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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 20, 1985

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I understand that the Italian Ambassador, Rinaldo Petrignani, has written you concerning the desire of Prime Minister Bettino Craxi to address a joint session of Congress on March 6 during his official working visit to Washington. In addition, I have received letters supporting such an address by more than 200 members of the Congress.

I strongly endorse this suggestion. The Italians have consistently supported the United States in our efforts to maintain NATO solidarity and a unified approach to the Soviet Union on arms control and foreign policy issues. Italy cooperated closely with us in the Multinational Force in Lebanon and continues to participate in Middle East peacekeeping activities. Prime Minister Craxi is currently serving as the President of the European Community and we anticipate his leadership will be critical at the Bonn economic summit in May. The Italian government under Mr. Craxi has also taken very courageous stands in curbing drug trafficking, combatting organized crime and fighting terrorist activities.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill Speaker of the House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 12, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM:

M. B. OGLESBY, JR.

SUBJECT:

Possible Address to Congress by Italian Prime Minister Craxi

Bob -

We normally would ask the Italians to write the Speaker making the request -- then the President would follow with a supporting letter.

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MEMORANDUM FOR NICHOLAS PLATT

Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT:

Possible Address to Congress by Italian Prime

February 11, 1985

Minister Craxi

The NSC has received advance copies of two letters from a group of Senators and Congressmen, asking that the President request the Speaker of the House to arrange an address by Italian Prime Minister Craxi to a Joint Meeting of the House of Representatives and the Senate. We request that you provide us a recommended response to this request, and, if you agree, a draft response from the President, by February 13, 1985.

Robert M. Kimmitt Executive Secretary

Attachment

Tab A - Letters from Senators and Congressmen

cc: M. B. Oglesby

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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February 12, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BOB TURNER

Acting Assistant Secretary for Jana

Congressional Relations

Department of State

FROM:

M. B. OGLESBY, JR
Assistant to the President for

Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT:

Bettino Craxi Visit - March 5-6

We received the attached letter from approximately 140 Members of Congress urging the President to request that the Speaker of the House arrange a Joint Session for Prime Minister Craxi's visit.

In a second letter which we received today from Senator Dole, the Senator indicates that Italy's Ambassador Rinaldo Petrignani has requested that Prime Minister Craxi be invited to address a Joint Session. Therefore, I would appreciate your assistance in formulating an appropriate White House response to the attached letters.

Thanks very much for your prompt assistance.

cc: NSC Secretariat - FYI

cc: White House Records Management - FYI

## United States Senate

OFFICE OF THE MAJORITY LEADER
WASHINGTON, DC 20510
February 11, 1985

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I have been contacted by His Excellency Rinaldo Petrignani, Ambassador of Italy, requesting that his Prime Minister, the Honorable Bettino Craxi, be invited to address a Joint Session of Congress on March 6, on the occasion of his official visit to the United States.

It is my understanding that the Speaker of the House has a policy of not scheduling Joint Sessions of Congress unless the request is submitted from the White House.

In keeping with the tradition of increased cooperation between the United States and Italy in the political and economic fields, and in particular our common struggles against terrorism, organized crime and narcotics traffic, it is my honor to lend this request my strongest possible endorsement.

Accordingly, I will appreciate your reviewing this matter, and if you are in agreement, have the appropriate Administration spokesperson contact the Speaker's office to endorse the request of the Italian Ambassador.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

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BOB DOLI

cc: The Vice President
Ambassador Petrignani

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THE WHITE HOUSE

February 20, 1985

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Best regards.

Sincerely,

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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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February 19, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ROBERT C. McFARLANE/M.B. OGLESBY, JR

SUBJECT:

Presidential Letter to Speaker O'Neill Endorsing Prime Minister Craxi's Desire to Address Congress

Prime Minister Bettino Craxi has expressed a strong desire to address a Joint Session of Congress on March 6 during his Official Working Visit to Washington. The concept has received extensive support from members of the Congress and we believe that it is in our interest to endorse the Italian request.

