTE THEM ALL. WELL, FOR US, EVERY AMERICAN CITIZEN IS CAESAR AND WE CANNOT AND WILL NOT PAY RANSOM, THUS ENDORSING A PIRATHICAL AND CRIMINAL POLICY WHICH SOME NUT MIGHT FEEL JUSTIFIED IN IMITATING.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. EMBASSY REQUESTS SOONEST POSSIBLE CONFIRMATION WHETHER THE INTERVIEW DID IN FACT TAKE PLACE FOR WIDEST POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION TO NEWS MEDIA AND GOI OFFICIALS.

5. FULL TEXT OF INTERVIEW FOLLOWS SEPTEL. GARDNER

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February 6, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable
 Richard V. Allen
 Assistant to the President
 for National Security Affairs
 The White House

FROM: John W. Shirley *JWS*
 Acting Director

SUBJECT: Visit of Italian Foreign
 Minister Colombo

Attached is a briefing paper which assesses the current state of Italian public opinion on foreign and defense issues. I hope you will find it useful in discussing Minister Colombo's February 11 visit with the President and the Vice President.



February 5, 1981

ITALIANS PREDOMINANTLY SUPPORT NATO, PREFER EC RATHER THAN ATLANTIC FOREIGN AND ECONOMIC POLICIES

Many Italians Deem NATO Essential, But Few Favor Increased Defense Spending

Many Italians still consider NATO essential to their security, according to a public opinion survey last October (59% to 28% among those aware of NATO). This level of support has been relatively constant over the past decade. It is lower than support for NATO in Britain and West Germany, but higher than in France. This degree of support is about the same as in Belgium and the Netherlands. When asked to choose between NATO and several alternative security approaches:

- A majority (56%) favored continued military ties with the U.S. Only 27 percent, however, wanted this cooperation through NATO as is, while the other 29 percent would prefer a modified NATO structure giving the Europeans more say.
- A quarter chose one of four other alternatives: the French formula, an independent West European force not allied to the U.S., reliance on Italy's own forces, or accommodation with the USSR.

Despite majority support for NATO, Italians widely oppose increased defense expenditures: in October, only one in ten favored increased defense spending for NATO. In fact, four in ten wanted decreased defense expenditures while about as many (36%) favored keeping them at the same level. Moreover, last May, most Italians (70%) favored reduced defense spending if inflation gets much worse, but only 13 percent supported reduced spending for medical and social services.

On the U.S.-Soviet military balance, the Italian public is evenly divided. In January 1980, 26 percent called the U.S. stronger, 27 percent believed that the Soviet Union was stronger, and 35 percent saw the superpowers as equal.

Italians Prefer the EC Framework on Foreign and Economic Policy

Last October a 40 percent plurality favored developing a common EC foreign policy. Only 22 percent supported a common Atlantic foreign policy based on close cooperation with both the other EC states and the U.S.

Similarly, a plurality (38%) of Italians preferred a common EC economic policy, while a third favored a common Atlantic (19%) or trilateral (14%) policy. Nonetheless, last May a majority (55%)

named the U.S. as the country best able to lead in trying to solve international economic problems. Second place West Germany was named by 16 percent.

On energy, however, the Italians expect their government to look out for Italy's own interests. Thus, most Italians (72%) agreed that, if necessary to maintain future oil supplies, Italy should make its own agreements with the Arab oil countries, even if it harms relations with the U.S.

Italian Domestic Scene -- Terrorism the Most Serious Concern; More Prefer the Communists Outside the Government

Despite serious concern about terrorism as well as widespread disillusionment with the economic situation and the political system, few favor radical change, according to surveys conducted in September and October 1980. Terrorism was mentioned most frequently (by 50%) as one of the most "important and urgent problems" facing the Italian government, followed by unemployment (40%) and inflation (32%). (Terrorism was also the most frequently named problem in two earlier surveys taken in the past 18 months.)

Only 21 percent expressed satisfaction with the functioning of their political system. (Satisfaction in the other eight EC countries ranged between 36 and 75 percent.) One-third of the Italians saw Italy's economic situation as "disastrous" and an additional 36 percent believed it to be "serious, but the worst is yet to come." Nevertheless, only six percent favored revolutionary change. The majority (61%) supported gradual reform, while 29 percent emphasized the defense of the "present society" against subversion.

