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USE & DISPOSITION OF ITALIAN
ARMED FORCES, ARMY
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Forces
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from Corsica to Sardinia

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from Sardinia to Sicily.

8. Italian Troops in Jodiceone
& Lentini.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary General
18-0-24

1. Repatriation of Ichai General
P.O.W.

1719

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

M/C NO: 1/19

CLASS: SECRET

REF NO: 476

PREC: PRIORITY

FILED: 191120A Oct

FROM: FATIMA

REC'D:

TO: FREEDOM rpt AFHQ ADV CP at AMILCAR

MARSHALL BADOGLIO HAS ASKED ME TO PRESENT HIS REQUEST TO GENERAL EISENHOWER FOR THE
RETURN OF GENERAL GRAZERA TO BRINDISI PD TO FREEDOM RPT TO AFHQ ADVANCE COMMAND POST
AT AMILCAR FROM FATIMA SIGNED TAYLOR FREEDOM PASS IN OTHER HAND PD GRAZERA IS AT
PRESENT A PRISONER OF WAR IN THE UNITED STATES PD THE MARSHALL STATES THAT HE WISHES
TO GIVE THE GENERAL A HIGH POSITION IN HIS ARMED FORCES IN ITALY

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Chief of Mission

INCOMING

1718

SECRET

5/12

9586

FREEDOM

1118504 Nov

FATIMA

120426A

In connection with your request for General Gazzera reference your 475 October 19 (SIGNED CG NATOLUSA CITE MACAP TO FATIMA FOR TAYLOR) the War Dept. advises that they anticipate returning Major General Francesco Gusco and Captain Vincenzi Nvrini to accompany him. Would such meet with your approval. There has been some confusion as to General Gazzera in relation to his name between this headquarters and War Dept. but this will be straightened out as soon as you advise your wishes concerning the two officers that War Dept. proposes to send with him.

CONTROL COMMISSION

OUTGOING

1717

SECRET

6/16

ROUTINE

967

ATTN:

NOV 161355A

FREEDOM

FOLLOWING FOR GENERAL CASTELLANO ITALIAN LIAISON BAHEN TO FREEDOM FROM FATIMA
SIGNED JOYCE BAHEN FROM ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND PD QUOTE MARSHAL MESSE REQUESTS
THAT REPRESENTATION BE MADE TO ALLIED HEADQUARTERS FOR THE RETURN OF THE
FOLLOWING OFFICERS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY CIN GENERAL MANCINELLI CMA COLONEL
SEMIGLN ROCCERI LADERCHI AND MILITARY CHAPLAIN PADRE SALSA FROM NO FOUR PM
CAMP ENGLAND CIN MAJOR VENTURA CMA CAPTAIN BACCELLI CMA FIRST LIEUTENANTS
ROSSI AND MARTINUZZI FROM NO ONE TWO SEVEN PM CAMP AT ORAN PD BY ORDER
DEPUTY CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF ROSSI UNQUOTE

AUTHENTICATED:

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

CONTROL COMMISSION

OUTGOING

SECRET

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1716

PRIORITY

976

FATMA

Nov 161840A

FREEDOM

REFERENCE YOUR NINE FIVE EIGHT SIX PAREN TO FREEDOM FROM FATMA. SIGNED JOYCE
WHEN THE ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND DESIRES GUSCO AND NURINI IN ADDITION TO
GENERAL CAZZERA

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

CONTROL COMMISSION

OUTGOING

CONFIDENTIAL

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ROUTINE

1012

FATIMA

1909254 Nov

FREEDOM FOR CASTELLANO

FOLLOWING FROM COMANDO SUPREMO PD TO FREEDOM FOR CASTELLANO FROM FATIMA SIGNED
JOYCE PD QUOTE NUMBER THREE ZERO TWO SIX SIANT OF MARSHAL MESSE WOULD APPRECIATE
YOU WILL ALSO ASK FOR REIMBATEMENT OF GENERAL DEGIORGIS WHO WAS COMMANDER OF
SAVONA DIVISION AND WAS CAPTURED AT SOLLUM ON JANUARY ONE NINE FOUR TWO PD SIGNED
ROSSI UNQUOTE

AUTHENTICATED:

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

CONTROL COMMISSION

OUTGOING

1714

SECRET

18/21

PRIORITY

1062

FATIMA

Nov 211756A

FREEDOM

REUPAD ONE SEVEN FIVE EIGHT OF ONE SIX NOVEMBER AND PAREN TO FREEDOM CITE NAGAP
FROM FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE PAREN THREE THREE ZERO FOUR OF TWO ZERO NOVEMBER PD
CONCUR IN RETURN OF GENERAL PINNA AND COLONEL PEZZI

AUTHENTICATED:

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

RECEIVED: 10/21/60

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1713

2. Mule Pack Transport units

INCOMING

1712

SECRET

18/27

PRIORITY

2778

FREEDOM

271116A Oct

FATIMA

271445A

Status of action in compliance with letter of this headquarters, subject: Employment of Italian Forces, dated 9 October 1943 requested. This action must be expedited. ADDS FATIMA INFO 15TH ARMY GROUP, CG SOS NATURA, FIFTH ARMY MAIN SIGNED CINC CITE FHGCT.

You will direct the Italian Government to proceed with the formation of a Division for employment in combat. This Division will be organized as mountain troops insofar as possible and preferably be organized about the Regiment which has been allocated already to the Fifth Army, but may, if there are compelling reasons therefore, be additional thereto.

INCOMING

1711

Not Given

MEMO

Not Given

10/31/43

BEM to Italian Army

311125A Oct

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION

Reference AFHQ Signal 2778 of 27th October. 7 Italian Army has not yet received orders to organize combat division as mountain troops. If you have so ordered grateful for copy of your order to General Ambrosio.

SECRET

PRIORITY

FREEDOM

FATIMA

INCOMING

5/29

3508

282047A Oct

290400A

1710

Essential that Allied Military Mission furnish this Headquarters without delay a complete list of Italian pack transport units by type and general location I. E. Italy, Sardinia etc., which are available in following categories: A Organic with Italian Divisions. B. As Corps or Army supporting troops. Added FATIMA INFORMATION 15th Army Group. SOB MATOUSA 5th Army signed CINC cite FHGCT.

Complete troop list requested in our letter of 9 October, subject: Employment of Italian forces and status of which was requested in our 2381 of 26th October in important and of considerable urgency.

OUTGOING

1739

SECRET

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PRIORITY

682

FATIMA

902150A Oct

FREEDOM FOR G-3 (ACTION
15TH ARMY GROUP, SOS NATOUSA
5TH ARMY FOR INFO

EXCEPT FOR PACK ELEMENTS IN SARDINIA PACK UNITS ITALIAN ARMY ARE ORGANIC PART
OF TACTICAL UNITS CMA THAT IS CMA BATTALION OR BATTERY PD TO FREEDOM FOR ACTION
GEORGE THREE REMIND THREE FIVE ZERO EIGHT CMA FOR INFORMATION ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP
CMA SOS NATOUSA CMA FIVE ARMY FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACERLANE PD THERE ARE NO ARMY
OR CORPS PACK UNITS PD ITALIANS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO FURNISHED LIST OF PACK ELEMENTS
WITH EACH UNIT PD IS THIS CORRECT INTERPRETATION YOUR REQUEST QUERY SUGGEST THAT
CASTELLANO CAN PROVIDE USEFUL INFORMATION ON GENERAL QUESTIONS OF ITALIAN ORGANIZATION

AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of the Mission

SECRET

PRIORITY

FREEDOM

FATIMA

INCOMING

1708

2/31

4414

302111A Oct

310104A

It is requested that you alert and prepare for shipment to Italy all Pack Units under your control in Sardinia. ADDED FATIMA (FOR TRANSMISSION TO BADOGLIO) INFORMATION 15TH ARMY GROUP, 5TH ARMY MAIN, FLAMBO SIGNED CINC CITE FHGCT. Inform this headquarters immediately of the units, their assignment (organic or supporting) locations, and the dates they will be available for shipment.

The two fully ~~stripped~~ equipped Pack Mule Groups at Cagliari, Sardinia are of ~~pr~~ prime importance, since they are urgently needed to assist in the supply of 5th Army Divisions in mountainous terrain.

OUTGOING

1707

SECRET

4/01

URGENT

697

FATIMA

01
200200A Nov

FREEDOM

REFERENCE YOUR FOUR FOUR ONE FOUR PD TO FREEDOM FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE PD
GENERAL AMBROSIO STATES THAT THERE ARE AT PRESENT SIX PACK TRAINS OF ONE HUNDRED
MULES EACH IN COURSE OF ORGANIZATION IN SARDINIA PD AS THESE WERE ACTIVATED ONLY
OCTOBER TWO ZERO HE IS NOT CERTAIN OF THEIR STATE OF ORGANIZATION PD THEY ARE BEING
ALERTED AT ONCE FOR MOVEMENT PD ADDITIONAL DATA REQUESTED BY YOUR RADIO WILL BE
FORWARDED AS OBTAINED

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

INCOMING

SECRET

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FREEDOM

FATIMA

3/03

5704 1700

022335A Nov

030308A

Alert Italian pack transport units to number 300 mules. SIGNED CINC. CITE FHGCT.

Our 4414 dated 30 October not to FABLE refers. Will commence movement from Vagliari

5 November. ACTION AND ACK FABLE RPTD FATIMA, 15 ARMY GROUP, FIAMEO CMA 5TH ARMY

MAIN.

