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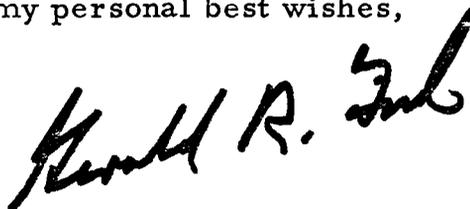
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1975

Dear Mr. President:

This is to thank you for your letter of March 25 conveying your very welcome invitation. I am looking forward to my visit to Italy on June 3 and to the opportunity to continue the personal dialogue we began last September on matters of mutual concern to our two nations.

With my personal best wishes,



His Excellency  
Giovanni Leone  
President of the Italian Republic  
Rome



NSC REFERRAL TO STATE SECRETARIAT

Date: May 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

GEORGE SPRINGSTEEN  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

NSC LOG# 7502299

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

TO: Giovanni Leone, Pres of Italy

FROM: Pres Ford

DATE: May 13, 1975

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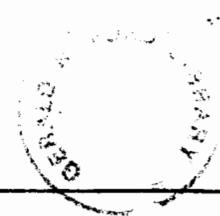
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- RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS
- TRANSLATION
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- INFORMATION
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*Michael J. Train*  
for JEANNE W. DAVIS  
Staff Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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May 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *HK*  
SUBJECT: Italian Invitation for Presidential Visit

With the letter at Tab B, Italian President Giovanni Leone has renewed his invitation, first extended in Washington last September, for you to visit Italy in the near future.

At Tab A for your signature to President Leone is a reply which would express your appreciation for his kind invitation and indicate that you look forward to your forthcoming visit to Italy.

Your letter has been cleared with Paul Theis.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to President Leone at Tab A.

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AMBASCIATA D'ITALIA

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Unofficial translation

Rome, March 25th, 1975

My dear Mr. President,

I have many vivid memories of the very cordial hospitality you extended to me and my wife in the course of the state visit I paid to the United States last September, and of the interesting exchanges of views we had on the most important international issues.

As you will remember, at the conclusion of the visit I was very happy to extend to you and to Mrs. Ford, also on behalf of the Italian Government, an invitation to visit Italy in the near future, in order to resume, within the framework of the friendship and alliance which unite our two countries, the dialogue that we had so profitably begun in Washington, for the sake of democracy, of a stable international balance, of peace and progress.

I would like to express to you again my strong desire, and that of the Italian Government, to welcome you to Rome, if you are planning a visit to Europe this year. To this end

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The President

The White House

Washington, D.C.



I cordially renew to you our invitation and sincerely hope that you will be able to accept it.

Please accept, dear Mr. President, the expression of my highest consideration.

Signed: Giovanni Leone



*Il Presidente  
della Repubblica Italiana*

Roma, 25 marzo 1975

Signor Presidente,

è ancor molto vivo in me il ricordo delle così cordiali accoglienze da Lei riservateci e degli interessanti scambi di vedute intervenuti sui massimi problemi internazionali in occasione della visita di Stato da me compiuta negli Stati Uniti nel settembre scorso. Come Ella ricorderà, a conclusione di essa mi fu grato rivolgerLe, anche a nome del Governo italiano, l'invito a visitare l'Italia nel prossimo futuro, in vista di riprendere, nel quadro dell'amicizia e dell'alleanza che uniscono le nostre due Nazioni, il dialogo così fruttuosamente avviato a Washington, nell'interesse della democrazia, di uno stabile assetto internazionale, della pace<sup>e</sup> del progresso.

Se Ella effettuerà un viaggio in Europa nel corso di quest'anno, desidero ripeterLe che sarebbe vivissimo desiderio mio e del Governo italiano di poterLa ricevere a Roma. Mi è pertanto gradito rinnovarLe cordialmente l'invito, confidando che Ella vorrà dargli il suo favorevole accoglimento.

La prego di gradire, Signor Presidente, le espressioni della mia più alta considerazione

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A Sua Eccellenza  
Gerald R. FORD  
Presidente degli Stati Uniti d'America

WASHINGTON D.C.

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May 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

*Tab F faded  
5-12-75*

FROM: Mr. Clift *CC*

SUBJECT: Italian Invitation for Presidential Visit

Italian President Giovanni Leone has recently renewed his invitation, first extended during his visit to Washington last September, for the President to visit Italy in the near future.

At Tab I for your signature to the President is a memorandum which would forward a reply to President Leone expressing appreciation for the invitation and indicating that he looks forward to his forthcoming visit to Italy.

State's memorandum is at Tab II.

The President's letter has been cleared with Paul Theis.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 11, 1975

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT  
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Italian Invitation for Presidential  
Visit

By the accompanying letter, Italian President Leone formally renews an invitation, first extended to the President in Washington last September, for the President to visit Rome, if the President travels to Europe this year.

In delivering the letter of invitation, the Italian Charge noted that Italian Ambassador Ortona recently telephoned from Rome to say that Leone had urged Ortona to emphasize Leone's strong hope that the President would accept the Italian invitation.

No reply is necessary, since Leone's letter merely repeats his invitation first given to the President in September. Alternatively, if the President wishes to again thank Leone for his invitation, a suggested reply is attached.

*George S. Springsteen*  
for George S. Springsteen  
Executive Secretary

## Attachments:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Original letter from President Leone to President Ford.
3. Translation of the above.

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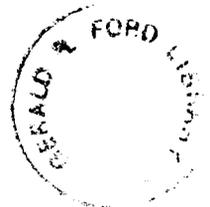
Suggested Reply

Dear Mr. President:

I have received your kind letter of March 25 and deeply appreciate the renewal of your invitation. As you know, I am presently considering a short trip to Brussels at the end of May for a heads of government meeting, if the other members of the Alliance agree. Since I must be back in Washington to receive Mr. Scheel on June 2, I doubt that it would be possible to do other than return directly to the United States. Please be assured, however, that I have your kind invitation very much in mind.

Sincerely,

Gerald Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. President:

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With my personal best wishes,

Sincerely,

His Excellency  
Giovanni Leone  
President of the Italian Republic  
Rome



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**With my personal best wishes,**

**His Excellency  
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President of the Italian Republic  
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