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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

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October 11, 1989

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AND ITALIAN PRESIDENT COSSIGA  
DURING STATE DINNER

The State Dining Room

MR. PRESIDENT: Mr. President, welcome. Barbara and I are delighted to have this opportunity to renew our friendship and to return the hospitality that we've felt on every one of our visits to your country. And it's a great honor to host a man who has held almost every high office that Italy has to offer.

If I took the time to list every single job you've held, the dinner would be cold and out of date. (Laughter.) But let me mention three: your service as a Navy man; a former legislator; and President of the Senate. I've always thought that those experiences alone would be enough to prepare anyone for the presidency. (Laughter.)

And Mr. President, when I asked my advisors about the secret of your success, they told me that you have an especially interesting method to keep in touch with Italian public opinion. I wonder how many Italian ham radio operators know that the fellow who signs off as "Andy Capp" is really the President of Italy. And sure enough -- (laughter.)

But, sir, on a serious vein, I do place great importance on the meetings that we had this morning -- speaking with candor and from the heart, as friends, just the way it ought to be. And all of us here tonight know that relations between Italy and the United States have never been stronger. They really never have been.

And for millions of Americans, Italy is the old country -- home of a proud heritage -- a heritage written into every page of the history of Western civilization. The greatness of Rome was known, of course, throughout the world, more than a thousand years before our country or this continent was even known to exist.

And America has always been the New World, discovered by your great adventurer, Columbus -- a land of possibilities -- a place where a new history could be written. And that history, our history, is one that the sons and daughters of Italy helped to write.

And so tonight I offer this toast to old friends and also to the new Italy -- a great and growing economic power; one of the world's foremost democracies; a strong and valued ally and a partner in the community of free nations.

And so let us raise our glasses to President Francesco Cossiga, to the Republic of Italy, and to the lasting friendship and love between the people of Italy and America.

(A toast is offered.) (Applause.)

PRESIDENT COSSIGA: Mr. President, Mrs. Bush, ladies and gentlemen, I wish to thank you again also on behalf of Foreign Minister De Michelis and the delegation accompanying me for the warm welcome extended to us in Washington. Mr. President, you wish to address to me very kind words to recall also the times when I was a young man and I was known as Andy Capp. (Laughter.) I think that this name has helped me to overcome my handicaps. (Laughter and applause.)

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Mr. President, I know fairly well that in the United States the political struggle is quite hard, but I ask you to believe me if I say that in Italy it is not easier. (Laughter.)

Mr. President, your kind words through my person are addressed to my country and to the Italian people, thus confirming the deep-rooted friendship between Italy and the United States of America. Indeed, Italians and Americans share the fundamental values which inspire our common activity -- the values of freedom, of peaceful development and progress and of cooperation with all nations in full mutual respect.

As your history as a nation was dawning, you placed the ideals of freedom, democracy and social justice as the foundation stones of your revolution. These same values which were enshrined for the first time in the American Constitution were subsequently taken up and reaffirmed in the fundamental charters of all democratic countries. And like your revolution, the two great movements that brought about Italy's unification and national redemption, the Risorgimento and the Resistance, were based on the concept of the indissoluble and intimate relationship between the independence of the nation and the freedom of the individual.

During our conversations a few months ago in Rome at the Quirinal Palace, what I noticed most particularly, Mr. President, was the emphasis with which you reaffirmed the continued importance of these values in view of the forceful, auspicious, but also at times perilous changes that are taking place on the international stage.

Today we can safely state that those principles which underly our political system and our joint endeavors have won through. We can rely on the knowledge that the values of freedom are not only secure, but enduring. As the great Italian scholar, Benedetto Croce emphasized when he wrote, "When the question is heard whether liberty will enjoy what is known as the future, the answer must be that it has something better still; it has eternity."

Faced with the momentous events we are witnessing -- first and foremost, the evolutionary process taking place in the Soviet Union -- those who have traditionally fought for the principles of democracy, as we have, must actively endeavor to encourage the full deployment of the potentialities now emerging. This is a common duty incumbent on the whole of the West and its import and significance are certainly not lost on the members of the European Community. They intend to redouble their efforts to establish a climate of ever-greater mutual confidence and to restore increasingly close economic, cultural and human relations throughout the European continent.