As to Communist participation in the government, more Italians favor the Communists outside rather than in the government. However, they are divided on the governmental coalition formula they prefer. Last September, shortly before the formation of the present government, a plurality (40% to 30%) believed that "in the interest of the country" it is preferable for the Communists to be in opposition.

Asked more specifically about the kind of coalition they do want, about half (53%) favored a government not including the Communists, with 31 percent preferring the center-left and 22 percent wanting either a centrist or center-right solution. About a third (36%) opted for some form of government including the Italian Communist Party.

Only one-quarter considered the center-left -- which is the majority supporting Prime Minister Forlani -- to be an adequate means for dealing with Italy's problems, while 37 percent believed it inadequate.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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January 29, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK ALLEN
THROUGH: JANET COLSON
FROM: JIM RENTSCHLER
SUBJECT: Colombo Meeting with the President

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The Schedule Proposal at Tab A is self-explanatory. You and Chuck may or may not want to use this format (I am told it was initiated in the first Nixon Administration); it's a bit cumbersome but it does have the virtue of nailing pretty much everything down in a single memo.

In any event, State is fully on board with the kind of meeting recommended in this submission. One question-mark at the moment is the extent to which the Vice President is firmly locked into a 3:00 p.m. meeting on February 12 with Colombo (it would be good if he is; the logistics of the follow-on drop-by with the President would then flow smoothly from that kind of format -- the Vice President could simply lead him to the Oval Office). I would suggest sending the Vice President's office a copy of the attached proposal and requesting concurrence before it goes to the President.

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Ayke
advises
That the
3:00 apt.
is firm.
JC*

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Schedule Proposal at Tab A.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

cc: Chuck Tyson

- VP is locked in. ~~OT to check.~~

*- Per State? not coming?
O.K. - we can handle.*

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NSC SECRETARIAT ATTN: Loretta

Comment:

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it apparently did not go forward
to anyone - this seems to be
one of those things that was
handled by telephone)

JEAN PALAGINO
c/o Situation Room

See Note
inside

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INTERNAL NSC ROUTING

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

DATE:

FROM: Richard V. Allen *RV*

VIA: Michael Deaver

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

CONFIDENTIAL

MEETING: Brief "Drop-by" call by Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo (U)

DATE: Thursday, February 12, 1981 (p.m.) (C)

PURPOSE: Foreign Minister Colombo would like to pay a brief courtesy call on you in connection with a lunch and meeting he hopes to have with the Secretary of State earlier in the day and following a possible 3:00 p.m. meeting with the Vice President (C)

FORMAT: - the Oval Office
- Foreign Minister Colombo, The Vice President, Mr. Allen, Italian Ambassador Pansa (C)

CABINET PARTICIPATION: - Vice President (C)

SPEECH MATERIAL: - talking points will be provided by NSC (U)

PRESS COVERAGE: - meeting will be announced;
- full-blown photo opportunity (U)

STAFF: Mr. Allen;
NSC Staff member James Rentschler (U)

RECOMMEND: State (see attached request) (U)

OPPOSED: None (U)

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None (U)

BACKGROUND: The Foreign Minister will be in New York February 11 for the inauguration of the Italian Trade Center. Embassy Rome and the State Department strongly feel that a brief photo meeting with Colombo will a) respond to an intense Italian desire to avoid having its Foreign Minister among the last of the major allies to be received at the highest levels of the new Administration; b) help ensure effective cooperation with Italy in NATO matters; c) provide a boost for the domestic political position of the Forlani government. Because it is anticipated that the Foreign Minister will meet briefly with the Vice President at 3 p.m. on February 12, Colombo's "drop-by" call might be most effectively scheduled in the context of that call. (C)

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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January 27, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Visit of Italian Foreign Minister -
Encounter With the President

Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo will be in New York February 11 for the inauguration of the Italian Trade Center. He will visit Washington February 12 for a meeting and lunch with the Secretary. We understand that Colombo has a 3:00 p.m. appointment with Vice President Bush on that date. He then hopes for an opportunity to exchange a few words with the President.

A brief call on the President with the Vice President as escort has been a part of the program for recent visits by Italian Foreign Ministers, and the Italians would be dismayed if it could not be arranged this time. Such a meeting will give a boost to the center/left government, which is in our interest. The Secretary supports both a vice presidential meeting with Colombo and a brief "walk-through" to introduce Colombo to the President. The Department therefore recommends that, following their own meeting, Vice President Bush introduce Colombo to the President for greetings and photos.

