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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS:

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FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1989  
10:15 P.M.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 23, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           CHRISS WINSTON *CW*  
FROM:               MARK LANGE *ML*  
REGARDING:        ARRIVAL STATEMENT: ROME, ITALY

I. SUMMARY

Attached is a brief statement to be given upon your arrival at the Ciampino Airport in Rome, Italy, at 10:15 pm on Friday, May 26. You will be met by an official Italian delegation of roughly twelve people, led by Prime Minister De Mita. The arrival is closed to the general public, but several hundred members of the press are expected to attend.

II. DISCUSSION

This statement serves as a simple thanks for your reception in Rome and as a comment on the strong ties that bind the United States and Italy.

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Mr. Prime Minister, when we last met, we talked of new developments around the world -- of change in the East, of new opportunities for arms reduction, of the growing unity of Europe.

In recent weeks, I have spoken of America's vision for world peace. I have said we are prepared to move beyond containment, toward policy that works to bring the Soviet Union into the community of nations. We will be actively engaged in Eastern Europe, promoting measures to encourage political and economic liberalization in Poland. The United States welcomes a stronger and more united Europe. We believe -- as I know you do -- that European unity and the trans-Atlantic partnership reinforce each other.

Over the next two days, we will have the opportunity to engage in renewed dialogue, as partners, and as friends. I hope that our conversations are shaped by our shared expectations for the future -- and by our determination to see that future succeed.

I am delighted to be here. Thank you.

LANCE  
WALLACE

Suggested Remarks for the President's Arrival, Rome

I am delighted to begin my first trip to Europe as President in Rome. There can be no better place to begin a trip dedicated to trans-Atlantic solidarity, security, and peace. We thank our good friend Prime Minister De Mita and his colleagues for welcoming us to Italy at this late hour.

I believe that our time in Rome will demonstrate just how strongly the United States respects and appreciates Italy's contribution as a staunch ally, and as a constant friend. When our common security has been in danger, you have been ready to strengthen the Alliance. When Europe appeared to want to close itself off, you have been keen to keep trans-Atlantic ties alive. When conflict has seemed likely, you have been in the forefront of those searching for solutions.

The ties between the U.S. and Italy run deep. They are ties of family, of culture, of shared interests and common vision. The world around us is changing, but we can be confident that our friendship will endure.

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the global scene: of change in the East, of new opportunities for disarmament, of the growing unity of Europe.

Over the next two days, we will have the opportunity to engage in a dialogue of friends shaped by our shared expectations for the future, and by our determination to see that future succeed. I am delighted to be able to renew our discussions, to hear your views on the challenges that face our Alliance, our transatlantic heritage, and our world.



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**IT IS FITTING THAT HERE I BEGIN MY FIRST TRIP TO EUROPE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.**

**ITALY HAS LONG BEEN A WELLSPRING OF WESTERN CULTURE, AND WESTERN VALUES -- FOSTERING THE ALLIANCE, AND A MORE UNIFIED EUROPE. I HOPE THAT OUR VISIT TO ROME WILL DEMONSTRATE JUST HOW STRONGLY THE UNITED STATES RESPECTS -- AND APPRECIATES -- ITALY'S ROLE AS A STAUNCH ALLY, AND A CONSTANT FRIEND.**

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WHEN OUR COMMON SECURITY HAS BEEN THREATENED, YOU HAVE BEEN READY TO STRENGTHEN THE ALLIANCE. WHEN EUROPE APPEARED READY TO LOOSEN THE TIES THAT SUSTAINED IT, YOU KEPT THESE IMPORTANT TRANS-ATLANTIC TIES ALIVE AND STRONG. WHEN CONFLICT HAS THREATENED, YOU HAVE BEEN IN THE FRONT RANKS OF THOSE SEARCHING FOR SOLUTIONS.

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THE BOND BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ITALY RUNS DEEP. IT IS A BOND OF FAMILY; OF CULTURE; OF SHARED INTERESTS AND COMMON VISION. THE WORLD AROUND US IS CHANGING, BUT WE CAN BE SURE THAT OUR FRIENDSHIP WILL ENDURE.

MR. PRIME MINISTER, WHEN WE LAST MET, WE TALKED OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS AROUND THE WORLD -- OF CHANGE IN THE EAST, OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARMS REDUCTION, OF THE GROWING UNITY OF EUROPE.

WE BELIEVE -- AS I KNOW YOU DO -- THAT EUROPEAN UNITY AND THE TRANS-ATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP REINFORCE EACH OTHER.

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IN RECENT WEEKS, I HAVE SPOKEN OF AMERICA'S VISION FOR WORLD PEACE. I HAVE SAID WE ARE PREPARED TO MOVE BEYOND CONTAINMENT, TOWARD POLICY THAT WORKS TO BRING THE SOVIET UNION INTO THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS. WE WILL BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN EASTERN EUROPE, PROMOTING MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIBERALIZATION IN POLAND. THE UNITED STATES WELCOMES A STRONGER AND MORE UNITED EUROPE.