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TO- C. in C. Med.

FROM: F.O."Z"

EMERGENCY

Following received from Head of Italian Government begins:-

TO. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the U.S.A. and  
WINSTON CHURCHILL, Prime Minister of Great Britain.

I thank you most warmly for the message which you, who direct the destinies of such great nations, have been pleased to send me, in these hours so tragic for my country.

I place secure trust in your affirmation that the Anglo-American Armed Forces who have already disembarked at various points on the Italian Continent, will continue to pour in as numerous and as eager to help, as the situation so imperiously demands.

Our own armed forces, already tested and scattered in Italy and still more, outside Italy, cannot possibly unite and validly oppose, alone, the German forces. But everything that is possible is being and will be done with that same spirit and with that same tenacity which we displayed together on the battlefields of Italy and France during the last Great War.

I can assure you that the Italian People closely united around their King, and longing at the cost of any sacrifice whatsoever to achieve liberty and a peace with justice, will not fail manfully to carry out on this occasion their duty - their whole duty. We are not lacking in faith, and we will march with you, our American and British friends.

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(signed) Marshall BADOLIO.

*Benito Diaz V. I. F. 1943*

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TARANTO, 13th September 1943.

TO: Vice Admiral Arthur Power, representative of The Commander-in-Chief  
of the Anglo-Naval Forces in the Mediterranean.

H.M.S. "PALADIN"

Subject:- Disarming of Italian troops by American Groups

PERSONAL.

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(signed) BRUTO BRIVONESI

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ADMIRAL, Commander in Chief.  
TARANTO.

*Brindisi Diary 27/1/44*

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CLASS: MOST SECRET

PRES: IMMEDIATE

FROM: FOTA

TO: C in C MED

C in C MED RECYPHER AND PASS TO MADRID. PERSONAL  
FROM GENERAL MACBURLANE FOR AMBASSADOR. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE  
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ALSO COMMUNICATE WITH THE NECESSARY SECRECY THE PORTS TO WHICH THEY WILL  
HAVE TO SAIL.

PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

SIGNED BADOGLIO.

T.O.O. 141809 B

14 Sept 43

P.F.P. LODGE DUTY CYPHER OFFICER



ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS : SECRET

PREC : ROUTINE

FROM : FREEDOM

TO : FATIMA

M/O NR: N 17/29

REF. NO: 591

FILED : 291754A 1943 sep

REC'D

The Italian Ambassador at Madrid requests that message along following lines be transmitted to BADOGLIO.

His Excellency Marshall Badoglio Chief of the Government of the King of Italy. I have the honour to state the following in reply to your Excellency's message received September 24 through the kindness of the American Ambassador in Madrid.

I am awaiting with devotion His Majesty's message which he has graciously despatched to me and beg of your Excellency that you convey to our August Sovereign the hope of expression of unfailing loyalty of myself and that of the whole staff of the Royal Embassy in Spain as well as of the Royal Consulates.

As your Excellency is aware I am in contact with the British Charge d'Affaires and the American Ambassador in order to fully carry out as quickly as possible the instructions sent me by your Excellency and confirmed in the signed letter about the departure of the Royal Navy Ships and Merchant Ships now in Spanish ports. The matter was discussed this morning with the Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs and he was requested to accord all facilities possible so that the question could be solved in accordance with your Excellency's instructions. Though he asked for a written request Count Jordana replied that the matter would be dealt with with complete objectivity. And he said further that as Spain's neutrality which has special Judicial aspect was involved, it was a very delicate question. I saw my American .....

and British Colleagues immediately after the above interview and they agreed that I should prepare the note in consultation with them.

Please be assured your Excellency that all the Staff of this Royal Embassy remain loyal to His Majesty and will support faithfully yourself in your task, and that except for a few sporadic contrary manifestations all the Italian consulates in Spain are collaborating in the same manner. I have partially settled such contrary manifestations. At the outset I informed the Royal Representatives in Ankara Berne Buenos Aires Dublin Helsinki Kabul Lisbon and Stockholm of the unchanged attitude of my Staff and myself. Aside from Dublin and Kabul from whom I have received no replies I have received telegraphic advices that the same course is being followed. In accord with your Excellency's orders I have communicated to all the above mentioned representatives your instructions sent for my information and for those representatives that I was able to communicate with. I will immediately despatch any message your Excellency may wish to communicate to the above representatives.