Peter Tarnoff
Executive Secretary

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- Send to
- ✓ Give R a copy of my memo to Hag
- ✓ Give Tyson copy of R's memo

Jean ne tubed original to Rentschler

She also gave Tyson a copy

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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January 26, 1981

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BY: Ms NURADINE 10/5/2022

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK ALLEN
FROM: JIM RENTSCHLER
SUBJECT: Call by Italian FM Colombo on President (H)

For what it's worth, I think it would be very useful to work in a brief "drop-by" on the President for Italian Foreign Minister Colombo during the February 12-13 timeframe as suggested in Dick Gardner's cable (attached). The Italians are notoriously hung up on bella figura, but a few minutes of the President's time this early in the Administration can probably buy a number of important items: (H)

I agree.
But Pansa repeatedly on the rapping on the door.

- Less Italian obsession with the "Guadeloupe Syndrome" (exclusion from Quad meetings) and thus greater flexibility for the President in future multilateral-meeting formats;
- a disincentive to play games with us on TNF;
- a psychological boost for the Forlani coalition's domestic position; and (as I risk violating the Hatch Act)
- some early domestic points for the President with the Italian-American community here. (H)

Helping the Italians with their imagery at this point will, in fact, preclude the necessity for any longer substantive meeting over the next few months -- and thus work to the overall interests of the President's crowded schedule. "Diplomacy by photograph" is really the easiest thing we could do for the U.S.-Italian bilateral relationship in mid-February and probably the most effective. (H)

RECOMMENDATION

That the President's schedulers be asked to reserve a ten- or 15-minute drop-by call for Colombo during the period February 12-13. (H)

Approve ✓

Disapprove

Work up schedule proposal ✓ coordinate with State

cc: Chuck Tyson

I have spoken to Harg - See my memo to him, attached.

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1. (~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. SUMMARY: ITALIANS HAVE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THEIR PROPOSAL THAT COLOMBO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT FEBRUARY 12 OR 13 CANNOT BE ARRANGED. WHILE APPRECIATING OUR SUGGESTION OF LATER VISIT, THEY HAVE ASKED THAT WE RECONSIDER ON BASIS OF THEIR REQUEST FOR BRIEF TEN MINUTE WALK-IN CALL ON PRESIDENT FEB. 12 OR 13. ALTERNATIVELY, ITALIANS ASKED THAT COLOMBO BE RESCHEDULED SO THAT HE WOULD NOT BE LAST AMONG WEST EUROPEAN BIG FOUR (UK-FRENCH-FRG-ITALY) TO BE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON - APPARENTLY THIS WOULD MEAN COLOMBO WOULD HAVE TO COME SOMETIME BEFORE GENSCHER ARRIVES ON MARCH 9. WE RECOMMEND THAT COLOMBO VISIT BE RECONSIDERED URGENTLY IN LIGHT OF ITALIAN REQUESTS. END SUMMARY.

3. ITALIAN MFA SECRETARY GENERAL Malfatti phoned Ambassador evening of January 24, apparently immediately on receipt of message from Italian Ambassador in Washington Pansa. Malfatti expressed strong disappointment that Foreign Minister Colombo could not see the President during his proposed February 12-13 visit to Washington. Malfatti said that he was sure that his disappointment would reflect that of Colombo himself.

4. Ambassador responded that he, too, had just received message on Colombo visit. He reminded Malfatti

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THAT THE ITALIANS HAD SELECTED THE TIME, AND, AS REGARDS A COLOMBO MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, WE WERE NOT SAYING "NO" BUT JUST "NOT NOW." AMBASSADOR CONTINUED THAT U.S. PROPOSAL FOR LATER TIMING IN MARCH OR APRIL WAS AN EXCELLENT ONE SINCE IT WAS DESIGNED TO GIVE COLOMBO FULL SUBSTANTIVE EXPOSURE TO THE PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY AND OTHER KEY MEMBERS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION, AND ALSO TO ACCORD TO THE ITALIANS IDENTICAL TREATMENT TO THE BRITISH, THE FRENCH AND THE GERMANS.

