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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 17, 1984

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PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH CIRIACO DE MITA

DATE:

December 18, 1984

LOCATION:

Oval Office

TIME:

9:30-9:35 a.m.

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

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I. PURPOSE

To reassure De Mita of high U.S. regard for his party; to underline our concern over the Christian Democrat electoral slide; to demonstrate our support for Italy's coalition of democratic parties.

II. BACKGROUND

The Christian Democrats (DC), long Italy's largest party, have suffered electoral losses over the last few years to the extent that the Communist Party (PCI) recently became the party of the relative majority. Ciriaco De Mita was designated as the DC leader two years ago, and immediately undertook a campaign to revitalize the party. The DC's political fortunes, however, have continued to decline. His visit to the White House (he saw you briefly in January of 1983) will serve to reinforce American support for the democratic center in Italian politics.

III. PARTICIPANTS

U.S.
The President
The Vice President
Robert C. McFarlane
John M. Poindexter
Meese, Baker and Deaver will attend at their discretion
Mr. Tyrus Cobb, NSC
Italy
Ciriaco De Mita
Ambassador Rinaldo Petrignani

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer

Attachments

Tab A - Talking Points

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Prepared by: Tyrus W. Cobb

cc Vice President; E Meese; J Baker M Deaver Received S dilligation

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- -- Warm welcome back to the White House. We feel a strong bond with the Italian Christian Democrats who share our dedication to democratic principles and individual liberty.
- -- I am concerned about the recent gains by the Italian

 Communist Party. What are the prospects for your Christian

 Democrats in next May's elections? Do you feel there is any
 possibility that the Communist Party will be allowed to

 participate in a national coalition?
- Democrats deserve a great deal of credit for this excellent relationship. I look forward to meeting with Prime Minister Craxi here in March, as the representative of Italy's coalition of democratic parties.

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ACTION

December 14, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM:

TYRUS W. COBB

SUBJECT:

Your Meeting with Ciriaco DeMita -- Tuesday,

December 18, 1984 -- 2:30 p.m.

You have agreed to meet with the head of the Italian Christian Democrat Party (DC), Ciriaco De Mita, Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Situation Room. He will be accompanied by Senator Giulio Orlando, Chief of the DC International Affairs Office, Ambassador Petrignani, and Vivina Buonacorsi (interpreter).

The political fortunes of our best friends in Italy, the Christian Democrats, depend in large measure on whether De Mita succeeds in his efforts to put a modern imprint on the party. Chosen DC leader in 1982, he undertook a campaign to change the DC's image. However, the party suffered a loss of nearly six percentage points in voter support in Italy's June 1983 parliamentary election, and de Mita spent the last year fighting for his political life. A party congress earlier this year reconfirmed him as party secretary, and this past June's Europarliament election saw de Mita's hand strengthened considerably. That election, however, saw the Italian Communist Party (PCI) surpass the DC for the first time to become Italy's largest party. Italian politics are now gearing up for major regional and local elections next May. If the PCI again surpasses the DC, the political system could be in for a period of fundamental uncertainty.

DeMita is not a foreign policy expert and would benefit from having our views on current East-West and Mid-East issues, as would Orlando, who has been soft on some issues, notably the Middle East and Iran.

Attached at Tab A are bios and suggested talking points.

Attachment

Tab A - Talking Points and Bios





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ACTION

December 14, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM:

TYRUS W. COBB

SUBJECT:

Photo Opportunity with Ciriaco De Mita --

Tuesday, December 18, 1984 -- 9:30 a.m.

Attached at Tab I is a memo from you to the President, forwarding briefing materials for his use in the photo opportunity with De Mita during your 9:30 a.m. briefing.

Jack Matlock concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo to the President at Tab I.

Approve ____ Disapprove ____

Attachments

Tab I

Memo to the President

Tab A - Talking Points and Bio

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TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH CIRIACO DE MITA

- Warm welcome back to the White House. We feel a particular bond with the Italian Christian Democrats who share our dedication to democratic principles and individual liberty.
- Are you surprised by the Italian Communist recent electoral gains? What impact will this have on your political system? Is the prospect of an alliance between the PCI and the DC still conceivable?
- Italian-U.S. relations have never been better. Italy has been very supportive of our initiatives towards securing genuine arms reductions and establishing better East-West relations (you may wish to give him a glimpse of what we expect the Shultz-Gromyko talks to accomplish).
- Italy has special geographic, historic and economic ties to the Middle East and the Mediterranean. We would be interested in your thoughts on securing stability in the Middle East. How do you interpret Qadhafi's continuing erratic behavior? (Orlando is wary of Qadhafi's intentions, but shares Andreotti's views that it is possible to deal with the Libyan dictator -- you may wish to summarize our discontent with Qadhafi).
- We appreciate your coming by today. Looking forward to the President's meeting in March with Prime Minister Craxi as the representative of Italy's coalition of democratic parties.