Prime Minister Craxi is the current President of the European Community, as well as the head of a five-party coalition government in Italy that is staunchly pro-NATO. Under Craxi the Italian government has consistently supported us on critical foreign policy and arms control issues and has recently taken very courageous steps to curb drug trafficking, combat organized crime, and counter terrorist activities.

We prepared the letter of endorsement in coordination with State.

#### RECOMMENDATION

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That you sign your Tab A endorsement letter to Speaker O'Neill

#### Attachment:

Tab A Presidential Endorsement Letter

Prepared by: Tyrus W. Cobb

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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February 15, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM:

TYRUS W. COBB (W

SUBJECT:

Presidential Letter to Speaker O'Neill Endorsing Prime Minister Craxi's Desire

to Address Congress

As we worked out, Ambassador Petrignani has written Speaker O'Neill formally asking if Prime Minister Craxi could address a joint session of Congress on March 6 (Tab II).

State has strongly endorsed the idea (Tab III). In addition, Petrignani has secured two letters, one signed by 135 Congressmen and the other by 48 Senators, requesting Presidential support for the concept of a Craxi address to Congress (Tab IV).

#### RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Tab I memo (B. has already signed it), forwarding the endorsement letter for Presidential signature.

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#### Attachments

Tab I Memo to the President

Tab A Presidential Letter to Speaker O'Neill

Tab II Petrignani's Letter to Speaker O'Neill

Tab III State Endorsement

Tab IV Letters from Members of Congress

### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 12, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM:

M. B. OGLESBY, JR.

SUBJECT:

Possible Address to Congress by

Italian Prime Minister Craxi

Bob -

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February 12, 1985

Dear Mr. Speaker,

while thanking you for having kindly received me on February 5, I would like to confirm to you, for your convenience, what we discussed in our conversation in your office.

As I mentioned to you, the Italian Government would consider it of particular significance and importance if, on the occasion of his official working visit to Washington on March 5-6, 1985, our Prime Minister, T.H. Bettino Craxi, could have the privilege to be invited to address a Joint Session of Congress on March 6.

This visit of the Italian Prime Minister (his second since he took office in 1983) will bear, I believe, a special political relevance. Besides the circumstance that the Prime Minister will also come in his capacity as President in office of the European Council, the visit will take place at a moment when the relations between the United States and Italy are particularly good, intense and thriving; in fact, we have witnessed in these last years a constant, steady growth in the exemplary Italian-American partnership. The visit of our Prime Minister may therefore offer a special opportunity to underline the increasingly fruitful cooperation between our two Governments, not only in the political and economic fields and within the Alliance, but also on a number of other issues of mutual interest such as the struggle against terrorism, organized crime and narcotics traffic which are becoming more and more the object of a common effort between the United States and Italy.

In this context, and also in the spirit of friendship which extends, even beyond the relations at Government level, to the understanding and cooperation between our democratic systems, our legislative bodies and our peoples, the Italian Government believes that an address of Prime Minister Craxi to a Joint Session of Congress would undoubtedly add great significance and resounding to the visit, and would therefore be grateful to you if you could arrange this event, once of course the Administration will have expressed to you the recommendation required by the current procedures.

Allow me to express to you once again my deep appreciation for the kind attention and consideration you have already given to this matter and to thank you in advance for your further support and cooperation.

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The Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. The Speaker of the House of Representatives

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## United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520 February 14, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. McFARLANE THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT:

Recommendation that the President write Speaker O'Neill in favor of Italian Prime Minister Craxi's addressing a Joint Session of Congress

Italian Ambassador Petrignani has catalyzed notable support on the Hill for a Craxi address. Some 135 Congressmen and 48 Senators have signed letters in favor, which were delivered to the White House last week. This support, together with other considerations, leads us to conclude that there are persuasive reasons to endorse the proposal. Considerations that can be presented publicly are outlined in the attached draft letter to Speaker O'Neill. There are also the following private considerations.