5. Malfatti answered that Italians very much appreciated U.S. desire to give Colombo opportunity for discussions in depth with the President and Secretary, and were particularly pleased by proposed equal treatment with "Big Three." However, present Italian imperative is appearances and timing. They wish to be seen as among the first to be received at the highest level in Washington, and this was more important than substance at the present moment. Malfatti explained that all the Italians were asking was for ten minutes of the President's time -- enough for a handshake, a few words and a photo and, hopefully, the same with the Vice President -- and this in their proposed February 12-13 timeframe. This coupled with U.S. suggestion for extended office call and luncheon with the Secretary on February 12 would be optimum from Italian standpoint. Malfatti urged that Ambassador ask Washington to reconsider Colombo visit along these lines.

6. Malfatti was frank in emphasizing that Italian purpose in seeking early meeting with President for Colombo was much more image than substance. Malfatti reviewed number of factors which led GDI to pursue this course to give Forlani government timely image boost both for domestic and foreign purposes. On domestic side, Malfatti underlined fragility of government beset by terrorism, economic problems and scandals and faced with increasingly strident opposition from Italian Communist Party. On foreign side, Malfatti implied (but did not specifically mention) that visit could bolster Italian performance on TNF. (Comment: We note that Germans made same point in connection with Schmidt visit.)

7. Concluding, Malfatti said that if even ten minute walk-in visit with President for Colombo on February 12 or 13 was totally impossible, Italians could accept U.S. proposal for later visit if it did not repeat not mean that Italians were last among major European allies

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AND GERMAN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OR FOREIGN MINISTERS
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FORMULA - NEITHER FIRST NOR LAST. IF OUR UNDERSTANDING
OF CURRENT SCHEDULE OF VISITS IS CORRECT, THIS MEANS
THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO ARRANGE A COLOMBO VISIT SOMETIME
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(BEFORE GENSCHER COMES ON MARCH 9.)

8. AMBASSADOR AGREED TO CONVEY MALFATTI'S VIEWS TO WASHINGTON ON AN URGENT BASIS.

9. COMMENT: IN SUM, ITALIAN PROPOSALS ARE THAT PRESIDENT RECEIVE COLOMBO FOR A TEN MINUTE WALK-IN VISIT ON FEBRUARY 12 OR 13, OR ALTERNATIVELY COLOMBO BE SCHEDULED FOR FULL-FLEDGED MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY AND OTHERS SOMETIME BEFORE GENSCHER COMES ON MARCH 9. MALFATTI MADE THE FAMILIAR ARGUMENT FOR APPEARANCE AND TIMING OVER SUBSTANCE -- IT IS A FACT THAT IN THE ITALIAN SITUATION APPEARANCES HAVE IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS. WE ASK THAT THE COLOMBO VISIT BE RECONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF ABOVE ON AN URGENT BASIS.
GARDNER
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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 27, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: RICHARD V. ALLEN
FROM: CHARLES P. TYSON^{CT}
SUBJECT: Visit of Italian Foreign Minister

Would you please advise me as to whether a meeting with Foreign Minister Colombo is going to be set up. The President's Schedule is starting to get tight for that time period.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

WASHINGTON, DC 20270

January 11, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE-DESIGNATE

FROM: RICHARD Y. ALLEN

As you know, the Italian Foreign Minister, Mr. Colombo, will be in the United States in connection with the inauguration of the Italian Trade Center on 11 February in New York.

Ambassador Pansa has called to tell me of a request that has been made to see you, and now Ambassador Pansa requests a meeting with the President on February 12th or 13th.

Because you and I have basically agreed that French Foreign Minister Jean Francois Poncet should see the President, it will be obviously necessary for Mr. Colombo to call upon the President too, albeit briefly.

It is my intention to recommend to the President that he see Foreign Minister Colombo, but I should like to have your advice and concurrence before so doing.

The Vice President-elect has also been asked to see Foreign Minister Colombo. A possible way to handle the visit would be for the Foreign Minister to pay a call on George, who could then introduce him briefly to the President.

If convenient, I should like to hear from you on this by Wednesday, January 14.

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bcc: Chuck Tyson ✓

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUMDATE 2/4/81

TO: RICHARD ALLEN
 FROM: GREGORY *GF* NEWELL
 SUBJ: Approved Presidential Activity

Please take the necessary steps to implement the following and confirm with Helene von Damm, ext. 2699. The appropriate briefing paper should be submitted to Dick Darman by 3:00 p.m. of the preceding day.

Meeting: with Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo.

Mrs. Reagan Participation: No

Date: Thurs., Feb. 12 Time: 3:30 p m Duration: **15** mins.

Location: Oval Office

Press Coverage: Coordinate with Press Office.