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November 25, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM:

TYRUS W. COBB

SUBJECT:

Meeting with De Mita

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The head of the Christian Democrat (DC) Party in Italy, Ciriaco De Mita, will be in Washington on December 17-18, 1984, for consultations. Ambassador Petrignani has asked that he meet with you for 20-minutes and, if possible, with the President for a photo opportunity at a short meeting.

We believe that it is important for you to meet with De Mita and, if possible, to have him shake hands with the President:

- -- During his January 1983 visit (where he did briefly meet the President) you indicated to Petrignani that next time "we should do more for De Mita," including a session with you.
- -- Although he is a leader of the DC "left," he heads the faction adamantly opposed to any coalition or working arrangement with the Communists (PCI) (Craxi maintains a comparable position within the Socialist Party).
- -- The PCI emerged from the recent Europarliament elections as the single largest party in Italy, and has launched an unusually aggressive campaign against the DC and De Mita.
- -- De Mita has undertaken an effort to revitalize his moribund Party based on this strong stand against cooperation with the PCI. We need to demonstrate our support for the democratic center in Italy and for the current ruling coalition's strong foreign policy support for the U.S. Your meeting and a photo op with the President will assist this effort.

Jack Matlock, Peter Sommer and Walt Raymond concur.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That you agree to meet with De Mita for 20-minutes on December 18 (At the present time, George Shultz will be meeting with him from 4:00-4:30 p.m.)

Approve Disapprove ____

2. That you \sign\ authorize signature of the Schedule Proposal (Tab I).

Approve ____

Disapprove Disapprove

Attachment Tab I

Schedule Proposal

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 25, 1984

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO:

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., Director of

Presidential Appointments of Scheduling

FROM:

ROBERT M. KIMMITT

REQUEST:

Photo Opportunity with Ciriaco De Mita, Head of the Italian Christian Democratic (DC) Party.

PURPOSE:

To demonstrate our continuing support for Italy's democratic mainstream in the face of Communist electoral gains; to provide visible endorsement to De Mita for his efforts to revitalize the moribund DC Party, and for his strong stand against any

cooperation with the Communists.

BACKGROUND:

The Italian Communist Party (PCI) recently emerged as Italy's largest and has launched an aggressive campaign against the DC designed to enhance the PCI's chances to participate in the national government. At a time of political uncertainty, he and our old friends, the DC, deserve this

demonstration of our support.

PREVIOUS

PARTICIPATION:

Hand/shake with the President in January, 1983.

DATE AND TIME:

Anytime on December 18. DURATION: 5-Minutes

LOCATION:

Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS:

The President; Robert C. McFarlane; Italian
Ambassador Rinaldo Petrignani, Ciriaco De Mita

OUTLINE OF EVENTS:

Photo Opportunity and brief conversation with the President.

MEDIA COVERAGE/

Full press coverage.

RECOMMENDED BY:

State and NSC

PROJECT OFFICER:

Tyrus W. Cobb

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	Approve	Disapprove

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Schedule Proposal Tab I

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 25, 1984

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., Director of

Presidential Appointments of Scheduling

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demonstration of our support.

PREVIOUS

Hand-shake with the President in January, 1983. PARTICIPATION:

Anytime on December 18. DURATION: 50-Minutes DATE AND TIME:

Oval Office LOCATION:

The President; Robert C. McFarlane; Italian PARTICIPANTS:

Ambassador Rinaldo Petrignani, Ciriaco De Mita

Photo Opportunity and brief conversation with OUTLINE OF EVENTS:

the President.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Full press coverage.

RECOMMENDED BY: State and NSC

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WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

TO:

ROBERT MCFARLANE

FROM:

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. 4

SUBJ:

APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

Time reserved for working visit of Prime Minister Craxi

MEETING: of Italy:

11:00 am - 30 minutes - briefing - Oval Office

11:30 am - 45 minutes - meeting - Oval Office/Cabinet Room

DATE: 12:15 pm - 75 minutes - luncheon - Residence

1:30 pm - 10 minutes - departure statements - Diplo. Entrance

TIME:

March 5, 1985

DURATION:

LOCATION:

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

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PARTICIPATION:

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM:

WILLIAM F. MARTINE

SUBJECT:

Official Working Visit of Prime Minister Craxi

of Italy -- March 5, 1985

Attached at Tab I for your signature is a memorandum for Nick Platt requesting pertinent data in preparation for the Official Working Visit of Prime Minister Craxi of Italy on Tuesday, March 5, 1985.

