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TRANSLATION

Nr. 1520 d1 Prot.

31 December 1943

To General Maxwell D. Taylor

Chief of Staff
Allied Control Commission

Dear General:

His Excellency Marshal Badoglio requests me to beg you to authorize the brothers Gaetano and Giuseppe Amore of Lentini (Catania) to make use of a sailboat to carry oranges and mandarines from Catania to Naples.

Since this request is made in the interest of the feeding of Naples, I beg you to give it favorable consideration.

Awaiting reply I send my thanks and respects.

PRIVATE SECRETARY OF THE HEAD OF
THE GOVERNMENT
(Lt. Col. G. Valenzano)

/s/ Valenzano

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In reply refer to:
383.6

31 December 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Military Government Section, A.P.H.Q.

SUBJECT : Complaint of Yugoslav Nationals

Reference is made to your telegram No. 21417 of December 30. The report mentioned in the last paragraph of the Political Section's memorandum of December 26 is enclosed.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

Political Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

EWG/hjp/hd

In reply
refer to: 311.22

31 December 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Brigadier General Robert M. Webster.

SUBJECT: Communications Sardinia.

1. Reference is made to attached which contains the essential parts of a verbal report made by Lieut. Raymond A. Clark, Allied Censor Control Officer in Cagliari, to Lt. Col. Donald D. Hoover, Deputy Chief, Censorship Branch, AFHQ.

2. It would appear that cable heads have not been seized and sealed in Sardinia, particularly those cables which terminate in Axis held territory.

3. Doubtless you will want to have this matter checked upon your return to Sardinia. It would be appreciated if we could be informed of the steps taken. Information with respect to available communications facilities is most useful to the Commission, especially since the use of radio by the Italian Government will apparently be non-existent.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Communications Section

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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In reply refer to:
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31 December 1943

SUBJECT: Travel Orders (72)

TO: CAPT J. S. A. HUMPHRIES, 57085. MI

1. You WP Cairo, Egypt immediately, reporting to Director of Military Intelligence (DMI), OHQ, MEF for temp Intelligence Duties. Upon completion of temp dy you will return to this station.
2. Travel by M/A is directed. TEN.

By Command of Major General JOYCE:

E. J. Chiocca
E. J. CHIOCCA
CWO, AUS
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

On 6 December Your Excellency addressed a letter to me regarding certain factories in the Naples Area. I have just received information from our AMG officials which indicates that every effort is being made to reestablish industry wherever possible.

a. Silfurificio Italiano. This firm is working for the Royal Navy.

b. Ansaldo. In spite of very heavy damage to this plant, the Army and Navy authorities are planning to give all possible work to this firm.

c. Bombardini-Pirelli-Ansaldo and Deloro. Because of the difficulties of transport, it has not yet been possible to complete the investigation of the industrial possibilities of this plant.

Most sincerely,

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In reply refer to:
091.112

31 December 1943

His Excellency Don Renato Prunas
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following two messages to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs have been received from the Italian Ambassador at Madrid:

1. "Number 1268 dated December 22: See your telegram No. 111. Verrandi will remain here, but Verrando will leave Madrid by air for Brindisi on 28 December, for reasons which I will explain later."

2. "Number 1269 dated December 23: See your cable No. 11/1. Charge d'Affaires and staff at Holy See remain loyal to the King. They have taken refuge in Embassy premises. I thought it necessary to authorize Charge d'Affaires, at his request and as the question was urgent, to open reasonable bank credit for payment of allowances to loyal officials who refused to accept them from the so-called Republican Government."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

Political Section

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In reply refer to:
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31 December 1943

His Excellency don Renato Prunas
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to Italian Minister of Foreign
Affairs has been received from Magistrati from Berno:

"Number 2068: Alessandrini is grateful for your cable
No. 121. I highly recommend early permission for marriage,
considering Miss Calderon's qualities also popularity and
esteem Spanish Minister. Am certain that you will find
favorable and prompt formula. Your kind reply would be
appreciated."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

Political Section

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In reply refer to:
135.18

31 December 1943

His Excellency Don Renato Brunan
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to Marshal Badoglio has been received
from the Italian Ambassador at Madrid:

"Number 1998 dated 25 December: On occasion of Christmas
and New Year, please accept on behalf of myself and my colla-
borators expression of fervent wishes for full success in
your high task."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

Political Section

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In reply refer to:
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31 December 1943

His Excellency Don Renato Prunas
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
has been received from Italian Ambassador at Madrid:

"Number 1267 dated December 21: Telegram concerning
authorization of Alessandrini's marriage was received from
Minister at Berne. Alessandrini made arrangement for marriage
on assumption that law forbidding marriage of Foreign Office
officials with foreigners and racial measures had been repealed
already. I wish to add for my part that in Spain the fiancée
is very favourably known."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

Political Section

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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In reply refer to:
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31 December 1943

SUBJECT: Travel Orders (71)

TO: LT COL LORD WIDELETON, 4116

1. You WP Algiers immediately reporting there to G-1 (D), AFHQ for perm dy.

2. Travel by M/A is directed: TDM. Auth: Cable, AFHQ, dated 29 Dec 43. Ref. No. 21032.

By Command of Major General JOYCE:

Robert B. Diney
ROBERT B. DINEY
1st Lt, AGC
AG

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C O P Y

From : S M R E ORD & MOB Nº 1123/MDR/V 24 Dec 43

To : M M I A

For info to: Supreme Command
Ministry of War

SUBJECT:- REFORMING OF MILITARY BASE FORMATION IN SICILY

1. HQ "SABAUDA" Div -- SICILY, is at the moment being importuned by soldiers and by relatives of dead, missing or PW troops, for a clarification of their family affairs. These family affairs are often in a very pitiful state owing to the fact that an exact definition of the individual's position is lacking. Nor is a clarification of the position possible without the aid of all relevant documents. These in turn would have to be looked for at the Base formations which were once functioning in the island. (i.e. ZONES, DISTRICTS, DEPOTS).

2. Therefore it would be necessary to start gradually reforming those same functions. This would also enable us to take steps to form local elements into labour units, to be employed on the work of reconstruction on the island started by the Allies.

3. Instead of the two ZONE HQs; nine DISTRICT HQs; seven Regimental DEPOTS; three Arty DEPOTS and one Engineer DEPOT which existed before, we could for the time being set up the following:

Military Zone PALERMO

DISTRICTS of PALERMO -- MESSINA -- CATANIA.

Three Inf Regt Depots (selected from those units which have been least damaged).

One Arty Depot (selected from those units which have been least damaged).

One Engineer Regt Depot (selected from those units which have been least damaged).

These bodies would have to find, collect and catalogue the documents of those which have not been reconstituted, in relation to which they will act as a kind of skeleton office.

4. We ask you to bring this to the notice of the Chief of Allied Forces so that we may have, if possible, authorization to put this plan into effect.

signed

Gen MARIOTTI
(Deputy Chief of General Staff)

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In reply refer to:
230.02

31 December 1943

Subject: Offer of Services as Coal Expert.

To: Sig. Arcangelo Mastroviti, Via Crisensio, 32, Bari.

With reference to your letter of 28 December 1943 I am directed to thank you for the offer of your services and to state that the Commission is unable to offer you employment.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

A. J. COLLINS
Captain, RC
Asst Secy of Com

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10 to Italian Foreign Ministry

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the studies will be welcomed under arrangements to be made by the Royal Navy.

(s) Category 'A'
Those troops employed in the forward area or combat zone under command of Fifth or Eighth Armies.

(b) Category 'B'
Those troops employed on the L of C or Communication Zone and those belonging to organized Italian units on the L of C or Communications Zone scheduled for employment in either categories 'A' or 'B'.

4. (a) Personnel in category 'A' will be rationed on the basis laid down in Annex 'A'.

(b) Personnel in category 'B' will be rationed on the scale laid down in Appendix 'B'.

5. It has been decided that all Italian Military personnel in category 'B' employed on arduous physical labour e.g. dock clearance, work in depots etc. can, at the discretion of the G.O.C. No 2 District and C.O. Technical Base Section, be issued with 2 one P. West or suitable equivalent in addition to the scale laid down in Annex 'B'.

6. Supplies for Italian armed forces will arrive in pre-stowed ships from the U.S. and will be identifiable by a special marking. Supplies arriving in the MARING group of ports will be cleared by P.B.C. depots in the MARING area and supplies arriving in the MARING area will be cleared to U.S.N. at DUKI and MARING.

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10 to Italian Forces CAMPANIA

1. This instruction is issued in continuation of this HQ letter of even reference dated 13 Nov 43 and deals with the provision of supplies for the Italian Army & Air Force.
2. The Italian Navy will be rationed under arrangements to be made by the Royal Navy.
3. From the point of view of maintenance the Italian Armed Forces are divided into two categories:-

(a) Category 'A'

Those troops employed in the forward area or combat zone under command of Fifth or Eighth Armies.

(b) Category 'B'

Those troops employed on the L of C or Communication Zone and those belonging to organized Italian units on the L of C or Communications Zone scheduled for employment in either categories 'A' or 'B'.

4. (a) Personnel in category 'A' will be rationed on the scale laid down in Annex 'A'.
- (b) Personnel in category 'B' will be rationed on the scale laid down in Annex 'B'.

5. It has been decided that all Italian military personnel in category 'B' employed on arduous physical labour e.g. dock clearance, work in depots etc. can, at the discretion of the G.O.C. No 2 District and G.O. Peninsular Base Section, be issued with 2 one P. meat or suitable equivalent in addition to the scale laid down in Annex 'B'.

6. Supplies for Italian Armed Forces will arrive in pre-stored ships from the U.S. and will be identifiable by a special marking. Supplies arriving in the RAPID group of ports will be cleared by P.S.S. depots in the RAPID area and supplies arriving in the 'heel' ports will be cleared to P.S.S. at MAFI and MAFIPI. Needs in Western Ports in excess of tonnages demanded by P.S.S. will be made available to WEST FLASCO on demand to cover the corresponding deficiencies in tonnages arriving at Western Ports.

7. (a) Troops in category 'A' will be rationed in accordance with the approved scale under arrangements of Fifth and Eighth Armies.
- (b) Troops in category 'B' employed by U.S. Army will be rationed by Peninsular Base Section. Troops in category 'B' employed by the British Army will be rationed under arrangements of WEST FLASCO.
- (c) The Military Mission to the Italian Army will place ration demands with strengths on P.H.N. and WEST FLASCO for a ten day period ten days ahead.

(d) Rations will be issued in bulk from P.B.S. depots to Italian units in Western Italy in accordance with arrangements agreed mutually between C.G. P.B.S. and M.M.I.A.

(e) Rations will be issued from British Base Supply Depots under arrangements to be made by 13. 14, and 22 S.B.Cs., daily in bulk and will be stored, broken down, and distributed under arrangements to be made by M.M.I.A.

Rations for Italian troops in CALABRIA will require to be railed in bulk or shipped in coastwise schooners to CROTONE, BRINDISI etc.

Arrangements for rail transport will be made by M.M.I.A. direct with the Post Italy.

97997 Major General
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

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In reply refer to:
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31 December 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Military Government Section, A.P.H.Q.

SUBJECT : Complaint of Yugoslav Nationals

Reference is made to your telegram No. 21417 of December 30. The report mentioned in the last paragraph of the Political Section's memorandum of December 26 is enclosed.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

Political Section

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In reply refer to:
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31 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

Carabinieri General Picchi has requested from the Allied Authorities 100,000 pairs of shoes and materials to make uniforms for 40,000 Carabinieri. These requirements have apparently reached AFHQ through the channel of the 15th Army Group. I would appreciate Your Excellency's comments upon them, stating whether you are in accord, and what priority you would assign them in relation to the needs of the Italian Army.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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In reply refer to:
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31 December 1943

MEMORANDUM: To All Concerned.

For the ensuing week, the following is a roster of Duty Officers for the Headquarters of the Allied Control Commission:

2d Lt	Bongartine, C.	A	1 Jan
Captain	Masons, B. E. L.	A	2 Jan
Captain	Bender, J. B.	A	3 Jan
WO(jg)	Giorgio, Antonio	A	4 Jan
CWO	Chiosqa, E. J.	A	5 Jan
Captain	Albright	A	6 Jan
1st Lt.	Garcia, L. R.	A	7 Jan

Hours of duty will be from 1800 hours one day to 0800 hours of the following day. The Duty Officer will report to the Adjutant General in Room 3 at 1800 hours each day.

In the event that the officer scheduled for his tour of duty cannot be present, he will notify the Adjutant General at least 24 hours prior to his scheduled time of duty.

Duties are published on a separate memorandum available in the Adjutant General's Office.

By command of Major General JOYCE:

E. J. CHIOSQA
CWO, AUS
Asst Adj Gen



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In reply refer to:
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30 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier Gustorbsch, Allied Control Commission, Naples

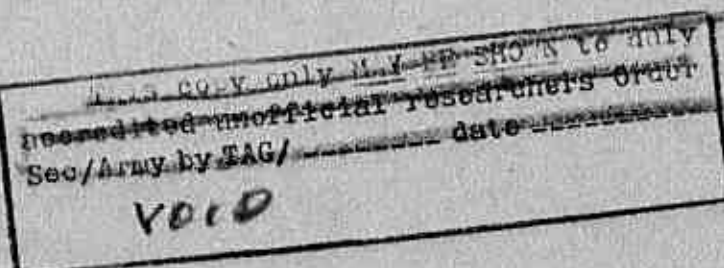
The Italian Authorities have raised the question of the disposition to be made of Italian motor vehicles in Sicily. It is stated that there are from 750 to 800 vehicles of which 400 to 500 are estimated to be road-worthy.

