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POLITICAL COMMUNICATIONS & RELATIONS
WITH EMBASSIES & CONSULATES ABROAD
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RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
AND ITS EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES ABROAD.

Withdrawn for Dr. Harris,
British Cabinet Office

Italian Government.

Communications and relations

with

Embassies & Consulates abroad

The attached papers are intended
to give only a superficial picture of
relations in the early days following
the Armistice.

More detailed correspondence will be
found in the files of the Political
Section.

Office of the Resident Minister
at Allied Force Headquarters

TUNIS.

17th September, 1943.

My Dear General

You will receive a letter from Bob Murphy today about communications with the Italian Ambassador at Madrid. I think the letter is quite clear. Marshall Badoglio will, I hope, immediately write the necessary letter, particularly instructing the Ambassador to co-operate with our Ambassador in carrying out all the items of the armistice, especially as regards shipping in Spanish ports.

You will observe that this letter must be signed by the Marshall.

The letter can be flown back here and A.F.H.Q. will arrange for it to be flown to Gibraltar and then taken to Madrid.

I'm afraid the communications are working very badly, but I hope for your sake they will improve.

I am taking up the question of AMG Lira at to-morrow's conference. At today's conference we made a report on the present situation, and it was decided to put the whole question of higher policy before the two Governments for decision.

I must thank you very much for your kindness and I hope we were not too much of a nuisance. It was a most interesting experience and you can rely on me to back you up in every way I can.

I have given your private message to Ike.

With kindest regards.

/s/ Harold MacMillan

Lieut General Mason Macfarlane

Original in Political Section files

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ADVANCED ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

September 17, 1943.

Dear General,

We have a message from the American Ambassador in Madrid to the effect that the Italian Ambassador in Spain advised him that since the Italian armistice he has received no instructions. He urgently wishes to receive instructions signed by Marshall Badoglio ordering him to collaborate with the American and British Embassies, as well as for his Military and Naval Attaches to cooperate with their American and British colleagues.

According to this advice the Italian Ambassador does not know officially the terms of the armistice. He only knows that an armistice has been signed, that Victor Emmanuel remains King and that Badoglio is Prime Minister. He requests that the armistice terms be communicated to him urgently, as well as instructions regarding Italian shipping now in Spanish ports.

The Italian Ambassador is a bit doubtful regarding any message which he might receive in Italian code because he believes that the Italian codes are known to the Germans.

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With cordial good wishes I am,

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Robert D. Murphy

Lieutenant General Mason Macfarlane
Allied Military Mission
Brindisi Italy

P. S.....

Original in Political Sec' file

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P. S. --- Things seem to be going very well indeed and I know you must be greatly encouraged. News of the German evacuation of Sardinia and their planned evacuation of Corsica should be a source of great stimulation for the Italians.

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He also told me that he had sent you some motor cars.

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The atmosphere here today is very cheerful. This apparently was not the case yesterday or the day before.

All the best to you.

2004

11 October 1943

To Marshall Badoglio.

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Allied Military Mission.

M. J. T.

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Original in PW Section Files

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Allied Military Mission
Brindisi Italy

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Original - Military Section File

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Allied Military Mission.

(M. J. T.)

Original in Signal Section File.

SECRET

INCOMING MESSAGE

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

FROM: FREEDOM

TO : FATIMA

REF, NO. 6752

19 Sep 43
DATE: 191581B 1943

CLASS: SECRET

PREC : PRIORITY

Please inform Badoglio and the King that according to the American representatives there the Italian missions both in Lisbon and Madrid are concerned over the absence of any knowledge regarding the present whereabouts of the Italian Government and the absence of definite instructions as to the line of policy they are to follow. The Ambassador in Madrid points out that a serious problem confronts him in Spain. There are 3,000 Italians in Madrid alone, and his staff. Including Consuls and Agents runs into hundreds. Pressure is being brought to bear on the Consuls to declare for the Fascist Government by the Germans. Pressure has so far been resisted by all the Consuls who are awaiting instructions. Present indefinite status cannot however continue for long. The Ambassador has heard nothing since the government left Rome and (? does) not even know who is the Minister Foreign Affairs. He is unable to answer the questions of the Italians in Spain who are equally without information and the Ambassador states that he must have some word quickly in order

