

PRIME MINISTER

Anglo/Italian Summit

The present arrangements are:

Thursday, 24 February

1925	Mr. Fanfani arrives for brief talks
1945 for 2000	Formal dinner

Friday, 25 February

1030 - 1130	Tete-a-tete
1130 - 1230	Joined by Foreign Ministers
1245 for 1300	Working lunch: Ministers report on bilateral meetings

We have conveyed to the Italians your attitude about the need for a joint press conference. They have told us that Mr. Fanfani very much hopes that you will agree to this. He may well face a General Election in the spring and wants as much advantageous exposure to the media as possible. He will have lots of Italian journalists with him.

Do you want us to say that you would really very much prefer Mr. Fanfani to give his own press conference? Or are you prepared to meet his wish for a joint one?

A.S.C.

Yes
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