OUTGOING

SECRET

1705

PRIORITY

3/3

FATIMA

738

FREEDOM

030923A Nov

REFERENCE YOUR NUMBER TWO SEVEN SEVEN EIGHT PD TO FREEDOM FROM FATIMA SIGNED
MACFARLANE PD THE ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND PRESENTS THREE ALTERNATIVE PLANS FOR THE
FORMATION OF THE MOUNTAIN DIVISION DESIRED PD PLAN ONE PD A MOUNTAIN BRIGADE TO BE
ORGANIZED FROM TROOPS NOW IN THE LECCE AREA CONSISTING OF THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS
CMA ONE ALPINI RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY CMA ONE EIGHTY ONE MILLIMETER MORTAR
BATTALION CMA AND ONE PACK ARTILLERY GROUP PD STRENGTH OF BRIGADE ABOUT TWO FOUR
ZERO ZERO PD READINESS FOR OPERATIONS ABOUT NOVEMBER ONE FIVE PD THIS BRIGADE WOULD
BE GROUPED IN A DIVISION ORGANIZATION ALONG WITH THE REINFORCED REGIMENT AWAITING
ATTACHMENT TO FIFTH ARMY PD PARA PLAN TWO PD THE BARI DIVISION WHICH IS TRAINED IN
MOUNTAIN WARFARE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE MAINLAND FROM SARDINIA OR ALTERNATIVELY
PISCENO DIVISION NOW IN APULIA TO BE USED REINFORCED BY THREE PACK ARTILLERY GROUPS
AND ONE FIVE ZERO ZERO MULES FROM SARDINIA AND CORSICA PD THE BARI DIVISION WOULD BE
READY FOR USE UPON ARRIVAL ON THE MAINLAND SMCLN THE PESCENO DIVISION THREE ZERO DAYS
AFTER ARRIVAL ON THE MAINLAND OF ELEMENTS FROM THE ISLANDS PD APPROXIMATE STRENGTH
OF EITHER DIVISION TEN THOUSAND PD PARA PLAN THREE PD AN ALPINI DIVISION TO BE FORMED
ABOUT THE SIX ALPINI BATTALIONS NOW IN CORSICA PD APPROXIMATE STRENGTH OF DIVISION
ABOUT SIX THOUSAND PD DATE OF READINESS FOR ACTION ABOUT THREE ZERO DAYS AFTER
ARRIVAL ON THE MAINLAND PD PARA INDICATE WHICH PLAN IS APPROVED

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brig. Gen., U.S.A.

SECRET

PRIORITY

FREEDOM

FATIMA

INCOMING

18/5

6806

051512A Nov

051850A

Request you report status of readiness remaining mule trails by blocks of 300
mules. TO TABLE INFORMATION 15th ARMY GROUP, FATIMA, 5th ARMY MAIN SIGNED
CINC CITE HQGT. Our 5704 of 2 November refers.

OUTGOING

1702

SECRET

7/8

PRIORITY

828

PATIMA

081418A Nov

FREEDOM

WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR RADIO FIVE SEVEN ZERO FOUR AND SIX EIGHT ZERO SIX THE
ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND REPORTS THAT THE BACK TRAINS WILL BE READY TO EMBARK FROM
THE PORT OF CAMLIARI AT MIDNIGHT NOVEMBER EIGHTH PD TO FREEDOM FROM PATIMA
SIGNED MACFARLANE PD STRENGTH CLN OFFICERS TEN; ENLISTED MEN SEVENTY EIGHT;
MULES SIX ONE ZERO PD THE ITALIANS DESIRE TO KNOW WHAT WATER TRANSPORTATION WILL
BE AVAILABLE FOR THE MOVEMENT

AUTHENTICATED;

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

OUTGOING 1702

SECRET

27/10

PRIORITY

883

FATIMA

102143A Nov

FREEDOM

REFERENCE YOUR TWO SEVEN SEVEN EIGHT AND OUR SEVEN THREE EIGHT PD WHILE AWAITING
YOUR REPLY TO OUR NUMBER SEVEN THREE EIGHT THE COMMISSION HAS LEARNED THAT THE
ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND RECEIVED SEVERAL DAYS AGO INSTRUCTIONS THROUGH GENERAL
CASTELLANO REGARDING THE FORMATION OF ABL NEW ITALIAN MOUNTAIN DIVISION PD
TO FREEDOM CINC CITE FMGT FROM FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE PD THE ITALIANS ARE PROCEEDING
ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT YOU DESIRE THEIR PLAN TWO OF REFERENCE RADIO PUT INTO
EFFECT PD THE PLAN IS TO FORM ABL DIVISION OF ABL TOTAL STRENGTH OF ABOUT
ONE SEVEN ZERO ZERO ZERO OFFICERS AND MEN LARGELY FROM TROOPS NOW IN ITALY PD
HOWEVER THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT WILL HAVE TO BE BROUGHT FROM
SARDINIA CLN PERSONNEL TWO TWO FOUR ZERO SEMICLN ANIMALS TWO ZERO SIX SEVEN
SEMICLN TRUCKS SIX FIVE FOUR SEMICLN MOTOR CYCLES SEVEN EIGHT SEMICLN MACHINE
GUNS ONE EIGHT SEMICLN TWENTY MILLIMETER GUNS TWELVE SEMICLN ARTILLERY PIECES
THREE TWO PD ESTIMATED DATE OF READINESS OF THIS DIVISION FIFTEEN DEC EMBER PD DOES
THIS PLAN HAVE YOUR APPROVAL PD QUERY

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

INCOMING

1701

CONTROL COMMISSION

SECRET

3/12

PRIORITY

9742

FREEDOM

120101A Nov

FATIMA

120306A

your
With reference/No. 738 dated 3 November concur plan one with proviso
mules
div remain on motor basis for indefinite period as available/must be
allotted to Five Army and Eight Army. (ADSD (?) FATIMA SIGNED CINC CITE FHGOT)
to meet more urgent current needs.

CONTROL COMMISSION

OUTGOING

1700

SECRET

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

929

FATIMA

141210A Nov

FREEDOM for CASTELLANO

FROM COMANDO SUPREMO TO GENERAL CASTELLANO CHIEF OF ITALIAN LIAISON MISSION
WITH THE AFHQ DASH ONE TWO NOVEMBER ONE NINE FOUR THREE NUMBER TWO EIGHT FIVE
THREE SIANT OP PD TO FREEDOM FOR CASTELLANO FROM FATIMA FROM ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND
SIGNED JOYCE PD ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION TO HAVE OUR SUPPORT LIMITED TO ONLY
ONE DIVISION WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE THE MOTORIZED GROUP WHICH ALREADY JOINED THE
FIFTH ARMY AND TO MOUNTAIN GROUP TO BE ORGANIZED PD THIS DIFFERS FROM YOUR
COMMUNICATION REFERRING TO DECISION TAKEN BY COMMANDER IN CHIEF ON THE MATTER OF
FORMING A DIVISION TO BE EMPLOYED IN ROUGH AND SEMI DASH MOUNTAIN COUNTRY PD
CONSEQUENTLY CMA FOR OUR GUIDANCE AND TO AVOID LAMENTABLE EFFECTS ON THE FORMATION
OF ABOVE SAID DIVISION CMA IT IS NECESSARY THIS MATTER BE MADE CLEAR AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE PD GENERAL AMBROSIO

AUTHENTICATED:

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

CONTROL COMMISSION

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PRIORITY

FREEDOM

FATIMA

22/16 1690
1591
160404A (Nov)
162125A (Nov)

Suspend any citation on our 9742 dated 12 November, and FATIMA 738 dated 3rd November. ADDS FATIMA INFORMATION FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP SIGNED CINC CITE FHGT.

Implications incident to formation and employment of an Italian Division now being examined here. Will furnish you with decision about a week.

CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING

SECRET

2/19

PRIORITY

2614

FREEDOM

Nov 181726A

FATIMA

Nov 192338A

Form 2 additional groups Italian pack transport companies similar to groups now earmarked in Sardinia for 5th Army. Added FATIMA INFORMATION 15 ARMY GROUP, 5th ARMY SIGNED CINC CITE FBGOT. Notify this headquarters of location and date of readiness. Shipping date will be determined later.

CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING

1698

SECRET

8/19

PRIORITY

2771

FREEDOM

Nov 182141A

FATIMA

Nov 190233A

Alert 2 pack mule groups numbering 600 mules. ACTION AND ACK INFO FATIMA
FILPOT, FLAMEO, 5 ARMY MAIN SIGNED CINC CITE ENGOT. Will commence movement
ex Cagliari on or about 25 November. Our 729 dated 14 November hereby rescinded.
For Filpot: This move takes advantage present distribution of ships and
has negligible effect on move of mules for Twoldim which will follow shortly.

1697

3. Payment of Italian Forces —
advance of funds.

1696

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

M/C NR : 17/09

CLASS : SECRET

REF NR : 233

PREC : PRIORITY

FILED : 091802A Oct

FROM : FATIMA

REC'D :

TO : FREEDOM rpt AFHQ ADV CP at AMILCAR

ADMIRAL POWER INFORMS ME THAT HE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO ADVANCE FUNDS FOR THE
PAYING OF THE ITALIAN NAVY AND ISSUING STORES UNDER CERTAIN STIPULATED CONDITIONS
PD TO FREEDOM RPT AFHQ ADVANCE COMMAND POST AT AMILCAR FROM FATIMA SIGNED TAYLOR
PD IS ANY PARALLEL ACTION CONTEMPLATED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ITALIAN ARMY AND
AIR FORCE QUERY

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General., USA
Acting Chief of Mission

1695

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY ERL

CLASS : SECRET

PREC : PRIORITY

FROM : FREEDOM

TO : FATIMA

M/C NR : 7/14

REF NR : 6657

FILMD : 131159A Oct

REC'D : 140513A

Like funds needed by Italian Government authorities to pay its army, air and naval forces in Italy can be obtained from AMEA by Italian Government. (Parks to FATIMA for Taylor rpt AFE, ADVANCED COMMAND POST signed Eisenhower cite FIM(S) Reference message 333 of 9 October. Italian Government would make payments to its military forces. If, however you mean to raise other problems than this, indicate what they are more fully so that we can try and work out a solution.

1694

CONTROL COMMISSION
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OUTGOING

SECRET

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URGENT

925

FATIMA FROM MONFORT

140830A Nov

FREEDOM FOR BARRETT AMG REGION THREE

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ADVISE RODGERS HAS REFUSED FUNDS GENERAL BASSO FOR PAYMENT X
ITALIAN TROOPS PD TO FREEDOM FOR BARRETT AMG REGION THREE FROM FATIMA FROM MONFORT
SIGNED JOYCE PD PLEASE WIRE URGENT REPORT

AUTHENTICATED:

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

CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING

1693

SECRET

15/16

PRIORITY

1524

FREEDOM

161114A Nov

FATIMA

161416A Nov

Have passed your 925 of 14 November to Region 3. (TO FATIMA FOR MONFORT
REPEATED TO BARGO FOR CFO SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FHMG) but remind you that
CFO 15th Army Group was instructed on 22 October not to make advances to
Italian authorities or armed forces pending ruling and that in his 351 of
30 October, he stated no funds would be so used. No answer on this matter
received from CCS. Consult Foley if still with you.

CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING

1692

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SECRET

6/21

ROUTINE

S-2751

FARGO

NOV 201040A

FATIMA

NOV 210745A

Further urgent demands for funds for Italian Armed Forces have been received.
(FROM RE-PS FOR FARGO TO FREEDOM FOR MGS FOR ACTION REPEATED FILPOT FOR AMG RPTD
PABLE FOR BOULNOIS REPEATED FILPOT FOR AMG FOR REGION 2 REPEATED FATIMA FOR
INFORMATION CITE FARGO 742). Filpot Amget report financial position 31st Italian
Corps as desperate. As no reply received to your telegram MAT 83 dated 6 November
to CCS can authority be given immediately by AFHQ for AMB to make advances of AM
lire to Italian Armed Forces.

CONTROL COMMISSION

OUTGOING

SECRET

1691
25/21

PRIORITY

1067

FATIMA

Nov 211900A

FREEDOM FOR SERAIS FOR HAMLYN FROM FOLEY

FOLEY SPENT FRIDAY AT BARI WITH RENNELL CMA CRAFTTEY DASH SMITH AND MAC FAZDEAN PD PAREN TO FARGO FOR SERAIS FOR HAMLYN FROM FATIMA FROM FOLEY SIGNED JOYCE PAREN THE SITUATION RESULTING FROM NON DASH PAYMENT OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES APPEARS TO BE CRITICAL PD MAC FAZDEAN POINTED OUT THAT THE ITALIAN THREE ONE CORPS HAD NOT BEEN PAID FOR MORE THAN SIX WEEKS AND THAT UNLESS PAYMENT WAS RESUMED AT ONCE ORDER COULD NOT BE MAINTAINED PD EIGHTY MILLION LIRE ARE NEEDED FOR IMMEDIATE PAYMENT TO THESE TROOPS PD MAC FAZDEAN REPORTED THAT ITALIAN FUNDS ON DEPOSIT WITH THE BRANCH OF THE BANK OF ITALY FROM WHICH THESE TROOPS WERE PREVIOUSLY PAID HAVE BEEN DRAWN DOWN BELOW EIGHTY MILLION LIRE AND THAT ALLIED MILITARY LIRE MUST BE DEPOSITED IF TROOPS ARE TO BE PAID PD MAC FAZDEAN HAS SUFFICIENT SUPPLIES OF ALLIED MILITARY LIRE FOR THIS PURPOSE BUT HIS STOCKS SHOULD BE REPLENISHED WITHIN THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS PD RENNELL CONSIDERS MATTER TO BE OF URGENT MILITARY NECESSITY PD DELAY ON PART OF COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF IN REPLYING TO CABLE REQUESTING POLICY INSTRUCTION ON QUESTION OF ADVANCES TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS CAUSING SERIOUS EMBARRASSMENT PD GENERAL JOYCE HAS INFORMED MGS THAT HE INTENDS TO FOLLOW PROCEDURE APPROVED BY COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF FOR PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE TO MEET ESSENTIAL NEEDS OF BADGLIO GOVERNMENT AND ITALIAN ARMED FORCES IN THE FOUR PROVINCES PENDING RECEIPT OF DEFINITE ADVICE FROM COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

AUTHENTICATED:

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

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

WASHINGTON, D.C.

4. Food supply for
Station military Forces

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

1630

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS : SECRET

PREC : ROUTINE

FROM : FREEDOM

TO : FATIMA

M/C NR : 48/17

REF NR : 8430

FILED : 171118A Oct

REC'D : 171525A

Food supply Italian Military Forces is subject of concern. Action FATIMA for TAYLOR site FHQDS 275 L signed FHQIV. Can you give estimate of stocks, by commodities and days of supply of each, now in hand s of Italian Military in district 2. Have asked Fortbase for estimate of local food resources. Clear understanding is necessary there, that the same local resources be not calculated by both Italian Civil and Military Authorities as available for their separate use, if there is insufficient for both.

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

1639

SVC/RELAY NR:

M/C NO: 2/21

CLASS: SECRET

REF NO: 52

PREC: PRIORITY

FILED: 201995A Oct

FROM: FREEDOM

REC'D: 210601A

TO: FATIMA

Return of General Castellano failed completely to bring data requested of him regarding Italian Army. Action FATIMA for TAYLOR cite FREDS 298 E signed FHCIC.

In addition to estimates of food stocks requested in our 8430 dated October 17, extremely important you provide us without delay the following information:

1 - Accurate figure of Italian Military personnel by units in area occupied by Allied forces. 2 - Location of these units and their strengths. 3.- Clothing situation of these troops and amount in depots. 4 - Equipment in hands of troops by units. 5 - Equipment in Italian depots. Para Desire this information be submitted as obtained. Piecemeal written reports satisfactory. Suggest that General Aliberti, Italian Ordnance be approached for this information. Desire report preferably in English. Please acknowledge and expedite.

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

1688

SVC/RELAY NR:

M/C NR: 3/22

CLASS: SECRET

REF NO: 440

PREC: PRIORITY

FILED: 211827A Oct

FROM: FREEDOM

REC'D: 220108A

TO: FATIMA

Will you give high priority (action FATIMA for TAYLOR cite NADCS 302 L signed NACG)
reference our (?) 52 of 20 October to securing information on number of serviceable
cargo vehicles of 2 ton capacity and above.

☐ INCOMING

RESTRICTED

16/26

PRIORITY

2381 1637

FREEDOM

261410A Oct

FATIMA

261952A

Reference Freedom number 52 of 20 October from Surgeon (FREEDOM to FATIMA) request answer above includes reports medical supplies and equipment now in hands Italian Army Italy.

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

SECRET

19/22

ROUTINE

545

FATIMA

222223A Oct

FREEDOM

REQUAD EIGHT FOUR THREE ZERO PD TO FREEDOM FROM FATIMA SIGNED TAYLOR PD ESTIMATED STOCKS CMA BY COMMODITIES AND DAYS OF SUPPLY OF EACH CMA AS ON TWO TWO OCTOBER CMA ONE NINE FOUR THREE PDMFLOUR FIVE NINE ZERO TONS CMA ONE ONE DAYS; PASTA ONE ONE EIGHT ZERO TONS CMA FIVE FOUR DAYS; MEAT THREE TWO ZERO TONS CMA TWO FOUR DAYS; RICE NONE; CHEESE ONE ZERO FOUR TONS CMA TWO FIVE DAYS; TOMATO SAUCE ONE SEVEN SIX TO SEVEN ZERO DAYS; OLIVE OIL ONE FOUR SIX ZERO TONS CMA THREE SIX FIVE DAYS; COFFEE SEVEN ZERO TONS CMA THREE FIVE DAYS; SUGAR ONE FIVE SEVEN ZERO TONS CMA FIVE ZERO ZERO DAYS; VEGS CMA DRIED ONE ZERO ZERO TONS CMA ONE SEVEN DAYS; TOBACCO FIVE FIVE TONS CMA FIVE FIVE DAYS; PD PARA THESE APPLY ONLY TO ARMY STOCKS DASH HELD SEPARATELY FROM STOCKS FOR CIVILIANS NEEDS PD PARA THESE FIGURES REFER ONLY TO ITALIAN ARMY; ITALIAN AIR FORCE AND NAVY NOT REPEAT NOT INCLUDED PD THIS WILL BE SUBJECT OF FURTHER COMMUNICATION

AUTHENTICATED;

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

OUTGOING

1685

SECRET

5/27

ROUTINE

623

FATIMA

271242A Oct

FREEDOM

REURAD EIGHT FOUR THREE ZERO PD FURTHER OURAD FIVE FOUR FIVE PD TO FREEDOM FROM
FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE PD ESTIMATED STOCKS ITALIAN NAVY ND AIR FORCE CMA BY
COMMODITIES DAYS OF SUPPLY OF EACH CMA AS ON TWO FOUR OCTOBER ONE NINE FOUR THREE
PD FOLLOWING ITALIAN NAVY PAREN BASED UPON STRENGTH OF SIX ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO PAF
COFFEE EIGHT ZERO TONS CMA ONE ONE FOUR DAYS; PRESERVED MEAT FIVE FIVE TONS
CMA EIGHT DAYS; TOMATO SAUCE ONE ZERO ZERO TONS CMA ONE ZERO ZERO DAYS; DRIED
VEGS TWO ZERO ZERO TONS CMA EIGHT ZERO DAYS; FLOUR SIX ZERO ZERO TONS CMA TWO
FIVE DAYS; PASTA ND RICE TWO ZERO ZERO TONS CMA ONE SEVEN DAYS; CHEESE ONE TWO
ZERO TONS CMA SIX SIX DAYS; OIL ND LARD FOUR ZERO TONS CMA TWO SEVEN DAYS; SUGAR
THREE ZERO TONS CMA THREE FOUR DAYS; JAM CMA PICKLES CMA TINNED FISH NINE FIVE TO
CMA FOUR EIGHT DAYS; PD PAREN FOLLOWING ITALIAN AIR FORCE PAREN BASED UPON
STRENGTH OF ONE FIVE FIVE FIVE ZERO PAREN COFFEE ONE TON CMA SEVEN DAYS; MEAT NON
TOMATO SAUCE THREE TONS CMA ONE TWO DAYS; DRIED VEGS FIVE TONS CMA ONE ONE DAYS;
FLOUR FOUR FOUR TONS CMA SEVEN DAYS; PASTA ND RICE TWO FOUR TONS CMA NINE DAYS;
CHEESE SEVEN TONS CMA THREE THREE DAYS; SUGAR FIVE TONS CMA TWO ONE DAYS; JAM ETC
CMA NONE PD

AUTHENTICATED

F. N. MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief of Mission

INCOMING

1884

SECRET

18/29

PRIORITY

3698

FREEDOM

291059A Oct

FATIMA

291323A

Reference is your radio 545 dated 22 October 1943. TO FATIMA for Taylor for action
signed CINC cite FREUP. Furnish army strength basis upon which levels of supply
were computed. Expedite reply.

OUTGOING

1683

SECRET

6/30

PRIORITY

671

FATIMA

301245A Oct

FREEDOM

REFERENCE YOUR THREE SIX THREE EIGHT DATED TWO NINE OCTOBER ONE NINE FOUR THREE PD
PAREN TO FREEDOM FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACCARIANE PAREN PD ARMY STRENGTH BASIS UPON
WHICH LEVELS OF SUPPLY COMPUTED TWO ZERO ZERO OMA ZERO ZERO ZERO PAREN TWO HUNDRED
THOUSAND PAREN FIGURES SUPPLIED BY ITALIAN GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of the Mission

INCOMING

SECRET

11/91 1682

ROUTINE

4269

FREEDOM

301717A Oct

FATIMA

310948A

To reply to AGWAR request desire following information. TO FATIMA FOR TAYLOR FOR ACTION SIGNED CINC CITE FHSUP. 1st. Number of Italians soldiers working directly under Badoglio Government. 2nd. Directly under British. 3rd. Directly under United States. Above necessary for supply planning purposes. Expedite.