If these vehicles are to be returned to the Italians they intend to allot them to various governmental services in proportion to the relative urgency in their requirements.

Will you kindly discuss this matter with Colonel Spofford and find out what policy is to be pursued? If they are to be given back to the Italians, this headquarters would like to be informed of the approximate number that can be counted upon.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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In reply
refer to: AG 676.3
TO 9/1

30 December 1943

SUBJECT: Ente Italiano Audizioni Radiofoniche

TO : The Under Secretary of State for Tele-Communications and Posts

1. Reference is made to your letter 103/0hr P.M. 151, 7 December 1943, where in it was requested that E.I.A.R. Bari be returned under its own independent management.

2. The Commission directed a message to AFHQ setting forth in detail reasons assigned in your letter and concurred in the request that the Bari radio personnel payroll be returned to E.I.A.R. as well as its administrative and direction, with the Allies retaining control over policy and programs.

3. We are sorry to inform you that at this time the request could not be favourably considered. It was pointed out to the Commission that existing requirements plus increased future needs require the station to remain unchanged.

MILKRY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Communications Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

WES/hjp

In reply
refer to: AG 311.1
TG 6/1

30 December 1943

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Valuables from Post Offices

TO : The Under Secretary of State for Tele-Communications and Posts

1. This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter 163/g by P.M. 151, 25 December 1943, relative to above subject.

2. This matter is being taken up with the proper Allied Military authorities and it is hoped that we can obtain approval of a system of giving receipts as suggested in your letter.

3. You will be informed of our progress in the matter.

MILNEY W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Communications Section

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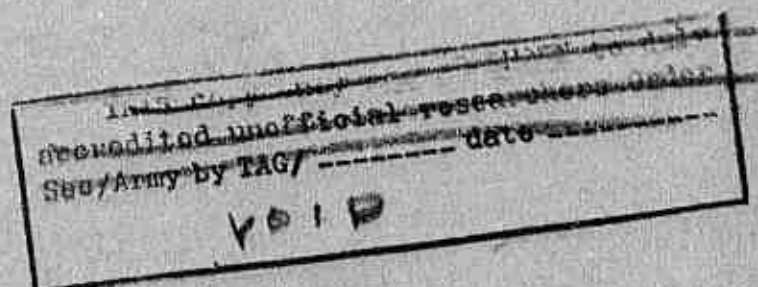
MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

The Allied Control Commission has been directed to inform Your Excellency that the purchase of mules for the Italian Army should be coordinated with the Allied supply authorities in Naples. The proper procedure will be for the Italian Army to submit to the Military Mission with the Italian Army a statement of its requirements in mules to be purchased which will then be forwarded to the AFHQ Advance Administrative Section for action in light of availability and requirements of the Allied Forces.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

cc: AFHQ Adv Adm Sec
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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In reply refer to:
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29 December 1943

SUBJECT: Passes for Postal Employees to Travel on Military Trains.

TO : G Movements, East Italy, District II.

1. Reference attached translation of letter from the Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts (Dr. Ing. Comm. Mario Fano, Ministry of Communications). Will you please issue individual passes as requested for the military trains. It is presumed that the Ministry of Communications can issue passes for civilian trains.

2. Bids for space on the military trains are being sent to the Transportation Committee, AFHQ.

MELBY W. STONE
Captain, USMR
Communications Section

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Translation, Ltr S. 151/Gbr,
Ministero delle Comunicazioni

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ITALIATION

Bari, 22 dicembre 1943

**MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP.TT.**

N. 151/Gbr.
Risposta alla lettera
N.-----del-----

SUBJECT: Mail Bari - Salerno.

TO THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

In order to send to Salerno the couriers who carry civil mail in that city, we must have from the Allied Authorities double authorization for sending these couriers on the train Bari-Naples and return, making use of the two military trains also. For the moment, the individuals who ought to have authorization are:

Cataldo Francesco	di Michele
Gallino Nicola	di Saverio
Damico Giuseppe	fu Michele
Ranzulli Nicola	fu Michele
Ruggiero Vito	fu Pietro
Scarnello Michele	di Santo
Scianimanico Nicola	fu Michele
Spizzico Michele	di Vito

THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE

(signed) M. Fano

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In reply
refer to: 40 311
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29 December 1943

SUBJECT: Italian Government Communications between Brindisi and Bardonia
To: Lt. Col. S. E. P. Dutton, Commanding Officer

With reference to your letter number H.99/A-CIF of 24 December 1943,
it is regretted that permission to open a wireless service between the main-
land and Bardonia cannot be granted. The proposal to do so on 1st January
1944 must also be cancelled.

H. J. L. Henderson

for Col. J. L. Henderson
Telecommunications and Posts
Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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In reply
refer to: AG 311.1
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29 December 1943

SUBJECT: Postal Matters Foggia and Benevento

TO : C.C.A.G., A.M.G., 15th Army Group

1. On 15 December your office authorized the transfer of Italian postage stamps from Foggia for use in the four provinces of King's Italy, with provision that replacement of the transferred stamps be made when postal communications are reopened.

2. The Under-Secretary of State for Tele-Communications and Posts had arranged to send an officer to Foggia to effect the transfer. The officer has not been sent due to the fact that the Under-Secretary of State has received information through Italian sources that the safe of the Provincial Office of the Posts and Telegraphs in Foggia has been broken into and the stamps of the value of several million lire removed. It has been suggested that this was done by Allied colored troops who were billeted in the post office building. If such is the case your office doubtless has information relative to the matter. In any event would you obtain the facts and make them available to this headquarters.

3. It is understood that the post office building in Foggia is no longer used by the Allied forces either as billets or for offices. If this is true, it is assumed that AMG officers have taken charge of the building and have re-established the Italian Post and Telegraph employees in the building for the purpose of reorganization against the time when postal and telegraph services can be restored. It is appreciated that this is a matter clearly under the jurisdiction of your office, and we are not in any way attempting to inject ourselves into the matter. In our dealings with the Italian Government, it would be most helpful if we were in a position to inform the Under Secretary of State for Tele-communications and Posts the present status of the Italian Posts and Telegraph organization in Foggia. Would you inform us please?

29 DEC 1943 *SW*

4. If it is not too much trouble for you we would like very much to know what the status is with respect to the post office building and the Italian post and telegraph organization at Benevento.

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Communications Section

29 DEC 1943

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In reply
refer to: 200,2

29 December 1943

SUBJECT: Passes.

TO : GOC 15 Army Group.

Your reference 15 AG/1412/1/G(Ib)

Enclosed are passes for the following Italian officials:

S.E. Prof. Epicamo Corbino
Dott. Vinsenzo Scognamillo

Will you kindly countersign the passes in the right hand margin
and return.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

A. J. COLLINS
Captain, RE
Asst Secy of Commission

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2-Pass, Dott Scognamillo

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In reply refer to:
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29 December 1943

His Excellency Don Renato Prunas
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to the Royal Italian Government has
been received from Magistrate from Bernes:

"Number 2062: Various sources report that some of our
consular and diplomatic officers and certain Italian personages
who were interned in Germany are now being returned to Italy
by the Germans.

"It seems certain that Orgelo is in Montemagno (Piedmont)
living in his private residence under surveillance."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission

Political Section

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In reply refer to:
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29 December 1943

His Excellency don Renato Fumagalli
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to the Italian Ministry of Foreign
Affairs has been received from the Italian Ambassador at Ankara:

"Number 29 dated December 21: my transmission of your cable
No. 111 dated December 8 to the Ferraris crossed the following
cable from him:

"Cable No. 4, Minister of Italian Socialist Republic,
Casertano, presented credentials to Regent today according
to Hungarian telegraphic Agency. Since the Hungarian
Government have hitherto declared their willingness to
maintain diplomatic relations with Royal Government, I
venture to suggest the desirability of sending confirmation
of my present functions as representative. Please send
instruction however if Royal Government have other plans
in view. Signed to Ferraris."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission

Political Section

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In reply refer to:
312.1

29 December 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Military Government Section, Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512.

Enclosed is a letter from the Italian military authorities addressed to their Ambassador in Ankara. There is no objection on the part of the Commission to the transmission of the letter and it would be appreciated if you would arrange accordingly.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission;

A. J. COLLINS
Captain, RE
Asst. Secy. of Commission

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Letter Italian military authorities to Ambassador in Ankara.

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In reply
refer to: 200.2

28 December 1943

Col. Simmons,
Allied Garrison of Sardinia.

This letter is to introduce Major Giovanni VACIAGO who is
visiting Sardinia on a special mission.

In the course of his duties Major VACIAGO will have to visit
BASSARI and I should be grateful for any assistance you can give
him.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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In reply refer to:
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29 December 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Military Government Section, Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512.

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For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission,

A. J. COLLINS
Captain, 1st
Asst. Secy. of Commission

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Letter Italian military authorities to Ambassador in Ankara.

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In reply
refer to: AG 413.52
ED/6/1

29 December 1943

SUBJECT: Italian Printing and Publishing Companies

To: The Under Secretary of State for Tele-Communications and Posts

1. This is in reference to your letter 137/gba P.M. 151, 19 December and memo dated 27 December relative to the above subject.

2. The Ministry of Finance also presented this matter to the Commission. A conference was held with P.W.B. officials in Bari. A message has been sent by the Commission to the P.W.B. officer in Naples in charge of printing, pointing out that the Italian Government urgently requires printing facilities and paper. Request was also made for the release of the Reccai, Laterza, Grossati and Pavia firms and for the release of paper from the Istituto Cartografico dello Stato stock at Poggia.

3. Information with respect to this matter will be given you as soon as we receive a reply from P.W.B.

ALBERT W. STONE
Captain, U.S.A.R.
Communications Section

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In reply refer to:
091.112

28 December 1943

His Excellency Don Renato Prunas
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to Marshal Badoglio has been received
from D'Ajeta from Lisbon:

"Number 45 dated December 21: The Royal Embassy at Buenos Aires asked me for articles about Italy on behalf of legal local "Giornale D'Italia". There is indication that our communities are anxious to hear from direct sources their motherland's outlook and opinion. Have not replied as intend to make the requested press service a part of reorganized press bureau of this legation. Please instruct on subject of this press service and liaison, as regards your telegram."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

Political Section

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In reply refer to:
370.01

28 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

On December 18th I had the honor to transmit to Your Excellency a note regarding the anticipated numerical effect of the proposed demobilization of the Italian Army. While it is recognized that the collection of such information is time consuming, an interim reply would be appreciated indicating in round numbers the scope of the demobilization in progress.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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APO 394

EJC/hjp

In reply refer to:
413.18

27 December 1943

SUBJECT: Report on Agricultural Supplies

TO : Captain Schreiber, Agricultural Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission, Bari

1. Forwarded herewith is a report on Agricultural supplies emanating from the Province of Cosenza, which report is intended for Captain H. W. Truesdell.

2. Since this office is not now located at this headquarters, it is requested that this report either be forwarded to him or disposed of by you as you see proper.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

EJC
E. J. CHIOCCA
CMD, AUS
Asst Adj Gen

1 Incl:
Report as above

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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In reply
refer to: 330.31

27 December 1943

Subject: Returns, officers.

To: Hq AMG, Regions 1 and 2.

1. According to the directions contained in AFHQ Letter MGS 330.31, 22 November 1943, which was forwarded to you with the appropriate proforma by this office on 15 December, officers strength returns are to be submitted to the Military Government Section, AFHQ, with copies to this Headquarters, as at the 1st and 15th of each month beginning 1 December 1943.

2. Reference paragraph 1(c), copies of Regions 1 and 2 officers strength reports have not yet been received by this Headquarters.

3. It is requested that copies of your officers strength reports as of 1 January 1944 be forwarded to this office not later than 4 January 1944.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ROGER B. DEXBY
1st Lt, AGD
AG

cc: Mil Gov't Center, Palermo
MGS, AFHQ
AMG Hq 15 Army Group

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27 December 1943

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

With regard to the housing questions raised in your letter of 26 December, I have directed General Taylor to confer with Colonel Pettorelli with the view of reaching some satisfactory adjustment. I have always been afraid that failure to get the facilities of the Seminary would impose a considerable reduction on the number of officials that could be accommodated at Salerno. I should like to advance the suggestion that possibly the Archbishop might be persuaded to make available a proportion of the living quarters at the Seminary for some of your officials in consideration of your refraining from requisitioning his property.

In a similar connection, the Allied Control Commission is being pressed for data as to your government's requirements for housing in Rome. I know that this matter has been under discussion for some time between your representatives and Captain Scotten of the Commission. I hope that these gentlemen will soon arrive at a satisfactory estimate in order to make a timely representation of Italian requirements to the Allied Authorities.

