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Meeting: Judge Gian Carlo Caselli
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Friday, May 29, 1998
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Meeting Room (MC12-755)

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B. SUBJECT: MEETING: JUDGE GIAN CARLO CASELLI, CHIEF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR OF PALERMO, ITALY (B) < CONFIRMED > VENUE: MC 12-755 (MEETING ROOM) TIME: 10:00 - 10:30 A.M.

IN ATTENDANCE: JDW, LUIGI

EXTERNAL ATTENDEES: JUDGE CASELLI, CHIEF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR OF PALERMO, M. MAFFIA, DIRECTOR, NEW ITALY PROJECT, CENTER FOR STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (CSIS) M. ROSINI, INTERPRETER
NOTE: PER JDW'S REQUEST ITEM SCHEDULED / FYI - JUDGE CASELLI WILL BE MEETING WB ANTI CORRUPTION TEAM FROM 10:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.
- MIKE STEVENS HANDLING THIS MEETING / THEN HE WILL MEET WITH MR. PASSACANTANDO AT 12:30 P.M. (B) ON HAND // EXC: LP // LFG (5/27)

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Luigi Passamonti
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leading public prosecution for
mafia activities against former
PM Andreotti.

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Mike Stevens <mstevens2@worldbank.org> on 05/27/98 10:58:05 AM

Subject: Caselli

Luigi,

Here's a short brief for JDW, on the assumption that he has a time window at 10.00 Friday to say hello to Judge Caselli

MEETING WITH CHIEF PROSECUTOR GIAN CARLO CASELLI

Background.

Gian Carlo Caselli is the Chief Prosecutor of Palermo, and thus the spearhead of the Italian Government's fight against the Sicilian Mafia. In the late 70's and in the 1980's he was Chief Prosecutor in Turin, and in the forefront of the judicial battle against the "Red Brigades". He was appointed to his present position in 1994, after the assassination of Magistrates Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino.

He is in the US at the invitation of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, where he is giving a presentation on how democratic states can defeat organized crime and the reform of the judicial system in Italy.

Program in the Bank.

Following his appointment with you, Judge Caselli will be meeting with Bank staff working on anti corruption issues, drawn from PREM and the regions. On our side we will explain what the Bank is doing and why, and from Judge Caselli we expect to hear both about his experiences in Sicily, and his thoughts on the international dimensions of organized crime.

After that, he will meet with Masood Ahmed, VP PREM.

Discussion Points:

The Bank is not directly engaged in fighting organized crime, but it is a dimension of the development challenge in a number of our borrowers, and clearly has international aspects which we should learn about.

On our side we contribute to the fight against organized crime by our efforts to strengthen judicial systems and governance and economic reform work generally. (Historians of the mafia say its origins lie in filling a contract enforcement gap, due to the failure of organized government - with history repeating itself in the FSU).

You may want to say how much we admire those truly in the frontline in the fight against organized crime and corruption.

There's a chance Caselli may try to enlist the Bank's support in articulating the threat to society from organized crime, and in arguing for better coordination between governments on this issue. (A year or so ago, you may recall, there were tentative proposals from the "club" of anti-corruption magistrates in Europe for a meeting with you - reportedly they are frustrated with the lukewarm political support they get for international cooperation).

Mike Stevens

To: Luigi Passamonti
cc: Cheryl W. Gray
Ana Maria Chasseloup

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Fax number.*

Dear Mr. Passamonti,

Within the framework of the New Italy Project at CSIS, we will host a presentation and discussion with Mr. Gian Carlo Caselli, Chief Prosecutor of Palermo.

Mr. Caselli has been appointed to his current position in 1994, after the assassination of Italian Magistrates Giovanni Falcone Paolo Borsellino. In the last four years, he has attacked both the financial and structural foundations of Italian mafia, and he has arrested and indicted the most prominent bosses of "Cosa Nostra", who have consequently been convicted, most to life term prison.

In the late 70's and the 80's, Mr. Caselli, as the Chief Prosecutor of Turin, has been in the forefront on the judicial battle against the terrorist group "Red Brigades". Mr. Caselli, widely awarded as one of the finest magistrates in Italy, is also one of the promoters for the reform of the Italian judiciary system.

Mr. Caselli's presentation will be focused on two main issues:

- * how democratic States can defeat organized crime: the case of Italy.
- * The reform of the Italian judiciary system.

The meeting will be held here at CSIS, 1800 K Street NW on Thursday, May 28, 1998 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm, in the Center's 4th Floor Conference Room. Mr. Caselli's presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.

We are pleased to invite you to attend the meeting and hope you can join us next Thursday. If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact me at (202) 775-3284.

We look forward to hearing from you, and remain

Sincerely yours,

E. COMMENTS:

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