to unite them. He believes he can hold the majority in line if communications are established with his governmental though it is ? clear that some Italians in Spain will desert to the Fascist Regime. Direct courier service by plane from Gibraltar to the Seat of the Italian Government is solicited. Dajeta in Lisbon has asked that a message be communicated to the King to the effect that he and his collaborators are holding themselves at the Kings disposal and awaiting his orders. Information is further requested concerning the King's general desire with respect to the functioning of the legation as well as any specific wishes he may have with regard to individual members of the staff. It has also been suggested that Marshall Badoglio may wish to instruct Italian diplomatic organisations abroad to cooperate with the Allies and place all information concerning Germany at their disposal. Since it may be impractical for him to communicate direct with all Italian diplomatic agents, he may wish to communicate through the Italian Ambassador in Madrid, passing on through him his instructions and the terms of the Armistice for their guidance. The Italians missions have also pointed out that another serious matter is that whereas the radio from Northern Italy, and lately from Rome, assures Italians that the Fascist Government of Italy, no word has come from 6 either the King or Badoglio on the other side, which is naturally disturbing to Italians abroad who feel in need of guidance.

Communicated to Badoglio to N.M. via Lt. Com.
Loratielli. See Benini's Diary Vol II. Feb 59

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

FROM: FATIMA

DATE: 19 September 1943

TO: F AFHQ CP REPEATED AFHQ.

CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

REF NO. 924

PRECEDENCE: MOST IMMEDIATE

SAW MARSHALL BADOGLIO THIS MORNING. SIGNED MACFARLANE. HAVE SECURED
LETTER SIGNED BY MARSHALL FOR TRANSMISSION ITALIAN EMBASSY MADRID. LETTER
WILL REACH CINC MEDITERRANEAN BY AIR THIS AFTERNOON. INFORMED MARSHALL
THAT APPEARED TO BE DISSATISFACTION AMONG THE POPULATION REGARDING DELAY
IN GETTING RID OF OFFICIALS WHO HAD OPERATED UNDER FASCIST REGIME. MARSHALL
SAID HE WAS CARRYING OUT A CLEAN UP TODAY AND WAS GOING TO BARI TO
BROADCAST THIS AFTERNOON

AUTHENTICATED.

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

20 Sep 43

FROM : FATIMA

DATE : 202300B 1943

TO : FREEDOM rpt to AFHQ CP

CLASS : SECRET

REF. NO. 041

PREC : IMMEDIATE

YOUR NUMBER SIX SEVEN FIVE TWO. HAVE SEEN BADOGLIO WHO HAS
WRITTEN A TELEGRAM TO ITALIAN AMBASSADOR MADRID AND ITALIAN
MINISTER LISBON. RENNEL IS TAKING TEXT OF TELEGRAM WITH HIM
TOMORROW FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION. TELEGRAM IS ENTIRELY
SATISFACTORY. INSTRUCT AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES IN MADRID
AND LISBON TO TELL ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVES THAT BADOGLIO'S
TELEGRAM IS ON THE WAY

AUTHENTICATED

F.N. MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief of Mission

2001

TRANSLATION

SECRET

GOVERNMENT OF H. M. THE KING OF ITALY

23 September 1943

TE GENERAL MASON MAC FARLANE

Lieutenant General Chief of Mission

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In answer to General Eisenhower's memorandum which your Excellency communicated to me today, I should be most grateful if you would kindly transmit to our Royal Ambassador in Madrid, Marchese PAOLUCCI, and to the R. Minister in Lisbon, Signor PRUNAS, the following direct message of H. M. the King:

"The lack of sufficient and proper radio connections has made it difficult to send my direct word from this free part of peninsular Italy to the Italians who are in the country, and to those who abroad represent in my Name the Royal Government and the Country.