Petrignani has been under instructions from both Craxi and Foreign Minister Andreotti to press this question in light of the fact that Mrs. Thatcher, who, unlike Craxi, is not EC President, would address Congress only a few days before Craxi comes. Failure to provide this gesture to Italy, particularly now that Congressional support has been mobilized, would embitter the sensitive Craxi and his Socialist (PSI) party. That in turn could hurt U.S. interests. In light of flagging fortunes of the long-dominant Christian Democrats, the PSI is pivotal to Italy's future political course. After regional elections this May, the PSI will be key to whether Italy will continue to exclude the Communists from the national government.

There are public affairs considerations as well. The possibility of a joint address has already surfaced in Italian media, which are speculating that the Administration is resisting such a step out of dislike of Craxi, and Socialists. With so many Congressmen engaged, the issue could get into the U.S. press at any time and provoke further questions, including by the Italian-American community.

The Department recommends that the President write Speaker O'Neill along the lines of the enclosed draft to endorse a Craxi address to Congress.

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MEMORANDUM FOR NICHOLAS PLATT

SL RF(SHM) Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT:

Possible Address to Congress by Italian Prime

February 11, 1985

Minister Craxi

The NSC has received advance copies of two letters from a group of Senators and Congressmen, asking that the President request the Speaker of the House to arrange an address by Italian Prime Minister Craxi to a Joint Meeting of the House of Representatives and the Senate. We request that you provide us a recommended response to this request, and, if you agree, a draft response from the President, by February 13, 1985.

Robert M. Kimmitt Executive Secretary

Attachment

Tab A - Letters from Senators and Congressmen

cc: M. B. Oglesby

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### Draft Letter to Speaker O'Neill

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am pleased to respond favorably to letters received last week from numerous Congressmen and Senators in regard to the upcoming March 5-6 visit to Washington of Italian Prime Minister Bettino Craxi. In these letters many Members asked me to request the Speaker of the House to arrange for the Prime Minister to be invited to address a Joint Meeting of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Italy is one of our most loyal allies, as her staunch support of NATO has shown. She is supportive on the full range of arms-control issues. She cooperated closely with us in the Multinational Force in Lebanon, and continues to participate in Middle Eastern peacekeeping through UNIFIL and in the Sinai Multinational Force and Observers. Moreover, under the government which Prime Minister Craxi has headed since August 1983, Italy has become a participant in exemplary international cooperation with us against terrorism and narcotics.

A founding member of the European Community, Italy has developed patterns of bilateral high-technology industrial relations with us which are pace-setting. Craxi is coming to Washington also as sitting President of the European Community. He would, accordingly, address Congress as a European leader favorably disposed to transatlantic cooperation.

I applaud the Congressional interest in a Craxi address, exemplified by the letters from House and Senate Members, as befitting Italy's helpful role and important international standing. I willingly endorse this proposal as an appropriate gesture through Craxi to a country, which, even more than being a key ally, continues as one of our best friends.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

The Honorable

Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.

Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

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February 1, 1985

Mr. President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing in regard to the official working visit on the 5th and 6th of March of the Prime Minister of Italy, Bettino Craxi. We believe it would be appropriate that the Prime Minister be invited to address a Joint Meeting of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and we ask that you request the Speaker of the House to arrange for such a Joint Meeting.

As you know, as well as being the sitting President of the European Community, Prime Minister Craxi heads a five-party coalition Government which has been staunchly pro-West, pro-NATO and pro-U.S. Italy has become one of our most consistently supportive allies. With Italy's strategic location, they play a key role in NATO in the support of the U.S. Sixth Fleet Operations in the Mediterranean Area. They have stood by the U.S. through thick and thin in Lebanon, they are a member of the Mutli-National Force and observers in the Sinai, and they have intensified their cooperation with us in narcotics interdiction. Italy has played a courageous and leading role in combatting terrorism while maintaining the principles of the rule of law and human rights.