Mr. President, it was also thanks to your contribution that the Atlantic summit last May confirmed the vitality of the Alliance which binds us and made it possible to lay the foundations for that great improvement in East-West relations hoped for by us all. But the values and principles which our countries share should not be limited to creating common ground with regard to the great issues of relations between America and Europe and between East and West. We must work in harmony in many other fundamental fields, guaranteeing the sustained economic growth of developed countries and providing the aid which less-developed countries need in order to liberate themselves from the slavery of hunger, solving the regional conflicts that are still being waged and overcoming the major problems afflicting mankind, regardless of national borders and irrespective of political and economic distinctions.

I am referring in particular to the pollution of our planet, organized crime, terrorism, and to the dramatic scourge of the spread of drugs.

Mr. President, Italy is proud to have made its contribution of culture and personal sacrifice to the birth of a nation whose greatness and strength also stem from its diversity and

its ability to absorb and assimilate contributions from the whole world into its lifeblood -- a nation whose great destiny was from the very beginning of your Revolution foreseen by Daniele Dolfin, the Ambassador of the Venetian Republic to Paris and a friend of Benjamin Franklin when, in a dispatch sent in 1783, he wrote, "We may well expect that with the aid of time and of European arts and knowledge, this nation will become the most formidable power in the universe."

Mr. President, the few years that separate us from the end of the second millenium offer all of us an historic opportunity to steer the future course of mankind along the path of peace, freedom and prosperity. I am certain that it is in this great undertaking which we might well describe in the words of Lincoln as the triumphal march of civilization, the United States and Italy can work together to make a strong and significant contribution towards its realization.

And it is with these sentiments, Mr. President, and renewing to you and to Mrs. Bush my thanks, I would like all those present here to raise their glasses with me in a toast to the prosperity of the United States of America, to the success of the work of your administration, to your personal well-being, to that of Mrs. Bush, and to the friendship between our two peoples. To the President of the United States of America.

(A toast is offered.) (Applause.)

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**COSSIGA STATE DINNER/ENTERTAINMENT REMARKS**

**ALL OF US IN THIS ROOM ARE VERY FORTUNATE. WE HAVE JUST LISTENED TO ONE OF THE PREMIER VIOLINISTS OF THIS CENTURY.**

**FOR MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS, ISAAC STERN HAS LIVED A LIFE DEDICATED TO MUSIC -- AND DEVOTED TO HUMANITY.**

**ON BEHALF OF ALL OUR GUESTS, BARBARA AND I THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR MUSIC WITH US TONIGHT.**

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REMARKS: TOAST AT THE STATE DINNER IN HONOR OF  
PRESIDENT FRANCESCO COSSIGA  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
OCTOBER 11, 1989  
7:45 PM

MR. PRESIDENT: BARBARA AND I ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE  
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ALL OF US HERE TONIGHT KNOW THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE NEVER BEEN STRONGER.

FOR MILLIONS OF AMERICANS, ITALY IS THE "OLD COUNTRY" -- HOME OF A PROUD HERITAGE, A HERITAGE WRITTEN INTO EVERY PAGE OF THE HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION. THE GREATNESS OF ROME WAS KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD -- MORE THAN A THOUSAND YEARS BEFORE AMERICA WAS EVEN KNOWN TO EXIST.

AMERICA HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE NEW WORLD -- DISCOVERED BY YOUR GREAT ADVENTURER COLUMBUS -- A LAND OF POSSIBILITIES, A PLACE WHERE A NEW HISTORY COULD BE WRITTEN. AND THAT HISTORY -- OUR HISTORY -- IS ONE THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY HELPED WRITE.

TONIGHT, I OFFER THIS TOAST TO OLD FRIENDS -- AND ALSO TO THE NEW ITALY: A GREAT AND GROWING ECONOMIC POWER. ONE OF THE WORLD'S FOREMOST DEMOCRACIES.

A VALUED ALLY AND PARTNER IN THE COMMUNITY OF FREE NATIONS.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 6, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRIS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*  
SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Cossiga Arrival and  
Toast

I have reviewed and concur with the attached draft Presidential arrival statement for the visit of President Francesco Cossiga.

Attachment

c: James W. Cicconi

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**STAFFING MEMORANDUM**DATE: 10-6-89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON TODAYSUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Cossiga Arrival and Toast

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**REMARKS:**

Please prepare a memorandum for Chriss Winston from RBP with our comments. Thank you very much.

