

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DECLASSIFIED
PER E.O. 13526
2009-0742-MR
32 11/21/11

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Giulio Andreotti, Prime Minister of Italy

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Andreotti
Interpreter: Sim Smiley
Notetaker: Tony Wayne

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: June 28, 1992, 8:46 - 8:55 am EST
Camp David

The President Hello. How are you Giulio? (U)

Prime Minister Andreotti: Fine and you. Today in Rome we are changing Prime Ministers. There will be a new cabinet with the same four parties, but this time the Prime Minister will be a Socialist Giuliano. I think you met him when he was Minister of the Treasury. (U)

The President: Yes, I remember. I wanted to touch base with you, if it is still appropriate given the change of Prime Ministers, on Bosnia. (U)

Prime Minister Andreotti: Yes it is. (U)

The President: The urgency is a bit diminished I gather since I talked to John Major and Ruud Lubbers. I understand the EC believes we must lean forward and use force if needed to get the aid into Bosnia. The U.S. feels the same way. We must go to the UN and get this authorized. I am reluctant to use U.S. troops, however. (Ø)

Prime Minister Andreotti: We discussed this yesterday at the European Council in Lisbon. We agreed on a proposal to open up Sarajevo airport to let the humanitarian aid flow to the city. Should the need arise to support this with military force, we are in favor. This morning President Mitterrand flew to Sarajevo airport. (Ø)

The President: Did he actually land? (U)

Prime Minister Andreotti: Yes, under the protection of UN forces. Now he is in the town. His presence there might lead to political results. In any case, tomorrow the Security Council will examine the situation. We are ready to support authorization for the use of force. (Ø)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The President: That's good. The U.S. is ready to support that too. I hope Mitterrand can have good effects, especially since France was initially so hesitant on Serbia. Maybe because of France's past position it is in a good position now to talk with both sides. (Ø)

Prime Minister Andreotti: Yes, we hope so. In any case, we have the government of Bosnia asking us to free the airport so we are not forcing our way into a country. The key is to push the Serbs back. (Ø)

The President: If Mitterrand has landed at the airport, it is hard to say the airport isn't free, though we certainly still think it is dangerous. (Ø)

Prime Minister Andreotti: Mitterrand landed with a helicopter and thus needed less assistance and he was surrounded by UN troops. Tomorrow we can see if there is any progress. I'm sure he will call you to provide a personal readout. (Ø)

The President: That will be wonderful. I appreciate Italy's leadership on this, and I will miss dealing with you personally unless the clock turns back in some way. I hope we will continue to have contact in some manner. (Ø)

Prime Minister Andreotti: Thank you very much. All my best wishes to your wife and family. (U)

The President: Good bye. (U)

Prime Minister Andreotti: Good bye. (U)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~