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WASHINGTON

MAY 24, 1989

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5/25/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: -----

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TRIP TO EUROPE

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- REMARKS: The attached remarks have been forwarded to the President:
1. Andrews Departure Statement
  2. Arrival -- Rome
  3. Toast with Prime Minister DeMita
  4. Memorial Day Speech -- Nettuno, Italy
  5. Arrival -- Brussels
  6. Arrival -- Bonn
  7. Lunch with Queen Elizabeth II

RESPONSE:

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(Lange/Wallace)  
May 24, 1989  
6:15 p.m.  
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These values underline the commercial ties which have expanded our two economies, and the world's economy at large. We welcome and will support your efforts, together with other members of the EC, <sup>European Comm</sup> to strengthen Europe's economic and political unity -- because European unity and the NATO partnership complement and reinforce one another.

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**RESPONSE:**

May 24, 1989

TO: CHRISS WINSTON

The NSC concurs on the attached draft with the changes indicated.

*Brent Scowcroft*  
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James W. Cicconi  
B.S. Assistant to the President  
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff  
Ext. 2702

cc: Cicconi

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MAY 24, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           CHRISS WINSTON

FROM:              MARK LANGE

SUBJECT:            TOAST: DINNER WITH PRIME MINISTER De MITA

I.    SUMMARY

Attached is a toast to be given at your dinner with Italian Prime Minister De Mita at the Villa Madama on Saturday, May 27, at 8:30 pm. --- people will attend the dinner.

II.   DISCUSSION

The central theme of the toast is the bond between the United States and Italy, with particular emphasis on Italian culture and values, and shared commitment to democracy, freedom and the preservation of the Alliance.

Should Prime Minister De Mita leave office before this dinner, the toast will be re-worded to include the new Prime Minister.

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**RESPONSE:**

*Reconciled except NSC*

James W. Cicconi  
 Assistant to the President  
 and Deputy to the Chief of Staff  
 Ext. 2702

(Lange/Wallace)  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 18, 1989

MEMORANDUM TO CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: JIM PINKERTON

SUBJECT: Remarks on Arrival in Italy, Toast to Prime  
Minister De Mita, Remarks After Audience With Pope

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Arrival In Italy

Pg. 1, Para. 4, Line 2 "When Europe appeared ready to close itself off...." Aside from it being unclear what this refers to, this is needlessly provocative when the tone should be trans-Atlantic unity. We suggest omitting.

2, 3, 2 It seems odd to describe De Mita as a "neighbor," even in the sense that by being in Rome, the President will be nearby. We suggest "partner" instead.

Toast To De Mita

3,1,1 The President switches here from addressing "Mr. Prime Minister" to "Mr. President" -- the latter is referred to again at 3,2,1 and 3,5,1. We assume this is intentional and mention it in case of oversight. If intentional, we wonder if some cue should be given to indicate that President Bush should turn and face the Italian President.

After Audience With The Pope

3,4,2 We should not say "the Catholic Church," but either the "Roman Catholic Church" or "the Church."

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*May require significant re-write due to De Mita's answer?  
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Prime minister is out of office...

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Please provide your comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston's office with an info copy to my office by 2:00 Monday, May 22. Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

*see last pages - i.e. President vs. Prime Minister -*

James W. Cicconi  
 Assistant to the President  
 and Deputy to the Chief of Staff  
 Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 19, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM:

BRENT O. HATCH *BH*

SUBJECT:

Presidential Toast: Dinner with Prime Minister De Mita

I have reviewed the above draft, and the only change is in paragraph five -- Antonin Scalia. With the exception of this, the Counsel's office has no comments.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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*No Comment  
5/19/89*

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PRESIDENTIAL TOAST:

DINNER WITH PRIME MINISTER DE MITA  
VILLA MADAMA  
SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1989  
8:30 P.M.

Mr. Prime Minister and Distinguished Guests.

It is an honor for me, on behalf of the American people, to be received in such a generous way by Prime Minister De Mita -- whom I am proud to call amico.

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But this trip is especially significant. For it marks my first trip to Europe as President. I can think of no better place to begin that trip, than here in Rome.

Mr. Prime Minister, it is traditional, when visiting Italy, for American leaders to note the millions of our citizens who claim an Italian background -- now 12 million, and rising!

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary  
(Rome, Italy)

For Immediate Release

May 27, 1989

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT DINNER WITH PRIME MINISTER DE MITA

Villa Madama  
Rome, Italy

9:20 P.M. (L)

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Prime Minister and leaders of the legislative branch, distinguished guests, it's a very great honor for me to be welcomed in such a warm and generous way by the Italian people and their government. You know, Barbara and I have been to this marvelous country, this beautiful country, many times, and as always, we've been received with kindness and generosity.

This trip is my first visit to Europe as President of the United States. And I think of no place that is better to begin than right here in Italy and to be right here in Rome.

Mr. Prime Minister, it is traditional when visiting Italy for American leaders to note the millions of our citizens who claim an Italian background, so I will brag -- now 12 million, and rising.

And among the many Italian-Americans, there are Fiorello La Guardia -- some old enough to remember -- Joe DiMaggio in sports; Tony Fauci, now at the National Institute of Health; and, of course, our Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

And Italian-Americans are one link that binds the United States and Italy. But only one. For we are united by our belief in individual liberty, human dignity, and the rule of law. And by the shared values of family, faith and work.

We also admire your country's record of success in combating terrorism and organized crime. And I'm especially grateful for your help in stopping the scourge of narcotics, which torments both our nations. We're going to continue our intense cooperative efforts to fight terrorism and narcotics and to protect air travelers. And just as this cooperative effort brings our peoples even closer together and helps to strengthen our already excellent bilateral relations, so too will the action that I'm pleased to announce tonight.

After studying ways to relax U.S. visa requirements, we will soon begin a pilot program to end these requirements for your citizens. In the future, Italians who wish to visit our country, whether as tourists or on business, will no longer need to apply for visas -- and we look forward to that day. (Applause.)

But along with our domestic initiatives, I think, too, of the strong military ties between our two countries, and within the Atlantic Alliance -- the most enduring alliance in the history of man.

And to protect that Alliance and the shared commitment to freedom which underlies it is our continuing mission. Not merely as Americans, or Italians, but as believers in democracy. Of this, I am certain: We will do our part, and I know Italy will do its part.

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And for that, Mr. Prime Minister, Italy has our gratitude and our profound respect. So together, let us reaffirm the ties that bind us. And let's continue to build peace and the commonwealth of free nations, not for ourselves, but also for our children -- the kind of peace and freedom which lasts.

And in that spirit, Mr. Prime Minister, I ask all of our guests tonight to rise and raise their glasses. To Italian-American friendship, our trans-Atlantic heritage; and to the Western Alliance and the shared values of freedom and democracy that have made that Alliance strong; and to your health, Mr. Prime Minister, and the peace and prosperity of your great country.

(A toast is offered.) (Applause.)

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9:28 P.M. (L)