Purpose: Brief courtesy call while he is in the U. S. for the inauguration of the Italian Trade Center in New York.

Note: Following the President's meeting, please submit a confirmed list of actual participants, including staff or Administration attendees to me. Include full names and business titles for non-White House participants.

CC: Michael Deaver	Elizabeth Dole
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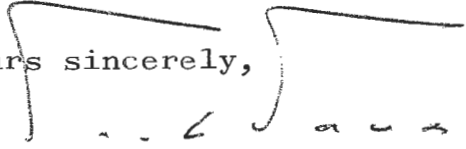
Dear Mr. President

I have the honor to convey to you the enclosed message from His Excellency Emilio Colombo, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy.

For your convenience, I am also enclosing an unofficial translation of the text.

I avail myself of this occasion to renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,


Paolo Pansa Cedronio

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY THE MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

" Dear Mr. President,

Upon my return to Italy, I wish to let you know how pleased I was to meet you personally and to express to you my warmest appreciation for the cordiality with which you welcomed me in Washington.

I considered especially useful and fruitful the exchange of views which we had and from which a convergent assessment emerged on such important aspects of a complex and delicate international situation.

In renewing to you my most sincere best wishes, I convey to you, Mr. President, my most cordial greetings.

Sincerely,

Emilio Colombo

Il Ministro degli Affari Esteri

Roma, 16 febbraio 1981.

Dear President,

al mio rientro in Italia desidero dirLe quanto sia stato lieto di fare la Sua personale conoscenza ed esprimerLe il mio più vivo ringraziamento per la cordialità con cui Ella mi ha accolto a Washington. Considero particolarmente utile e fruttuoso lo scambio di idee che abbiamo avuto e che ci ha visti concordi nella valutazione di così importanti aspetti di una situazione internazionale complessa e delicata.

Nel rinnovarLe i più sinceri auguri, La prego di voler accogliere, Signor Presidente, i miei più cordiali saluti.

Sincerely

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Presidente degli Stati Uniti d'America

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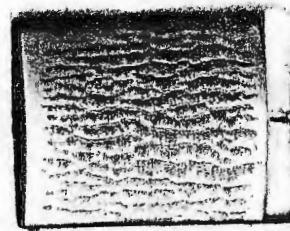
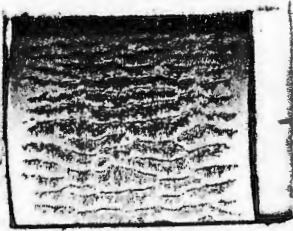
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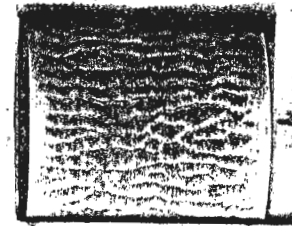
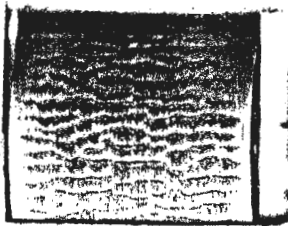
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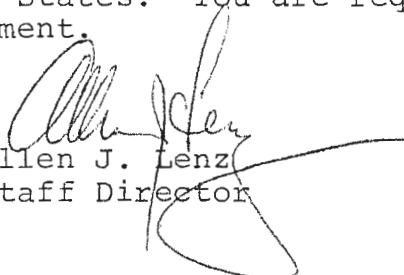
MEMORANDUM FOR:

L. Paul Bremer III
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT:

Agreement of Rinaldo Petrignani of Italy
as Ambassador to the United States

The President has reviewed and concurs in the recommendation of the Department of State that the appointment of Rinaldo Petrignani as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Italy to the United States would be agreeable to the Government of the United States. You are requested to so inform the Italian government.


Allen J. Lenz
Staff Director

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March 20, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: DENNIS C. BLAIR *DCB*

SUBJECT: Agreement of Rinald Petrignani of Italy
as Ambassador to the United States

Attached at Tab A is a memorandum to State for Allen Lenz's signature approving Mr. Petrignani's appointment. Your approval is required before Allen Lenz signs the memo. *J* Jim Rentschler and I concur with the State Department's assessment at Tab I that Mr. Petrignani would make an excellent ambassador to the United States.

RECOMMENDATION

That you concur with Mr. Petrignani's appointment as ambassador to the United States.

Approve *ML* Disapprove _____
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Appointment of Rinaldo Petrignani of Italy
as Ambassador to the United States.