*Please return this tracking sheet with your response*

**ROGER B. PORTER**  
 Assistant to the President  
 for Economic and Domestic Policy  
 (x2705)

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10/5/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10/6/89 2:00 PM

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: COSSIGA ARRIVAL AND TOAST

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**REMARKS:**

Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 2:00 PM, Friday, October 6, with a copy to my office. Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

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

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McGroarty/Dooley  
October 5, 1989  
10:00 am  
[COSSIGA]

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR THE VISIT OF  
PRESIDENT FRANCESCO COSSIGA  
THE SOUTH LAWN  
OCTOBER 11, 1989  
10:00 AM

Mr. President. Distinguished members of the Italian delegation: Good morning, and welcome to the White House.

Mr. President, when your visit was being planned, I suggested we invite a few "friends of Italy" to greet you. Well, we discovered that trying to find friends of Italy here in America is just about as difficult as trying to find fine art in Florence . . . or canals in Venice.

Barbara and I are delighted to have this opportunity to return the warm hospitality we received in Rome earlier this year. Italy was my first stop on my first visit to Europe as President, on route to a critical -- and ultimately successful -- NATO Summit. I will always remember that the road to continued alliance unity began in Rome. ////

Mr. President, our two countries are linked in many ways, by ties of friendship and the bonds of family. On this past Memorial Day, I paid a visit to the cemetery at Nettuno, on the coast south of Rome, to honor the thousands of American soldiers -- many of Italian ancestry -- who gave their lives to liberate Italy. For more than forty years, Italy and America have been

friends and allies -- fellow members of the family of free nations.

And President Cossiga is himself a symbol of Italy's democratic renaissance. A man of unquestioned ability and integrity, who has served his nation in more positions of public trust than we have time to name. [[But I can't resist mentioning just three: your service as a Navyman, as a former legislator and later President of the Senate. I've always thought that those experiences alone would be enough to prepare anyone for the Presidency. /////]]

I am particularly pleased that President Cossiga has honored us with a visit to America on the eve of Columbus Day. The son of Genoa -- discoverer of the New World that became America -- is celebrated here in our country, as he is in Italy. And the tradition of Columbus and the great explorers lives on. Tomorrow, aboard the space shuttle Atlantis, a space probe begins its six-year voyage to the planet Jupiter. Galileo: a mission across the million miles of space to the moons the famed astronomer discovered over four centuries ago.

And Italy, too, is active in the New World of space exploration. After his meetings here, President Cossiga will visit my home town, Houston, and the Johnson Space Center. He's going to hear first-hand how much the U.S. values its partnership with the Italian Space Agency -- a partnership that's going to result in the flight of the first Italian astronaut -- aboard one of our space shuttle missions -- in 1991.

In just a few minutes, President Cossiga and I will move inside to begin our discussions. Both of us have been to Poland this year, and we'll discuss the momentous changes taking place there and elsewhere in Eastern Europe -- and of course, we'll talk about developments within the Soviet Union. We'll also discuss other issues of mutual concern: the war on drugs we're waging here in the U.S. -- and Italy's crackdown on organized crime, narcotics trafficking and drug abuse. We'll discuss alliance issues -- and the need for unity that is critical today, when tensions are easing but the threat to peace and freedom still exists.

I look forward to a productive meeting: a meeting of the mind and heart that takes place between friends and allies. ////

President Cossiga, welcome. I wish you and your distinguished colleagues a pleasant and productive visit to the United States. There are few nations where the ties are so strong -- the affection so genuine and mutual -- <sup>as</sup> ~~than~~ between our two countries. I know that here and on the rest of your travels, you will find America welcomes you with open arms. ✓

Thank you. God bless you, God bless the United States of America -- and God bless the Republic of Italy.

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McGroarty/Dooley  
October 4, 1989  
10:00 pm  
[COSSIGA.TST]

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PRESIDENT FRANCESCO COSSIGA  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
OCTOBER 11, 1989  
7:45 PM

Mr. President, Mr. Foreign Minister, Ambassador and Mrs. Petrignani, Ambassador Secchia, distinguished guests and friends of Italy: Barbara and I are delighted to have this opportunity to renew our friendship -- and to return the hospitality we have felt on every one of our visits to your country.

President Cossiga, I place great importance on the meeting we held this morning. We spoke in candor, from the heart -- as friends. And what I've heard about the meetings you and Minister de Michelis have held with the members of my Cabinet today convinces me that relations between Italy and the United States have never been stronger.