Through a number of postwar cabinets, Italy has maintained basic lines of democratic and western-oriented policies. Our bilateral relations are excellent with traditionally strong historical, cultural and political links. We should do everything in our power to support a friendly coalition government in Italy. A Joint Meeting with the Congress would provide an excellent opportunity for Americans and Italians alike to demonstrate our solidarity.

Mr. President Page Two February 1, 1985

With sincere appreciation for your consideration of this proposal, we are Cordially yours,

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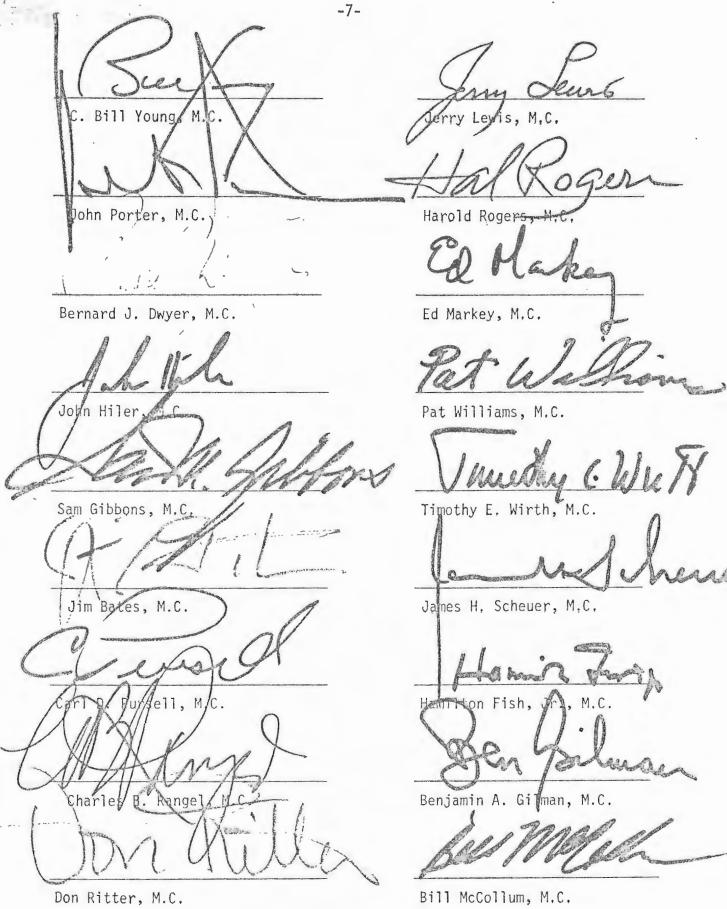
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February 6, 1985

The President The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing in regard to the official working visit on the 5th and 6th of March of the Prime Minister of Italy, Bettino Craxi. We believe it would be appropriate that the Prime Minister be invited to address a Joint Meeting of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and we ask that you arrange for such a joint meeting.

As you know, as well as being the sitting President of the European Community, Prime Minister Craxi heads a five-party coalition Government which has been staunchly pro-West, pro-NATO, and pro-U.S. Italy has become one of our most consistently supportive allies. With Italy's strategic location, they play a key role in NATO in the support of the U.S. through thick and thin in Lebanon, they are members of the Multi-National Force and observers in the Sinai, and they have intensified their cooperation with us in narcotics interdiction. Italy has played a courageous and leading role in combatting terrorism while maintaining the principles of the rule of law and human rights.

Through a number of postwar cabinets, Italy has maintained basic lines of democratic and western-oriented policies. Our bilateral relations are excellent with traditionally strong historical, cultural and political links. We should do everything in our power to support a friendly coalition government in Italy. A Joint Meeting with the Congress would provide an excellent opportunity for Americans and Italians alike to demonstrate our solidarity.

Mr. President Page Two February 6, 1985

With sincere appreciation for your consideration of this proposal, we are,

Truly yours,

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