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THE OFFICIAL WORKING VISIT

OF

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC

AND

MRS. FANFANI

TO

WASHINGTON, D.C.

MAY 1983

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MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL ITALIAN PARTY

- His Excellency Amintore Fanfani
 President of the Council of Ministers of
 the Italian Republic
- Mrs. Fanfani
- His Excellency Rinaldo Petrignani Ambassador of Italy to the United States
- His Excellency Remo Paolini
 Diplomatic Advisor to the Presidential
 Council of Ministers
- Professor Mario Arcelli Head of the Department of Economic Affairs
- Dr. Ignazio Contu Press Secretary and Spokesman for the Prime Minister
- Counselor Antonio Badini
 Deputy Diplomatic Advisor of the
 President of the Council of Ministers
- Colonel Giovanni Danes Chief of Security
- Mr. Agazio Pacetta Security
- Ms. Vivina Bonaccorsi Interpreter
- Ms. Salvation C. Lasala Personal Aide to Mrs. Fanfani

WEDNESDAY MAY 25, 1983

2:55pm His Excellency The President of the Council of Ministers of the Italian Republic arrives New York/JFK Airport via Alitalia #610.

3:45pm Depart New York/JFK via U.S. Presidential Aircraft (VC-9), enroute Andrews Air Force Base.

4:35pm Arrive Andrews Air Force Base.

Welcoming Committee

4:45pm Depart via U.S. Presidential Helicopter enroute the Washington Monument Grounds.

4:55pm Arrive the Washington Monument Grounds.

Greeted by The Honorable George P. Shultz Secretary of State.

Honor cordon.

Photo Opportunity.

5:00pm Depart the Washington Monument Grounds via motorcade enroute the the Residence of the Ambassador of Italy, (Firenze House), 2800 Albemarle Street, N.W.

5:00pm Mrs. Fanfani arrives
Washington, D.C./
National Airport
via Eastern Airlines
Shuttle

5:20pm Arrive Firenze House.

WEDNESDAY MAY 25, 1983 (continued)

8:00pm Dinner hosted by Prime Minister and Mrs. Fanani in honor of Vice President and Mrs. Bush at Firenze House.

Dress: Black Tie

Overnight: Firenze House

THURSDAY MAY 26, 1983

9:00am Meeting with The Honorable George P. Shultz, Secretary of State, at Firenze House.

10:00am Mrs. Fanfani departs
Washington, D.C./
National Airport via
United Airlines #223
enroute Chicago/
O'Hare Airport.

11:30am Meeting with President Reagan in the Oval Office of the White House.

Photo Opportunity.

12:15pm Working Luncheon hosted by President Reagan at the White House.

THURSDAY MAY 26, 1983

1:30pm Departure Statements at the Diplomatic Entrance of the White Approx. House. Depart the White House, Southwest 1:45pm Approx. Gate enroute the Embassy of Italy, 1601 Fuller Street, N.W. 2:15pm Meeting with members of the Italian Press at the Embassy of ·to 2:45pm Italy. 3:15pm Depart Firenze House via motorcade enroute Andrews Air Force Base. 3:55pm Arrive Andrews Air Force Base. 4:00pm Depart Andrews Air Force Base via U.S. Presidential Aircraft (VC-9), enroute Chicago/O'Hare Airport. Arrive Chicago/O'Hare Airport. 4:50pm

CDT Welcoming Committee.

5:00pm Depart O'Hare Airport enroute the Drake Hotel.

Overnight: Chicago/Drake Hotel

FRIDAY MAY 27, 1983

Foreign Ministrer 2:55pm Colombo arrives New York/JFK Airport via Alitalia #610.

Afternoon Foreign Minister Colombo arrives Washington, D.C./ National Airport.

FRIDAY MAY 27, 1983 (continued)

3:55pm Depart Chicago/O'Hare Airport via CDT American Airlines, #562 enroute Washington, D.C./National Airport.

6:36pm Arrive Washington, D.C./National EDT Airport.

6:45pm Depart via motorcade enroute the Residence of the Ambassador of Italy, (Firenze House), 2800 Albemarle Street, N.W.

7:15pm Arrive Firenze House.