All of us here tonight know the special bond between our nations. For millions of Americans, Italy is the "Old Country" -- home of a proud heritage, a heritage written into every page of the history of Western civilization. The greatness of Rome was known throughout the world -- more than a thousand years before America was even known to exist.

America has always been the new world -- discovered by your great adventurer Columbus -- a land of possibilities, a place where a new history could be written.

And still that history -- our history -- is one the sons and daughters of Italy have helped us write. In the words of Luigi Barzini, the Italian author whose family came to the United States when he was a boy: "America is nothing more than the sum total of the dreams of all its immigrants."

In those dreams the new and old are joined -- just as our nations are linked by the unbreakable bonds of friendship, family, and the love of freedom.

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*Cassiga State Dinner  
Entertainment Remarks.*

Isaac Stern Thank-you ~~Remarks.~~

All of us in this room are very fortunate. We have just listened to one of the premier violinists of this century.

For more than fifty years, Isaac Stern has lived a life dedicated to music -- and devoted to humanity.

On behalf of all our guests, Barbara and I thank you for sharing your music with us tonight.

REMARKS: ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR THE VISIT OF  
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MR. PRESIDENT. DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE  
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BARBARA AND I ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE THIS  
OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN THE WARM HOSPITALITY WE RECEIVED  
IN ROME EARLIER THIS YEAR.

ITALY WAS MY FIRST STOP ON MY FIRST VISIT TO EUROPE AS PRESIDENT, EN ROUTE TO A CRITICAL -- AND ULTIMATELY A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL -- NATO SUMMIT. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT THE ROAD TO CONTINUED ALLIANCE UNITY BEGAN IN ROME. ////

MR. PRESIDENT, OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE LINKED IN MANY WAYS, BY TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND THE BONDS OF FAMILY.

ON THIS PAST MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, I PAID A VISIT TO THE CEMETERY AT NETTUNO, ON THE COAST SOUTH OF ROME, TO HONOR THE THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS -- MANY OF ITALIAN ANCESTRY -- WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES TO LIBERATE ITALY. FOR MORE THAN FORTY YEARS, ITALY AND AMERICA HAVE BEEN FRIENDS AND ALLIES -- FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF FREE NATIONS.

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~~THE SON OF GENOA -- DISCOVERER OF THE NEW WORLD THAT BECAME AMERICA -- IS CELEBRATED HERE IN OUR COUNTRY, AND THE TRADITION OF COLUMBUS AND THE GREAT EXPLORERS LIVES ON. TOMORROW, ABOARD THE SPACE SHUTTLE ATLANTIS, A SPACE PROBE BEGINS ITS SIX-YEAR VOYAGE TO THE PLANET JUPITER. GALILEO: A MISSION ACROSS THE MILLIONS OF MILES OF SPACE TO THE MOONS THE FAMED ASTRONOMER DISCOVERED OVER THREE CENTURIES AGO.~~

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**GALILEO IS JUST ONE ELEMENT IN A VERY EXCITING, VERY AMBITIOUS SPACE PROGRAM. I KNOW VICE PRESIDENT QUAYLE, WHO IS DOING SUCH A TREMENDOUS JOB AS CHAIRMAN OF OUR NATIONAL SPACE COUNCIL, AGREES WITH ME THAT EVERY VOYAGE INTO SPACE IS A VOYAGE INTO OUR FUTURE.**

**AND ITALY, TOO, IS ACTIVE IN THE NEW WORLD OF SPACE EXPLORATION. AFTER HIS MEETINGS HERE, PRESIDENT COSSIGA WILL VISIT MY HOME TOWN, HOUSTON, AND THE JOHNSON SPACE CENTER.**

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**HE'S GOING TO HEAR FIRST-HAND HOW MUCH THE U.S. VALUES ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ITALIAN SPACE AGENCY -- A PARTNERSHIP THAT'S GOING TO RESULT IN THE FLIGHT OF THE FIRST ITALIAN ASTRONAUT -- ABOARD ONE OF OUR SPACE SHUTTLE MISSIONS -- IN 1991.**

**IN JUST A FEW MINUTES, PRESIDENT COSSIGA AND I WILL MOVE INSIDE TO BEGIN OUR DISCUSSIONS.**

BOTH OF US HAVE BEEN TO POLAND THIS YEAR, AND WE'LL DISCUSS THE MOMENTOUS CHANGES TAKING PLACE IN EASTERN EUROPE AND THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE IN DEVELOPING CONCERTED WESTERN ACTION TO SUPPORT MOVEMENT TOWARDS DEMOCRACY THERE. AND OF COURSE, WE'LL TALK ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE SOVIET UNION -- AND OUR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE PUSHING FORWARD WITH NATO'S CALL FOR THE EARLY CONCLUSION OF A CONVENTIONAL ARMS REDUCTION AGREEMENT WITH THE WARSAW PACT.

