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Dear Charles,

Anglo-Italian Summit: Joint Press Conference

I now attach, as requested, additional notes for the Prime Minister's use at the press conference after the Anglo-Italian Summit on 19 October.

Yours ever,

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Anglo-Italian
Summit file

ANGLO-ITALIAN SUMMIT

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT FOR JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE

PRIME MINISTER CRAXI AND I MEET REGULARLY.

HE WAS LAST HERE FOR THE LONDON ECONOMIC SUMMIT,
AND I AM VERY PLEASSED TO SEE HIM AGAIN.

OUR TALKS REFLECTED THE SUCCESSFUL COLLABORATION
BETWEEN BRITAIN AND ITALY AS TWO OF THE MAJOR
MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
AND OUR DETERMINATION TO WORK EVER MORE CLOSELY
TOGETHER IN FUTURE.

I SHOULD LIKE TO THANK HIM FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO
OUR EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIP.

WE HAVE HAD TALKS LASTING SOME THREE AND A HALF HOURS IN ALL
COVERING A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS.

I WON'T TRY TO COVER THEM ALL IN THIS OPENING
STATEMENT, BUT DEAL ONLY WITH MAIN ONES WHICH

/SIGNOR CRAXI

Middle East.

Turkey / Cuba / Mexico

Libya.

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- technique

Genocide

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3 / Displacement

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Middle East

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SIGNOR CRAXI AND I OURSELVES DISCUSSED.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

WE NATURALLY SPENT TIME DISCUSSING THE FUTURE

DEVELOPMENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, AND THE
PRIORITIES OF THE FORTHCOMING ITALIAN PRESIDENCY.

I EXPLAINED THE IMPORTANCE WHICH BRITAIN ATTACHES
TO GETTING RID OF ALL THE REMAINING BARRIERS TO A
COMMON MARKET IN GOODS AND SERVICES AND TO
LIBERALISING AIR SERVICES.

WE AGREED THAT THE FONTAINEBLEAU EUROPEAN COUNCIL
WAS A MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT AND THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT
TO COMPLETE QUICKLY THE FEW OUTSTANDING ISSUES ON
THE BUDGETARY SIDE.

I STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF RESTORING DISCIPLINE IN
THE MANAGEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY AND ITS RESOURCES.
/INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION

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in meeting
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New Politics 117

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Financial recovery

Overcome.

Over recovery

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Prudently consider

Don Murrill



Terrorism

Spikes

INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION

WE REVIEWED THE PROGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION BETWEEN

BRITAIN AND ITALY WHICH HAS ALREADY BORNE FRUIT -

FOR INSTANCE EH101 HELICOPTER AND THE LINKS

ESTABLISHED BETWEEN PLESSEY AND ELETTRONICA,) AND

RACAL AND SELENIA.)

WE DISCUSSED A LONG LIST OF PROJECTS - BOTH

MILITARY AND CIVIL - WHICH WERE EITHER IN TRAIN

OR MIGHT DEVELOP IN THE FUTURE.

I STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF WORK ON COMMON

STANDARDS FOR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS WITHIN THE

COMMUNITY, WITHOUT WHICH FURTHER EUROPEAN

COLLABORATION WOULD BE HAMPERED.

/SPACE PROGRAMME

EAST/WEST RELATIONS AND DISARMAMENT

WE DISCUSSED EAST/WEST ISSUES AND AGREED ON THE NEED FOR PATIENCE AND PERSISTENCE TO DEVELOP CONTACTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE.

WE ALSO AGREED ON THE NEED TO MAINTAIN WESTERN UNITY, PARTICULARLY IN THE FACE OF THE CONTINUED BUILD-UP OF SOVIET NUCLEAR SYSTEMS.

WE REGRETTED THAT THERE WAS NO SIGN AT PRESENT THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE PREPARED TO GO BACK TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE WHILE THE US IS READY TO DO SO AT ANY TIME, ANY PLACE.

WE AGREED THAT ARMS REDUCTIONS WOULD BE IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE PROVIDED THAT THEY CAN BE ACHIEVED ON THE BASIS OF BALANCE AND VERIFICATION.

ARGENTINA/FALKLANDS

WE NATURALLY DISCUSSED THE FORTHCOMING DEBATE ON THE
FALKLANDS AT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

I EMPHASISED THE VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH
TO THIS QUESTION.

I POINTED OUT THAT PRESIDENT ALFONSIN HAD MADE
CLEAR ONCE AGAIN IN HIS STATEMENTS IN NEW YORK IN
SEPTEMBER THAT FOR ARGENTINA NEGOTIATIONS CAN
ONLY LEAD TO AN EARLY TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, WITHOUT ANY REGARD AT ALL
FOR THE WISHES OF THE ISLANDERS, AND AS IF THE
EVENTS OF 1982 HAD NEVER OCCURRED.

/LIBYA

LIBYA

FINALLY I SHOULD SAY THAT I THANKED PRIME MINISTER CRAXI
VERY WARMLY FOR ITALY'S HELP IN LOOKING AFTER OUR
INTERESTS IN LIBYA AND IN PARTICULAR ASKED HIM TO
MAKE A FURTHER EFFORT TO PERSUADE THE LIBYAN
AUTHORITIES TO RELEASE THE FOUR BRITONS REMAINING
IN QUITE UNJUSTIFIABLE DETENTION IN LIBYA.