8:00pm Private dinner at the Residence of the Ambassador of Italy.

Dress: Business Suit

Overnight: Firenze House

SATURDAY MAY 28, 1983

12:05pm Depart Firenze House via motorcade enroute Andrews Air Force Base.

12:45pm Arrive Andrews Air Force Base.

12:55pm Depart via U.S. Presidential Aircraft (VC-9) enroute Williamsburg/ Langley Air Force Base.

1:30pm Arrive Williamsburg/Langley Air Force Base.

4:00pm Mrs. Reagan hosts
Tea for Mrs. Fanfani
at the White House.

Overnight: Williamsburg

SUNDAY MAY 29 MONDAY MAY 30

In Williamsburg.

TUESDAY MAY 31, 1983

10:35am Depart Langley Air Force Base via U.S. Presidential Aircraft (VC-9), enroute New York/La Guardia Airport, Marine Air Terminal.

11:30am Arrive New York/La Guardia Airport.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 1, 1983

6:00pm Depart New York/JFK Airport via Alitalia Airlines, #611, enroute Rome.

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WEDNESDAY MAY 25, 1983

Andrews Welcoming Committee

The Honorable Richard R. Burt Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs

The Honorable Selwa Roosevelt Chief of Protocol

Brig. General Albert Guidotti Commander, 76th Airlift Division Andrews Air Force Base

His Excellency Emilio Savorgnan Permanent Representative of Italy to the Organization of American States

Mr. Ranieri Tallarigo Deputy Chief of Mission Embassy of Italy

Brigadier General Vittoriano Giachini Defense and Air Attache Embassy of Italy

Mr. Michelangelo Pisani Massamormile Econimic Minister Counselor Embassy of Italy

Mr. Pier Luigi Rachele Minister Counselor Embassy of Italy

WEDNESDAY MAY 25, 1983

Andrews Welcoming Comittee (continued)

Mr. Giovanni Ferrero Counselor Embassy of Italy

Mr. Benedetto Amari Counselor Embassy of Italy

Mr. Ludovico Ortona Counselor Embassy of Italy

Captain Achille Zanoni Naval Attache Embassy of Italy

Colonel Cesare Pucci Military Attache Embassy of Italy

Mr. Pellegrino Amato Counselor Embassy of Italy

Mr. Gerardo Carante Counselor Embassy of Italy

Mr. Giovanni Caracciolo di Vietri Counselor Embassy of Italy

Mr. Robert S. Gelbard Acting Director, Office of Western European Affairs

Mr. Claudio Pacifico First Secretary Embassy of Italy

Mr. Vincenzo Prati First Secretary Embassy of Italy

Mr. Thomas D. Longo Officer-in-Charge of Italian Affairs

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Greeted by:

Mrs. Petrignani

Mrs. Rabb

Counselor Macchia Embassy of Italy

Professor Bozzetti Embassy of Italy

Mr. Patrick Daly, Office of Protocol

5:05pm

Mrs. Fanfani departs National Airport enroute Firenze House.

Car 2

Mrs. Fanfani Mrs. Petrignani Mrs. Rabb -- Mr. Daly

Car 2-B Couns. Macchia EMB CAR Prof. Bozzetti Ms. Lasala

-- Mr. Toschi

5:25pm Arrive Firenze House

5:00pm

Depart the Washington Monument Grounds via motorcade enroute the Residence of the Ambassador of Italy, (Firenze House), 2800 Albemarle Street, N.W.

WEDNESDAY MAY 25, 1983

5:00pm	Monument Gro	ounds to Residence
	Lead Car	USSS
	Spare Car	
	PM's Car	PM Fanfani Amb. Petrignani Sec. Shultz Ms. Bonaccorsi- Interpreter
	Follow-up	USSS
	Car 3	Amb. Paolini Amb. Roosevelt Amb. Rabb - Mr. Coyne
	Car 4	Dr. Contu Prof. Arcelli Mr. Burt - Mr. Pacifico
	Car 5	Couns. Badini Mr. Maiolini Mr. Gelbard Mr. Longo - Ms. Masserini

5:20pm Arrive Firenze House.

