

Mr Spiceley

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Mr Llewellyn Smith (8)

The Private Office are consulting the Sec. of State before action is taken on this. You'd start on dr. telegram while awaiting the Sec. of State's comments.



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Mr Jenkins

Mr Renwick

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From the Private Secretary

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Tel to Rome.

Dear Colin

ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

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Thank you for your letter of 21 January about the Italian Government's proposal to hold an Anglo-Italian Summit on 16/17 May.

The Prime Minister takes the view that May would be too soon for a further Anglo-Italian Summit and would prefer it to be postponed until the autumn. This would be in line with our practice of trying to extend the interval between these Summits (ten months in the last case). In any case the dates 16/17 May would not be convenient for the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister notes that she will in any case meet Signor Craxi at the Bonn Economic Summit in early May, and will be able to have a bilateral with him there on European Community matters. It would be for consideration thereafter whether any further meeting between them was necessary before the Milan European Council, either in London or in Italy. But this would in any case not require the full panoply of a bilateral Summit.

You will wish to convey the Prime Minister's response to the Italian Government.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence), Maureen Dodsworth (Department of Trade and Industry), Rachel Lomax (HM Treasury), Ivor Llewelyn (MAFF) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,

(C.D. POWELL)

C.R. Budd, Esq.,
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4 - YOUR TEL 16: ANGLO ITALIAN SUMMIT

1. GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD INFORM CRAXI'S OFFICE THAT 16-17 MAY WOULD NOT BE CONVENIENT DATES FOR THE PRIME MINISTER, AND THAT SHE WOULD PREFER THE NEXT SUMMIT TO BE HELD OVER UNTIL THE AUTUMN. THE PRIME MINISTER TAKES THE VIEW THAT MAY-JUNE WOULD BE TOO SOON FOR A FURTHER ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT. THERE IS THEREFORE NO POINT AT THIS STAGE IN EXPLORING ALTERNATIVE DATES BEFORE JUNE WITH THE ITALIANS.

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2. THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO CONSIDERS THAT HER MEETINGS WITH CRAXI AT THE MARCH EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN BRUSSELS AND AT THE BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN EARLY MAY SHOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A BILATERAL ON EC MATTERS. IT WILL BE FOR CONSIDERATION THEREAFTER WHETHER A FURTHER MEETING BEFORE THE MILAN COUNCIL WOULD BE DESIRABLE. WE WOULD NOT HOWEVER ENVISAGE ELEVATING THIS MEETING TO THE SCALE OF A FULL BILATERAL SUMMIT.

3. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO OBTAIN SOME INDICATION OF WHETHER CRAXI IS STILL LIKELY TO VISIT COMMUNITY PARTNERS BEFORE THE BRUSSELS COUNCIL (LAMPFORT'S TELELETTER TO SPICELEY).

4. WE SHALL BE REPLYING SEPARATELY ABOUT THE ECONOMIC TALKS.

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Dear Charles,

Anglo-Italian Summit

3 — In your letter of 4 January you welcomed the likelihood that the next bilateral summit was likely to slip into the autumn.

4 — Our Embassy at Rome now inform us (Rome telegram number 16) that contrary to earlier indications Craxi would prefer a summit to take place as usual, partly in order to prepare the ground for the 28-29 June Milan European Council. His office have suggested 16/17 May, which would suit both him and Andreotti.

With the Italians occupying the Presidency the Foreign Secretary considers that it would in fact be useful to meet them at top level in advance of the Milan Council, not least to put over our ideas on the future development of the Community. It is relevant that the French and Germans will also probably be holding meetings with the Italians.

The Italians have suggested Turin or Verona as possible venues, but would be happy to hold the meeting in Rome if we prefer.

I should be grateful if you would let me know the Prime Minister's views.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office), Richard Mottram (MOD), Maureen Dodsworth (DTI), Rachel Lomax (Treasury) and Ivor Llewellyn (MAFF).

