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WASHINGTON

September 16, 1988

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: COLIN L. POWELL 

SUBJECT: Letter to Italian Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita

Issue

Whether to sign the attached letter to Italian Prime Minister De Mita.

Fact

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Discussion

In your response, you praise Italy's naval contribution in the Persian Gulf and its membership in the United Nations cease-fire monitoring group. You also stress that decisions on any further reductions in Western vessels in the Gulf should be made only after the West determines that the cease-fire is durable and the sea lanes safe for transport.

Recommendation

OK No That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

- Tab A Letter to Prime Minister De Mita
- Tab B Incoming from Prime Minister De Mita

cc Vice President
Chief of Staff (2)

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BY *dm*
REVISION DATE 5/19/2023

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Ciriaco:

Thank you for your letter of August 12 in which you so eloquently set forth the Italian Government's readiness to contribute to a peaceful solution to the prolonged and destructive conflict between Iran and Iraq. I welcome your nation's very constructive role in this vital region of the world, both as a member of the UN cease-fire monitoring group and in keeping the Gulf sea lanes open to international commerce.

My government fully shares your interest in close coordination on our joint naval presence in the Gulf, particularly now that a cease-fire is in effect between the two belligerents. Secretary of Defense Carlucci communicated with Minister Zanone on this subject.

I am certain you will agree that decisions on any further reductions of vessels patrolling the Gulf should only be taken once it has been determined that the cease-fire is durable and that the region's sea lanes are once again safe for civilian transport.

The United States Government will, of course, consult fully with Italy and other allies in advance of any significant change in our military posture in the region.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Ciriaco De Mita
President of the Council of
Ministers of the Italian Republic
Rome

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1601 Fuller St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009*

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UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY.

"Dear Ronald,

The Italian Government has learned with deep satisfaction and great relief the news that a definitive date for the cease fire between Iran and Iraq has been determined. We all wish that, after eight years of war, a formal truce may finally be reached.

From the very beginning Italy has fully supported the role of the United Nations and of the Secretary General Perez de Cuellar in the difficult negotiations carried out with the two belligerents. The firmness and the unity of the positions maintained by the Western members in the Security Council have represented an important element in attaining the success of the peace plan outlined in Resolution 598. The final mediating effort of the Secretary General was successful also because of the continuing and constant support provided to his initiative by the Security Council.

Italy immediately declared its full availability to take part in the Group of the Observers to be be tasked with monitoring the cease fire. The Italian Government will also contribute to the reconstruction programs both in Iran and Iraq.

The new perspectives which have now opened allow a reassessment of the role and the tasks that the Italian military ships have so far carried out in the Persian Gulf. As you know, we

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I shall be grateful for any assessment which you will wish to convey directly to me on these issues.

With my warmest regards,

Ciriaco De Mita".

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- Tab B Incoming from Prime Minister De Mita

cc Vice President
Chief of Staff (2)

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to receive the naval vessel in the Persian Gulf.
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and is being used for the purpose of
transporting supplies to the Persian Gulf.

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is being used for the purpose of transporting
supplies to the Persian Gulf. You also state
that the vessel is being used for the purpose
of transporting supplies to the Persian Gulf.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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September 15, 1988

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN L. POWELL

FROM: NELSON C. LEDSKY *NCL*

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to Italian
Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum from you to the President requesting that he sign a letter (Tab A) responding to Italian Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita's note. In his letter to the President (Tab B), the Prime Minister describes the Iran-Iraq cease-fire as an opportunity for the West to reassess its naval presence in the Persian Gulf.

The President's reply (drafted by State) praises Italy's naval contribution in the Gulf and its membership in the United Nations cease-fire monitoring group. The President also stresses that decisions on any further reductions in Western vessels in the Gulf should only be made after the West determines that a cease-fire is durable and the sea lanes safe for transport.

Bill Burns *WB* concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab I to the President and forward the letter to the President for his signature.

Approve ✓ Disapprove _____

Attachments

- Tab I Memo to the President
- Tab A Letter to Prime Minister De Mita
- Tab B Incoming from Prime Minister De Mita

Prepared by:
Barry F. Lowenkron *BN*



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dept. of State Guidelines, July 21, 1997
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August 31, 1988

CONFIDENTIALMEMORANDUM FOR COLIN L. POWELL
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to President Reagan from Italian Prime
Minister De Mita Regarding the Gulf

A proposed reply from the President to Italian Prime
Minister De Mita's letter of August 12 concerning allied
naval forces in the Persian Gulf is attached.