WEDNESDAY MAY 25, 1983

7:15pm	Members of the Official Party attending Dinner at Firenze House depart the Ritz-Carlton Hotel enroute Firenze House.
Car 3	Amb. Paolini Dr. Contu
Car 4	Prof. Arcelli Couns. Badini Ms. Bonaccorsi
7:30pm	Arrive Firenze House.

8:00pm Dinner hosted by Prime Minister and Mrs. Fanfani in honor of Vice President and Mrs. Bush, at Firenze House.

Dress: Black tie

Overnight: Firenze House.

THURSDAY MAY 26, 1983

BAGGAGE CALL: 2:00PM

ALL BAGGAGE WILL BE PICKED UP FROM FIRENZE HOUSE AND RITZ-CARLTON HOTEL AT THIS TIME.

<u>8:15am</u>	Members of the Official Party attending meeting with Secretary Shultz depart the Ritz-Carlton Hotel enroute Firenze House.				
Car 3	Amb. Paolini Prof. Arcelli				
Car 4	Dr. Contu Couns. Badini Ms. Bonaccorsi				
8:30am	Arrive Firenze House				

8:55am	Mrs. Fanfani departs Firenze House enroute National Airport.
Car 2	Mrs. Fanfani Mrs. Petrignani Mrs. Rabb Mr. Daly
Car 2-B EMB CAR	Couns. Macchia Prof. Bozzetti Ms. Lasala
$\frac{9:30am}{Approx}$.	Arrive National Airport.
10:00am	Mrs. Fanfani departs Washington, D.C./ National Airport via United Airlines #223 enroute Chicago/ O'Hare Airport.

THURSDAY MAY 26, 1983

9:00am Meeting with The Honorable George P. Shultz, Secretary of State, at Firenze House.

Italian Participants

Prime Minister Fanfani Ambassador Petrignani Ambassador Paolini Professor Arcelli Ms. Bonaccorsi-Interpreter

11:05am Depart Firenze House via motorcade enroute the White House Northwest Gate, West Lobby.

Residence to White House

Lead Car USSS

Spare Car

PM's Car PM Fanfani

Amb. Petrignani

Mr. Towell

Ms. Bonaccorsi-

Interpreter

Follow-up USSS

Car 3 Amb. Paolini

Prof. Arcelli

-- Mr. Coyne

Car 4 Dr. Contu

Couns. Badini Mr. Maiolini

11:25am Arrive the White House.

Greeted by:

The Honorable Selwa Roosevelt, Chief of Protocol.

THURSDAY MAY 26, 1983

Proceed to the Roosevelt Room to sign the Guest Book.

Prime Minister Fanfani is escorted to the Oval Office.

Photo Opportunity

11:30am Meeting with President Reagan in the Oval Office of the White House.

Italian Participants

Prime Minister Fanfani Ambassador Petrignani Ambassador Paolini Professor Arcelli Ms. Bonaccorsi-Interpreter

12:10pm At the conclusion of the meeting, Prime Minister Fanfani is escorted to the State Dining Room for luncheon.

12:15pm Working Luncheon hosted by President Reagan at the White House.

Italian Guests

Prime Minister Fanfani
Ambassador Petrignani
Ambassador Paolini
Professor Arcelli
Dr. Contu
Counsellor Badini
Ms. Bonaccorsi-Interpreter

1:30pm At the conclusion of the Luncheon, Approx. Prime Minister Fanfani is escorted to the Diplomatic Entrance for Departure Statements.

THURSDAY MAY 26, 1983

1:45pm At the conclusion of the Approx. statements, depart the White House via the Southwest Gate enroute the Embassy of Italy, 1601 Fuller Street, N.W.

Motorcade as arrival

2:05pm Arrive the Embassy of Italy. Approx.

2:15pm Meeting with members of the to Italian Press at the Embassy of Italy.

2:45pm Depart the Embassy of Italy enroute the Residence of the Ambassador of Italy, (Firenze House), 2800 Albemarle Street, N.W.

Motorcade as arrival

3:00pm Arrive Firenze House.

THURSDAY MAY 26, 1983

3:15pm Depart the Residence of the Ambassador of Italy via motorcade enroute Andrews Air Force Base.