Yours ever,
Colin Budd

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Mr Jenkins

cc: Mr Derek Thomas
Mr Braithwaite
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Defence Dept

1985 ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

Problem

1. Should we accept the informal Italian offer of a bilateral summit in Italy on 16/17 May?

Recommendation

2. I recommend that we should propose to the Italians a restricted 'Summit' (devoted largely to pre-Milan EC issues) to take place before the Milan Council on 28-29 June. HM Embassy Rome have argued strongly for an agenda to cover not only EC matters but also our interests in industrial collaboration. I submit a draft letter to No 10 which represents this argument, but lays the main stress on the EC issues.

Background

3. No 10 welcomed the news (your letter of 4 January) that it looked as if the Italians would not be holding any full scale bilateral summits with European partners during the Italian Presidency. Rome telegram no 16 reports that Craxi appears to prefer a summit in May along traditional lines.

4. Anglo-Italian Summits have tended to be held at approximately 9 monthly intervals. Prime Ministers agreed some years ago that the summits should be held twice a year, but we have deliberately allowed the frequency to slip. There will be no enthusiasm for a full-scale summit in May; the last was in October.

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5. I doubt in any case whether there is a need for a full-scale summit in the spring, given the regular bilateral contacts at Ministerial level with the Italians during their Presidency. There will however be good reasons for involving the Prime Minister in discussions with the Italians shortly before the Milan European Council; this would be an opportunity to steer them towards our view of the work of the Dooge Committee, the Internal Market and other current EC issues. And with the French and Germans also likely to be meeting Craxi, we should not be left behind. We could steer the Italians towards a restricted one-day 'Summit', with the Prime Minister and Secretary of State visiting Rome some 2-3 weeks before the Milan Council. Such a mini-summit would give us the opportunity to pursue also other issues, eg arms control and European defence cooperation, prior to a full-scale summit in the autumn. There is certainly a case for covering industrial collaboration too, but it will be difficult to persuade the Prime Minister that we should agree to hold a summit involving four Ministers.

6. The Italians suggest that the summit might be held in Turin or Verona. A similar suggestion that the January 1984 summit should be held in Sicily or Southern Italy, was resisted by the Prime Minister on the grounds that it might draw political criticism if she were to attend a winter meeting in a holiday resort. Turin or Verona in May would not have the same connotations and would be agreeable (especially Verona); but Rome would be more practical. I suggest we try to head the Italians off the provinces, and towards a one-day meeting in Rome.

M J Llewellyn Smith

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*I have added to the draft
the emphasis the point that
we shall have to take account
of the Italian's own views.*

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Western European Department

DATE: 11 January 1985

cc: Mr Derek Thomas o/r
Mr Renwick
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1985 ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

Problem

1. Should we accept the informal Italian offer of a bilateral summit in Italy on 16/17 May?

Recommendation

2. After discussion with Mr Renwick, I recommend that if the Prime Minister's diary permits we should propose to the Italians a restricted 'summit' (devoted ^{largely} to pre-Milan EC issues) to take place some three weeks before the Milan Council. I submit a draft letter to No 10. ECD(I) and Defence Department agree. Lord Bridges in Rome however argues strongly for an agenda to cover not only EC matters but also our interests in ministerial co-operation. I still hold a restricted ~~summit~~ nature with Mr Heseltine and Mr Tabbitt ^{which would still include Mr Jopping and Mr Lawson.}

Background

3. No 10 welcomed the news (your letter of 4 January) that it looked as if the Italians would not be holding any full scale bilateral summits with European partners during the Italian Presidency. Rome telegram No 16 now reports that Craxi appears to prefer a summit in May along traditional lines.

4. Frankly this is not welcome. Anglo-Italian Summits have tended to be held at approximately 9 monthly intervals. Prime Ministers agreed some years ago that the summits should be held twice a year, but we have deliberately allowed the frequency to slip. There will be little if any enthusiasm for a full-scale summit in May.

5. I doubt in any case whether there is a need for a full-scale summit in the spring, given the regular bilateral contacts at Ministerial level with the Italians during their Presidency. There will however be good reasons for involving the Prime Minister in discussions with the Italians shortly before the Milan European Council; this would be an opportunity to steer them towards our view of the work of the Dooge Committee, the Internal Market and other current EC issues. The best answer would be to steer the

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Italians towards a restricted one-day 'summit', with the Prime Minister and Secretary of State visiting Rome some 2-3 weeks before the Milan Council. Such a mini-summit would of course give us the opportunity to pursue also other issues, e.g. arms control and European defence cooperation, prior to a full-scale summit in the autumn.