WE'LL ALSO DISCUSS OTHER ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN: THE WAR ON DRUGS WE'RE WAGING HERE IN THE U.S. -- AND ITALY'S CRACKDOWN ON ORGANIZED CRIME, NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING, AND DRUG ABUSE. WE'LL DISCUSS ALLIANCE ISSUES -- AND THE NEED FOR UNITY THAT IS CRITICAL TODAY, WHEN TENSIONS ARE EASING BUT THE THREAT TO PEACE AND FREEDOM STILL EXISTS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO A PRODUCTIVE MEETING: A MEETING OF THE MIND AND HEART THAT TAKES PLACE BETWEEN FRIENDS AND ALLIES. //// PRESIDENT COSSIGA, WELCOME. I WISH YOU AND YOUR DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUES A PLEASANT AND PRODUCTIVE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. THERE ARE FEW NATIONS WHERE THE TIES ARE SO STRONG -- THE AFFECTION SO GENUINE AND MUTUAL -- THAN BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

I KNOW THAT HERE AND ON THE REST OF YOUR TRAVELS, YOU WILL FIND AMERICA WELCOMES YOU WITH OPEN ARMS.

THANK YOU. GOD BLESS YOU, GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA -- AND GOD BLESS THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY.

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*Chriss +  
Pls. see H on P. 2  
re Quayle + Spec Council*

McGroarty/Dooley  
October 10, 1989  
11:00 am  
[COSSIGA]

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*such a tremendous job*

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*Question* CAMP DAVID

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i dont object but i need reason for this....

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10/10/89

McGroarty/Dooley  
October 6, 1989  
5:00 pm  
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RESPONSE:

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Ext. 2702

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DATE: 10/7/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ---

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ARRIVAL STATEMENT AND STATE DINNER TOAST  
FOR PRESIDENT COSSIGA  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

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**REMARKS:**

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**RESPONSE:**

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

1989 OCT -6 PM 5:33

October 6, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST *DD*

FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *DM*

SUBJECT: ARRIVAL STATEMENT AND STATE DINNER TOAST FOR PRESIDENT  
COSSIGA

I. SUMMARY

On Wednesday, October 11, at 10:00 a.m., you will greet Italy's President Cossiga at the White House. That night, there will be a State Dinner.

II. DISCUSSION

The Arrival Statement and the Toast both discuss the long history of friendship between the United States and Italy, and the important role that Italian-Americans have played in our country -- beginning, of course, with Christopher Columbus. President Cossiga's visit falls on the day before the official Columbus Day.

The speech also discusses the space shuttle mission that begins the following day, from which the space probe Galileo (another famous Italian) will be launched. You will also discuss a joint American-Italian space mission that will take off in 1991.

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McGroarty/Dooley  
October 6, 1989  
5:00 pm  
[COSSIGA]

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10/5/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10/6/89 2:00 PM

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: COSSIGA ARRIVAL AND TOAST

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**REMARKS:**

Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 2:00 PM, Friday, October 6, with a copy to my office. Thank you.

OK SR 10/6/89

**RESPONSE:**

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

1989 OCT -5 PM 6:24

McGroarty/Dooley  
October 5, 1989  
10:00 am  
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FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER *SR*  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Cossiga Arrival and Toast

Pursuant to James Cicconi's request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter. We have no objection to the Presidential Remarks as drafted.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST *DD*

FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *DM*

SUBJECT: ARRIVAL STATEMENT AND STATE DINNER TOAST FOR PRESIDENT COSSIGA

I. SUMMARY

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II. DISCUSSION

The Arrival Statement and the Toast both discuss the long history of friendship between the United States and Italy, and the important role that Italian-Americans have played in our country -- beginning, of course, with Christopher Columbus. President Cossiga's visit falls on the day before the official Columbus Day.

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