The Government of Italy has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Rinaldo Petrignani as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States (Tab 2). A biography of Petrignani is attached (Tab 1).

The Department believes from the information available that Petrignani will make an excellent ambassador to the United States and recommends that the President agree to the proposed appointment. If he concurs, the Department will inform the Government of Italy.

L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- 1. Biography.
- 2. Note No. 02542
from Embassy of Italy.

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BIOGRAPHY - Rinaldo Petrignani

Italy

A career diplomat, Petrignani joined the Italian foreign service in 1949. He served on the staff of the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (1949-50) and then on the Italian delegation to the UN European Office in Geneva (1951-52). He was Vice Consul in Mulhouse, France (1953) before joining Italy's delegation to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg (1953-57).

From 1957 to 1959 Petrignani served at the Italian Consulate General in New York. From 1959 to 1968 he was First Secretary and Counselor at the Italian Embassy in Washington. He then returned to Rome, where he headed the Foreign Ministry's disarmament office (1968-73) and later served as diplomatic advisor to Prime Minister and afterwards Foreign Minister Rumor (1973-76). In 1976 he went to Geneva as Permanent Representative to the UN office, with rank of ambassador. In March 1978 he became Deputy Secretary General of NATO, the post he currently holds.

Our NATO Mission describes Petrignani as "efficient, clear-thinking, and entirely pro-American". Other U.S. officials have found him intelligent, extremely competent, friendly, and cooperative. He is one of Italy's leading experts on disarmament and related questions.

Petrignani was born in Rome on December 18, 1927. He obtained a law degree from the University of Rome in 1948. He is married. He speaks excellent, idiomatic English.

A thorough search of United States Government sources reveals no grounds for objection.

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The Embassy of Italy presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to inform that the Italian Government proposes to appoint Ambassador Rinaldo Petrignani, whose curriculum vitae is enclosed as Ambassador of Italy to the United States of America to succeed Ambassador Paolo Pansa Cedronio and to request the agreement of the United States Government to this appointment.

The Embassy of Italy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its highest consideration

March 12, 1981
The Department of State
Washington D.C.



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CURRICULUM VITAE OF AMBASSADOR RINALDO PETRIGNANI

Ambassador Rinaldo Petrignani was born in Rome on December 18, 1927. He graduated in Law from the University of Rome on November 22, 1948.

He entered the diplomatic-consular service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on December 1, 1949.

On February 1, 1950 he was assigned to the Secretariat of the Under Secretary of State.

On July 1, 1950 he became Consular Attache. On April 26, 1951 he was assigned as Second Secretary to the Diplomatic Mission of the Council of the United Nations for Lybia. On December 21, 1951 he became Vice Consul, Second Class.

On March 2, 1952 he was assigned to the Department of Political Affairs in Rome. On February 11, 1953 he was posted in Mulhouse. He was promoted to the rank of Vice Secretary, First Class on November 8, 1954. On July 1, 1956 he became Third Secretary of Legation. On June 26, 1957 he was assigned to the Italian Consulate General in New York as Deputy Consul. On August 5, 1957 he became Second Secretary of Legation. On November 20, 1958 he became First Secretary of Legation. On March 18, 1959 he was assigned to the Italian Embassy in Washington. On March 16, 1962 he became Counselor of Legation. On December 20, 1963 he was confirmed as Counselor at the Italian Embassy in Washington. On March 17, 1967 he became Counselor of Embassy. On April 1, 1967 he was confirmed as First Counselor at the Italian Embassy in Washington.

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On June 14, 1968 he was appointed Head of the 14th Bureau of the Department of Political Affairs in Rome. On September 29, 1970 he was promoted Extraordinary Envoy and Minister Plenipotentiary, Second Class. On May 26, 1973 he was assigned as Assistant to the Director General of Political Affairs in Rome. On July 26, 1973 he was assigned as Diplomatic Counselor to the President of the Council of Ministers.

On November 23, 1974 he was appointed Head of the Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. On May 23, 1975 he was promoted Extraordinary Envoy and Minister Plenipotentiary, First Class.

On August 14, 1976 he was appointed Head of the Italian Permanent Mission to the International Organizations in Geneva with the rank and title of Ambassador.

On March 16, 1978 he was assigned to the Atlantic Council in Brussels as Deputy Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

He was promoted to the rank of Ambassador on February 22, 1980.

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