Most sincerely,

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27 December 1943

Dear Colonel Woodhouse:

I have been directed to express General Joyce's very great appreciation of your ready help with the provision of transport for our people down to Santa Cesarea on Christmas Day. Your cooperation helped in no small way to ensure the success of our arrangements.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of Commission

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27 December 1943

His Excellency don Renato Frum
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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to approach Portuguese authorities for purpose of reopening
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and Lati Airlines. Personally called this matter to attention
of Portuguese Foreign Affairs Minister stating our firm belief
that, should such an approach be attempted, the Portuguese
Government would reject it because these companies are presently
under illegal control of so called Republican Government and
German authorities. If the Portuguese Government should be
approached indirectly with such request, I have received
confirmation that it would act in accordance with correct
attitude it has always observed towards Royal Italian Govern-
ment. In short, if Ala Littoria and Lati make any such re-
quest, I have been given full assurance that a definite
refusal would be the answer."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

Political Section

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In reply refer to:
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27 December 1943

His Excellency Don Renato Pruno
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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"Under 2061: In order to make consulates more efficient
and conform to new situation, I propose the following transfers
of heads of Royal Office effective New Year:

"Mantelli from Zurich to Basel and place consulate General
Turin under Catania direction.

"Rattali recalled from Lugano to Rome "a dispositions" and
replaced by Mantelli.

"This transfer of consular officers would be completed by
displacement of some vice consuls. Your Excellency's
authorization by cable is solicited."

"Please notify me if there is a Presidency of Italian Red
Cross in Southern Italy. Geneva situation absurd; Vinsier
Red Cross delegate remains dependent and in close touch Presidency
Rome which previously is Republican and Fascist. In this case I
recommend that delegate be changed also."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

Political Section

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In reply refer to:
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27 December 1943

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For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

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For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

Political Section

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27 December 1943

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 6)

1. 2ND LT CAIRUS A. BONGARZONE, 01894746. AUS is designated
Mess Officer of Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

By Command of Major General JOYCE:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brig. Gen., U.S.A.
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

E. J. Chiocca
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CWO, AUS
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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In reply refer to:
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27 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

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160,000 rounds	45mm Mortar Ammunition
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1,040 each	8mm Machine Guns
4,720,000 rounds	8mm Machine Gun Ammunition
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I request that Your Excellency issue necessary orders to the Italian Military Authorities in Sardinia to affect this transfer, indicating to the Allied Control Commission the officer in Sardinia who will be responsible to the Italian High Command for the execution of the transfer. It is being recommended that Colonel Simmons now in Sardinia represent the Allied Control Commission in this matter.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

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MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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TO : Colonel Simmons,
Allied Garrison of Sardinia

This letter is to introduce to you Major Giovanni Vaciale,
who is travelling to Sardinia on an official mission.

During the course of his visit, Major Vaciale will have to
visit Sassari and I should be grateful if you would ensure that he
is given transport and any other necessary facilities.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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27 December 1943

TO : Colonel A. P. Graffy-Smith,
Chief Financial Officer,
Hq AMB, 15th Army Group.

Dear Graffy:

I saw Brigadier Lush yesterday and we discussed among other things the issuance of a wage increase order in Region 3 similar to those issued in Region 1 and the four provinces. He mentioned that you were not entirely clear as to the manner in which the increase has been calculated in the four provinces, specially with regard to the "Presenza" and "operosita".

I therefore enclose an exchange of correspondence between Col. Jung and the Labor Sub-Commission which gives in some detail the items on which the percentage increased is based. Jung stated to me quite flatly that the "presenza" does not exist for government employees and that the percentage does not apply to the "bombardimento" of "operosita".

If I can put any further questions to Jung for you on this subject, please let me know.

Sincerely,

E. H. FOLEY, Jr.
Colonel.
Finance Sub-Commission

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EWS/ums

In reply
refer to: 531
IT/6/4

27 December 1943

SUBJECT: Increase of railway passenger rates.

TO : The Under-Secretary of State for Railways and Highway.

1. This is to acknowledge receipt of and thank you for;
 - a. Your letter 372/O.1/3.1 dated December 23, 1943.
 - b. Copy of Scheme of Ministerial Decree dated December 20, 1943.
 - c. Copy of your Memorandum to General Gray 251/Segr. dated December 12, 1943.
2. In order that you may be informed with respect to our action in this matter attached is copy of letter ACC Tn/30/12 dated 24 December 1943 directed to Military Government Section, Advance, by the Chief of Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, A.G.C.
3. It is anticipated that an early decision will be made in this matter. We are most hopeful that the increase of passenger rates in the remainder of the territory will be authorized so that the increase can be made simultaneous with the four provinces of Puglia.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Communications Section

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28 DEC 1943

EWS/mms/nd

In reply
refer to: 201
It 6/4

27 December 1943

SUBJECT: Request for 2nd Lieut. MILONE Ferdinando to visit railway installations.

TO : Director General, Military Railway Service A.F.H.Q. Advanced Administrative Echelon.

1. Reference is made to the following enclosures:-

- Incl. #1 Ltr. 171/4.5. Ministero Delle Comunicazioni Per Le Ferrovie etc. dated P.M. 151 - 8 December 1943.
- Incl. #2 Ltr. 185/4.5/Segr. Ministero Delle Comunicazioni Per Le Ferrovie etc. dated P.M. 151 - 10 December 1943.
- Incl. #3 Copy Ltr. Main Hq. Eighth Army M1060 G dated 17 December 1943.
- Incl. #4 Ltr. TN/1 Military Mission to Italian Army dated 21 December 1943.

2. Main Hq. Eighth Army has indicated that there is no objection from a security point of view and no objection as far as this headquarters is concerned.

3. The matter is being referred to your headquarters for necessary action. Will you please handle direct with General Di Raimondo.

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Communications Section

- 4 Incls.
- 1. Ltr. 171/4.5 of 8 Dec. '43.
 - 2. Ltr. 185/4.5 of 10 Dec. '43.
 - 3. Copy Ltr. Main Hq. Eighth Army M1060 of 17 December 1943.
 - 4. Ltr. TN/1 of 21 December 1943.

Copy to: Col. Fitch.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSCRITTARIO DI STATO

PER LE FERROVIE - MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE E TRASPORTI IN CONCESSIONE

Prot. N. 171/4.5

P.M. 151, 11 8 Dicembre 1943

Allegati N.

OGGETTO: Richiesta lascia-passare.

MILITARY MISSION TO ITALIAN ARMY

LEQUITE

Pregasi rilasciare un'autorizzazione al Set. Tenente MILONE Ferdinando, in servizio presso questo Sottosegretariato per le Ferrovie, per recarsi sul tratto ferroviario Terni - S. Vite Lanciano, per eseguire una ricognizione di materiale da ponte di pertinenza del Genio ferroviario.

Pregasi altresì, lasciare in bianco la targa dell'autovettura e il nome dell'autista, che saranno apposti a cura di questo Sottosegretariato.

IL SOTTOSCRITTARIO DI STATO

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSGREGARIATO DI STATO

PER LE FERROVIE - MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE E TRASPORTI IN COMMISSIONE

Prot. N. 185/4.5/Segr.

P.M. 151, 11 10 Dicembre 1943

PRO-MEMORIA FOR MILITARY MISSION TO ITALIAN ARMY

LEQUIL

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A seguito della nota n.171/4.5. dell'8 c.m. a firma di S.E. il
Sottosegretario di Stato, e in relazione della richiesta verbale fatta
da codesta Missione al S.Ten.Milone Ferdinando si presina quanto segue:
la ricognizione ha per scopo il rinvenimento del materiale da ponte
ancora esistente lungo la linea ferroviaria, nei depositi e nelle
stazioni site lungo il litorale adriatico.

Il rinvenimento di detto materiale, di pertinenza del Genio
Ferroviario, ha una grande importanza per poter procedere al relativo
inventario e poter così conoscere su quale quantità di materiale si
può contare per la riattivazione dei ponti stessi.

Qualora non sia possibile eseguire la ricognizione fino a
S.Vito Lanciano, essa potrà essere limitata, per ora, fino a Fusinecchia,
stazione a Sud di S.Vito Lanciano.

P. IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO
d'ordine
IL PRIMO ISPETTORE ADDETTO
ALLA SEGRETERIA
(Ing.F.S.Ferraro)

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C O P Y

MESSAGE FORM

To: - MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

From: - ~~MEIA~~

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ITALIAN MINISTRY ROAD AND RAIL COMMS REQUEST PERMISSION TO RECON
ITALIAN RE BRIDGING MATERIAL ON RAILWAY FROM TERNOLI TO SAN VITO
LANCIANO ALTERNATIVELY TERNOLI - FOSCHAGLIA IF SAN VITO TOO NEAR
FRONT (.) SAID MATERIAL TO BE USED IN RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES
(.) HAVE YOU ANY OBJECTION FROM POINT OF VIEW TRANSPORTATION OR
SECURITY

A.G. BUTTERWORTH Capt

Too 1530

C O P Y

SUBJECT: - Visit - Reps of ITALIAN rd and rail comms

MAIN HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
M 1060 G.

To: - ~~MEIA~~

17 Dec 43

Ref your signal 0.111 of 11 Dec.

1. Permission to visit railway installations, works etc.,
should be sought from the Director General of Military Railways at
Adv Adm Ech AFHQ.

2. The purpose of this visit is NOT clear. The Railway
Construction Engineers of the South African Engineer Corps are in
charge of all repairs from ISTONIO forward. They have their own
technicians and are fully competent to make all necessary surveys of
railway material. They also carry out repairs.

Therefore, any info required can be obtained from this HQ.

3. There is NO objection from a security point of view.

(sgd) ????? Capt GS for Maj. Gen.
Chief of Staff

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28 DEC 1943

Subject:- Visit - Run of Italian rd and rail comm

Military Mission to Italian Army,
TH/1
21 Dec 43

Allied Control Commission

1. I enclose for action by you a request from the Ministry of Communications for permission for their representative to visit EIGHTH Army Area in order to reconnoitre engineer railway material.

I also enclose copies of correspondence with Main EIGHTH ARMY on this subject.

2. I regret that this request was not passed to you for action in the first instance.

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In reply refer to:
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26 December 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Military Government Section, A.F.H.Q.

SUBJECT: Complaint of Yugoslav Nationals

At the request of the Allied military authorities in charge, fourteen Yugoslav officers and civilians (Chetniks) were removed from the Bari camp where they had been creating disorder and disturbances in conflict with the majority of other Yugoslavs at Bari who are Partisan supporters. Food and shelter have been furnished them at a camp at Pisticci in the province of Matera. They have now complained of their treatment and have requested that the following message be transmitted in their behalf to the Royal Yugoslav Government in Cairo:

"Allied authorities deported us, against our own will, on the 15th December from F.W. Transit Camp Bari to former Yugoslav confining Camp Pisticci, Province Matera. Our movement is here restricted. Till now we have not examined at all. We are in extremely bad situation. The questions of our supplies, clothes, and means are not regulated. Hygienical conditions in this malaric area are wicked. Our duty and desire is to join to the regular Yugoslav Royal Army. We demand that all time since we arrived in Italy, but all our requests remained without results. We please for urgent intervention."

It would be undesirable to attempt to deny nationals of a member of the United Nations from communicating with their Government, and it is recommended that the message be forwarded to the proper Yugoslav authority. It should be accompanied however with appropriate extracts from the attached report of an investigation carried out by the Provincial Public Safety Officer of Matera province, 2nd Region, A.M.C. and in particular the last three paragraphs.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

Political Section

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In reply refer to:
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26 dicembre 1943

OGGETTO: Ammissione di viaggiatori ai treni bisettimanali, Bari -
Taranto - Napoli - Potenza - Salerno - Napoli.

AL : Sottosegretario di Stato, Generale di Reimondo.

Prendo atto della sua pro-memoria no. 988/10/1/segr. del 26
dicembre e della lettera allegata indirizzata al CC. FR di Bari
e firmata da H. Amandes de Nesi.

L'affare è ora l'oggetto dell'attenzione dovuta e al più
presto possibile. Le farò avere tutte le notizie.

HENRY W. STONE
Capitano di Vascello, USNR
Communications Section

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Diary

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ZWS/drr

26 December 1943

In reply
refer to: AO 311.2
TC/6/1

Subject: Reconstruction of Overhead Lines in Calabria and Lucania.
To: The Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts.

1. Referring to your letters numbered 74/Gbr of 4 December and 190/Gbr of 19 December on the above subject, proposals have been placed before the Chief Signal Officer, District 2, for the reconstruction of overhead lines in accordance with your minimum programme. In these proposals however the consumption of certain stores has been limited as follows, to allow for a possible shortage of stores in the area at present occupied by the Germans:

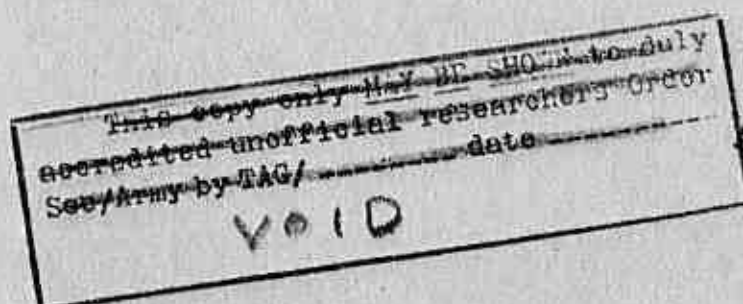
(1) Galvanized iron wire 4 millimetres diameter - consumption limited to a maximum of 25% of your total stores in the area occupied by the Allies.

(2) Bronze wire 3 millimetres diameter - consumption limited to 20% of your total stores in the area occupied by the Allies.