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.....In Confidence

In your letter of 4 January you welcomed the likelihood that the next bilateral summit was likely to slip into the Autumn.

CAVEAT.....

Our Embassy at Rome now inform us (Rome telegram No 16) that despite earlier indications from the Italians to the contrary Craxi would prefer a summit to take place as usual, using it partly to prepare the ground for the Milan European Council. Craxi's office have suggested the 16/17 May as dates which would suit both Craxi and Andreotti.

Although a May bilateral summit does not fit in with our aim of trying to place these summits on an annual basis, the Foreign Secretary considers that there would be strong advantages in meeting the Italians in advance of the Milan Council, not least to put over our ideas on the future development of the Community and to steer discussion at the European Council in the direction of practical steps which all can accept. Among our considerations will be the strong likelihood that the French and Germans will also be holding meetings with the Italians. As ^{however we see no need} ~~there is unlikely to be much~~

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~~enthusiasm in Whitehall however~~ for another full-scale Anglo-Italian Summit before the autumn we recommend proposing to Craxi's office that a 'mini-summit' be held which would be restricted to Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers. We should also suggest that it should take place on a date in June closer to the Milan Council (28-29 June). The meeting might also be limited to one day rather than follow the normal two day pattern.

The Italians have suggested Turin or Verona as possible venues, but would be happy to hold the meeting in Rome if we prefer. We believe Rome would be more practical.

I should be grateful if you would let me know whether these proposals would be acceptable to the Prime Minister and what dates we might propose to the Italians.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office), Richard Mottram (Defence), Maureen Dodsworth (Trade and Industry) and Ivor Llewellyn (Agriculture).

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ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT.

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DATES QUICKLY. CONTRARY TO OUR EARLIER INFORMATION THAT CRAXI WOULD WANT TO POSTPONE A FULL SUMMIT UNTIL AFTER THE PRESIDENCY (LANPORT'S TELELETTER TO SPICELEY OF 20 DECEMBER, HE NOW APPEARS TO PREFER A SUMMIT ALONG TRADITIONAL LINES, USING IT IN PART AS A PREPARATION FOR THE MILAN EUROPEAN COUNCIL.

S/S. done 28.1.85.

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2. THE CHIGI HAVE SUGGESTED TO US THE DATES OF 16/17 MAY, WHICH WOULD SUIT BOTH CRAXI AND ANDREOTTI. THEY HAVE POINTED OUT CRAXI'S PREFERENCE FOR HOLDING SUCH MEETINGS WHERE POSSIBLE OUTSIDE ROME (THE LAST FRENCH AND GERMAN BILATERAL SUMMITS WERE HELD IN VENICE AND STRESA), AND HAVE SUGGESTED VERONA OR TURIN AS POSSIBILITIES. THEY WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, SEE DIFFICULTY OVER ROME IF THAT WAS OUR PREFERENCE. THE CHIGI STRESSED TO US THAT THEY WERE MAKING AN INFORMAL APPROACH AT THIS STAGE - DATES AND DETAILS HAVE NOT YET BEEN PUT TO CRAXI HIMSELF - BUT EARLY PLANNING WAS NEEDED IN THIS YEAR'S SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. THE CHIGI WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO KNOW QUICKLY WHETHER THESE DATES MIGHT IN PRINCIPLE SUITE THE PRIME MINISTER, AND WOULD LIKE CONFIRMATION THAT A SUMMIT ALONG THE LINES PROPOSED WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. THE CHIGI COMMENTED THAT A FULL SUMMIT IN MAY WOULD NOT NECESSARILY PRECLUDE CRAXI FROM PAYING SHORT SEPARATE WORKING VISITS TO EC CAPITALS IN PREPARATION FOR THE BRUSSELS EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN MARCH.

4. I HOPE THE PRIME MINISTER CAN AGREE. IT SEEMS IMPORTANT TO ME TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE THE ITALIANS BEFORE THE MILAN COUNCIL, NOT LEAST BECAUSE THE CHIGI ARE ALSO TRYING TO ARRANGE SUMMITS WITH THE FRENCH AND GERMANS IN THIS PERIOD.

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