OUTGOING

SECRET

23/07

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

820 1681

FATIMA

0722504 Nov

FREEDOM INFORMATION FILPOT

REURAD FOUR TWO SIX THREE DATED THREE ZERO OCTOBER PD FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON
DISTRIBUTION OF ITALIAN ARMY RECEIVED FROM ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND PD TO FREEDOM RPT
FILPOT FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE PD FIRST PD UNDER BADOGLIO GOVERNMENT INCLUDING
SICILY TWO ZERO SIX NINE ZERO ZERO ALL RANKS PD SECOND PD UNDER BRITISH NINE NINE
ZERO ZERO ZERO ALL RANKS EXCLUDING TROOPS IN AEGEAN PD THIRD PD UNDER AMERICANS
ONE TWO THREE SEVEN ZERO ZERO ALL RANKS EXCLUDING LABOR UNITS OF WHICH DETAILS WILL
BE FORWARDED LATER AND TROOPS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM SARDINIA TO THE MAINLAND PD
FULL STATEMENT BY AREAS FOLLOWS BY MAIL

AUTHENTICATED:

F.N. MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief of Mission

OUTGOING

SECRET

13/08

PRIORITY

834

FATIMA

082230A

1680
Nov

FREEDOM RPT FILPOT

CORRECTION TO OUR EIGHT TWO ZERO DATED SEVEN NOVEMBER. TO FREEDOM FROM FATIMA
SIGNED MACFARLANE. FIGURES FOR TROOPS UNDER BADOGLIO GOVERNMENT DO NOT REPEAT
NOT INCLUDE SICILY.

AUTHENTICATED:

ROGER E. DERBY
1st Lieut. AGD
AG

SECRET

ROUTINE

FREEDOM

FATIMA

INCOMING

32/9

8181

1679

081708A Nov

091705A

Policy is announced by the combined chiefs of staff: (1) After utilization to maximum extent possible of local resources surplus to minimum essential civil needs subsistence may be issued from military sources by both British and American forces in return for services rendered by Italian units. (2) Temporary ration scale follows.

special

Emphasize temporary ration scale as maximum authorized and subject to reduction that can be effected at your discretion of items listed or substitutes that may be available from local resources.

A) <u>Commodity</u>	B) <u>Ounces per ration</u>	C) <u>Remarks</u>
Whole Wheat	16	-
Flour	12	-
Pulses	2	Examination to be made for procuring locally
Canned Meat	2	-
Preserved Fish	4	If stocks will not permit full issue alternatives are preserved fish 1 oz, cheese 1 oz and sugar 5/8 oz or sausages tinned 2-2/5 ozs and sugar 1/2 ozs
Sugar	1/2	-
Pepper	1/200	-
Matches	2 books weekly	-
Coffee.	1/2	-

Following additional items will be furnished by Italian Army. Purchases from local resources will be coordinated with AMG to insure equitable distribution between milita.

and civil requirements. All such purchases will be paid for by the Italian Army. ¹⁶⁷⁸

A) <u>Commodity</u>	B) <u>Ounces per ration</u>	C) <u>Remarks</u>
Fruit	8	-
Fresh Vegetables	8	-
Olive Oil	$\frac{1}{2}$	-
Wine	$\frac{1}{2}$ Litre	-
Nuts (unshelled)	1	As an alternative for fresh fruits or vegetables

(3) Accurate records will be maintained by all distributing agencies of issues made in accordance with the above. Instructions will follow as to later disposition of these records. (4) Where Italian Army units are actually participating with 5th and 8th Armies in the combat zone, the above ration scale United States and British sources may be authorized by army commanders concerned. (5) Where Italian Army units are engaged in line of communication or base section duties the above rations scale will apply and may be authorized when necessity requires. (6) To avoid actual want among Italian military units not actually participating with 5th and 8th Armies nor on Allied line of communication or base section duties, necessary components of the above ration scale will apply and may be issued as far as Allied sources permit.

SIGNED CINC CITE FESUP, WIGDS, MAGDSNWAJC TO FLAMBO FOR ACTION TO GOC 15TH ARMY GROUP
CG 5TH ARMY, CG 8TH ARMY, GOC NUMBER 1 DISTRICT, GOC NUMBER 2 DISTRICT, CG PBS, FATMA
FOR TAYLOR, FABLE FOR BOUINQOI AND HARDING, AND CG SCS NATOUNA FOR INFORMATION.

This suspends ration scale for the Italian Army notified as Serial 15 in advance copy of AFHQ Ration and Fuel Scales Booklet distributed throughout British ST channels on 28th October, 1943 to British formations only.

SECRET

ROUTINE

FREEDOM

FATIMA

INCOMING

1677

18/10

8662

Not Given

101220A NOV

Received are your numbers 820 dated 7 November and your 834 dated 8 November.
(SIGNED CINC GITE PHSUP AND PHGDS TO FATIMA FOR TAYLOR FOR ACTION) Reconcile
figures given in your number 820 with these given in your number 623 dated 27
October and 671 dated 30 October. New Subject. The information desired by our
4263 dated 20 October is as follows: In Italy (First) number of Italian soldiers
working directly under Badoglio Government. Second Number directly under British.
(Third) Number directly under United States. Do not include Italian prisoners of
war. State in general what duties those reported as working under United States
and British Governments are performing.

CONTROL COMMISSION

OUTGOING

1676

SECRET

1/16

ROUTINE

962

FATIMA

161000A Nov

FREEDOM

REURAD EIGHT SIX SIX TWO DATED TEN NOVEMBER PD TO FREEDOM CITE FHSUP AND FHQDS
FROM FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE PD PARA ONE PD FIGURES IN OUR SIX TWO THREE AND SIX
SEVEN ONE REFERRED MAINLAND ONLY PD PARA TWO PD YOUR PHRASE QUOTE WORKING DIRECTLY
UNDER UNQUOTE AMBIGUOUS IN EXISTING SITUATION SINCE ITALIAN TROOPS OUTSIDE ARMY
AREAS CMA EVEN IF WORKING UNDER DIRECT ALLIED COMMAND CMA ARE ADMINISTERED
EQUIPPED AND FED BY ITALIANS WITH ALLIED ASSISTANCE PD PARA THREE PD FOLLOWING
IS REVISION OF FIGURES GIVEN IN OUR EIGHT TWO ZERO DATED SEVEN NOVEMBER FOR
TOTAL ITALIAN FORCES OUTSIDE GERMAN OCCUPIED TERRITORY PD FIGURES INCLUDE SEVEN
TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO NAVY AND ONE SIX ZERO ZERO ZERO AIR FORCE BUT EXCLUDE TROOPS
IN AEGEAN FOR WHICH INFORMATION IS LACKING PD APULIA AND LUCANIA CMA TWO FIVE
ZERO ZERO ZERO ZERO PD SARDINIA CMA TWO THREE ZERO ZERO ZERO ZERO PD CALABRIA
CMA THREE EIGHT ZERO ZERO ZERO PD CAMPANIA CMA NINE ZERO ZERO ZERO PD CORSICA
CMA SIX ZERO ZERO ZERO PAREN WHEN EVACUATION OF TROOPS TO SARDINIA COMPLETED UNPAREN
PD SICILY CMA ONE EIGHT ZERO ZERO ZERO PAREN WHEN MOVE OF SABAUDA DIVISION FROM
SARDINIA COMPLETED UNPAREN PD TOTAL CMA FIVE FIVE ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO PD PARA FOUR
PD IN OUR EIGHT TWO ZERO ITALIAN TROOPS WERE CLASSIFIED AS UNDER BRITISH CMA
AMERICANS OR BADOLIO GOVERNMENT ACCORDING TO WHETHER THEY HAD BEEN GIVEN SPECIFIC
TASKS BY BRITISH OR AMERICANS OR LEFT AT DISPOSAL OF BADOLIO GOVERNMENT PD IN

FOLLOWING STATISTICS ONLY ITALIAN TROOPS IN ALLIED ARMY AREAS OR LABOR IN REAR 1673
AREAS ARE CONSIDERED WORKING DIRECTLY UNDER ALLIES PD NO FIGURES OR LABOR AVAILABLE
EXCEPT ON MAINLAND PD PAREN ABLE PAREN UNDER BRITISH PD IN EIGHTH ARMY AREA
THREE FIVE ZERO ZERO MAINLY ENGINEERS PD IN APULIA TWO ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO DOCK
LABOR SMCIN ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO AERODROMES PD IN CALABRIA THREE FIVE ZERO ZERO LABOR
PD TOTAL TWO EIGHT ZERO ZERO ZERO PD PAREN BAKER PAREN UNDER AMERICANS
PD IN FIFTH ARMY AREA ESTIMATED NINE ZERO ZERO ZERO INCLUDING MOTORIZED GROUP
OMA LOCAL DEFENSE TROOPS AND RAILWAY ENGINEERS PD PAREN CHARLIE PAREN UNDER
BADOGLIO GOVERNMENT PD FIVE ONE FOUR ZERO ZERO ZERO PAREN LESS TROOPS IN
ISLANDS WORKING UNDER ALLIES UNPAREN PD PARA FIVE PD SUGGEST THAT FOR SUPPLY
PLANNING PURPOSES ESSENTIAL DISTINCTION IS WHETHER OR NOT ITALIAN TROOPS ARE
BEING FED BY ALLIES PD ONLY TROOPS SO SUPPLIED ARE THOSE IN ARMY AREAS PD TROOPS
IN CORSICA AND SICILY IN SPECIAL POSITION SINCE NO ITALIAN SUPPLY ORGANIZATION
EXISTS IN THESE AREAS PD PARA SIX PD IF FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED REQUEST
CLEAR INDICATION UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS TROOPS ARE TO BE CLASSIFIED AS WORKING
DIRECTLY UNDER ALLIES

AUTHENTICATED:

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

CONTROL COMMISSION
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OUTGOING

1674

SECRET

13/17

ROUTINE

991

FATIMA FROM MONFORT

171516A Nov

FREEDOM

REFERENCE YOUR NUMBER FOUR FOUR ZERO DATED TWO ONE OCTOBER ONE NINE FOUR THREE
AND YOUR FIVE TWO DATED TWO ZERO OCTOBER AND ADDITIONAL TO OUR LETTER THREE
TWO ZERO POINT TWO PD PAREN TO FREEDOM FROM MONFORT FROM FATIMA SIGNED
JOYCE PAREN PD NUMBER OF TRUCKS TWO TON TO THREE TON CAPACITY WITH ITALIAN
ARMY PAREN LESS THREE ONE CORPS PAREN IS TWO EIGHT ONE