I have received telegraphic advice from the Royal Minister that the Legation in Berne continue to deal with the protection of Italian interests in those countries in which we are represented by the Swiss Government.

Messages will be brought to His Majesty and to your Excellency in a few days through the good offices (?) of the American Ambassador in Madrid.

The above message was signed by PAOLUCCI DI CALBOLI. Courier bringign Italian text.



NAVAL MESSAGE

C-in-C Med (R) C-in-C Med (A)  
 MOST SECRET  
 CYPHER

From P.O.T.A.  
 IMMEDIATE

Your 141916. I have reported to General Macfarlane at Brindisi today Thursday and interviewed the Minister of Marine.

2. Minister of Marine represented that a memorandum by Commodore Dick suggested warships smaller than destroyers except submarines in ports south of latitude 42° from proceeding to Allied ports.
3. Minister of Marine strongly urges that these vessels should continue to be used for fighting Germans and moving personnel to such localities as Corfu and the Dalmatian coast and also for support of troops at Bari and to northward.
4. He also asks for all minor war vessels at Augusta to be sent to Taranto or Brindisi in order to operate in Adriatic.
5. He asked permission to use minor war vessels at Palermo to operate from Messina and interrupt German communications between Corsica Elba and Pionbano which is very important in view of western half of Corsica being in Italian hands.
6. I informed Minister that I would represent his requests but that it appeared to me impracticable that conduct of sea warfare in Mediterranean could be exercised by any authority other than you. He replied that as no Allied ships were on the scene referred to he sought permission to use his own ships.
7. Minister informed me that General Eisenhower had given permission for cruiser SCIPIO AFFRICANO and four destroyers to be placed at disposal of King of Italy. Cruiser, two corvettes and two torpedo boats are at Brindisi for this purpose. Request information whether they are to remain exempt from other orders.
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T.O.O. 161707Z Sep  
 T.O.D. In Transit.

*Brindisi Day 1071 1511 12.*



NAVAL MESSAGE

IMMEDIATE.

MOST SECRET.

C.in C. MED. (R). C. IN C. (A).

FROM: F.O.T.A.

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*Brindisi Diary VSI 18th 20.*

T.O.O. 171153.

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Log 1

September

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS: SECRET

PREC: PRIORITY

FROM: FATIMA

TO: FREEDOM rpt AMHQ ADV CP  
at AMILCAR

M/C NR: 10/05

REF NR: 282

FILED: 051955A Oct

REC'D:

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CAMPBELL OF NASBO IS HERE CONFERRING WITH ITALIAN NAVY RELATIVE TO THE REQUISITIONING BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OF ALL MERCHANT SHIPS FLYING THE ITALIAN FLAG PD ARRANGEMENTS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY PD EXPECT REQUISITION DECREE TO BE ISSUED BY BADOGLIO TOMORROW.

AUTHENTICATED:

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

TARANTO, 13th September 1943.

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See also files of Political Section  
for correspondence between  
Italian Govt and Embassies abroad regarding  
Italian shipping in different parts  
of the world at the time of  
the Armistice.

*A. J. Shaw*

Capt.

26. Sept. 44.

M.O.S.T. S.E.C.R.E.T. T.E.L.E.G.R.A.M.

TO:- C. in C. Med. (Personal)

FROM:- F.O.'Z.

EMERGENCY.

1. My 121946. Received with ceremony and marked courtesy. Declined BADOGLIO'S invitation to lunch.
2. Spent half hour with Minister of Marine making following points:
  - (a) Your satisfaction at manner in which Italian Navy carried out terms of armistice.
  - (b) German submarines at POIA.
  - (c) Italian ships in Spanish waters.
  - (d) Necessity for Italians to fight at once against Germans.
3. Para 2 (b). All communications out to POIA. Minister of Marine promised to make every effort to send by air orders for destruction of U-boats.