2. As discussed with Colonel Rosani, it is expected that you will use these stores for the more important lines on the minimum programme, the remainder of the lines to be reconstructed from salvaged material.

3. You will be informed as soon as permission has been obtained from the Chief Signal Officer, District 2, for the work to begin.

4. As regards transport, an effort is being made to obtain two heavy trucks and two light vehicles from Sicily, the former for transport of men and materials, and the latter for survey work.



ELMER W. STONE
Captain, U.S.A.R.
Communications Section
Allied Control Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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In reply
refer to: AG 311.2
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26 December 1943

Subject: Commercial and State Tele-Communication Facilities - Sicily.

Memo To: Director, Legal Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.

1. Reference attached basic letter AG 311.3(1BSSC-1) HQ IBS, APO 550 dated 2 November 1943, above subject with two indorsements and two inclosures.
2. Report mentioned in para 5d of Incl. 2 to basic communication upon request of IBS was returned by Hq AMG to IBS without action.
3. The questions raised in paragraphs 5c and 5d of inclosure #2 basic communication has been referred to AGO for determination of policy. There is also a request for payment to be made by the Italian Government in communications materials such as copper wire, insulators, poles, and other materials expended by United States Signal Troops for rehabilitation.
4. On 2 August 43 Chief Signal Officer 15th Army Group issued Operation Instruction No. 15 with respect to the policy - Restoration of Civil Telephone and Telegraph Services in Sicily. Paragraphs 3 to 7 inclusive of such instructions are quoted:

"Within the general policy laid down in this letter Commanders 7th and 8th Armies will take every opportunity to facilitate the restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services, detailed action being co-ordinated by their Chief Signal Officers and Civil Affairs Officers.

"In areas not in the sphere of direct interest of armies such matters will be dealt with by the Signal Officer on the Staff of AMGOT.

"All local, intraurban, telephone services will be restored to civil use, as far as possible having regard to essential military requirements, and will wherever possible be operated by civil personnel.

"Civil telegraph services will be restored wherever this does not conflict with military needs, but such services will for the present be open for use only for military purposes and for such civil government traffic as may be expressly approved by AMGOT. These services will be operated wherever possible by civil personnel.

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'No new construction or appropriation of routes or terminal equipment or changes of circuits will be made by civil authorities without the consent of the Signal Officer concerned.

'No reserves of equipment of any kind will be drawn on for civil services without the approval of the signal officer concerned, except for work under paras 4 and 5.'

5. The S.E.T. (non-government owned) telephone company will doubtless have a substantial claim for local telephone service and facilities furnished Allied Forces, for use of long-distance circuits and facilities, for stores taken and requisitioned. It is understood that bills or claims have not been presented or any payments made by Allied Forces to S.E.T.

6. It is also suggested that the telephone company may claim that labor performed by Allied Forces on the property was or is of little value to them on the ground that much of the work was performed in order to meet military requirements and that a considerable amount of re-arrangement will be required before full civilian use can be made of the property.

7. It is submitted that the questions submitted by the basic correspondence will likewise arise with respect to other privately owned utilities such as the electric industry.

8. Your comments with respect to this matter are requested.

For Captain E. W. STONE:

L. D. DENSDORE
Lt. Col. S.O., GSO
Communications Section

3 Incls:

- #1 - Cy ltr 28 Oct 43, CG, Seventh Army to CO, IIS.
- #2 - cy ltr 2 Nov 43, CO, IIS, to CGAO, AMG.
- #3 - Basic Communication with 2 indorsements.

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56 December 2009

Approved for Release by the National Government, 10/10/2001

1. Complaint of Foreign Nationals

At the request of the Allied military authorities in charge, fourteen Japanese officers and civilians (prisoners) were removed from the Thai camp where they had been creating disorders and disturbances as well as with the majority of other Japanese at Thai camps are Japanese supporters. Paul and Charles have been furnished with a copy of material in the province of Satun. They have no complaint of their treatment and have requested that no further action be undertaken in their behalf in the event Japanese Government in Tokyo.

"Allied authorities reported us, against our own will, on the 15th December 1941, through my wife to Father Gerasimov regarding my situation, residence, etc. The statement is false and untrue. Still we have not responded at all. We are in extremely bad situation. The quantity of our supplies, clothes, and means are not regulated. Hygienical conditions in this camp are very bad. Our food and clothes is in pain to the regular September April days. I dream that all these things be applied in Italy, but all our strength is toward survival, we cannot get around intervention."

It would be undesirable to attempt to deny collection of a number of the United Nations from circumstances which have developed, and it is suggested that the savings be forwarded to the proper Federal authority. It should be recognized however that appropriate material from the collected record of an investigation carried out by the Provincial Police Officer of Police Province, New England, A.C.E. and in particular the last three paragraphs.

May 1941 Emergency President, Allied Control Commission

Keywords: child abuse; child sexual abuse; child sexual exploitation

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In reply refer to:
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26 December 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Civil Affairs Section, Allied Force Headquarters
SUBJECT: Transmission of Communications to the United States

There are enclosed two communications, the first from the Minister of the Royal Household to Sr. George Harris, which in the absence of postal communication between Italy and other countries he has asked the Political Section to forward; and the second addressed to the Honorable Frank Harris, Lt. Governor of the State of Missouri from his son-in-law, an official of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It would be appreciated if both of these communications could be sent to the Department of State for appropriate action.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commissions

Political Section

2 Incls:
Incl 1 - Ltr from Duke d'Acquarone
Incl 2 - Ltr from Achille Casaroli

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26 December 1943

Sir:

I have received your letter of December 22, 1943 with its enclosure which I have been glad to forward through appropriate channels.

Believe me, Sir,

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel Rober
Political Section

His Excellency
The Duke of Aquarone,
Minister of the Royal Household

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26 December 1943

Brigadier General Maxwell D. Taylor regrets that he is unable to accept the kind invitation of the Commanding General and Officers of the 47th Bombardment Wing to a Buffet Dinner and Reception on New Year's Day.

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In reply refer to:
CS/6/4

26 dicembre 1943

OGGETTO: Ammissione di viaggiatori ai treni bisettimanali, Bari -
Taranto - Napoli - Potenza - Salerno - Napoli.

AL : Sottosegretario di Stato, Generale di Reimondo.

Prendo atto della sua pro-memoria no. 388/10/1/Segr. del 26
dicembre e della lettera allegata indirizzata al CC. NN di Bari
e firmato da H. Amandes de Masi.

L'affare e ora l'oggetto dell'attenzione dovuta e al piu
presto possibile. Le faio avere tutte le notizie.

ELLERY W. STONE
Capitano di Vascello, USNR
Communications Section

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In reply
refer to: 454.2

26 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency, Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's No. 4001/OP of 24 December 1943 with regard to the miles in Sardinia requested for use by the Allied forces.

I have transmitted your comments to Allied Force Headquarters, where the adverse effect upon Italian units will be evaluated in relation to the current operational requirements.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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In reply
refer to: 121.2

26 December 1943

Air Commodore R. M. Foster
Air Division
Allied Control Commission

Dear Foster

I refer to your letter of 23rd December, wherein you request the sum of lire 16,000 for the purpose of rewarding certain Italian fishermen who rescued the crew and passengers of a courier plane in the vicinity of Punta Alice on 12 December 1943.

There is enclosed herewith a check for lire 16,000 drawn on an Allied Control Commission Account. Please sign and return the original and duplicate of the enclosed receipt.

If you find it practicable we should appreciate receiving for our accounting records a statement signed by each payee evidencing receipt of the individual payment.

Any unused funds should be returned to this Headquarters.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

2 Incl:

1. Check.
2. Receipt.

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In reply refer to:
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26 December 1943

SUBJECT: Rationing of the Italian Government

TO : Deputy Chief Administrative Officer,
AFHQ Advance Administrative Echelon, APO 512

1. It is requested that AFHQ Advance Administrative Echelon undertake the rationing of the Italian Government upon its displacement to the Salerno Area. The ultimate number of individuals will reach approximately 1200 with initial strength of about 600.

2. If this commitment is accepted, it is requested that the Allied Control Commission be informed of the procedure which you desire set up for drawing these rations.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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In reply refer to:
421.4

26 December 1943

His Excellency Don Renato Prunas
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to the Royal Italian Government has
been received from Magistretti from Bern:

"Number 2060: Following my cable No. 107 of November 25.
Distinctive insignia of Royal Army units operating in occupied
territories was deposited by him personally with IRO. At
present 410,000 Italian soldiers and officers in Germany
are considered "military internees" without acknowledgment
of their official status as prisoners of war. One of the
410,000 cases is already on IRO's and, to keep said internees
and our consular and diplomatic officials in Far East, the
Committee assures that as far as possible it will continue
humanitarian activities. Detailed reports are being forwarded
through Madrid Ambassador."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

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In reply refer to:
091.711

26 December 1943

His Excellency don Renato Frumaz
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to Italian Supreme Command has been
received from Bern:

"It is reported from Berlin that a number of Badoglio soldiers serving in Italian units cooperating with Allied Fifth Army in southern Italy were either captured by or deserted to Kesselring's troops. At Wilhelmstrasse press conference military spokesman, apparently replying to inspired question, stated that it had not yet been determined by the German authorities whether these few would receive Geneva Convention treatment specified for war prisoners. The somewhat similar Wehrmacht attitude towards French liberation troops captured in North Africa is recalled by this statement which may have been made to raise the question of treatment to be accorded Mussolini soldiers captured by Allied or Badoglio forces or to provoke a reply from the Badoglio Government."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission

Political Section



26 December 1943

My dear Foster:-

Thank you so much for that word on the rescue party.
also for your good wishes for Christmas and the new year.

I have started the wheels rolling to grind out the
reward like you recommend.

May I wish you and your command all good things
for the new year, which I feel sure will bring victory to our com-
bined arms.

With all warm personal regards, I am,

Most sincerely,

HENRY A. JOYCE
Major General, U. S. Army
Deputy President

Air Commodore Foster
c/o Italian Airforce Headquarters
Bari

Copy to General Taylor

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In reply refer to:
091.711

26 December 1943

His Excellency Don Renato Bruner
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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specified for war prisoners. The somewhat similar Wehrmacht
attitude towards French liberation troops captured in North
Africa is recalled by this statement which may have been made
to raise the question of treatment to be accorded Mussolini
soldiers captured by Allied or Badoglio forces or to provide
a reply from the Badoglio Government."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission

Political Section

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In reply refer to:
335.18

24 December 1943

SUBJECT: Letter for R. Military Attache in Turkey.

TO : Commander-in-Chief, AFHQ, APO 512.
Attn: Military Government Section.

The Italian Supreme Command have requested that the accompanying letter be forwarded to Col. Eusebio Savattari, Military Attache in the Italian Embassy at Ankara. There is no objection from the Commission's point of view to the letter being forwarded and if you can concur, perhaps you can arrange accordingly.

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For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

A. J. COLLINS
Captain RE
Asst. Secy. of Com.

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AJC/afk

In reply refer to:
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24 December 1943

SUBJECT: Requisition of Buildings.

TO : His Excellency, The Minister of National Education.

With reference to your letter of 25 November 1943, it is regretted that it is not possible to derequisition the libraries nor to allow students to have access to them. Every facility will, however, be given to the appropriate authorities to enable them to remove the books.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission;

A. J. COLLINS
Captain RE
Asst. Secy. of Com.

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In reply refer to:
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24 December 1943

SUBJECT: Demobilization - Lieut Alessi Salvatore Di Francesco.

TO : Military Mission to the Italian Army.

With reference to your letter AQ/17 of 24 December 1943, there is no objection so far as the Commission is concerned to the recall of this officer for military service if you so desire.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission,

A. J. COLLINS
Captain YVE
Asst. Secy. of Com.

cc: HQ, AMG, No. 2 Region
MMIA LO, attached 91 Italian Corps.

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In reply refer to:
335.18

24 December 1943

SUBJECT: Letter for R. Military Attache in Turkey.

TO : Commander-in-Chief, AFHQ, APO 512.
Attn, Military Government Section.

The Italian Supreme Command have requested that the accompanying letter be forwarded to Col. Edmondo Zavattari, Military Attache in the Italian Embassy at Ankara. There is no objection from the Commission's point of view to the letter being forwarded and if you ^{will} concur, perhaps you can arrange accordingly.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

A. J. COLLINS
Captain RE
Asst. Secy. of Com.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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In reply refer to:
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24 December 1943

SUBJECT: Travel Orders (6)

TO: All Concerned

1. The following officers and civilians will proceed on or about 25 December 1943, to Naples, Italy, and such other points in Italy as may be necessary to carry out the instructions of the Secretary of War, and upon completion of temporary duty return to proper station:

Lt Col	BORIS T. PASH	.0275706	MI ✓
Major	WILLIAM P. ALLIS	0177245	AUS
Lt (sg)	BRUCE S. OLD	80562	USNR
Mr	James Brown Fisk		
Mr	John R. Johnson		

2. Travel by military aircraft is directed as essential for the accomplishment of an emergency war mission. TDN.

By command of Major General JOYCE:

E. J. Chiocca
E. J. CHIOCCA
CWO, AUS
Asst. Adj. Gen.

DISTRIBUTION:

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In reply refer to:
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24 December 1943

His Excellency Don Renato Prunas
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to Marshal Badoglio has been received
from Garbaccio from Buenos Aires:

"Number 930: In document 909 para 3 I suggested to your
Excellency the resumption of service of emigrants' remittances.
The skeleton of funds needed for maintenance of Royal consular
offices and embassy in Argentina was presented in my 920. Would
appreciate knowing your decision on the two substantially related
questions."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

Political Section

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24 December 1943

Commander Best
N.O.I.C.
Brindisi

Dear Commander:

Please accept the Christmas greetings of your neighbor, the
Allied Control Commission, for yourself and the members of your command.

