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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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Brent

I suggested John V.  
might resign & come back  
& campaign. He was  
reluctant.  
Check with Dick Cheney.  
What do you think?

Brent  
I think we should  
leave John in Italy

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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September 21, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT 

Ambassador Volpe asked me to convey the following message to you:

"It was great seeing you last week in Washington and thanks again for your generous attendance at the Italian American Foundation dinner. You did a bang-up job. It was greatly appreciated.

"I have gone through a great deal of personal anguish since our conversation at the White House last Thursday morning. You know how proud I am to be representing you in Italy at this critical moment. As our first Ambassador of Italian origin to Italy, this position has significance to the Italian-American community at large. I also am concerned about what my departure at this time might imply here regarding our attitudes toward the Italian Communist Party and toward the present Andreotti government.

"As important as these concerns are to me personally, as well as to our relations here, I realize the most important consideration of the moment is your election.

"I therefore want you to know that I leave it to you to determine what way I can be of the most meaningful help to you. If you feel in the brief time left before the election there is some form of visible and substantive capacity in which I can advance your candidacy, I would be honored to accept your decision to serve as you deem best.

"Good luck on September 23. Just be Jerry Ford -- that's the winning formula. Warmest regards."

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FROM: AMBASSADOR VOLPE ROME 166  
TO: THE WHITE HOUSE FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT IMMEDIATE EYES ONLY  
(1) BRENT: I HAVE SENT A SEPARATE PERSONAL MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT FOR YOUR ATTENTION SO THAT YOU CAN ASSURE HE RECEIVES IT.  
(2) YOU KNOW MY FEELINGS AND CONCERNS ON THIS SITUATION BUT I REALIZE THAT THE PARAMOUNT CONSIDERATION IS THE PRESIDENT'S ELECTION. THEREFORE I AM LEAVING TO HIS DETERMINATION THE BEST SUBSTANTIVE WAY I CAN SERVE HIM.  
(3) IN HELPING THE PRESIDENT REACH A FINAL DECISION ON THIS MATTER I TRUST YOU WILL KEEP THE FOLLOWING FACTORS IN MIND:  
(A) NATURALLY I AM CONCERNED ABOUT LEAVING AT THIS SENSITIVE TIME WHEN MY DEPARTURE IS LIKELY TO SIGNAL (ALBEIT ERRONEOUSLY) A CHANGE IN OUR ATTITUDES TOWARD THE PCI AND OUR UNHAPPINESS WITH THE ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT. YOU RECALL THE SECRETARY JUST SENT A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO ASSURE ANDREOTTI THIS WAS NOT THE CASE, IN LIGHT OF RECENT ITALIAN PRESS SPECULATIONS THAT THE USG WAS TRYING TO UNDERCUT HIM.  
(B) I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT SHOULD THE PRESIDENT WISH ME TO JOIN THE CAMPAIGN THERE WILL BE A VISIBLE AND MEANINGFUL ROLE FOR ME TO PLAY. I WOULD NOT WANT TO RESIGN A POST WHICH DOES HAVE VISIBILITY AND SYMBOLISM FOR THE ITALIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY FOR A ROLE IN THE CAMPAIGN WHICH WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT.  
(C) I WILL NEED TEN DAYS TO TWO WEEKS TO CLEAN UP AFFAIRS HERE -- MAKING APPROPRIATE GOOD-BYES TO PRESIDENTS LEONE, OTHER OFFICIALS, ETC. UNFORTUNATELY THIS LEAVES VERY LITTLE TIME FOR ME TO BE PRODUCTIVE BACK HOME.  
(4) TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER. HARMONY  
REGARDS,  
JOHN.

\*\*\*\*\* WHSR COMMENT \*\*\*\*\*

SCOWCROFT, HYLAND, MCFARLANE, RODMAN

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Dick -

I agree with you,  
but here is Volpe's  
explanatory cable to his  
message to the President.

It is basically your  
call, based on how badly  
you need him. He  
obviously doesn't want  
to do it.  
But