AUTHENTICATED:

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

1673

5 Establishment of 31 (Italia)
Corps at Naples

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

1672

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS: SECRET

PREC: ROUTINE

FROM: FATIMA

TO: FREEDOM rpt AFHQ ADVANCE
CP at AMILCAR

M/C NR: 4/16

REF NR: 436

FILED: 161000A Oct

REC'D:

YESTERDAY I ACCOMPANIED AMBROSIO TO HEADQUARTERS ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP TO PRESENT TO GENERAL ALEXANDER FOUR ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICERS BEING PLACED IN THAT HEADQUARTERS PD IN THE COURSE OF THE VISIT AMBROSIO ASKED GENERAL ALEXANDER TO PERMIT HIM TO PUT A CORPS HEADQUARTERS INTO NAPLES FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOOKING AFTER ITALIAN MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THAT LOCALITY PD ALEXANDER APPEARED FAVOURABLY IMPRESSED AND UNDERTOOK TO FORWARD THE PROPOSAL TO GENERAL CLARK PD I UNDERSTAND THAT IF THE CORPS HEADQUARTERS IS ACCEPTED THE ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND WILL DESIGNATE THAT OF GENERAL BASSO IN SARDINIA, AND GENERAL MAGLI FROM CORSICA WILL TAKE OVER IN SARDINIA PD WOULD THESE CHANGES IN THE ITALIAN COMMAND IN SARDINIA BE ACCEPTABLE QUERY

AUTHENTICATED

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

INCOMING

SECRET

11/26

1671

PRIORITY

2277

FREEDOM

260111A Oct

FATIMA

260558A

Confirm you desire Italian High Command establish HQ 31st Corps in Naples to control Italian forces in area. Indicate priority for movement. Sardinia. Believe General Basso and principal staff officers already moved. Report strength personnel, vehicles and stores to move. Whether LST may be used or when shipping can be accepted. Signed CINC cite FMCT. Action 15th ARMY GROUP rptd 5th Army, FATIMA, FABLE for Information.

INCOMING

SECRET

Not Given

15th Army Group

AFHQ rptd 5th Army BMM
ALLIED MISSION

SD 144 1670

271100Z Oct

311545Z

- 1) Your 2277 cite FHGCT of 26th October. Desire Italian Corps Headquarters established Naples as already arranged but this need only consist of a few senior officers. Any other requirements should be met from Italian sources in Italy.
- 2) No priority allotted for movement balance of Corps Headquarters.
- 3) IST will not be allotted. Shipping will not be accepted until this can be done without prejudice to Allied moves or maintenance.

INCOMING

SECRET

IMMEDIATE

15th Army Group

AFHQ rptd 5th Army FATIMA

DRL

SD 378

271455A Oct

271550A

1659

Reference your 2277 cite PHOCT. of 26 October. Italian High Command and small staff acceptable. No vehicles and stores should be moved. It is reported that General Basso and staff have already arrived in Naples which eliminates necessity for additional shipping.

INCOMING

SECRET

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FREEDOM

FATIMA

Corrected Copy

20/29

1658

3642

291100A Oct

291706A

Our 2227 dated 26th October.

- 1) 15th Army Group has confirmed 31st Corps Headquarters with only small staff required at Naples and state Busso and staff now there. ACTION FABLE RPTD FATIMA SIGNED CINC CITE FHQCT. Cannot accept any vehicles or stores for this headquarters through port.
- 2) N.L.O.Caglioni recently reported ship loaded by Italian saw acting dispatch to Naples. If this contains elements Headquarters 31st Corps they should be disembarked. No extra sea movement to Naples can accepted until further notice and ship Montecucco is embarked for other Mission.

1667

6. Disarming of Italian troops
returning from Corsica to
Sardinia

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

1656

SVC/RELAY NR:

M/O NR: 14/10

CLASS: SECRET

REF NR: 346

PREC: PRIORITY

FILED: 101459A Oct

FROM: JATIMA

REC'D:

TO: FREEDOM REPORT TO AFHQ ADVANCE
COMMAND POST AT AMILCAR

GENERAL AMERCOIO HAS PRESENTED TO THE MISSION A FORMAL COMPLAINT REGARDING WHAT HE CALLS THE DELAYING OF ITALIAN TROOPS RETURNING FROM CORSICA TO SARDINIA. HE HOPES THAT THE TROOPS IN SARDINIA WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN SUBSEQUENT ACTION IN THE NORTH OF ITALY AND HENCE IS MUCH CONCERNED OVER THE REDUCTION OF THEIR FIGHTING CAPACITY. HE REQUESTS RECONSIDERATION OF THE EXISTING ORDER AND THAT THE ITALIAN TROOPS LEAVE IN CORSICA ONLY SUCH MATERIAL AS THEY HAVE CAPTURED AND THE VEHICLES AND ANIMALS REQUISITIONED ON THE ISLAND.

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brig. Gen. USA.
Acting Chief of Mission

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

1685

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS: SECRET

PREG: PRIORITY

FROM: FREEDOM

TO: FATIMA

M/C NR: 6/12

REF NR: 6226

FILED: 121119A Oct

REC'D: 121149A

Transmit following information to Ambrosio. Signed CINC. Cite FHGCT. Referring your 346 of 10 October. In order to economize shipping in providing for the defense of Corsica Italians moving to Sardinia have been ordered to leave behind such Anti-aircraft and Coastal-defense equipments and ammunition, load-carrying vehicles and and Port equipment as required for the garrison. Decisions on equipment to be left behind have been based on Allied and Italian needs. Further when certain Italian divisions are moved from Sardinia to Sicily or Italy economy of shipping probably will dictate movement of personnel with minimum equipment. Accordingly equipment now in Corsica or Sardinia is being left where it best satisfies needs of garrisons of both islands. Action and acknowledgement FATIMA information AFHQ ADVANCED COMMAND POST. You will inform Ambrosio that above decisions are firm and will not be changed.

SECRET

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

1664

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS: SECRET

PREC: PRIORITY

FROM: FATIMA (Italian High Command)

TO: FREEDOM (For Castellano)

M/C NR: 02/17

REF NR: 454

FILED: 171125A Oct

REC'D:

FOLLOWING FROM GENERAL AMEROSIO TO CASTELLANO PD TO FREEDOM FROM FATIMA SIGNED TAYLOR
PD QUOTE NUMBER TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO OF PD FOLLOWING ONE EIGHT ONE THREE OF THE NINTH
OCTOBER PD GENERAL PEAK HAS ORDERED THAT ALSO MOBILE GUNS FOUR SEVEN PER THREE TWO
ARE TO REMAIN IN CORSICA PD THIS WOULD MEAN EXTREMELY SERIOUS DIMINUTION OF THE VERY
SCARCE ARMoured WEAPONS WE HAD AT OUR DISPOSAL PD PLEASE REQUEST ALLIED COMMAND TO
BE KIND ENOUGH TO CANCEL ORDER POINTING OUT ALSO THAT IT SEEMS THAT IN THE PRESENT
GENERAL SITUATION NOW THERE IS NO PARTICULAR USE FOR SUCH WEAPONS IN CORSICA PD
SIGNED AMEROSIO UNQUOTE

AUTHENTICATED:

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

INCOMING

SECRET

2/27

1663

PRIORITY

2550

FREEDOM

261828A Oct

FATIMA

262354A

Request you arrange retention of approximately 3,000 Italians as outlined by General Peake with necessary HQ's to complete essential repairs. SIGNED CINC. CITE FHGCT. You will control employment. Troops will later come under command of Air Corps Commander. Report Freedom with copies Fable and Fatima units you propose retain. ACTION EAKIR. RPTD FATIMA. FABLE. FAIRFIELD FOR INFORMATION.

INCOMING

1662

SECRET

13/27

ROUTINE

2740

FREEDOM

2713501 Oct

FATIMA

2712234

Allied Force Headquarters have established that our divisions should keep their 47 per 32 guns. To FATIMA for Italian High Command from Italian Mission signed Eisenhower cite FILIA. Orders are being issued. Allied Command wishes some 3,000 Italian troops to remain in Corsica to help repair and defend Airfields. Such troops will be considered as Allied operating troops and remain under orders of Allied Air Force Commander. Request you agree.

OUTGOING

1651

SECRET

8/29

PRIORITY

654

FATIMA

291406A Oct

FREEDOM

GENERAL AMBROSIO INFORMS ME THAT IN AGREEMENT WITH THE ALLIED MILITARY
AUTHORITIES IN CORSICA HE HAS ORDERED ALL THE PIONEER COMPANIES AND LABOR
DETACHMENTS TO REMAIN IN CORSICA UNDER THE ORDERS OF GENERAL LAZZARINI PD
TO FREEDOM FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE PD IT IS EXPECTED THAT THESE UNITS
WILL BE EMPLOYED UPON CORSICAN AIR FIELDS

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

OUTGOING

1650

SECRET

ROUTINE

FATIMA

FREEDOM

18/29

664

292033A Oct

~~following text~~

FOLLOWING FROM ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND FOR GENERAL CASTELLANO PD TO FREEDOM FROM
FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE PD QUOTE NUMBER TWO THREE SEVEN SIX SIANT OP REPEAT
OBOE PETER PD PLEASE INFORM AFHQ THAT CCMANDO SUPREMO AGREES TO LEAVE THREE
THOUSAND ITALIAN SOLDIERS IN CORSICA UNDER THE ORDERS OF COMMANDING OFFICER
OF AIR ALLIED FORCES AND AS ALLIED OPERATING TROOPS PD SIGNED GENERAL AMBROSIO
UNQUOTE

AUTHENTICATED:

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

INCOMING

SECRET ~~PRIORITY~~

PRIORITY

FREEDOM

FATIMA

1659

6/03

5703

022335A Nov

030442A

Submitted by Major General Peake. Signed CINC. Cite FHQCT. 1. Agree to maximum figure 3300 Italians remaining to include as minimum personnel. Our 167 of 30 October refers. This is increase on requirements. ACTION FAKER PRTD FATIMA FOR INFORMATION. 2. Have received two official requests from French for retention in Corsica to enable slain troops but thin proposal not approved.