Sincerely,

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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 24 December 1943

To His Excellency Marshal Messe -

Dear Marshal Messe:-

Allow me to extend to Your Excellency and the officers
of your command the Christmas greetings of the Military Section and the
Allied Control Commission.

Most sincerely,

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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24 December 1943

Colonel Woodhouse
71st Sub Area
Brindisi

Dear Colonel Woodhouse:

Please accept the Christmas greetings of the Allied Control Commission to which you have been such a cordial host during the past months.

Sincerely,

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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In reply refer to:
091.212

24 December 1943

His Excellency Don Renato Brunero
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to Marshal Badoglio has been received
from Garbaccio from Buenos Aires:

"Number 950: In document 909 para 3 I suggested to your
Excellency the resumption of service of emigrants' institutions.
The skeleton of funds needed for maintenance of Royal consular
offices and embassy in Argentina was presented in my 940. Would
appreciate knowing your decision on the two substantially related
questions."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission

Political Section

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In reply refer to:
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24 December 1943

The President of the Partito della Democrazia Cristiana,
Sezione di S. Pietro Vernotico,
Brindisi.

I am directed to acknowledge on behalf of the Deputy President
of the Allied Control Commission, the receipt of the order of the
day approved by the assembly of your party on 5 December 1943, which
has been read with interest.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ROBERT R. DOE
Major, A.C.D.
Secretary of Commission

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In reply
refer to: 451.02

24 December 1943

SUBJECT: Distinctive Markings - Italian Army vehicles.

TO : Commander-in-Chief, A.F.H.Q., APO 512.

Please find attached a copy of a memorandum compiled by the Italian Liaison Section at this Headquarters, giving the information requested in your cables 7397 of 6 November, 12841 and F/04463 of 12 December.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

A. J. COLLINS
Captain, RE
Asst. Secy. of Com.

1 Incl.

Copy of memo of 23 Dec '43.

Subject: Distinctive markings on Italian Army vehicles.

Copy to: Info GOC 15th Army Group

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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23 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Lieut Aiello
Lieut Carpent u/o Capt Hawkins, L O ACC, Toronto
Lieut Richard L. Garzarelli Palazzo del Governo, Bari
Lieut Curtolo

1. Reference Lieut Garzarelli's letter from Bari, dated 21 December.
2. Censorship sections may not be recruited from within the Commissions if such personnel is to be paid directly by the Allied authorities. Italian state employees are forbidden, by Italian law, to accept payment either regular or casual, from any other source but that of the Government which employ them. I understand that Italian ex-prisoner of war personnel from North Africa will be selected for re-examination purposes.
3. All mail posted by Italian units served by British APO's in forward areas is to be bagged by the unit and labelled "Allied Civilian Censorship Toronto". These bags should be over labelled in forward areas to Base 6 and conveyed to destination through APO channels. No loose mail should be accepted by British APO's for civil addressees in Italy.
4. Correspondence between civilians and Allied troops is forbidden on the Italian mainland. Troops will shortly receive orders to this effect. Sicily and Sardinia are not included.
5. Please let me have your postal, telegraphic addresses and telephone numbers.
6. I understand that you are working directly under Lt Colonel Hoover. But if I can help at any time with information or advice please let me know.

R. M. Sullivan
R. M. SULLIVAN
Major, CG

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In reply refer to:
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23 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier Duhamel, Military Mission to the Italian Army.

Marshal Messe is undertaking a detailed study of the conditions of military workers in Allied ports with a view to improving their condition and efficiency. Attached herewith is a note from him on the subject, emphasizing the bad working conditions. The question of shoes seems to be the principal difficulty, as the Marshal has stated to me that there are virtually none in Italian stocks in the Island and on the Mainland.

The Marshal's note is passed to you for such action as can be taken to meet his recommendations. Is there anything that you wish the Commission to do, particularly to the end of obtaining shoes from Allied sources?

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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23 December 1943

His Excellency Don Renato Frasca
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to the Italian Ministry for Foreign
Affairs has been received from the Italian Ambassador at Madrid:

"Number 1264, dated December 18: Captain Buffoni, Naval
attache, has joined Republicans instead of complying with order
from Ministry of Marine to go to Italy to confer. Report
follows. Naval office is now headed by Commander Tucci."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

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In reply refer to:
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23 December 1943

His Excellency Don Benito Frusca
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs has been received from the Italian Ambassador at Madrid:

"Number 1264, dated December 18: Captain Buffone, Naval Attache, has joined Republicans instead of complying with order from Ministry of Marine to go to Italy to confer. Report follows. Naval office is now headed by Commander Turali."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

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In reply refer to:
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23 December 1943

SUBJECT: Three Letters for Royal Italian Military Attache
in Turkey

TO : Military Government Section, Allied Force Headquarters

We are enclosing three letters to the Royal Italian Military
Attache in Ankara, Turkey. Unless there is some objection,
please have them forwarded to their destination.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission

Political Section

3 Incls:
Incl 1 - Ltr No. 486/II
Incl 2 - Ltr No. 579/II
Incl 3 - Card from Fiore-Vernazza

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In reply refer to:
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23 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

Information has reached this Commission that General Marchesi has been released from internment in Switzerland so that his services may be used in the administration of interned airmen. He will co-operate unofficially with Air Commodore West in Bern.

It has been suggested that it would be useful if General Sandalli were to notify the Italian Minister at Bern, through the U. S. Legation, that he approves of this liaison and would be grateful for any assistance which the Italian Minister could give to General Marchesi.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission;

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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His Excellency Colonel Valenzano
Special Secretary to the Chief of Government

Dear Colonel:

Please thank Marshal Badoglio for the note of introduction which he has given Lieutenant Colonel Pash. I am sure that it is a document which will greatly facilitate his mission.

Faithfully yours,

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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In reply refer to:
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23 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier Baehene, Military Mission to the Italian Army.

Attached herewith is Document No. 3939/OP originating with the Italian High Command. I have told Marshal Messe that the Commission, as such, has no comment to make on the proposed changes, but that they must be approved by 15 Army Group. Will you emphasize also that no troops are to be moved until the project is approved by all concerned?

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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Document No. 3939/OP

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Office of the Resident Minister
at Allied Force Headquarters
ALGIERS.

11/34/1501

To: Military Government Section.
From: British Resident Minister's Office.
Subject: Requisition of MOLFETTA (not Moscetta) Seminary.
Ref:- British Resident Minister's Memorandum No. 11/34/1501 of December 15th.

It would be appreciated if the following message from the Vatican authorities might be transmitted to Monsignore Mimmi, Archbishop of Bari. Begins. "British Minister to the Holy See on instructions from the Government states that Allied military authorities propose to use seminary of Molfetta (presumably the regional seminary, the property of the Holy See) as a military convalescent home.

2. Y.E. is directed to settle this question with the appropriate authorities in accordance with the following instructions: (1) The Holy See agree that the premises of the said seminary may be used as a convalescent home if the regional seminary can continue to function and find other premises. (2) You should ensure that a regular act of transfer is drawn up with a detailed inventory and corresponding pledge of restitution. (3) You are further directed to refer any other similar cases which may subsequently arise to the Holy See, giving your opinion about them and making such proposals as appear necessary.

3. The Holy See regret to have as yet no news of Southern Italy. Y.E. should endeavour to convey some information on the subject to the Holy See, if necessary by means of the kind offices of the military authorities. News is particularly desired of Cardinal Ascalesi; of the Bishop of Cava and Sarno and of the Abbot of the Holy Trinity at Cava Dei Tirreni who are reported to be no longer at their posts; and of the Diocese of Campobasso whose Bishop is reported to have met a tragic death.

4. His Holiness blesses Y.E. and charges you to convey his paramount blessing to all the Bishops and to the faithful." Ends.

The British Government hope that the Allied military authorities will be able to assist in the transmission of the information desired by the Holy See as stated in the third paragraph of the above message. Favourable action on this may well facilitate agreement on requisitioning. They similarly trust that a satisfactory arrangement may be reached with the Archbishop of Bari as regards the use of the Molfetta seminary, since an agreed solution in the present instance may do much to facilitate matters in future cases.

16th December, 1943.

[Signature illegible]

A true copy:

Chas. Friedman
Lt. Col. J. G. S. D.

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Office of the British Resident Minister at A.F.H.Q.
5, Rue Professeur Curtillet
Algiers

11/34/1501.

To: Military Government Section.
From: British Resident Minister's Office.
Subject: Requisition of MOSCETTA Seminary.
Ref:- Freedom cable No. 3749 of November 21st to Fatima
(MC OUT 6319)

The British Minister to the Holy See has informed the Papal authorities of the intentions of the Allied Command as regards the requisition of the seminary at Moschetta in the manner indicated in S3 of this Office's memo. No. 11/34/1501 of November 16th. He has made it clear that the Vatican was being informed solely as a matter of courtesy.

2. The Vatican has replied that, since the seminary is the property of the Holy See, the latter's consent is necessary before it may be used for other purposes. The Italian Government have always sought the prior consent of the Holy See in such cases and, in fact, when they proposed to requisition this seminary in 1940, they abandoned the proposal at the request of the Holy See. The Vatican further pointed out that President Roosevelt's message to the Pope of July 10th, 1943, contained an assurance that papal property in Italy would be respected.

3. The Vatican, however, agrees to the use of the seminary as a convalescent home, if the inmates can continue their work in other convenient premises. Instructions on this subject for delivery to

Monsignore Mimmi, Archbishop of Bari, are being telegraphed to this Office and will be passed on to the M.G.S. in due course for transmission.

R.M.

15th December, 1943.

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Military Government Section

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18 December 1943.

SUBJECT: Requisition of Molfetta Seminary.

TO : Acting Deputy President, Allied Control Commission.

There are herewith transmitted two communications from the office of the British Resident Minister:

11/34/1501 of 15 December, for your information.

11/34/1501 of 16 December, for appropriate action by you.

Incl:
As above.

J. C. HOLMES,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Chief, Military Government Section.

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TRANSLATION

HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT
No. 1299/Prot.

P. M. 151 9 December 1943

Dear General Joyce:

I have received yours of 8 December, and as I stated in my note No. 4024 dated 1 December, negotiations were in progress with General Dowler in trying to use other equally available quarters in substitution to the Seminary at Molfetta.

In the same note I asked you to inform me whether the requisition was limited to the building or whether the furniture was to be included, in which case a tentative list should have been given us, so that we could take proper action.

I have not received as yet any answer to my suggestion.

Nevertheless, acknowledging your haste in this matter, I have given immediate orders to the Prefect of Bari to start legal proceedings for the required requisitioning of the premises on or before 13 December.

I still deem it advisable to know urgently your decision in the matter of including, or not, the furniture contained in the Seminary, for the purposes of the requisition.

Very cordially,

BADGOLIO

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TRANSLATION

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No. 1299/Prot.

P. M. 151 9 December 1943

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Very cordially,

BADOLIO

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TRANSLATION

THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT
No. 4024 Pres. Cons.

P.M. 151 1 December 1943

Dear General Joyce:-

In reference to your memorandum on the subject of requisitioning the Seminary of Melfetta, I inform you that I am in process of negotiations with Gen. A. B. Bowler, by studying the possibilities of substituting these premises with other property equally suitable for the purpose.

If that cannot be done, I assure you I will immediately issue orders to requisition the Seminary.

I beg you to inform me, meanwhile, whether the requisition is limited to the building only, or whether it should include the furniture existing therein. In the latter case, it would be practical to give us even a general idea of your needs, so that adequate dispositions may be taken.

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TRANSLATION

THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT
No. 4024 Pres. Cons.

P.M. 151 1 December 1949

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 522

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10 November 1943

SUBJECT: Seminary at Bari Province.

TO : Headquarters No. 2 District (Q), Bari.

← The following telegram received from AFHQ is passed on to you for information: "Convalescent home at Bari. Without doubting legal power of Allied Forces to requisition seminary by whomsoever owned, it seemed expedient to invite Pope to give direction generally that religious institutions comply with military requirements. This consultation will take a little time."

For the Chief of the Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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TRANSLATION

CHIEF OF THE GOVERNMENT
No. 1441 of Prot.

22 December 1943

To General Kenyon A. Joyce
Chief of the Allied Control Commission
Headquarters

Dear General Joyce:

I am informed by the Ministry of Communications that AFMC, in answer to the request of the Ministry to resume operations of the radio circuit between Bari and Sardinia, replied negatively.

The necessity of contact with the Island, both from military and civilian standpoints, and the lack of explanation for such refusal make it seem advisable that your interest be counted upon in this respect.

At the same time, it grieves me to have been denied the opportunity to activate a radio service between the Government and the Military Commands and Ministries which remain in the Puglia, which would possess no way of communication in the event of urgency or possible interruption of telephone service.

I appeal, dear General, to your kindness so that these difficulties may be surmounted.

