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From the Private Secretary

23 April 1985

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Dear Sir,

I enclose a copy of a letter from the Italian Embassy informing us that the European Council in Milan in June will start at 10 a.m. on 28 June rather than 1 p.m. as originally envisaged.

This is inconvenient for the Prime Minister who has an unbreakable engagement the previous evening which will involve her up until at least 8 p.m. The alternatives would be either to arrive in Milan very late on the evening of 27 June, probably around midnight; or to leave very early on the morning of the 28th.

I should be grateful if you could explore with the Italian Presidency the possibilities of delaying the start until at least 11 a.m. if not later.

Yours sincerely,  
Chris Powell

(C. D. POWELL)

C.R. Budd, Esq.,  
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FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT, WE SUGGEST THAT ROME MIGHT SPEAK  
IN SIMILAR TERMS TO RUGGIERO.

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GOULDEN'S LETTER OF 22 APRIL : STARTING TIME FOR MILAN  
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1. 1000 HRS ON 28 JUNE IS AN INCONVENIENT STARTING TIME FOR THE PRIME MINISTER WHO HAS AN UNBREAKABLE ENGAGEMENT THE PREVIOUS EVENING WHICH WILL INVOLVE HER UP UNTIL AT LEAST 2000 HRS. SHE COULD NOT THEREFORE BE IN MILAN UNTIL VERY LATE.
2. GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD EXPLORE WITH THE ITALIAN PRESIDENCY THE POSSIBILITY OF DELAYING THE START UNTIL AT LEAST 1100 HRS TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR PRIME MINISTER TO DEPART EARLY ON 28 JUNE.

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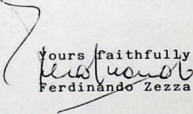
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22nd April, 1985

Dear Charles,

In absence of Ambassador Cagiati according to instructions received from Rome, I wish to inform you that the European Council in Milan will start on Friday, the 28th of June at 10.00 a.m. instead of 1.00 p.m. as previously envisaged.

Considering this change it is therefore desirable that the delegations arrive at Milan in the afternoon or the evening of Thursday, the 27th of June.

Yours faithfully  
  
Ferdinando Zezza

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*See Sophie*

To confirm our conversation this morning, the Presidency have announced that the European Council will begin at Milan at 10.00 a.m. on Friday 28 June.

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P J Soulden

cc  
Miss S M Waghorn, Protocol Dept  
Miss G Evans, ECD/E

*Mr Thomas*  
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