1658

Sabanda

7. move of Station / Division
from Sandina to Sicily

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVO/RELAY NR:

CLASS: SECRET

PREC : OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM : FREEDOM

TO : FATIMA

M/C NR: 1670957

REF NR: 5324

FILED : 092022A Oct

REC'D : 092924A

Request High Command nominate 1 Italian Field Division required move late October from Sardinia to Sicily for garrison duty mainly guard and police. Division commander or rep(?) to proceed earliest by Italian air courier to arrange details. Movement under AFHQ arrangements but may require some Sardinian shipping. Minimum scales only equipment and tpt can accompany at this stage. (Signed CinC cite FHQCT) On arrival Division under command No 1 District with detachment probably 1 regiment attached Island Base Section suggest High Command send OEP early to HQ No 1 District Catania to organize administration. (Action FATIMA for Macfarlane INFO FABLE for BOULNOIS, No 1 District, IBS.)

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

1656

SVO/REIAY NR:

M/C NR: 7/11

CLASS: SECRET

REF NR: 355

FREQ: URGENT

FILED: 111453A Oct

FROM: EATIMA

REC'D:

TO: FREEDOM rpt AMHQ ADV OP at AMILCAR

REFERENCE YOUR NUMBER FIVE THREE TWO FOUR PD

AMBROSIO PROPOSED THE CREMONA DIVISION FOR TRANSFER FROM SARDINIA TO SICILY PD
THIS IS THE FIRST OF THE ITALIAN DIVISIONS COMING OUT OF CORSICA AND WILL
PRESUMABLY BE VERY SHORT OF EQUIPMENT PD IT IS CLEARLY THE HOPE OF THE ITALIANS
THAT IF WE ACCEPT THIS DIVISION WE WILL BE OBLIGED TO GIVE IT SOME MATERIAL PD

AUTHENTICATED

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Chief of Mission

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

1658

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS: SECRET

PREC: URGENT

FROM: FREEDOM

TO: FATIMA

M/C NR: 2/15

REF NR: 7328

FILED: 141903A Oct

REC'D: 150100A

Italian High Command has designated ^{2 3 6 1 5 4}Cremona Division for transfer from Sardinia to Sicily for garrison duty mainly guards and. (Signed Cinc cite FRECT). Re 45324 of (53w)
9th October(?) all addressees understood this division first to come out of Corsica and presumably short of equipment. Following preparations will be made by you to prepare this division for movement to Sicily. Concentrate division Cagliari soonest and report ETA. Withdraw all Blackshirts elements completed into full strength of personnel, small arms to include machine guns and mortars with AMM for same, necessary (to) use keeping equipment and sufficient transport for weapons for supply and for guard duty over extended area. Artillery pieces will be left behind with suitable maintenance personnel. Report to TAL personnel, vehicles and baggage tonnage
^{replied} EARLIEST(?) division ^{or info} Cmdr Orre(x) proceed at once to No 1 district Sicily by Italian courier plane to Palermo and thence to Catania by US courier plane reporting to this HQ ELa. Action and acknowledgement FABLE information FAXIE, FATIMA, AFHQ, ADVANCED COMMAND POST, 15th Army Group, IBSCIA No 1 District, and CMCCG(?)SOS NATCUSA. Representative G-3 AFHQ will visit you shortly to discuss details.

SECRET

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVC RELAY NR.

SECRET

PRIORITY

FROM FREEDOM

TO FATIMA

1654

03/20

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191648A OCT

200202A

Although Cremona division has commenced move to Sardinia, it will not complete movement into north of island before 30 October. Brig. Boulnois indicates 5 weeks required to prepare leading elements for onward move. Need one division to move to Sicily as soon as administrative arrangements can be made there. General Passo suggests two 105 coastal divisions but this not acceptable as sole garrison use field divisions for more important garrison duties. ACTION FATIMA FOR TAYLOR RPTD FABLE FOR BOULNOIS, NO. 1 DISTRICT FOR INFORMATION, SIGNED CINC, CITE FHGCT. Understand Sabauda division at Cagliari ready to move at short notice. Request you obtain concurrence of Italian High Command to dispatch Sabauda division and ask them to issue necessary instructions repeating Freedom. Confirmal (?) so that senior Italian Administrative Officer alerted to proceed Sicily to arrange administration of division. ACK. When required we will call him forward.

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

1653

SVC/RELAY NR:

M/C NO: 8/22

CLASS: SECRET

REF NO: 535

PREC : PRIORITY

FILED : 221123A Oct

FROM : FATIMA (FREEDOM) ?

REC'D :

TO : FREEDOM (FATIMA) ?

REFERENCE YOUR NINE FOUR TWO FIVE PD THE ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND PAREN TO FREEDOM FROM
FATIMA SIGNED TAYLOR PAREN CONCURS IN DISPATCHING OF THE SABAUDA DIVISION PD THE
ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF IS PREPARING ORDERS

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Chief of Mission

INCOMING

SECRET

1/26

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

2184

FREEDOM

252061A Oct

FATIMA

260620A

Liaison Officer this headquarters it is hoped will also attend as requested our message 9425 dated 19th October. FATIMA please arrange for Senior Italian administrative officer proceed Catania same day. CITE FLCCT RPT CHCCT SIGNED CINC. DEBRIEFING BY CRYPTO FREEDOM. Arrives Catania October 27 Italian General from Sardinia to discuss moves Divisions.

1652

OUTGOING MESSAGE

SECRET

OP - PRIORITY

FATIMA

FREEDOM

24

619

262055A Oct

YOUR TWO ONE EIGHT FOUR IS UNINTELLIGIBLE PD TO FREEDOM FROM FATIMA SIGNED
MACERLANE PD IT IS NOT CONTEMPLATED TO DESPATCH ANY ITALIAN OFFICER FROM
HERE TO COORDINATE THE MOVE OF THE SABAUDA DIVISION PD EXPECT THESE MATTERS
TO BE WORKED OUT LOCALLY IN SARDINIA

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA
Chief of Staff

1634

OUTGOING

SECRET

9/27

URGENT

627

FATIMA

271800A Oct

FREEDOM

REFERENCE YOUR TWO ONE EIGHT FOUR AND TWO EIGHT EIGHT EIGHT PD TO FREEDOM FROM
FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE PD AS PARAPHRASED YOUR MESSAGE IS STILL NOT CLEAR PD I
ASSUME HOWEVER THAT YOU WISH A SENIOR ITALIAN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AT CATANIA
WITHOUT DELAY PD I HAVE SO INSTRUCTED THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES AND WILL NOTIFY
THE OFFICER NAMED AND ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brig. Gen., U.S.A.

1650

OUTGOING

SECRET

12

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

630

FATIMA

272025A Oct

FREEDOM

LIEUTENANT COLONEL GUALANO PAREN TO FREEDOM FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE REUPAD
TWO ONE EIGHT FOUR AND OURAD SIX TWO SEVEN PAREN WILL ARRIVE CATANIA TOMORROW
AFTERNOON BY AIR

AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of the Mission

1649

INCOMING

SECRET

6/28

PRIORITY

3090

FREEDOM cite FHODQ

272025. Oct

FATIMA info No. 1 District

280191A

Your 613 of 26th October not to No. 1 District. Following is repeat of our 2184.

*Italian General from Sardinia arrives Catania 27th October to discuss move of Division. FATIMA please arrange for Senior Italian Administrative Officer proceed Catania same day as requested in our message 9425 dated 19th October. Hoped that Liaison officer this headquarters will also attend.

1) Object above quoted cable to settle matters general administration beyond scope of Italian generals ex Sardinia. Request arrangements be made despatch Italian officer ex Italy earliest possible.

2) For No. 1 District. Separate cable follows giving interim policy for maintenance Italian units ex Sardinia.

OUTGOING

SECRET

6

PRIORITY

639

FATIMA

281235A Oct

FREEDOM

REQUESTS

THE ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND/THAT IF THE ARTILLERY OF THE SABAUDA DIVISION
IS NOT TO ACCOMPANY THE DIVISION TO SICILY TO FREEDOM FROM FATIMA FROM TAYLOR
SIGNED MACFARIANE PD THE ARTILLERY BE LEFT COMPLETELY EQUIPPED AND AT FULL
STRENGTH IN SARDINIA AVAILABLE FOR SUBSEQUENT USE ELSEWHERE PD

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

802/28

INCOMING

SECRET

19/24

PRIORITY

157

FAKIR

281200L Oct

BTDA

291525A

(RELAY TO FATMA) Evacuation Cremona Division completed 27 October

OUTGOING

SECRET

17

ROUTINE

727

FATIMA

022127A Nov

FREEDOM rpt AFHQ ADV CP atbAMILCAR

CAPTAIN BUDUA SENT TO SICILY IN RESPONSE TO YOUR RADIO NUMBER TWO ONE EIGHT
FOUR REPORTS HIS MISSION FULFILLED PD TO FREEDOM RPT AFHQ ADVANCE COMMAND POST AT
AMILCAR FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACERLANE PD THE ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND REQUESTS HIS EXT
RETURN IF YOU HAVE FINISHED WITH HIM

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

INCOMING

RESTRICTED

N 15/5

ROUTINE

6711

FREEDOM

051126A Nov

FATIMA

051615A

Request more detail reference Captain Buhua TO FATIMA SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FHMGS
REFERENCE YOUR P 27 OF 2 NOVEMBER). Your citing of radio number 21 not understood
Clarification required.

OUTGOING

SECRET

14/05

PRIORITY

780

FATMA

051903A Nov

FREEDOM rpt AFHQ ADV CP at AMILCAR

REFERENCE YOUR SIX SEVEN ONE ONE PD TO FREEDOM REPEAT AFHQ ADVANCE COMMAND POST
AT AMILCAR FREEDOM PASS IN CIPHER HELD PD OUR CABLE TWO NOVEMBER EVIDENTLY
GARBLED IN TRANSMISSION PD FOLLOWING IS PARAPHRASE PD ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND
REQUESTS RETURN OF CAPTAIN BUDUA SENT TO SICILY IN RESPONSE TO YOUR RADIO
BUDUA
TWO ONE EIGHT FOUR PD CAPTAIN HAS REPORTED THAT HIS MISSION IS FULFILLED

AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of the Mission

CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING

SECRET

18/12

ROUTINE

5705

FABLE

022335A Nov

No. 1 District, FATIMA, IBS, SO3 NATOUKA

121715A
by Air Courier

Movement of Sabauda Division as follows:

1. Six ISTS available 9 November. Each ship lift limited to two officers, five NCOs, sixty drivers, up to sixty vehicles, some motorcycles and ten tons of bulk stores. Essential all arrangements prepared in advance for loading and unloading take place rapidly. No further lift for vehicles and stores foreseen hence careful selection essential to insure best use of this capacity and vehicles should be loaded. Agree artillery units should be left complete.