Very cordially,

BADOLIO

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In reply
refer to: 540
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22 December 1943

Dear

It is understood that you have established your headquarters at Naples. It is essential that information be made available to me with respect to the shipping situation.

Lt. Col. Deamore has informed me that he has not had contact with you since the latter part of November. I recall having seen your report of 17 November and the letters written by Gibson Grahame.

I note that you have been attending meetings of the Transportation Committee at Naples. I am very anxious to learn the exact position of the Shipping Sub-Commission with respect to its relations with FLAMSO and FLAMSO's position with respect to coastal shipping.

Has there been a clarification of the matter or a definite policy laid down with respect to craft not under command of Allied Naval Authorities? Does FLAMSO control all coasters and other small craft which are not under Allied Naval Control? If so, by what directive? Also, if so, what responsibilities are left for the AGO Shipping Sub-Commission? Please telegraph your answers to the above.

I understand that you have left three officers at Palermo to look after shipping matters. Are these officers assigned to ANM HQ Region I, or are they a part of the Shipping Sub-Commission carrying out field functions?

If you have submitted draft of proposed "functions" for Shipping Sub-Commission to HQ ANM or AGO, copy of same would be appreciated. Information in connection with plans you have prepared, even though tentative, will be helpful; also your thoughts as to the personnel required for the Shipping Sub-Commission. Will you also tell me where your set up is in Naples and how communications to you should be addressed.

Yours

Major Joe C. Hockingbotham, Junior
c/o Movements and Transportation
Adv Adm Bohalen, AFHQ

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In reply refer to:
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22 December 1943

His Excellency don Renato Prunas
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs has been received from the Italian Ambassador at Madrid:
"Number 1262 dated December 15: See my cable 1261. Consular Commissioner from Longiers will also be repatriated on our cruiser. See your cable 115. Military Attache Colonel Bronsini and family are in Longiers and all are well. Secretary General of Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs assured Italian Minister at Helsinki that Finnish Government intend to maintain normal relations with the Royal Government. On 15 December Marchioni arrived here and he will proceed to Lisbon in order that the question of repatriation of Staff may be arranged by him."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission

Political Section

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In reply refer to:
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22 December 1943

His Excellency Don Renato Frumari
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following two messages to the Royal Italian Government
have been received from Magistrali from Bern:

1. "Number 2054: Notified Marshal Badoglio, in my 2032,
that his daughter and daughter-in-law send cordial greetings
and are well (reference to your 115). Please inform D'Acquarone
that Torneo Ciano here and that D'Acquarone's family are well.
Duchess Camilla letters through Madrid."

2. "Number 2055: Would appreciate details regarding
Mabieri. Reference to your 116. Person is not in Switzer-
land. Do not understand reference to letter of November 30."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission

Political Section

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In reply refer to:
386.8

22 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Headquarters, Number 2 District, Bari.

SUBJECT: Requisitioning of Tobacco Factory, Bari.

The matter of the requisitioning of the Tobacco Factory, Bari, has been called to your attention by the Military Mission to the Italian Army in its note of 20 December 1943.

The Allied Control Commission is of the opinion that the Tobacco Factory should, if possible, be released from requisitioning as an attempt is being made to expand the tobacco industry and increase state funds from its sale.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

cc: MMIA

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In reply refer to:
091.112

22 December 1943

His Excellency Don Renato FRONZONI
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to Marshal Badoglio has been received
from M'ajesta from Lisbon:

"Number 40 dated December 13: Consulting technical consultative discussions reported in my dispatch 3856-4, November 22, I have succeeded in obtaining conclusions with Anglo-Americans, partly in agreement, concerning financing and reduction of offices, institutions and personnel in Portugal and her colonies. I have reported, by mail, in detail on this subject submitting for Your Excellency's approval various solutions, agreed upon or otherwise; however, Anglo-Americans have now advanced a request which I cable as a preliminary step, submitting solutions in question and soliciting, in cases of extreme urgency, telegraphic instructions from Your Excellency. In conformity with explicit wishes of Anglo-Americans, the solicited instructions should authorize us to initiate immediately first measures necessary to align personnel and offices with the needs of the service; to start providing necessary repatriation; and to immediately reduce to a minimum the salaries of officials and employees to be repatriated.

The following considerations, in the intentions of Anglo-Americans, determine these measures:

1. Delay, as long as possible, their financial aid by prolonging the period during which the Legation can survive on balance of its own funds; this period could be delayed by further economies.
2. Offices not considered indispensable to be closed.
3. Accelerate repatriation of officials and employees not included in reorganized Legation or are recalled for service with central administration, owing to necessities of the moment.

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4. Few individuals who do not offer sufficient guarantee of political loyalty to be removed from Legation staff.

The main points of the final Anglo-American "recommendations" which as previously reported in detail represent in fact conclusions of an agreement in principle and in part the essential conditions presented for future financing apart from any kind of agreement are summarized below:

(a) Legation - necessary clerks, first secretary one, one counselor charge d'affaires, second secretary one, the Minister (absent). One press attache (refer to No. 35), one red cross delegate, at present in Lisbon, one naval attache, and one consul in charge of consular registry. Offices of military and air attache to be closed. Taking into consideration various specific American-English recommendations, a nomination for each post has been made.

(b) Closing all royal consulates in Portugal and her colonies. I have made my special reservations on this point.

(c) All Institute of Culture to be closed. Only the Italian schools in Portugal that can continue to function on a minimum scale and with our own funds may be allowed to continue until end of school year; other schools to be closed. I have also made all possible reservations on this point.

(d) 25 to 50 percent reduction on all salaries and office expenses.

Your Excellency's instructions are solicited on all above points."

For the Deputy President, Allied Central Commission

Political Section

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In reply refer to:
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22 December 1943

His Excellency Don Renato Piuma
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to Marshal Badoglio has been received
from Minister Bonetti from Stockholm:

"Number 26 dated December 15: In view of pressing monetary
requirements of Royal Legation and on advice of British and
American legations, I wish to notify Your Excellency that I
have accepted the loan of 200,000 Swedish crowns mentioned in
my telegram dated November 15 numbered 16. I am forwarding
today through regular channel a copy of the letter to the
Hanselshonon regarding the loan and a report on financial
situation.

"Royal Legation in Helsinki will receive 40,000 crowns
of this sum in four monthly installments beginning January 1."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

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In reply refer to:
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22 December 1943

Via Excellency Don Benito Frasca
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to Marshal Badoglio has been received
from Maritania from Puerto Rico:

"Under 312 dated December 25: Informed by private source
that owing to restrictions imposed by Japanese authorities
and absence of any guarantee situation of our officials in Tokyo
is difficult. Consider of our naval forces in Far East, Manila,
took refuge in our Tokyo Embassy was arrested there by police,
extrajurisdictionality thus violated. I might be able to enlist
friendly interest of Argentine Government, if there be no
objection."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission

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In reply refer to:
091.112

22 November 1943

His Excellency Don Renato Prinas
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to the Royal Italian Minister of
Foreign Affairs has been received from Magistrati from Bern:

"Number 2531: As cabled through Royal Embassy, Madrid,
I have drafted budget for all Royal Offices, civil and military,
and Italian institutions in Switzerland. Beginning January
1, monthly expenditures will not exceed 200,000 Swiss francs.
Compared with 1943 average expenses, this budgetary plan repre-
sents a 60% reduction. In view of fact that all Italian officials
and employees in Switzerland are loyal to Royal Government and
repatriation is impossible, further reduction is impossible.

"In order to enable reply to request of Swiss Government,
please advise as soon whether Royal Government plans to credit
directly to this Legation monthly sum above-mentioned or whether
Royal Government considers it advisable that co-belligerent
states offer guarantee to Swiss Government for future Swiss
advances."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 994

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In reply
refer to: AG 168

22 December 1943

Dear Signore Marchetti:

I have been requested to reply in part to your letter of 16 November 1943 addressed to General Eisenhower.

You request information as to the possibility of using coupons of certain Kingdom of Italy 7% Gold Bonds as cash for the payment of Italian taxes, etc. Since these bonds are part of an external issue, on which the interest, normally payable in dollars, is at present suspended, it is not possible to permit coupons of such bonds to be used in the way you suggest.

As soon as communication is possible, I would suggest that you get in touch with the paying agents of these bonds in New York, who are in a position to advise you regarding interest payments.

Very truly yours,

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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In reply refer to:
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22 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Giuseppe Valenzano
Private Secretary to the Head of the Government

Lt. Colonel B. T. Pash, USA, is in command of a special American mission which has been directed by the Secretary of War to collect information of military value relative to the progress being made by the enemy in the field of scientific development. The mission has the approval of the Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces in this theater.

It is felt that the work of this mission would be greatly facilitated if the head of the Italian Government will be kind enough to give a letter of introduction requesting the cooperation of the Italian officials with whom the members of the mission will come in contact.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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In reply refer to:
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22 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

The Allied Control Commission is informed by AMG officials in Naples that General Basso had organized an office of civil affairs which is quite active. I am sure that Your Excellency will agree that it is important to avoid setting up new agencies in Naples which conflict or appear to conflict with the functions of Allied Military Government. I am not certain that this comment applies to General Basso's office of civil affairs but I would appreciate Your Excellency informing the Commission as to the scope of its activities.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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In reply refer to:
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22 December 1943

To His Grace Monsignore Mizzi
Archbishop of Bari

My dear Archbishop:

I have been asked to transmit to Your Grace herewith the following message from His Holiness the Pope:

"British Minister to the Holy See on instructions from the Government states that Allied military authorities propose to use seminary of Molfetta (presumably the regional seminary, the property of the Holy See) as a military convalescent home.

Your Excellency is directed to settle this question with the appropriate authorities in accordance with the following instructions: (1) The Holy See agree that the premises of the said seminary may be used as a convalescent home if the regional seminary can continue to function and find other premises. (2) You should ensure that a regular act of transfer is drawn up with a detailed inventory and corresponding pledge of restitution. (3) You are further directed to refer any other similar cases which may subsequently arise to the Holy See, giving your opinion about them and making such proposals as appear necessary.

The Holy See regret to have as yet no news of Southern Italy. Your Excellency should endeavour to convey some information on the subject to the Holy See, if necessary by means of the kind offices of the military authorities. There is particularly desired of Cardinal Acciaioli, of the Bishop of Cava and Sarro and of the Abbot of the Holy Trinity at Cava dei Tirreni who are reported to be no longer at their posts, and of the Diocese of Campobasso whose Bishop is reported to have met a tragic death.

His Holiness blesses Your Excellency and charges you to convey his paramount blessing to all the Bishops and to the faithful."

I am taking steps to inform the appropriate Allied Military authorities of the contents of this message so that they may be prepared to discuss the matter further with Your Grace at the earliest opportunity. I

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shall of course be glad to transmit through Allied channels any reply which you may wish to send to questions raised by His Holiness the Pope.

Faithfully yours,

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, AUS

cc: His Excellency Dr. Innocente
GOC Number 2 District Bari

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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1. 1ST LT LAWRENCE E GARCIA, 01285570, INF, is designated as Class "A" Agent Finance Officer to CAPT BRUCE E DUNCAN, PD for the purpose of paying Officers' Pay Vouchers and for Partial Payments to Enlisted Men on duty with the Allied Control Commission.

By command of Major General JOYCE:

MAXWELL B. TAYLOR
Brig. Gen., U.S.A.
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

E. J. Chiozza
E. J. CHIOZZA
CWO, AUS
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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To His Excellency General Ambrosio
Inspector General of Italian Army

Dear General Ambrosio:

I regret very much having been unable to accept your kind invitation to lunch over this weekend as I hoped to. General Joyce and I were obliged to suspend all movements pending the calling of a conference with General Eisenhower at General Alexander's headquarters. You were very kind to have invited me and I am very sorry not to have been able to accept.

With best wishes for the coming Christmas season, I am

Very sincerely yours,

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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In reply refer to:
386.8

22 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Headquarters, Number 2 District, Bari.

SUBJECT: Requisitioning of Tobacco Factory, Bari.

The matter of the requisitioning of the Tobacco Factory, Bari, has been called to your attention by the Military Mission to the Italian Army in its note of 20 December 1943.

The Allied Control Commission is of the opinion that the Tobacco Factory should, if possible, be released from requisitioning as an attempt is being made to expand the tobacco industry and increase state funds from its sale.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

cc: MMTA

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In reply refer to:
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22 December 1943

His Excellency don Renato Brunas
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs has been received from the Italian Ambassador at Helsinki:

"Number 1363 dated December 13: See my cable 1261. Consular Commissioner from England will also be repatriated on our cruiser. See your cable 115. Military Attaché Colonel Grossini and family are in England and all are well. Secretary General of Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs assured Italian Minister at Helsinki that Finnish Government intend to maintain normal relations with the Royal Government. On 13 December Marchisari arrived here and he will proceed to Lisbon in order that the question of repatriation of staff may be arranged by him."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission

Political Section

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In reply refer to:
211.31:201

23 December 1943

His Excellency Don Renato Prunas
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following two messages to the Royal Italian Government
have been received from Registrati from Boston:

1. Number 2054: Notified Marshal Badoglio, in my 2022,
that his daughter and daughter-in-law sent cordial greetings
and are well (reference to your 115). Please inform B'Agostino
that Teresa Giani here and that B'Agostino's family are well.
Receives Cassini letters through Madrid."