Ty Cobb concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum for Nick Platt at Tab I.

Approve ____ Disapprove ____

Attachment

Tab I Memo for Nick Platt

NGC#8408960

January 8, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NICHOLAS PLATT

Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT:

Official Working Visit of Prime Minister Craxi of Italy -- March 5, 1985

Prime Minister Craxi of Italy is scheduled to make on Official Working Visit to Washington, D.C. and will meet with the President on Tuesday, March 5. The scenario is as follows:

11:00 a.m. -- Briefing
11:30 a.m. -- Meeting
12:15 p.m. -- Luncheon
1:30 p.m. -- Departure Statements

In preparation for the meeting, briefing papers, suggested talking points, a list of recommended participants, a biography of the Prime Minister, and a draft departure statement would be appreciated by close of business on Tuesday, February 26.

A simultaneous press statement was released on December 18, 1984. Thank you.

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Den Mr. Prindent,

The President of the Council of Ministers of Italy, the Hon. Bettino Craxi, has asked me to convey to you the enclosed book, with his own dedication, which was published in Italy as a memento of the last summit of the seven most industrialized nations, held in London in June 1984.

Mr. Craxi would like to present this book to you as a token of his warm and sincere friendship and of the strong and dynamic bonds of co-operation and alliance existing between our two Countries and Governments.

I avail myself of this opportunity, Mr. President, to express to you the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

The President
The White House
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Honorable Edwin Meese, III Counsellor to The President The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ed:

Attached are translated remarks of the President of Italy given in Rome late this summer at a reception for the International Confederation of Reserve Officers (CIOR), and the National Reserve Forces Committee of NATO. The President addressed a group of approximately 500 guests representing all members of NATO including France and Spain. His reception was just one of the many successes we had as we continued our efforts to strengthen European Reserve Forces and the NATO Alliance. However, far less would have been accomplished without your support. The luncheon you hosted at the White House for some key CIOR members prior to the trip and the meeting you had with Baron d'Aulnis de Bourouill in Chicago sent an important signal which was well received by our allies. As a result, more was accomplished this year than ever before.

Given what the President is doing to bring America back, I thought you might find the remarks interesting.

Best regards,

Dennis M. Kenneally Deputy Assistant Secretary (Reserve Affairs)

Attachment

Remarks by the President of the Republic

addressed to the delegation participating in the 37th Congresso del C.I.O.R. (Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers) and the 38th Congresso del C.I.O.M.R. (Interallied Confederation of Reserve Medical Officers).

(Corazzieri Reception Room - 23 July 1984)

I am speaking in Italian because I am not good at languages. And it would be a shame to ruin such languages as English or French.

I, too, was once an officer. I was 19 years old. It was during the First World War. Then, wars were fought under very difficult conditions. We lived long days, even months, in the trenches, and it was hardly easy. But I did my duty. Then, as now, I found myself in the company of American officers who had come to Italy. I want to tell you, Mr. General, and "colleague" officers present here, and to everyone present here I would like to say what I told President Reagan during my very successful trip to the U.S. The U.S. sent its forces to Italy twice, not with greed and to conquer, but rather to defend Europe against the bullying domination of others and against dictatorship. This is the great merit of the U.S. troops. And we Italians must never forget it. Without America's help, Mr. General, today we would be under fascist or Nazi dictatorship. It must be recognized that America's contribution was decisive in the First World War as in the Second.

I remember those days well because I got along well with the American officers. In the same way, I remember my days with my fellow soldiers in the First World War, as a machine-gun officer. I fought in World War II as a partisan. Then, too, I was in constant contact with British officers as well as American ones with whom we formed friendships. I could verify that these officers liked Italy and Italian women, too. Justly so! Since there are officers' wives present here, though, I would regret creating any family discord.

I was able to form friendships, as I said, and true solidarity with the British and American officers. Undoubtedly for me those were difficult times, but the memories remain in my spirit and mind.

Therefore, today I receive you in this frame of mind. And I beg you to think of me not as the President of Italy, but as your comrade-in-arms.