2. Remaining personnel with light equipment will be moved at intervals by Italian cruiser approximately 600 personnel each trip. First trip about 10 November. Request #1 District indicates minimum intervals desired and arrange programme with COMNOB Palermo.

3. Detailed composition of parties should be worked out by the Italian Commander in Sardinia and #1 District.

4. It does not at present appear possible to ship mules of this Division. Understood that Divisional requirements may be available in Sicily.

5. (SIGNED CINC. CITE PHOOT. THIS ANSWERS FABLE NO 6 OF 28 OCTOBER AND FATIMA NO 639 OF 28 OCTOBER. ACTION FABLE, INFORMATION #1 DISTRICT, FATIMA IBS, SO3 NATOUKA)

SECRET

URGENT

FREEDOM

FATIMA

INCOMING

9/8

8112

081600A Nov

081920A

Onward movement to Naples required by General Bassos Corps Staff and minimum essential vehicles. TO FABLE FOR ACTION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT REPEATED FOR INFORMATION TO FATIMA. NUMBER 1 DISTRICT. FLAMBO. ISLAND BASE SECTION. 15TH ARMY GROUP CITE FHGCT SIGNED CINC. Up to 30 vehicles arrange for shipment in 1ST convoy moving Sabauda Division to Palermo. Movement thence by road via Messina Ferry.

INCOMING

SECRET

42/9

PRIORITY

8573

FREEDOM

091550A Nov

FATIMA

092310A

Composition General Basso HQ as follows. Offers 18 stores 70 tons cars 8 motor cycle
with side car 20 lorries 8 ORS 237. ACTION AND ACK FABLE RPTD FATIMA, NO 1
DISTRICT, JEB. FLAMBO, 15 ARMY GROUP FOR INFORMATION. To our MSG 8112 dated 8
November this is an addition.

INCOMING

RESTRICTED	16/12
ROUTINE	9847
FREEDOM	121259A Nov
FATIMA	121550A

With questionnaire on Administrative matters Italian representative has returned from Sicily. Your 630 of 27 October 49 Administrative arrangements Italian units in Sicily. From (FREEDOM CITE FREEDOM TO FATIMA REPEATED DISTONE) Distons would appreciate early reply to point raised in questionnaire. Request you take action accordingly.

MONITORING SYSTEMS CENTER, JTFMCC

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MONITORING SYSTEMS CENTER, JTFMCC

8. Italian troops in Dodecanese
+ heros

INCOMING MESSAGE

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

FROM: FREEDOM

DATE: 23 September 1943

TO : FATIMA MID-EAST

CLASS: SECRET

REF. NO. 8637

PREC: URGENT

G-ing mid-east have asked that instructions be issued to Italians in British occupied islands in DODECANESE to co-operate to the utmost with British and to place themselves without reserve at the disposal and under orders of Local BRITISH Commander. Please take up at once with ITALIAN Government.

OUTGOING MESSAGE

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

FROM: FATIMA

DATE: 242114Z Sep

TO : FREEDOM rpt to AFHQ ADV OP

CLASS: SECRET

REF NO. 95

PREC: ROUTINE

THE FOLLOWING FROM THE ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND FOR CASTELLANO.

QUOTE. WE INFORM YOU THAT THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE BRITISH
FORCES IN GREECE HAS TAKEN UNDER HIS COMMAND, SINCE SEPTEMBER 20,
DODECANESOS, SAMO AND NICARIA. HE HAS NAMED ADMIRAL MASCHIERPA
COMMANDER AND GOVERNOR OF THE ITALIAN ISLANDS AND GENERAL SOLDARELLI
COMMANDER OF THE ITALIAN FORCES IN SAMO AND NICARIA. UNQUOTE.

AUTHENTICATED:

F.N. MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief of Mission.

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS: SECRET

PREC : OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM : FREEDOM

TO : FATIMA

M/C NR: N 21/29

REF NO: 865

FILED: 291315A 1943 Sep

REC'D:

Request that Italian Government issue without delay instructions to
Italians in British occupied Dodecanese islands outlined my 8637
September 23rd. They ask in particular that EADOGLIO or the King
make clear statement to Italian Commanders in Dodecanese and Aegean:
(a) To fight to last man in defense of islands. (b) To cooperate
with us in every way. (c) To place themselves under orders local
British Commanders.

You should report action taken to this headquarters rptd Mideast.

INCOMING

SECRET

21/31

URGENT

CC/336

FREEDOM

301900A Oct

FATMA

311345A

1. Cooperation by the Italians in Leros has been "on a request basis" and only halfhearted. The tactical and administrative situations in Leros both require that the Italian ~~Commander~~ Commander, his Staff and Garrison which is for the most part naval should be controlled by the British Command without reservation. This aforementioned attitude will not stand the test of fortress or action conditions. Securing of essential labor and proper rationing as well as disciplining the population under bombing is impossible unless the British Commander has Governor powers over the civil population.
2. Statements which Badoglio has made to date are not sufficient. That the British Commander has assumed the function of Governor of Leros should be condoned in a proclamation by him as well as order his Commander to place himself and his forces under our command. PARAPHRASE BY FREEDOM OF MGS NUMBER 00/336 FROM MIDEAST FROM CINC TO FREEDOM RPTD HIS MINISTRY SPECIAL SIGNAL OFFICE FOR GENERAL EISENHOWER RPTD BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF.
3. The Allied Commission has already been asked by CINC Levat to arrange relief of the present Italian Commander, Admiral Maschorpo(?) by someone with more spunk who would not be governor but who would command all the Italian Forces in Leros. The proper defense of Leros requires that exchange referred to be made as soon as possible and that Badoglio be impressed with the necessity for immediate action on all the aforementioned points.

SECRET

INCOMING

PRIORITY

7/1

FREEDOM signed EISENHOWER

4822

Action FATIMA for Macfarlane Info
MIDEAST for CINC

312116A Oct

010913A

MIDEAST cable CG/336 to AFHQ, was repeated to you this morning. Refers to last part second paragraph which contemplates Badoglio making proclamation that British Commander is Military Governor. Your attention is drawn to point that we cannot allow the Italian Government to make any form of proclamation which suggests that it appoints Allied Officer as Military Governor or confers upon Allied Forces power to exercise Military Government. Allied Forces have full power as armistice (2 corrupt groups) to conduct Military Government wherever they see fit. This would be done in fact by Commander on the spot accompanied by such public notice as might be appropriate. Important nothing be done to original weakening Allied position by letting it appear Military Government is established by proclamation of Italian Government or that we need its consent or ratification.

OUTGOING

SECRET

8/31

URGENT

690

FATIMA

311817A Oct

FREEDOM

REFERENCE YOUR CC/336 PD TO FREEDOM FROM FAT IMA SIGNED MASARIANE PD YOUR
ATTENTION IS INVITED TO THE FACT THAT THE CITED RADIO IS A REPEAT FROM MIDDLE EAST
AND AS SUCH IS NOT A DIRECTIVE ON THE MISSION TO TAKE ACTION PD I ASSUME
HOWEVER YOU DESIRE MEASURES RECOMMENDED BY MIDDLE EAST CMA NAMELY CLN PAREN
ONE PAREN THE ITALIAN GARRISON OF LEROS TO PASS UNDER COMMAND OF BRITISH
COMMANDERS; PAREN TWO PAREN BADOGLIO TO PROCLAIM THE BRITISH COMMANDER GOVERNOR
OF LEROS AND PAREN THREE PAREN THE RELIEF OF ADMIRAL MASCHERPO PD I SHALL TAKE
THESE MATTERS UP WITH BADOGLIO UPON HIS RETURN FROM NAPLES

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brig. Gen., U.S.A.

INCOMING

SECRET

9/01

URGENT

4854

FREEDOM

010900A

FATIMA

010947A Nov

Prime Minister and Air Ministry attach great importance (PERSONAL TO GENERAL
MASON MACFARLANE FROM CINC CITE FHQS REFERENCE YOUR 690 and CC/396) to General
Wilson's request referred to in above cited messages and you are correct in taking
measures recommended in Middle East. Desire that these changes be pressed and
accomplished at earliest possible moment.

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION
APO 512

1 November 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Ambrosio, Chief of the Supreme General Staff.

I regret to inform your Excellency that the relations between the Allied and Italian forces in Leros have become a matter of primary concern to the Allied High Command. Italian cooperation is reported to be only half-hearted and inferior to the requirements of the tactical situation. The Allied Commander-in-Chief desires that the following action be taken at once.

(a) The Italian Commander should be clearly instructed that he is to serve under the British Commander without reservation.

(b) The Italian High Command should inform the Italian Authorities in Leros that the British Commander has assumed the functions of Governor of Leros.

(c) Admiral Mascherpo should be replaced at once by a more energetic commander who would command all the Italian forces in Leros without performing the functions of governor.

The Allied Military Mission has been directed to inform your Excellency that great importance is attached to the early accomplishment of the changes indicated above.