2. Number 2055: Would appreciate details regarding
Sableri. Reference to your 115. Person is not in Switzerland.
Do not understand reference to letter of November 30."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

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In reply refer to:
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22 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency Marshal Messe
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For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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In reply refer to:
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22 December 1943

His Excellency Don Renato Bruner
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to Marshal Badoglio has been received
from D'Ajete from Lisbon:

"Number 48 dated December 15: Concluding technical consultative discussions reported in my dispatch 3836-6, November 22, I have reached certain conclusions with Anglo-Americans, partly in agreement, concerning financing and reduction of offices, institutions and personnel in Portugal and her colonies. I have reported, by mail, in detail on this subject submitting for Your Excellency's approval various solutions, agreed upon or otherwise; however, Anglo-Americans have not advanced a request which I cable as a preliminary step, submitting solutions in question and soliciting, in case of extreme urgency, telegraphic instructions from Your Excellency. In conformity with explicit wishes of Anglo-Americans, the solicited instructions should authorize us to initiate immediately first measures necessary to align personnel and offices with new needs of the service; to start providing necessary repatriation; and to immediately reduce to a minimum the salaries of officials and employees to be repatriated.

The following considerations, in the intentions of Anglo-Americans, determine these measures:

1. Delay, as long as possible, their financial aid by prolonging the period during which the legation can manage on balance of its own funds; this period could be delayed by further committee.
2. Offices not considered indispensable to be closed.
3. Accelerate repatriation of officials and employees not included in reorganized legation or are recalled for service with central administration, owing to necessities of the moment.

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4. For individuals who do not offer sufficient guarantee of political loyalty to be removed from legation staff.

The main points of the final Anglo-American "recommendations" which as previously reported in detail represent in fact conclusions of an agreement in principle and in part the essential conditions presented for future financing apart from any kind of agreement are summarized below:

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(b) Closing all royal consulates in Portugal and her colonies. I have made my special reservations on this point.

(c) All Institute of Culture to be closed. Only the Italian schools in Portugal that can continue to function on a minimum scale and with our own funds may be allowed to continue until end of school year; other schools to be closed. I have also made all possible reservations on this point.

(d) 25 to 50 percent reduction on all salaries and office expenses.

Your Excellency's instructions are solicited on all above points."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission

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In reply refer to:
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22 December 1943

His Excellency Don Renato Fumagalli
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to Marshal Badoglio has been received
from Minister Bernini from Stockholm:

"Under 20 dated December 13: In view of pressing monetary
requirements of Royal Legation and on advice of British and
American Legations, I wish to notify Your Excellency that I
have accepted the loan of 200,000 Swedish crowns mentioned in
my telegram dated November 15 numbered 16. I am forwarding
today through regular channel a copy of the letter to the
Hanseatic Commission regarding the loan and a report on financial
situation.

"Royal Legation in Helsinki will receive 40,000 crowns
of this sum in four monthly installments beginning January 1."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

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In reply refer to:
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22 December 1943

His Excellency don Renato Prunas
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to Marshal Badoglio has been received
from Cartagena from Buenos Aires:

"Number 929 dated December 13: Informed by private sources
that owing to restrictions imposed by Japanese authorities
and absence of any guarantee situation of our officials in Tokyo
is difficult. Commander of our naval forces in Far East, Orilli,
took refuge in our Tokyo Embassy was arrested there by police,
extraterritoriality thus violated. I might be able to enlist
friendly interest of Argentine Government, if there be no
objection."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

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In reply refer to:
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22 December 1943

His Excellency Don Renato Pruneri
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to the Royal Italian Minister of
Foreign Affairs has been received from Bern: Bern:

"Number 2861: is called through Royal Embassy, Bern, and
I have drafted budget for all Royal Offices, civil and military,
and Italian institutions in Switzerland, beginning January
1944. Monthly expenditures will not exceed 200,000 Swiss Francs.
Compared with 1943 average expenses, this budgetary plan repre-
sents a 60% reduction. In view of fact that all Italian officials
and employees in Switzerland are loyal to Royal Government and
repatriation is impossible, further reduction is impossible.

"In order to enable reply to request of Swiss Government,
please advise me soon whether Royal Government plans to credit
directly to this Legation monthly sum above-mentioned or whether
Royal Government considers it advisable that co-belligerent
states offer guarantee to Swiss Government for future Swiss
advances."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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In reply
refer to: AG 168

22 December 1943

Dear Signore Marchetti:

I have been requested to reply in part to your letter of 16 November 1943 addressed to General Eisenhower.

You request information as to the possibility of using coupons of certain Kingdom of Italy 7% Gold Bonds as cash for the payment of Italian taxes, etc. Since these bonds are part of an external issue, on which the interest, normally payable in dollars, is at present suspended, it is not possible to permit coupons of such bonds to be used in the way you suggest.

As soon as communication is possible, I would suggest that you get in touch with the paying agents of these bonds in New York, who are in a position to advise you regarding interest payments.

Very truly yours,

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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In reply refer to:
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22 December 1943

Subject: Attached Letter.

To : Commanding General, NATOSRA, APO 934.
Attention: Provost Marshal General, PW Section.

The attached letter from Mrs. Anna Argentiere, Via Colucci
No. 30, Oglio Mesapien, requesting information as to the whereabouts
of her son, is forwarded as a matter pertaining to your office, will
you kindly take the necessary action.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

A. J. COLLINS
Captain, MH
Asst Secy of Commission

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CHIEF OF THE GOVERNMENT
No. 1441 of Prot.

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22 December 1943

To General Kenyon A. Joyce
Chief of the Allied Control Commission
Headquarters

Dear General Joyce:

I am informed by the Ministry of Communications that AFMC, in answer to the request of the Ministry to resume operations of the radio circuit between Bari and Gerdinia, replied negatively.

The necessity of contact with the Island, both from military and civilian standpoints, and the lack of explanation for such refusal make it seem advisable that your interest be counted upon in this respect.

At the same time, it grieves me to have been denied the opportunity to activate a radio service between the Government and the Military Commands and Ministries which remain in the Puglia, which would possess no way of communication in the event of urgency or possible interruption of telephone service.

I appeal, dear General, to your kindness so that these difficulties may be surmounted.

Very cordially.

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In reply refer to:
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21 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier Duchesne, Military Mission to the Italian Army

I do not feel that the 15th Army Group should report matters such as this to AFHQ without first asking us to take action. Please advise me as to what representations, if any, are necessary according to our agreements of yesterday.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, APO 994, 21 December 1943.

TO: Education Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission, Palermo.

Letter MCA/42/57 is herewith forwarded to you for action.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ROGER B. DUFFY
1st Lt, AGC
Adjutant General

- 2 Incls:
1. Letter MCA/42/57 AME 11 Dec.
2. No. 5029/OTS. di prot.

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In reply refer to:
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21 December 1943

Reverend Teodoro Canonico Caravaglio
Brindisi Cathedral
Piazza Duomo
Brindisi, Italy

In reply to your letter of 19 December 1943, the staff of this office have already made arrangements to contribute towards Christmas festivities for a children's charitable organization in Brindisi, and it is regretted that it is not possible to assist your church.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission,

ROGER B. DEREY
1st Lt, AGO
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In reply
refer to: 080

21 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Civil Affairs Office, Allied Force Headquarters.
SUBJECT: Red Cross messages between North and South Italy.

Reference is made to a memorandum from the Political Section, Allied Control Commission, dated November 21 concerning the establishment of Red Cross messages between North and South Italy. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has again inquired whether any decision in this respect has been reached and would appreciate an early reply.

Political Section

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In reply
refer to: AS 311.3
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SUBJECT : Interruption of "Acquedotto Pugliese" telephone lines.

TO : The Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and
Posts.

1. Reference is made to your letter 000176/W dated 18 December 1943 at Bari relative to above subject.

2. This matter was discussed with the Chief Signal Officer No. 2 District at Bari on 18 December. We were informed that circuits were taken as an emergency matter due to the bombing of Bari. It is understood that two of the circuits have been returned to "Acquedotto Pugliese" and that arrangements are being made by Chief Signal Officer No. 2 District direct with Col. Rosati for the return of the remaining circuit.

3. In the event this matter is not completely cleared up to your satisfaction this week, will you please inform this Headquarters?

ELMER W. STONE
Captain - USNR
Communications Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 994

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In reply
refer to: 676.3
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SUBJECT: Italian Military Radio Equipment in Sardinia

TO : Air Commodore Foster - Director Air Sub-Commission.

1. Reference is made to message #11386 from A.F.H.Q. 8 December 1943 directing that Italian Air Force be instructed through channels to release four (4) 1000-watt mobile radio stations complete, and five (5) 310-watt mobile radio stations complete, now located in Sardinia, to Allied Commanding General, Garrison of Sardinia.

2. Radio survey of mobile equipment made by A.F.H.Q. Signal Section 17 November 1943 based on information furnished by Lt. Col. Arrigoni, Director, Telecom. For Air indicates that at that time the following mobile equipment under control of Italian Air Force was located in Sardinia;

A. Type Mobile T & R. Frequency Range of equipment 240KC-8570KC-. Power Output 310W;

Location	Remarks
(1) Olbia	2 stns, 1 in 6 wheel vehicle, 1 in 2 wheel trailer.
(2) Chilivani	1 stn in 2 wheel trailer
(3) Milis	1 stn in 6 wheel vehicle
(4) Cristano	1 stn in 6 wheel vehicle
(5) Monserrato	2 stns in 6 wheel vehicle
(6) Capaterra	1 stn in 6 wheel vehicle
(7) Samatzi	2 stns in 6 wheel vehicles (serviceable in depot)
(8) Decimo	4 stns in 2 wheel trailers

2. Type Mobile T & R. Frequency Range of equipment 1.66-10.7 Mc/s. Power output 1000W;

Location	Remarks
(1) Algherre	1 sta in tractor w/trailer
(2) Monserrato	1 " " " and "
(3) Capoterra	1 " " truck trailer (Servisable in depot)
(4) Sanatnai	3 stas in truck trailer (Servisable in depot)

3. As previously indicated by you it is possible that part or all of this equipment may have been utilized. The survey referred to in para. 2 above states "Bomber groups are expected to move up in the next few days to the mainland and will take radio equipment with them."

4. It is suggested that if the equipment has not been utilized the 9 stations requested possibly could be made available from Monserrato, Capoterra and Sanatnai.

5. Will you please indicate whether or not directive of A.F.H.Q. in this matter can be complied with.

WILLIAM W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Communications Section

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21 December 1943

Sir:

I enclose two letters which have just been received and would be grateful if they could be delivered to Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Prince of Piedmont.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

2 Incls.

His Excellency
The Duke of Acquarone
Minister of the Royal Household
Brindisi

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFG 394

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In reply
refer to: 221.

21 December 1943

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Lt W. E. Lawrence
Lt R. E. Doby
Lt R. L. Volsted
Lt Clausner

1. Pending the allocation of proper staff of orderlies, the following arrangement will operate commencing at once:

- Lt Lawrence - Will provide an orderly daily from 0730 until 1230
- Lt Doby - Will provide an orderly from 1230 until 2100 every third day commencing 21 December 1943
- Lt Volsted - Will provide an orderly from 1230 until 2100 every third day commencing 22 December 1943
- Lt Clausner - Will provide an orderly from 1230 until 2100 every third day commencing 23 December 1943

2. Lieutenant Doby will compile a roster showing names of the orderlies, and will post this in the AG Office.

By command of Major General JOYCE:

Robert E. Doe
ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of the Commission

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In reply refer to:
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21 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency Marshal Kesse
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

The Allied Control Commission is informed by the Allied Force Headquarters that the following items of Italian equipment are needed by the two pack units assigned to the Fifth Army.

- 50 Rifle Belts
- 150 Sweaters
- 825 Woolen Socks (prs)
- 300 Stable Halters
- 300 Cloth Bags for watering animals
- 80 Bags, grooming
- 220 Waterproof tarpaulins for cargo
- 12 Picks
- 100 Canteens
- 825 Woolen Gloves (prs)
- 825 Woolen Helmets (prs)
- 300 Foodbags
- 35 Water cans
- 15 Bridles for pack saddle horses
- Supply of candles, dubbin and soap

The Military Mission to the Italian Army has been requested to work out the details of the allocation with your military authorities.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

cc: MMIA

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In reply refer to:
OPL.711

21 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier Deschamps, Military Mission to the Italian Army

I do not feel that the 15th Army Group should report matters such as this to AFHQ without first asking us to take action. Please advise us as to what representations, if any, are necessary according to our agreements of yesterday.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAURICE D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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Cy of Cable from Freedom
Ref No 14901

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21 December 1943

In reply
refer to: 312.1

SUBJECT : Transmittal of Mail

TO : FMG, NATOUNA, APO 534 U S ARMY

Transmitted herewith 3 envelopes containing messages
for Prisoners of War for such disposition you see fit.

For the Deputy President:

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E J CHIOCCA
CWO AUS
Asst Adj Gen

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17 DEC 1943

TRANSMISSION

SPECIAL SECRETARIAT OF THE
CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT
No. 1369 of Prot.

16 December 1943

General Joyce:

His Excellency Marshal Badoglio has asked me to forward the attached memorandum from the Ministry of the Navy, in hopes that you will examine the possibility of remedying the difficulties of which it speaks.

Cordially yours.