Meanwhile, hoping that direct communications will be established, Your Excellency will kindly transmit my words of unshaken faith to all Compatriots. I trust that I shall soon come back to Rome with my Government. The cordial and powerful help of the valorous Anglo-American troops, the numerous proofs of fidelity and attachment which the population has given me with unanimous enthusiasm, the perfect behaviour of all the Armed Forces which remained true to their oath, are a great comfort to me in this grave moment.

Original in Political Section Files

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Every obstacle, every adversity will be overcome; The Italians trust my Government and me as I keep intact and unshaken a complete certitude in the sacred Fate of the Fatherland.

Your Excellency will kindly give the widest diffusion to these words of mine in Spain and Portugal and in any place where it will be possible to, so that the feelings and the words of the King may reach every Compatriot. VITTORIO EMMANUELE

/s/

/s/ B A D O G L I O
CAPO DEL GOVERNO DI
S.M. IL RE D'ITALIA"

SECRET

OUTGOING MESSAGE

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

FROM: ENTIMA

Sep
DATE : 231055 B

TO : FREEDOM for His Excellency, Paolucci da
Calboli, Ambassador of Italy, Madrid

CLASS: SECRET

PREC : MOST IMMEDIATE

REF. NO. **069**

IF THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT HAS NOT ALREADY COMMUNICATED WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY
IT IS IN VIEW OF THE EXTREME DIFFICULTY OF COMMUNICATION. (FROM BADOGLIO)
I CANNOT SAY THE LOCALITY WHERE WE ARE FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, BUT WE ARE
SOMEWHERE IN SOUTHERN ITALY.

DIRECTIVES FOR YOUR ACTION AND FOR ALL OF THE LEGATIONS AND CONSULATES
WITH WHICH YOUR EXCELLENCY MAY COME IN CONTACT ARE AS FOLLOWS.

THE ARMISTICE HAVING BEEN SIGNED AND ALL ITS PROVISIONS CARRIED OUT WE
ARE NOW IN A PHASE OF COMPLETE COLLABORATION WITH THE ANGLO DASH AMERICANS
IN ORDER TO DRIVE THE GERMANS FROM ITALY. THE SO-CALLED FASCIST REPUBLICAN
GOVERNMENT WILL BE ANNIHILATED BY OUR ADVANCE TO THE NORTH. ALL ITALIANS
MUST OBEY THE ORDERS OF THE KING AND SUPPORT THE ACTION OF THE ENGLISH AND
THE AMERICANS.

OUR PROPAGANDA IS CARRIED ON BY RADIO ALGIERS AND LONDON BUT OUR RADIO WILL FUNCTION
IN A FEW DAYS. A PRIVATE MESSAGE FROM HIS MAJESTY THE KING TO YOUR EXCELLENCY
AND TO LISBON WILL FOLLOW. COMMUNICATE WITH ME BY INTER - ALLIED COMMAND ALGIERS.

AUTHENTICATED

ELLERY STONE
Captain, USNR

OUTGOING MESSAGE

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

FROM: FATIMA

DATE: 272225A Sep

TO : FREEDOM rpt to AFHQ ADV CP

CLASS: SECRET

REF NO. 148

PREC:

~~ITALIAN~~ ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SEEKS MEANS TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS WITH ITS MORE IMPORTANT EMBASSIES AND LEGATIONS IN ORDER RALLY THEIR OVERSEAS NATIONALS TO GOVERNMENT SUPPORT AND TO HAVE CHANNEL FOR TRANSMITTING INSTRUCTIONS. AM FORWARDING YOU SEPARATELY TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM MARSHALL BADOGLIO FOR RELAY VIA LONDON OR WASHINGTON TO ITALIAN AMBASSADOR OR MINISTER AT STOCKHOLM, MADRID, ANKARA, BERNE, AND BUENOS AIRES. THESE MESSAGES AS RELAYED SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO EITHER UNITED STATES OR UNITED KINGDOM DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE AT EACH CAPITAL FOR LOCAL DELIVERY. INVERSE PROCEDURE SHOULD BE FOLLOWED FOR REPLIES. IF YOU CONCUR APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE ISSUED BY UNITED STATES AND UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENTS TO THEIR DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE AT FIVE CAPITALS IN QUESTION. AFTER INITIAL CONTACT IS ESTABLISHED, ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL SELECT ONE OF THESE EMBASSIES OR LEGATIONS TO BE CENTRAL FORWARDING AGENCY FOR ALL FUTURE DIPLOMATIC DESPATCHES SO AS TO KEEP TRAFFIC LOAD ON FATIMA AND FREEDOM TO MINIMUM.

