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EYES ONLY

Dear Governor:

I have just learned that Segni confidentially has been trying to get us to agree to have him come to America to see the President.

I think this would be most unwise from our viewpoint. Segni and his followers are doing their best to prevent the return to power of a center-left coalition. At the same time their comments to us have revealed their willingness to make use of even the far right. Segni would exploit, energetically and cleverly, any visit to this country against Fanfani, Moro and the Socialists. His visit would certainly make it more difficult for the Socialists to come away from the Communists.

I do not think we should offend Segni, but I vote in favor of letting him down gracefully.

This is very important.

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cc: Arthur Schlesinger, jr.

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