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FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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TAGS: OVIP (MARTELLI, CLAUDIO), PREL, IT  
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT FOR JUSTICE  
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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. JUSTICE MINISTER MARTELLI, WHO MADE THE CRITICAL DECISION TO EXTRADITE AL-JAWARY TO THE U.S., HAS ASKED ME FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE SECRETARY DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON ON MONDAY, JULY 13. THAT SEEMS TO ME ASKING TOO MUCH OF THE SECRETARY IN THIS BUSY PERIOD, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO URGE YOU TO SEE HIM FOR A FEW MINUTES.
3. MARTELLI IS ONE OF THE FEW IMPORTANT POLITICIANS IN ITALY RIGHT NOW WHO HAS A FUTURE, AND HE MAY BE THE ONLY ONE CAPABLE OF BRINGING  
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ABOUT THE EVENTUAL UNIFICATION OF THE ITALIAN LEFT, SOMETHING MARTELLI'S MENTOR, SOCIALIST PARTY SECRETARY CRAXI, HAS LONG TALKED ABOUT.

4. MARTELLI HAS BEEN AND CAN BE HELPFUL TO US IN COMBATTING INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. HE STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE REFORMS OF ITALIAN LAWS WHICH JUDGE GIOVANNI FALCONE MODELLED ON OURS AND, AFTER FALCONE'S ASSASSINATION BY THE MAFIA, SIGNED DECREES

EMBODYING FALCONE'S IDEAS.

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5. MARTELLI HAS APPOINTMENTS WITH THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE FBI DIRECTOR MONDAY MORNING. I AM ALSO TRYING TO GET HIM INTO THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION. WILL YOU SEE HIM? HE MAY RAISE THE ITALIAN REQUEST FOR THE TRANSFER TO ITALY OF CONVICTED TERRORIST SILVIA BARALDINI, BUT YOU CAN DEFER TO JUSTICE ON THAT. SECCHIA

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