Richard W. Mueller
for Melvyn Levitsky
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Suggested draft response.
2. Original incoming correspondence.

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Washington, D.C. 20009*

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I shall be grateful for any assessment which you will wish to convey directly to me on these issues.

With my warmest regards,

Ciriaco De Mita".



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TEXT OF THE MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY THE
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY

"Caro Ronald,

il Governo italiano ha appreso con profondo compiacimento e grande sollievo la notizia della definitiva fissazione della data del cessate il fuoco fra Iran e Iraq. Noi tutti ci auguriamo che, dopo otto anni di guerra, una tregua formale possa essere in fine raggiunta.

L'Italia ha fin dall'inizio appoggiato pienamente il ruolo delle Nazioni Unite e del Segretario Generale Perez de Cuellar nel difficile negoziato condotto con le due parti in conflitto. La fermezza e l'uniformita' di posizioni mantenute dai membri occidentali del Consiglio di Sicurezza sono stati un importante elemento che ha permesso di giungere infine al successo del piano di pace indicato dalla 598. Lo sforzo finale di mediazione del Segretario Generale ha potuto essere coronato da successo anche per il continuo e costante appoggio fornito alla sua iniziativa da parte del Consiglio di Sicurezza.

L'Italia si e' subito dichiarata pienamente disponibile a partecipare al corpo di osservatori che sara' incaricato di far rispettare il cessate il fuoco. Il Governo italiano non mancherà inoltre di contribuire all'opera di ricostruzione di Iran e Iraq.

Le nuove prospettive che si sono ora aperte permettono di riconsiderare il ruolo e le funzioni che le navi militari italiane hanno finora svolto nel Golfo Persico. Come lei sa, abbiamo già in parte ridotto il numero delle nostre unità presenti nella zona, grazie anche ad una migliore programmazione delle missioni loro assegnate. Appare chiaro comunque che qualsiasi ulteriore decisione verrà presa solo dopo che sarà stata concordata una tregua formale fra i due belligeranti con adeguate garanzie internazionali.

Su questi problemi contiamo di poter avere un approfondito scambio di idee con i nostri principali alleati occidentali. Una delle ragioni principali del successo della missione delle nostre flotte nel Golfo e' stato lo stretto coordinamento sempre mantenuto tra i nostri Paesi ed i nostri comandi sul posto. Ho richiesto pertanto al Ministro della Difesa Zanone di mantenersi in stretto contatto con i suoi colleghi occidentali, al fine di avviare le consultazioni necessarie per qualsiasi evoluzione futura.

Le sarò grato per ogni valutazione che vorrà farmi direttamente per venire su questi temi.

Con i miei più cordiali saluti

Ciriaco DE MITA "



S/S 8824756
United States Department of State

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Washington, D.C. 20520

August 18, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
National Security Council Staff

SUBJECT: Alerting NSCS on Presidential
Correspondence

Enclosed is the original of a letter to President Reagan from Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita of the Republic of Italy which is transmitted for your information.

This correspondence was received in the Information Management Section of the Executive Secretariat on August 18, 1988. A copy has been assigned to the appropriate bureau for action.

Charles G. Jackson Jr.
Director, S/S-I
Information Management Section
Executive Secretariat
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DATE: 19 SEP 88

SUBJ: PRES LTR TO PM DE MITA RE UN PEACE KEEPING FORCE IN MIDDLE EAST

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

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FOR GEORGE VAN ERON

DIRECTOR NSC SECRETARIAT



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SUBJECT: LTR TO PRES FM PM DE MITA RE GREAT RELIEF FOR CEASE FIRE DATE BTW
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 19, 1988

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With warm regards.

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Date September 30, 1988

For: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Prime Minister de Mita
Date: August 10, 1988 Subject: Letter to the Presi-
dent from Italian PM Ciriaco De Mita
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The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State

Action Taken:

- _____ A draft reply is attached.
_____ A draft reply will be forwarded.
_____ A translation is attached.
_____ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
_____ We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.
_____ The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.
XX Other (see remarks).

Remarks: President Reagan answered PM de Mita by letter on
September 19 (copy attached).

Sandra Sachs
for
Director
Secretariat Staff

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The Chairman of the
Council of Ministers
of the Republic of Italy

August 10, 1988

Dear Ronald:

The Italian Government has received the news of the definite setting of the date for the Iran-Iraq cease-fire with profound satisfaction and great relief. We all hope that after eight years of war, a formal truce can finally be established.