Residence to Andrews

Lead Car USSS

Spare Car

PM's Car PM Fanfani

Amb. Petrignani

Mr. Towell

Ms. Bonaccorsi -

Interpreter

Follow-up USSS

Car 3 Amb. Paolini

Prof. Arcelli

Amb. Rabb

-- Mr. Coyne

Car 4 Dr. Contu

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-- Mr. Pacifico

3:55pm Arrive Andrews Air Force Base and Approx. proceed onboard waiting U.S. Presidential Aircraft.

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2:55pm

Foreign Minister Colombo arrives New York/JFK Airport via Alitalia #610.

Afternoon Arrive Washington, D.C./National Airport via Shuttle from New York.

Greeted by:

Ms. Georgia Debell Protocol Officer

3:55pm CDT

Depart Chicago/O'Hare Airport via American Airlines, #562 enroute Washington, D.C./National Airport.

6:36pm EDT

Arrive Washington, D.C./National Airport.

6:45pm

Depart via motorcade enroute the Residence of the Ambassador of Italy, (Firenze House), 2800 Albemarle Street, N.W.

FRIDAY MAY 27, 1983

6:45pm	National A	irp	ort	to	Residence
	Lead Car		USSS	3	
	Spare Car				
	PM's Car		Amb.	Pe Ra Bor	etrignani
	Follow-up		USSS	3	
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	Car 3			. <i>P</i>	nolini Arcelli ntu
	Car 4		Mr.	Mai	Badini olini cifico

7:15pm Arrive Firenze House.

8:00pm Private dinner hosted by Ambassador and and Mrs. Petrignani at Firenze House.

Dress: Business Suit

Overnight: Firenze House

SATURDAY MAY 28, 1983

BAGGAGE CALL: 11:00AM

ALL BAGGAGE WILL BE PICKED UP FROM THE RITZ-CARLTON AND FIRENZE HOUSE AT THIS TIME.

<u>10:45am</u>	The following members of the Official Party depart the Ritz-Carlton Hotel enroute Firenze House:
Car 3	Amb. Bucci Amb. Bottai Amb. Paolini
Car 4	Prof. Arcelli Dr. Sarcinelli
Car 5	Dr. Dini Min. Borga Dr. Mallardo
Car 6 EMB CAR	Min. Cavalchini Dr. Contu Couns. Badini
Car 7 EMB CAR	Dr. Saccomanni Prof. Imbrenda Ms. Ongaro
Car 8 EMB CAR	Dr. Sandri Dr. Di Pietro Mrs. Spirei
<u>11:00am</u>	Arrive Firenze House.

SATURDAY MAY 28, 1983

12:05pm Depart Firenze House via motorcade enroute Andrews Air Force Base.

Residence to Andrews

Lead Car USSS

Spare Car

PM's Car PM Fanfani Amb. Petrignani

Car 2 FM Colombo Min. Goria -- SY

Car 3 Amb. Bucci Amb. Bottai Amb. Paolini -- Mr. Coyne

Car 4 Prof. Arcelli
Dr. Sarcinelli
-- Mr. Pacifico

Car 5 Dr. Dini Min. Borga Dr. Mallardo

Car 6 Min. Cavalchini EMB CAR Dr. Contu Couns. Badini

Car 7 Dr. Saccomanni EMB CAR Prof. Imbrenda Ms. Ongaro

Car 8 Dr. Sandri
EMB CAR Dr. Di Pietro
Mrs. Spirei

12:45pm Arrive Andrews Air Force Base and proceed onboard waiting U.S. Presidential Aircraft.

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WEDNESDAY JUNE 1, 1983

6:00pm Depart New York/JFK Airport via Alitalia Airlines, #611 enroute Rome.

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** MAY 24 - 28, 1983 **

RITZ CARLTON HOTEL (OFFICIAL PARTY) 2100 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W. TELEPHONE 293-2100

NAME

Minister Guariglia

Dr. Pedrazzini

** MAY 25 - 26, 1983 *

RESIDENCE OF THE AMBASSADOR OF ITALY (FIRENZE HOUSE)
2800 Albemarle Street, N.W.