SPECIAL SECRETARY OF THE
CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT
(Lt. Col. G. Valenzano)

(Sgd) Valenzano

To General Kenyon A. Joyce
Chief of the Allied Control Commission
Headquarters

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF THE NAVY
Chief of the Cabinet
No. 1370 of Prot.
Inclosure No. 1

15 December 1943

SUBJECT: Crews of the Navy and Merchant Marine

MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency, the Chief of Government

I consider it necessary to bring to the attention of your Excellency the situation that has developed relative to shore leave for the crews of Italian warships and merchant ships touching Allied ports.

1. Since the 14th of October the Italian Navy and Merchant Marine have lent their aid to the Allies in accordance with Italy's co-belligerency and even before this our units cooperated with the Allied Navies. It has therefore been more than two months since the Italian Navy first commenced to work wholeheartedly toward furthering the common cause. Until now however, none of our sailors, soldiers or merchant seamen have been able to obtain liberty ashore in Allied Mediterranean ports.

2. The various local Allied headquarters have so far denied them any special privileges, citing the following reasons:

- (a) Warships in outside ports:
Location near prison and concentration camps, and an absence of sufficient quarters to house personnel during their off-time ashore.
- (b) Warships at Malta:
Resentment of the population against Italy because of the great number of aerial attacks made against the island.
- (c) Ports in Egypt:
Presence in these ports of Greek and Yugoslavian elements that might create disorders if Italian sailors were allowed to circulate freely.
- (d) Ports in Libya:
Presence of the Italian population.
- (e) Ports in French North Africa:
Presence of the French population, difficult to control, and likely to rebel at the presence of our sailors.

3. Similar reasons have been given by the Commander in charge of the Mediterranean Fleet, the authority to whom we are responsible for naval matters. It is furthermore necessary to point out that all the areas mentioned are under the military control of the Allies, who should therefore be empowered to intervene effectively to prevent any manifestations of disorder or resentment and to repress them as soon as they are discovered.

4. The proposals made by the Commander in charge of the Mediterranean Fleet for bettering the conditions of our crews are reasonable enough, but are not conducive to a final solution of the problem.

In regard to warships, the possibility of drastically reducing crews has been mentioned. But even a reduction of some hundred men would not alter the problem.

Concerning warships and merchant ships now working with the Allies, it has been proposed instead to attempt to persuade our crews, explaining to them the necessity demanding such action, and repeating that the situation is only temporary -- but for how long? While a program of persuasion would have some success with warship crews, the same cannot be said for the units of the Merchant Marine, for whom any limitation of personal liberty is considered contrary to the labor contracts and the democratic principles affirmed by the Allies.

5. Many revolts aboard merchant ships have demanded intervention. For example:

(a) On H. M. S. Pozarica, Capt. Giurati, of the Italian Military Mission to the Allied General Headquarters, found it necessary to intervene in order to calm the feelings of the sailors, who rebelled at their prolonged confinement and who pointed out that as co-nationals, enrolled as volunteers on Allied merchant ships, they should enjoy ever so much more personal liberty.

(b) On the hospital ship Toscana, which had carried wounded English and American soldiers, shore leave has been prohibited even in Sicilian ports, as well as in ports of French North Africa, with considerable discontent among the crew because of this incomprehensible restriction. (See inclosure.)

It must also be kept in mind that the sailors of our Merchant Marine wear civilian clothes and not a uniform which, being more easily discernable, might be the cause of revolt on the part of local inhabitants.

6. This Ministry earnestly requests the Anglo-American authorities to grant recognition of a privilege which seems directly and closely connected with the status of co-belligerency governing the activities of our navies. There are no end of incidents which emphasize increasing difficulties that will continue to prevent the effective employment of our navy's services if these unjustified restrictions on the freedom of personnel should be allowed to persist. I consider it necessary that the matter be carefully studied by the Allied Control Commission inasmuch as the problem is not only military but above all political.

THE MINISTER FOR NAVY

(sgd) De Courten

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TRANSLATION

MEMORANDUM No. 3
No. 18 of Prot.

Algiers, 22 November 1943

TO THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA

Following a visit by me to the hospital ship Tossana, it is my duty to inform you of the requirements which must be met before the ship can in the future be employed by the Allied Nations. A most dissatisfied feeling has grown up among members of the crews as a result of orders given by the British authorities intended to prevent the crew from obtaining any liberty ashore.

Since the 8th of October, when the Tossana left Taranto, the ship has touched at the ports of Sicily and at Tripoli, Alexandria, Phillipville and Algiers. In none of these ports was the crew allowed to go ashore. The men know of no reason for these restrictions, seeing that, since the Armistice, they have been loyally serving the Allied cause.

The same feeling is prevalent among the crews of all merchant ships that have been compelled to remain in port for long periods for repairs or other reasons.

I must inform you that if these measures are continued in force, extremely grave consequences will follow and commanders will find it more and more difficult to maintain discipline aboard and to keep their crews happy in the execution of their duties.

I hope a way may be found to permit the crews of all Italian ships to go ashore subject only to whatever reasonable restrictions may be necessary because of local situations.

(The rest of the communication has been omitted.)

(Sgd) C. V. Ernesto Giuriati

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, APO 394, 21 December 1943.

TO: Education Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission, Palermo.

Letter ECA/42/57 is herewith forwarded to you for action.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission;

ROGER B. DENNEY
1st Lt, AGD
Adjutant General

2 Incls:

1. Letter ECA/42/57 AND 11 Dec.
2. No. 5023/OTS. 61 prot.

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1st Lt. AGC
Adjutant General

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1. Letter ECA/42/57 AMG 11 Dec.
2. No. 5023/OTS. 61 prot.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION II

11 Dec 43

Ref: ECA/42/57

SUBJECT: Requisitioning of School "Figlie di S. Anna"

TO : Allied Military Mission, Brindisi (THRU AME 15 Army Group)

1. Attached is a copy of a letter which was received by the Directors of the School "Figlie di S. Anna", ordering the School premises to be requisitioned for use as an Italian Military Hospital.

2. As will be seen, copies of the letter were also sent to the Prefecture, the Proveditore, and the Reserve Military Hospital at Matera, but no official request was made to this HQ.

3. It would be much appreciated if you could please take action to see that such requests in future come, via you, to this HQ.

4. In this case, it is not considered that the request is justified. The School in question is the only School in Matera which has so far been able to open. Since the School-question is a very pressing one, and many of the Schools in Matera have been of necessity occupied by Allied troops in training, it is not considered desirable that the little school space that remains should be interfered with unless absolutely necessary. (It may be pointed out that the School in question, though a Church-School, is being used at this moment for the holding of general examinations, owing to shortage of space).

5. Prior to our arrival here the School had been requisitioned as a hospital, but AMG cancelled the arrangement because in three months there were about three patients. If required, it is requested that a wing of the Ospedale Civile be taken over by the Military.

6. I am instructing the Directors of the School in question to take no action in the matter.

G. H. McCaffrey
G. H. McCaffrey,
Lt. Col. Infantry
HQA

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TRANSLATION

MINISTER OF WAR
Cabinet

P.M. 107

December 1943

SUBJECT: Italian Troops in the Balkans

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As for the Venezia Division to which the remains of the Taurinense Division have been added it has been possible recently to have aid reach them (funds, food and clothing). However it is necessary that such supply should be of continuous character.

But for the other groups as well it is indispensable that a service be organized to provide those brave and unfortunate fighters with tangible aid from the Allies, either from Italy or the Near East.

It is further necessary that all units maintain their organic structure and their dependence on their own commanders, under whose orders, obeying the commands of the Italian Government, they immediately took the field against the Germans, in the most tragic and painful conditions that ever fell to the lot of the armed forces of a regular army.

The respect of these organic bonds is a great factor of moral value which will allow these fighting groups to prolong their resistance on behalf of and in the interests of the cause of the Allies.

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE

(Sgd) General Orlando

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21 December 1943

In reply
refer to: AG 311
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SUBJECT : Salerno - Naples Communications

TO : Col. J. L. Henderson, Director Tele-Communications and
Postal Service Sub-Commission, c/o AMO, SCAG, Salerno.

For your information attached is paraphrase of message
with respect to equipment etc. in connection with Salerno - Naples
communications set up.

ELBERT W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Communications Sec.

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Paraphrase of AFHQ 19 Dec. signal to Fairbanks for Lt. Col. Green for action, to P E S for Sig G, AFHQ Adv 1st Echelon for Sig. G, and AGC for Col. Henderson for information.

This is in connection with message from Fairbanks No. 115 requesting 2 BD, 550 switchboards and 100 telephones for AGC also in reference to message 2606 from P E S for release of 2 teletypes for direct printer service between AGC at Salerno and AMB at Naples.

One PB 550 switchboard and 50 telephones being released immediately. Balance are being held pending survey. Request with respect to release of teletype machines not approved. Use of motor dispatch service to be utilized in lieu of teletype service.

Through study of communication requirements for AGC at Salerno, ^{directed} results of survey to be sent to Sig. I, AFHQ at earliest practicable date with recommendations.

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In reply
refer to: 012.2

21 December 1943

Subject: Payment of Certain Italian Revenue Charges by Allied
Military Personnel.

To: GOC No. 2 District, G.M.F.

1. Reference your letter of 8 December 1943 (number TCO 1135A),
referring to letter ARA dated 6 December 1943 from 151 Sub-Area.

2. The question of payment of Italian revenue charges levied
in connection with goods and services provided by hotels, cafes and
restaurants has been referred by the Allied Control Commission to
AFHQ with a recommendation that a general order be issued to the
effect that such charges, when lawfully imposed, must be paid by
Allied military personnel.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 994

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STAFF MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER 1)

21 December 1943

The following board of officers is appointed for the purpose of advising and making recommendations to the Deputy President regarding the financial administration of the Allied Control Commission;

Captain E. W. Stone, President
Lt Col H. W. Mumford
Major A. E. Shacknab
Major R. E. Smith
Lt Colr Lawler

This board will consider past expenditures of the Allied Control Commission and the Allied Military Mission, as well as current transactions.

By command of Major General JONES;

ROBERT E. DOB
Major, A.C.C.
Secretary of the Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 974

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In reply refer to:
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20 December 1943

Subject: Attached Letter from Giovanni Morleo.

To: Commanding General, NATOUSA, APO 534.
Attention: Provost Marshal General, Prisoner of War Section.

The attached letter from Giovanni Morleo requesting news of his brother is forwarded as a matter pertaining to your office. Will you kindly take the necessary action.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

A. J. COLLINS
Captain, RE
Asst. Secy. of Com.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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In reply refer to:
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20 December 1943

SUBJECT: Travel Orders (63)

TO: CAPT ROBERT M ALBRIGHT, 0904004, AUS

1. You WP to Naples and Salerno on an assigned mission for the Labor Sub Commission of the Allied Control Commission. Upon completion of mission you will return to this headquarters.

2. Travel by M/A is authorized. TDM.

By Command of Major General JOYCE:


ROGER H. DERBY
1st Lt, AGC
AG

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In reply refer to:
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20 December 1943

His Excellency don Reanto Prunas
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to the Italian Ministry of Foreign
Affairs has been received from the Italian Ambassador at Madrid:

"Number 1261 dated December 14:

"See your cable No. 121. Following Italian military
personnel will be repatriated from Spain on the cruiser
"Pompeo Magno": 12 officers, 2 wives, and 1 child, 28 NCO's
and 1 wife, and 10 men. Consuls Dugnano and Varalda and
State Railway official Baldoni (refer my cable 1254) will
be repatriated by same means.

"Telegram from D'Ajeta states that it has proved im-
possible to obtain visas in time to repatriate the staff
of the Consulate General by same cruiser. As soon as
they have completed collection of data on economic situation,
Serneal and Verrando will leave, traveling by air."

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

Political Section

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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In reply refer to:
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20 December 1943

SUBJECT: Travel Orders (61)

TO: 1st Nicholas Maiotto, 31121105 - AG.

1. You WP Naples immediately to transport Brig HAMILIN to his destination. Upon completion of this dy, you will return to this Hq. Travel by motor transport is authorized.

2. "C" rations for 4 days will be furnished by HQ.

By Command of Major General JOYCE:

Roger B. Denny
ROGER B. DENNY
1st Lt. AGH
AG

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20 December 1943

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

His Royal Highness, the Prince of Piedmont, is authorized to visit the city of Naples between the dates of 20 December and 28 December 1943, returning to Brindisi at the conclusion of this visit.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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TRANSLATION

MINISTER OF WAR
Cabinet

P.M. 107

December 1943

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THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE

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(Sgd) General Orlando

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20 December 1943

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For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
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In reply refer to:
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His Excellency don Beato Prunas
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message to the Italian Ministry of Foreign
Affairs has been received from the Italian Ambassador at Madrid:

Number 1261 dated December 14:

"See your cable No. 121. Following Italian military
personnel will be repatriated from Spain on the cruiser
"Pompeo Magno": 12 officers, 2 wives, and 1 child, 28 NCO's
and 1 wife, and 10 men. Consuls Bugnaro and Veralda and
State Railway official Baldoni (refer my cable 1254) will
be repatriated by same means.

"Telegram from D'Ajete states that it has proved im-
possible to obtain visas in time to repatriate the staff
of the Consulate General by same cruiser. As soon as
they have completed collection of data on economic situation,
Sernesi and Verrando will leave, traveling by air."

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