From the start, Italy has fully supported the role of the United Nations and Secretary General Perez de Cuellar in the difficult negotiations conducted with the two parties in the conflict. The firmness and unity of position maintained by the Western members of the Security Council have been important elements which have finally made possible the success of the peace plan outlined in [Resolution] 598. The final mediation effort by the Secretary General was crowned by success also due to the constant support of his initiative by the Security Council.

H.E. Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
of America
Washington, D.C.

Italy immediately declared itself fully available to participate in the observer force which will be charged with enforcing the cease-fire. The Italian Government will furthermore not fail to contribute to reconstruction efforts in Iran and Iraq.

The new perspectives which have now opened up permit a reconsideration of the role and functions which the Italian navy ships have been performing in the Persian Gulf. As you know, we have already somewhat reduced the numbers of our [navy] units in that zone, thanks also to improved programming of their assigned missions. It appears clear, however, that any further decision will be taken only after the establishment of a formal truce between the two belligerents with adequate international guaranties.

We expect to have a thorough exchange of ideas on these problems with our main Western allies. One of the main reasons for the success of our fleets' mission in the Gulf has been the close coordination which was always maintained among our countries and our commanders in the field. I have therefore instructed Defense Minister Zanone to keep in close contact with his Western counterparts in order to set going the necessary consultations for any future development.

I would be grateful for any evaluation of these subjects which you might want to convey to me directly.

With cordial greetings,

[s] Ciriaco De Mita

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*Ambasciata d'Italia
Washington*

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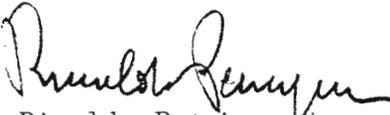
September 14, 1988

Dear Mr. President,

I have the honor to convey to you the original text of the message addressed to you by the President of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Italy, the Honorable Ciriaco De Mita.

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

Sincerely yours,


Rinaldo Petrignani

The President
The White House
Washington D.C.



*Al Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

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Roma, 10 agosto 1988

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Caro Ronald,

il Governo italiano ha appreso con profondo compiacimento e grande sollievo la notizia della definitiva fissazione della data del cessate il fuoco fra Iran e Iraq. Noi tutti ci auguriamo che, dopo otto anni di guerra, una tregua formale possa essere infine raggiunta.

L'Italia ha fin dall'inizio appoggiato pienamente il ruolo delle Nazioni Unite e del Segretario Generale Perez de Cuellar nel difficile negoziato condotto con le due parti in conflitto. La fermezza e l'uniformità di posizioni mantenute dai membri occidentali del Consiglio di Sicurezza sono stati un importante elemento che hanno permesso di giungere infine al successo del piano di pace indicato dalla 598. Lo sforzo finale di mediazione del Segretario Generale ha potuto essere coronato da successo anche per il continuo e costante appoggio fornito alla sua iniziativa da parte del Consiglio di Sicurezza.

L'Italia si è subito dichiarata pienamente disponibile a partecipare al Corpo di Osservatori che sarà incaricato di far rispettare il cessate il fuoco. Il Governo italiano non mancherà inoltre di contribuire all'opera di ricostruzione di Iran e Iraq.

S.E. Ronald REAGAN
Presidnete degli Stati Uniti
d'America
WASHINGTON



*Al Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

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Le nuove prospettive che si sono ora aperte permettono di riconsiderare il ruolo e le funzioni che le navi militari italiane hanno finora svolto nel Golfo Persico. Come Lei sa, abbiamo già in parte ridotto il numero delle nostre unità presenti nella zona, grazie anche ad una migliore programmazione delle missioni loro assegnate. Appare chiaro comunque che qualsiasi ulteriore decisione verrà presa solo dopo che sarà stata concordata una tregua formale fra i due belligeranti con adeguate garanzie internazionali.

Su questi problemi contiamo di poter avere un approfondito scambio di idee con i nostri principali alleati occidentali. Una delle ragioni principali del successo della missione delle nostre flotte nel Golfo è stato lo stretto coordinamento sempre mantenuto tra i nostri Paesi ed i nostri Comandi sul posto. Ho richiesto pertanto al Ministro della Difesa Zanone di mantenersi in stretto contatto con i suoi colleghi occidentali, al fine di avviare le consultazioni necessarie per qualsiasi evoluzione futura.

Le sarò grato per ogni valutazione che vorrà farmi direttamente pervenire su questi temi.

Con i miei più cordiali saluti

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Luigi Sturzo

S.E. Ronald REAGAN

Presidente degli Stati Uniti d'America

WASHINGTON

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Name of Correspondent: Carl Markwith

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Subject: Cites Civil Aviation Organization agreements regarding the denial of Green Flight 855.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8821563

Date July 22, 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens,
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: Howard Baker

From: Carl R. Markwith

Date: July 5, 1988

Subject: Iran Air Flight 655

WH Referral Dated: July 12, 1988

NSC ID# (if any): 582992

The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

A draft reply is attached.