TELEPHONE -244-16740

NAME

Prime Minister Fanfani Mrs. Fanfani

Colonel Danese Italian SY

Mr. Pacetta Italian SY

Ms. Lasala

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RITZ CARLTON HOTEL (OFFICIAL PARTY) 2100 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W. TELEPHONE 293-2100

NAME

Ambassador Paolini

Professor Arcelli

Dr. Contu

Counsellor Badini

Ms. Vivina Bonaccorsi

** MAY 27 - 28, 1983 **

RESIDENCE OF THE AMBASSADOR OF ITALY (FIRENZE HOUSE)
2800 Albemarle Street, N.W.
TELEPHONE -244-16740

NAME

Prime Minister Fanfani Mrs. Fanfani

Foreign Minister Colombo

Treasury Minister Goria

Colonel Danese Italian SY

Mr. Pacetta Italian SY

Mr. Agnello Italian SY

Ms. Lasala

RITZ CARLTON HOTEL (OFFICIAL PARTY) 2100 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W. TELEPHONE 293-2100

NAME

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Ambassador Bottai

Ambassador Paolini

Professor Arcelli

Dr. Sarcinelli

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RITZ CARLTON HOTEL (OFFICIAL PARTY) 2100 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W. TELEPHONE 293-2100

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Dr. Dini

Minister Borga

Dr. Mallardo

Minister Cavalchini

Dr. Contu

Counsellor Badini

Dr. Saccomanni

Professor Imbrenda

Ms. Ongaro

Dr. Sandri

Dr. Di Pietro

Mrs. Spirei

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U. S. CORRESPONDENT

1195 NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING WASHINGTON, D. C. 20045

Hon. Michael K. Deaver Deputy Chief of Staff The White House Washington D.C.

with the 5/23/1983 MA MARLEWAY

Dear Mr. Deaver,

I returned from Rome last night and I am in a better position at this time to answer the questions that you asked me when we met at the Embassy of Italy on the occasion of the presentation of official awards to the Italian-American doctors.

The short report that you will find enclosed focuses on the electoral choices in Italy and their possible impact. I do hope that you will find it useful to understand the underlying factors in the June elections. If there is any need for clarification, do not hesitate to call me.

With my warmest regards.

DBcall this man and tell him we donethe repert.

The political elections in Italy present us at the most with three scenarios, all of them impinging on the Socialist vote that is determinant to the formation of the new government. The first scenario is the most likely. It calls for a Socialist vote slightly higher than in the past elections but not high enough to give the Socialist Party (PSI) the power of dictating political terms to the Christian Democrats (DC). According to this scenario, the DC would hold its position comfortably or possibly strengthen it by one point. The smaller center parties would do reasonably well (the Republicans would be expected to attain 5 percent of the total vote) and the Communists would lose up to 2.5 points. This scenario just about guarantees a new five-party coalition. The outgoing Prime Minister, Amintore Fanfani, could be expected to receive the mandate, owing to the good relationship established with the leader of the PSI, Bettino Craxi. Specifically, Fanfani has accomodated the Socialists on a couple of sensitive situations and has moderated the aggressive behavior vis a vis the Socialists by the present Secretary General of the DC, Ciriaco De Mita.

The second scenario calls for an electoral decrease of the Socialists or for an insignificant improvement of the PSI over the last election. This development would portend a strong challenge to Craxi's leadership, a serious loss of authority within the Party and possibly the reemergence of a vigorous leftist current. In turn, the PSI would be compelled to create problems for the Christian Democrats. In the worst hypothesis the PSI could break out of the coalition government. To begin with, it could favor giving the mandate to a DC leader more to its liking, i.e., Arnaldo Forlani. However, Forlani has lost a great deal of credibility and following in the Party. His selection would be a patchwork solution until the Socialists were able to sort out their problems. Precious time would be lost. This scenario could turn out to be more worrisome for all if the Communists were to maintain their position. other parties would have little or no hold over the unfolding events.

