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Prime Minister of Italy
Rome Italy
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Wrote to the President, (forwarded to the President by Hon. Myron G. Taylor) - discusses signing the Economic Cooperation Agreement with the United States and their plans of execution of this agreement.---Mr. Taylor's letter is dated 7/13/48 and he discussed his meeting with the President and the Prime Minister and their discussion of Italian and European affairs, namely the political situation and the economic situation; also discussions of Yugoslavia and Berlin Blockade, Palestine and the New State of Israel and Communism.---On 8/4/48 Mr. Hopkins referred the Prime Minister's letter to the State Department for appropriate action.---On 9/14/48 Mr. Lovett sent memo to Mr. Bassett, attaching draft letter for the President to write to Premier De Gasperi and suggests release of this letter at the same time the Prime Minister releases his. Says if the President approves this suggestion, asks that they inform him of the final form which the President's reply takes so they may make use of the exchange on the Voice of America broadcast.---approved by the President, 9/16/48.---The President signed letter to Premier DeGasperi, 9/16/48, in which he says that the American people support this program wholeheartedly and hopes that the program in Italy and elsewhere will be crowned with success. He expresses his admiration for the will to work shown by the Italian people, and says he is certain that with the broad participation in the Recovery program of all elements in the Italian nation, Italy will play a significant constructive part in the European Recovery program.---On 9/17/48 Mr. Hopkins referred this letter to Mr. Lovett, Under Secy. of State and also copy of the press release.

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