A draft reply will be forwarded.

A translation is attached.

An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.

The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.

Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

Director
Secretariat Staff



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 18, 1988

Mr. Carl R. Markwith
1058 Cromey Rd. Northeast
Palm Bay, Florida 32905

Dear Mr. Markwith:

Your telegram of July 5, 1988 to the White House regarding the tragic accident to Iran Air Flight 655 has been referred to me for reply.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has informed us that you are basically correct in that the English language is the universal medium of radiotelephone communications for safety and efficiency in international air navigation. FAA points out, however, that the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) does not prohibit any international flight operating within its own State (as was the case of Iran Air 655) from conducting air - ground radiotelephony in the language normally used by the station on the ground. Furthermore, ICAO Annex 10, Volume II, paragraph 5.2.1.1. only recommends that the English language be available, if requested, at all ground stations serving airports and routes used by international air services.

As to your statement that Iran Air 655 was required to monitor international air traffic at all times, FAA understands this to mean air traffic frequencies. No evidence has yet been found that Iran Air 655 was not monitoring international air traffic frequencies.

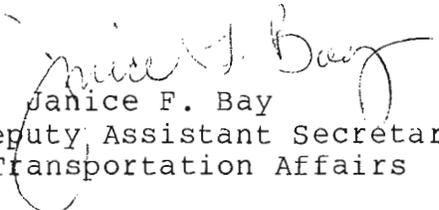
As to understanding the transmissions from the warships in the area, we do not yet know if Iran Air 655 was monitoring frequency 121.5 MHz, as recommended in the Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) issued last summer by the U.S. Navy. We do know that the air crew did not acknowledge any such calls. Additionally, ICAO Annex 10, Volume II, paragraph 5.2.1.1.1 states:

"Aircraft on long over-water flights, or on flights over designated areas over which the carriage of survival radio equipment or emergency location beacon -- aircraft (ELBA) is required, shall continuously guard the VHF emergency frequency 121.5 MHz, except for those periods when aircraft are carrying out communications on other VHF channels or when airborne equipment limitations or cockpit duties do not permit simultaneous guarding of two channels."

Iran Air 655 was in its early phase of flight. Cockpit duties may have prevented the air crew of Iran 655 from monitoring 121.5 MHz or the aircraft may have been monitoring and transmitting to two air traffic service facilities simultaneously. If the flight data or cockpit voice recorder is ever found and the data provided are made available by the Iranians, then perhaps this question can be answered.

As a result of the recent extraordinary session of the ICAO Council, a thorough ICAO-sponsored investigation will be conducted, and a complete review of related ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices will be undertaken. Hopefully, additional air traffic control coordination procedures can be adopted to diminish the chance of a similar incident recurring. Alternate Persian Gulf area air routes, away from current hostilities, are also being explored.

Sincerely,


Janice F. Bay
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Transportation Affairs

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JULY 12, 1988

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 582992

MEDIA: TELEGRAM, DATED JULY 5, 1988

TO: HOWARD BAKER

FROM: MR. CARL R. MARKWITH
1058 CROMEY ROAD, NE
PALM BAY FL 32905

SUBJECT: CITES CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION AGREEMENTS
REGARDING THE DEMISE OF IRAN FLIGHT 855

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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REFERENCE IRAN AIR 855 URGE YOU REVIEW INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION
ORGANIZATION AGREEMENTS FORMALIZED IN CANADA TIME OF UN ORGANIZATION

1940'S. ICAO SPECIFIES ALL REPEAT ALL INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT OPERATIONS INCLUDING CONTROL TOWERS BE OPERATED IN ENGLISH ONLY. DURING 60'S AND 70'S SENDER PERSONALLY PILOTED CIVIL AND MILITARY AIRCRAFT IN IRAN REPEAT IRAN, VITNAM, HONG KONG, USING ENGLISH ONLY AND CIVIL PILOTS LICENSE 539770. UNDER THESE AGREEMENTS WHICH IRAN IN FACT SIGNED FLIGHT 855 WAS REQUIRED TO MONITOR INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN THE AIR AND TO CARRY ENGLISH CAPABILITY. IT SHOULD HAVE UNDERSTOOD THE TRANSMISSIONS FROM WARSHIPS IN THE AREA.

CARL R MARKWITH
1058 CROMEY RD NORTHEAST
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