The third scenario, that of a strong Socialist gain, is even less likely. If the PSI were to garner 15 percent or so of the popular vote, Craxi could well demand the Presidency of the Council of Ministers. The DC would refuse, especially if the vote were to preserve their relative majority substantially intact. There is a suspicion, in fact, that Fanfani could retain the premiership on the basis of a secret agreement with Craxi. Subsequently, Fanfani would move to the Presidency of the Republic and Craxi could take over as Prime Minister. Such an arrangement, however, could hardly be countenanced by De Mita, whose political power is growing, both inside and outside the DC.

A test of will between Craxi and De Mita could benefit Giulio Andreotti, who otherwise does not seem destined to receive any mandate to form a new government. Andreotti is trying to recycle himself by pursuing alternatively the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Presidency of the Chamber of Deputies. The latter position would place him well in contention for the Presidency of the Republic. However, a confrontation between Andreotti and the present Minister of Foreign Affairs, Emilio Colombo, would scar the DC at a time when the Party needs unity to outmaneuver the Socialists.

Another possibility for the Foreign Ministry could be the present Minister of Defense, Lelio Lagorio -- a Socialist. In terms of U.S. interests, Colombo continues to be preferable, with Lagorio next (The Socialist role is crucial to the deployment of cruise missiles in Sicily.). It is very important for political events in Italy to develop in such a way as to assure Socialist support for a new Comiso-type decision. However, it must be pointed out again that a stronger than expected showing of the Socialists would aggravate personal contrasts with the Christian Democrats, raise the specter of possible PSI-PCI cooperation (in spite of repeated disclaimers by Craxi that the PSI will not play this game), and finally it could stimulate the present DC leadership to make more gestures to the PCI as

an antidote to Craxi. All in all, the first scenario is by far the most desirable to the U.S. government. The overall U.S. objective for political stabilization in Italy should be pursued by moderating both De Mita (who should be reminded that the U.S. holds him to the assurances that he has recently given Washington) and Craxi, who should be called upon to dispel certain electoral ambiguities. A quick move toward a five-party agreement is absolutely necessary as Italy is moving toward an economic showdown next fall. Many indicators are quite unfavorable and point to oncoming severe dislocations. The prospect for an anti-inflation policy is particularly bleak. of the U.S. government should be addressed effectively to the leaders of the five parties. Whatever may be the scenario to be realized by the election, U.S. interests should be evidenced in a more active manner than in the past two years. There is a strong feeling in Italy that the June elections will set the pace for many years to come. It is to be hoped that the increased mistrust of the Communists as a governing party will translate into a loss of votes for the PCI well below the 30 percent mark. Obviously, the U.S. hopes and preoccupations should be communicated to the Italian political leaders by a new, more visible and articulate Ambassador to Rome.

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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.

Executive Secretary

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Dear Mr. Privident,

The Honorable Emilio Colombo, before relinquishing his office of Italian Foreign Minister, has asked me to convey to you the enclosed message.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration and my deepest respect.

Yours Sincerely

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The President
The White House
Washington D.C.



Unofficial translation of message addressed to the President by outgoing Foreign Minister, Emilio Colombo, dated August 6, 1983

"Mr. President,

With my thoughts turned towards the occasions upon which I have had the privilege of meeting you, I wish, in the act of relinquishing the leadership of Italian foreign policy, to convey to you my very warmest thanks for the courtesy and cordiality which you have shown to me.

I am grateful for the interest with which you have followed and follow Italy's action in the field of international relations and for your understanding of Italy's essential role among the Western Nations as a whole, and the effort she contributes to the realization of conditions favourable to peace and understanding among Peoples.

Emilio Colombo"



Text of the message addressed to the President by outgoing Foreign Minister, Emilio Colombo, dated August 6, 1983

"Signor Presidente,

con il pensiero rivolto alle occasioni in cui ho avuto il privilegio di incontrarla, desidero, all'atto di lasciare la guida della politica estera italiana, esprimerle il piu' vivo ringraziamento per la cortesia e la cordialita' di cui ha voluto farmi oggetto. Le sono grato per l'attenzione con la quale ha seguito e segue l'azione dell'Italia nel campo delle relazioni internazionali e per la consapevolezza del ruolo essenziale dell'Italia nel concerto delle nazioni occidentali e dell'impegno con cui essa contribuisce alla realizzazione di condizioni che favoriscano la pace e la comprensione fra i popoli.

Emilio Colombo"

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