AUTHENTICATED:

F.N. MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief of Mission

1997

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

M/C NR: 7/28

CLASS : SECRET

REF NO: 156

PREC : MOST IMMEDIATE

FILED:

FROM : FATIMA

REC'D: 281436A Sep

TO : FREEDOM

REFER MY ONE FOUR EIGHT OF SEPTEMBER TWO SEVEN.

FOLLOWING FOR ITALIAN LEGATION BERNE.

QUOTE 10/1 HIS MAJESTYS GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED COMMUNICATIONS FROM YOUR LEGATION. I CONFIRM INSTRUCTIONS TO GIVE ANGLO DASH AMERICANS FULL SUPPORT. REPORT ON ATTITUDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TOWARDS HIS MAJESTYS GOVERNMENT AND SITUATION YOUR LEGATION AND DEPENDING CONSULATES. REPORT WITHOUT BIAS ON ITALIANS PROMOTING AND GIVING FULL SUPPORT TO DEMONSTRATIONS OF LOYALTY TO HIS MAJESTYS GOVERNMENT. WHICH COUNTS ON POWERFUL ANGLO DASH AMERICAN HELP TO FREE ITALY FROM GERMAN AND FASCIST ENEMIES TO IMPROVE SITUATION FATHERLAND. COMMUNICATE THROUGH LOCAL AMERICAN OR ENGLISH DIPLOMATIC AGENCIES INFORMING US ABOUT POSSIBILITIES FOR YOU TO CORRESPOND DIRECTLY WITH ITALIAN DIPLOMATIC AGENCIES MADRID LISBON ANKARA STOCKHOLM VATICAN AND WITH OUR DIPLOMATIC AGENCIES FAR EAST IN COUNTRIES OCCUPIED BY JAPAN. KEEP US ADVISED REGARDING OUR AGENCIES AND ITALIANS IN GERMANY AND OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. REPORT ON POSSIBILITY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAY ASSUME PROTECTION OUR INTERESTS IN GERMANY. SIGNED BADOGLIO. UNQUOTE.

AUTHEBTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brig. Gen. USA

1931

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

M/C NR: 8/28

CLASS : SECRET

REF. NO. 157

PREC : MOST IMMEDIATE

FILED:

FROM : FATIMA

REC'D: 281650 A Sep

TO : FREEDOM

REFER MY ONE FOUR EIGHT OF SEPTEMBER TWO SEVEN.

FOLLOWING FOR ITALIAN EMBASSY ANKARA.

QUOTE 9/1 I CONFIRM INSTRUCTIONS TO GIVE ANGLO DASH AMERICAN FULL COOPERATION.
REPORT ON ATTITUDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TOWARDS HIS MAJESTYS GOVERNMENT AND SITUATION
YOUR EMBASSY AND DEPENDING CONSULATES. REPORT WITHOUT BIAS ON ATTITUDE ITALIANS
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STOCKHOLM. KEEP US ADVISED REGARDING OUR AGENCIES BUCAREST SOFIA BUDAPEST
BRATISLAVA. SIGNED BADOGLIO. UNQUOTE

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brig. Gen. USA

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

M/C NR: 9/28

CLASS : SECRET

REF NO. 158

PREC : MOST IMMEDIATE

FILED:

FROM : FATIMA

REC'D: 281653A Sep

TO : FREEDOM

REFER MY ONE FOUR EIGHT OF SEPTEMBER TWO SEVEN.

FOLLOWING FOR ITALIAN EMBASSY MADRID.