For the Chief of Mission

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

OUTGOING

SECRET

22

PRIORITY

732

FATIMA

022220A NOV

FREEDOM RPT AFHQ ACP AT AMILCAR

REFERENCE YOUR FOUR EIGHT FIVE FOUR AND CC/THREE THREE SIX THE FOLLOWING
FROM GENERAL AMBROSIO TO GENERAL EISENHOWER PD TO FREEDOM REPEAT AFHQ ADVANCE
COMMAND POST AT AMILCAR FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE PD QUOTE I BEG TO ASSURE
YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT THE ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND IS IN ENTIRE AGREEMENT ON THE
NECESSITY OF INSURING WITHOUT RESERVE THE MOST COMPLETE COLLABORATION OF ITALIAN
AND ALLIED FORCES ON LEROS CONSEQUENTLY ORDERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE ITALIAN NAVY
TO SUBSTITUTE FORTHWITH ADMIRAL MASCHERPO BY A MORE ENERGETIC COMMANDER WHO WILL
CONSIDER HIMSELF UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE BRITISH GOVERNOR OF LEROS AND AFFORD
HIM COMPLETE COLLABORATION WITHOUT RESERVE PD ORDERS TO THIS EFFECT HAVE BEEN
SENT TO THE ACTING COMMANDER OF ITALIAN FORCES IN LEROS BY A FOLLOWING RADIO PD ~~END~~
UNQUOTE

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

OUTGOING

SECRET

PRIORITY

FATIMA

MIDEAST REPEATED FREEDOM

24

734

022251A Nov

THE FOLLOWING FROM THE ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND TO GENERAL SOLDARELLI CMA SAMOS PD
TO MIDEAST REPEATED FREEDOM FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE PD QUOTE FOR YOUR PERSONAL
INFORMATION I INFORM YOU THAT ADMIRAL MASCHERPO IS BEING SUPERSEDED SINCE THE ALLIED
COMMAND HAS REPORTED THAT THEY ARE NOT RECEIVING ADEQUATE COOPERATION FROM HIM PD
I REPEAT THAT THE COLLABORATION OF ITALIAN FORCES MUST BE COMPLETE AND WITHOUT RESERVE
UNDER DIRECT COMMAND OF THE BRITISH COMMANDER PD ACKNOWLEDGE PD SIGNED AMBROSIO
UNQUOTE

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

OUTGOING

CONFIDENTIAL

26

ROUTINE

736

FATIMA

022315A Nov

MIDEAST

FOLLOWING FROM COMANDO SUPREMO TO C O S LEROS PD PAREN TO MIDEAST FROM FATIMA
SIGNED MACFARLANE PD NUMBER TWO FIVE THREE TWO SLANT OP PD QUOTE I RPT ITEM
MAKE IT CLEAR THAT YOUR TASK IS TO CONSIDER YOURSELF OPERATIONALLY UNDER COMMAND
AND THEREFORE TO GIVE COMPLETE COLLABORATION WITHOUT RESERVE TO THE BRITISH
COMMANDER IN YOUR CAPACITY OF COMMANDER OF THE ITALIAN FORCES ON LEROS PD THE
BRITISH COMMANDER HAS ASSUMED THE FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNOR OF LEROS PD ACKNOWLEDGE
PD SIGNED GENERAL AMEROSIO UNQUOTE

AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.C.D.
Secretary of the Mission

OUTGOING

SECRET

2/3

PRIORITY

737

FATIMA

030915A Nov

FREEDOM

REFERENCE YOUR FOUR EIGHT FIVE FOUR AND CC/THREE THREE SIX THE ITALIAN
HIGH COMMAND REQUESTS THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE TRANSMITTED TO THE
COMMANDER OF THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES IN LEROS PD TO FREEDOM FROM FATIMA
SIGNED MACFARLANE PD QUOTE I MAKE IT CLEAR THAT YOUR TASK IS TO CONSIDER
YOURSELF OPERATIONALLY UNDER THE COMMAND AND THEREFORE TO GIVE COMPLETE
COLLABORATION WITHOUT RESERVE TO THE BRITISH COMMANDER IN YOUR CAPACITY
OF COMMANDER OF THE ITALIAN FORCES ON LEROS PD THE BRITISH COMMANDER HAS
ASSUMED THE FUNCTION OF GOVERNOR OF LEROS PD ACKNOWLEDGE PD SIGNED AMERBIO
UNQUOTE

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

SECRET

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FREEDOM

FATIMA

INCOMING

4/09

8407

090023A Nov

090300A

Following is paraphrase of CINC Mideast message CC/341 dated 7 November. SIGNED CINC
CITE FHGCT.

The Italian Governor of Leros, Admiral Mascherpo, has received message from the Italian Supreme Command which states that the functions and post of Governor of Leros are taken over by the British Commander. It also informs him that he is under operational command of the British Commander to whom he is to give full and unreserved co-operation.

Mascherpo has invitation from CINC Levant to conference in Alexandria.

Mascherpo admits British Command and promises full cooperation and continued obedience to orders and proclamations with Proviso that governorship is not handed over on grounds that he was appointed by the King. If this Proviso is insisted upon General Hall is of opinion that Mascherpo and most of senior officers should resign. Admiral Mascherpo refuses to attend conference with CINC Levant which practically amounts to disobedience of orders.

Italian Navy must replace Mascherpo earliest, and replacement must go to Leros with no pretention to governorship. Owing to Mascherpo sheltering behind King, his replacement should have definite instructions to this effect from King or Regent and also for Mascherpo's removal. Meanwhile have agreed to General Hall accepting present situation temporarily. Situation not satisfactory but because of probability of imminent battle in next few days I cannot afford a crisis which would precipitate unrest among other Italian Officers and corresponding lowering of Italian Morale. Paraphrase ends.

ACTION FATIMA.

1625

OUTGOING

MOST SECRET

15/9

MOST IMMEDIATE

850

FATIMA

091848A Nov

FREEDOM

YOUR NUMBER EIGHT FOUR ZERO SEVEN PD I HAVE MUST SEEN BADOGLIO AND MINISTER OF
MARINE PD TO FREEDOM CITE FHGCT FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE PD ADMIRAL
MASCHERPO IS BEING ORDERED TO RETURN TO ITALY AT ONCE AND TO HAND OVER COMMAND
IN THE MEANTIME TO HIS CHIEF OF STAFF WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO THE LATTER THAT
HIS FUNCTIONS ARE SOLELY TO COMMAND THE ITALIAN FORCES UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE
BRITISH COMMANDER PD A REPLACEMENT FOR ADMIRAL MASCHERPO HAS BEEN NOMINATED PD
HE SHOULD ARRIVE IN TARANTO TOMORROW WHERE HE WILL BE GIVEN EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS
IN THE SENSE YOU REQUIRE BY THE MINISTER OF MARINE AND MARSHAL BADOGLIO PD HE
WILL BE SENT FORWARD TO LEROS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

AUTHENTICATED:

F.N. MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief of Mission

1624

INCOMING

MOST SECRET

9/10

URGENT

8749

FREEDOM

101025a Nov

FATIMA FOR GENERAL MACFARLANE rptd AIR
MINISTRY FOR COB's MIDDLE EAST

101345a

— SIGNED CINC CITE PHOCT. Procedure advocated in para 4 is agreed. Reference C-in-C Middle East message CG/341 dated 7 November 1943 paraphrase of which has been sent to you. Successor to Mascherpo must understand Allied Commander is in fact governing Leros and that any orders given by Allied Commander must be obeyed.

OUTGOING

CONFIDENTIAL

26/10

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

882

FATIMA

101955A Nov

FREEDOM

FOLLOWING FROM ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND FOR ADMIRAL MASCHERPO IN LEROS PD TO MIDEAST RPT
FREEDOM FROM FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE PD QUOTE FROM COMMANDO SUPREMO TO ADMIRAL MASCHERPO
COMMANDER OF ITALIAN FORCES IN LEROS TEN NOVEMBER ONE NINE FOUR THREE NUMBER TWO
SEVEN SIX FIVE OF FOLLOWING TWO FIVE THREE TWO DATED SECOND INST PD PENDING
REPLACEMENT YOU SHALL DISCONTINUE AS COMMANDER OF ITALIAN FORCES IN LEROS PASSING
THE COMMAND TO THE ITALIAN SENIOR OFFICER PD SIGNED GENERAL AMBROSIO UNQUOTE

AUTHENTICATED:

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

CONTROL COMMISSION

OUTGOING

SECRET

ROUTINE

FATIMA

MIDEAST RPTD FREEDOM

8/14

932

141445A Nov

FOLLOWING FROM GENERAL AMBROSIO TO GENERAL SOLDERELLI AT SAMUS PD TO MIDEAST
RPTD FREEDOM FROM FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE FREEDOM PASS IN CIPHER HELD PD NUMBER
TWO FOUR SEVEN EIGHT SLANT OP QUOTE PLEASE REPORT NUMBER SUBORDINATE TROOPS
SHOWING DISTINCTION BETWEEN OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS UNQUOTE

AUTHENTICATED:

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

CONTROL COMMISSION

OUTGOING

SECRET

12/14

PRIORITY

936

FATIMA

141728A Nov

MIDEAST

THE ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND REQUESTS THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM THE
COMMANDER OF THE THIRD BATTALION SEVENTH INFANTRY REGIMENT OF THE CUNEO DIVISION
AT SANTARINO BE REPEATED TO THE ALLIED COMMAND IN THE EGHA PD TO MIDEAST FROM
FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE PD QUOTE TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF CMA ROYAL ARMY PD I AM DEFENDING
THE ISLAND OF SANTARINO PAREN EGHA PAREN WITH THIRD BATTALION SEVENTH INFANTRY
PD LIEUTENANT COLONEL BRUNO UNQUOTE

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

CONTROL COMMISSION

OUTGOING

SECRET

17/15

PRIORITY

961

FATIMA

152353A Nov

FREEDOM

THE FOLLOWING PAREN TO FREEDOM FROM FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE PAREN FROM COMANDO SUPREMO
TO GENERAL CASTELLANO CHIEF OF ITALIAN MILITARY MISSION TO AFHQ PD QUOTE FIFTEENTH
NOVEMBER ONE NINE FOUR THREE PD NUMBER TWO NINE FIVE ZERO SLANT OP PD COMMANDER
ITALIAN FORCES LEROS REPORTS THAT ITALIAN OFFICERS TAKEN PRISONER BY THE GERMANS
IN FIGHTING AT LEROS ARE BEING SHOT PD IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT IMMEDIATE ENERGETIC
INTERVENTION BY THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS IS TAKEN IN ORDER THAT THE LAWS OF WAR BE
STRICTLY OBSERVED AND THAT IN THE EVENT OF FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THEM REPRISALS
SHOULD BE TAKEN PD BRING THE MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ALLIED COMMANDER IN
CHIEF PD SIGNED AMBROSIO UNQUOTE

AUTHENTICATED:

ROGER E. DERBY
1st Lt, AGD
AG

CONTROL COMMISSION

OUTGOING

SECRET

3/19

ROUTINE

1014

FATIMA

191355A

MIDRST FOR SOLDARELLI

FOLLOWING FROM COMANDO SUPREMO TO GENERAL SOLDARELLI AT SAMUS PD TO MIDEAST FOR
SOLDARELLI SAMUS FROM FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE PD QUOTE NUMBER THREE ZERO FOUR THREE SLAN
OP ONE EIGHT NOVEMBER ONE NINE FOUR THREE PD REFERRING YOURS ONE SEVEN FIVE TWO PD
I HAVE BEEN PROUD TO HEAR GALLANT BEHAVIOUR ITALIAN TROOPS LEROS WHOSE SPLENDID
RESISTANCE FOR FIFTY DAYS I ALWAYS FOLLOWED AND MUCH ADMIRER PD SIGNED GENERAL
AMEROSIO UNQUOTE

AUTHENTICATED:

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

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