


14th November 1988

To: Dr. Baer

cc: 


Re: Word-processing support for the preparation of the Delors Committee's report.

 of the Bank of Italy has discussed with me the various options open to us for assisting Dott. Padoa-Schioppa and yourself with the exchange of drafts during the last phases of the preparation of the above report.

The three options in question are:

- (a) Utilisation of an air courier service for the exchange of diskettes;
- (b) transmission via facsimile and subsequent reading-in of texts at either end, using optical scanners (we are using this technique successfully for the preparation of the 1989 edition of the "Red Book" on payment systems in eleven developed countries);
- (c) a telecommunications link between the "All-in-one" word-processing software from Digital Equipment Corporation, used at the Bank of Italy, and our own word-processing system, Displaywrite 4, using the existing Data Bank access methods.

Of the three, option (c) would appear to be the most appropriate. It would present no difficulties as far as we are concerned and it is the method currently used by the Bank of Italy twice a week to access and retrieve data and tables from the Data Bank. It would also mean that confidentiality would be assured, in that transmission would not be in clear text, as is the case with facsimile transmission.

We shall conduct preliminary tests, with a telecommunications link during the week beginning 21st November 1988 and shall advise you of the results. We hope that  will be able to send a file to the Bank of Italy in the same way as she sends documents to be printed on one of the printers connected to the central computer.


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