

MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR CATALANO

12:00 noon

Thursday, August 2, 1973

1. He said that he has received instructions, and given them to Charge Bettini, to support the US MBFR proposal in almost every respect. He says we will have no trouble with Italy on this one.

2. He raised the subject of Portugal and Mozambique, indicating that while he wanted to be fully protected, and this was not a demarche, he wanted me to know that Italy won't raise it, but if another country does, he is sure that this new government will get on the bandwagon.

NOTE TO GENE: Possibly we ought to, without identifying Catalano, get some information from Washington about what our view of the situation with respect to Portugal and the use of arms in Africa is.

3. Catalano did not bring up the subject of Malta special payments.