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4. Minister of Marine asked,
  - (a) What instructions had been issued for disarming Italian men-of-war.
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  - (c) Our policy regarding requisitioning Italian merchant vessels.I told him I would obtain this information for him.
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  - (c) As regards kicking Germans out of Italy the Marshall evinced every desire to do so. Italians fighting with Allies.
6. I believe both Marshall and Minister of Marine have every desire to lead Italian forces against Germans in Italy but they have insufficient confidence in their following until there is greater evidence of Allied strength in Italy.



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\* Have completed arrangements to visit Marshall BADOGLIO at Brindisi.

13th September 1943.

*Brindisi Diary, Vol. 1, 8 Nov 43*

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CLASS: MOST SECRET

PREC: IMMEDIATE

FROM: FOLA

TO: C in C MED

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T.O.O. 141809 B

14 Sep 43

P.F.P. LODGE DUTY CYPHER OFFICER



ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

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NOTE No 7.

TO THE ANGLO-AMERICAN MISSION  
(Translation)

16 Sep 43

We ask you to authorise urgently the sending of a torpedo boat to Argostoli to help the garrison which is fighting against the Germans.

A torpedo boat and a hospital ship to Cattaro to embark numerous wounded.

A merchant ship with an escort to Corfu to bring to Italy 400 German prisoners, who would be consigned to the English, as well as the German Consul at Corfu and his wife.

We take this opportunity of representing to you the necessity of having a general authorisation for the urgent employment of light craft in Italian ports, for necessities of the kind referred to above, which occur from time to time.

(Presumably from Italian Supreme Command)

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NAVAL MESSAGE

IMMEDIATE.

MOST SECRET.

C.in C. MED. (R). C. IN C. (A).

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*Brindisi: Italy 1015 F.O.T.A.*Sec 2  
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T.O.O. 171153.

September

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS: SECRET

PREC : PRIORITY

FROM : FATIMA

TO : FREEDOM rpt AFHQ ADV CP  
at AMILCAR

M/C NR: 10/05

REF NR: 282

FILED : 051955A Oct

REC'D :

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AUTHENTICATED:

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
APO 512

FROM : BRINDISI MISSION

DATE: 18 September 1943

TO : FREEDOM

CLASS: SECRET

REF.NO. 10

PREC: IMMEDIATE

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ITALIAN COMMANDER AT CORFU REPORTS GERMAN FORCES AT GOMENIZZA APPARENTLY  
ASSEMBLED TO ATTACK CORFU. EMINENTLY. HE URGENTLY REQUESTS SUPPLIES OF  
FOOD AND MEDICAL STORES. ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND AGAIN REQUEST URGENTLY  
TO BE ALLOWED TO SEND TORPEDO BOATS SIRIO AND CLIO TO CORFU.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
AFG 512

FROM: BRINDISI MISSION.

TO : EISENHOWER (PERSONAL)

REF.NO. 11

DATE: 18 September 1943

CLASS: SECRET

PREC: IMPORTANT

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OUR POLICY REGARDING PERMITTING ITALIANS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR CORFU  
AND OTHER ISLANDS IS APPARENTLY INCONSISTENT. WE ARE ENCOURAGING  
ITALIAN AIR FORCE TO DO ALL THEY CAN AND THEY WILL OPERATE. ON THE OTHER  
HAND ITALIAN NAVY HAVE BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION TO LEAVE PORT PENDING REPLY  
FROM CINC MEDITERRANEAN TO FO TARANTO. PLEASE CLARIFY THIS SITUATION  
FOR ME AS IT SEEMS ILLOGICAL.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
APO 512

FROM: FREEDOM from Eisenhower  
cite FHQCT. report FREEDOM  
and cite Gino Med. Ref 010, 18/9.  
TO: FATIMA for PERSONAL ATTENTION  
of General Mason Macfarlane

*Leq*  
DATE: 201520B 1943

CLASS: SECRET

PREC :

REF NO. RELAY 381/20

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Policy is to get Italian Naval Forces to secure points of Strategic  
importance. Therefore Italian warships in Italy may be used to  
proceed Corfu or elsewhere but insure that Flag Officer Taranto  
is fully informed of these instructions and that any special orders  
which he may issue are complied with.

NOTE: Delay due to 2 services on this Msg.

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