QUOTE 6/2 I CONFIRM INSTRUCTIONS TO GIVE ANGLO DASH AMERICANS FULL COOPERATION. REPORT ON ATTITUDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TOWARDS HIS MAJESTYS GOVERNMENT AND SITUATION YOUR EMBASSY AND DEPENDING CONSULATES. REPORT WITHOUT BIAS ON ATTITUDE ITALIANS PROMOTING AND GIVING FULL SUPPORT TO DEMONSTRATIONS OF LOYALTY TO HIS MAJESTYS GOVERNMENT WHICH COUNTS ON POWERFUL ANGLO DASH AMERICAN HELP TO FREE ITALY FROM GERMAN AND FASCIST ENEMIES TO IMPROVE SITUATION FATHERLAND. FOR OUR INFORMATION TRANSMIT INSTRUCTIONS WHICH MAY BE RECEIVED FROM SO DASH CALLED FASCIST REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT. COMMUNICATE THROUGH LOCAL AMERICAN OR ENGLISH DIPLOMATIC AGENCIES INFORMING US ABOUT POSSIBILITIES FOR YOU TO CORRESPOND DIRECTLY WITH ITALIAN DIPLOMATIC AGENCIES BERNE LISBON ANKARA STOCKHOLM. KEEP US ADVISED REGARDING OUR AGENCIES DUBLIN TANGER AND DEPENDING CONSULATES. RETRANSMIT THIS TELEGRAM TO LISBON MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT. SIGNED BADOGLIO UNQUOTE.

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brig. Gen. USA

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

M/C NR: 10/28

CLASS : SECRET

REF. NO. 159

PREC : MOST IMMEDIATE

FILED:

FROM : FATIMA

REC'D : 281655A Sep

TO : FREEDOM

REFER MY ONE FOUR EIGHT OF SEPTEMBER TWO SEVEN.

FOLLOWING FOR ITALIAN EMBASSY STOCKHOLM.

8/1 I CONFIRM INSTRUCTIONS TO GIVE ANGLO DASH AMERICANS FULL COOPERATION.
REPORT ON ATTITUDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TOWARDS HIS MAJESTYS GOVERNMENT AND
SITUATION YOUR LEGATION AND DEPENDING CONSULATES. REPORT WITHOUT BIAS ON
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POSSIBILITIES FOR YOU TO CORRESPOND DIRECTLY WITH ITALIAN DIPLOMATIC AGENCIES
BERNE LISBON ANKARA MADRID. KEEP US ADVISED REGARDING OUR AGENCIES OSLO
COPENHAGEN HELSINKI. SIGNED BADOGLIO UNQUOTE.

AUTHENTICATED:

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

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR :

CLASS: SECRET

PREC: MOST IMMEDIATE

FROM: FATIMA

TO : FREEDOM

M/C NR: 11/28

REF. NO. 160

FILED:

REC'D: 281657A Sep

REFER MY ONE FOUR EIGHT OF SEPTEMBER TWO SEVEN .

FOLLOWING FOR ITALIAN EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES. QUOTE SEVEN SLANT ONE
HIS MAJESTY'S ^{Government} HAS NOT YET RECEIVED COMMUNICATIONS FROM YOUR EMBASSY. I CONFIRM
INSTRUCTIONS TO GIVE ANGLO DASH AMERICANS FULL COOPERATION. REPORT ON ATTITUDE
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DIRECTLY WITH ITALIAN DIPLOMATIC AGENCIES MADRID LISBON BERNE. SIGNED BADOGLIO
UNQUOTE.

AUTHENTICATED:

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

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS : SECRET

PREC : ROUTINE

FROM : FREEDOM

TO : FATIMA

M/C 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 Excellencys message received September 24 through the kindness of the American Ambassador in Madrid.

I am awaiting with devotion His Majestys 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 Excellencys 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 Spains 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 you 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 Excellencys 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 communicated to the above representatives.

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

1990

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 PAULUCCIWDI (?) CALBOLI. Courier bringing Italian text.

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

M/C NR: 8/03

CLASS : SECRET

REF. NO. 248

PREC : PRIORITY

FILED: 031423A Oct

FROM : FATIMA

REC'D:

TO : FREEDOM rpt to AFHQ ADV CP at Amilcar

FOLLOWING FROM ITALIAN SUPREME COMMAND FOR GENERAL CASTELLANO. NUMBER ONE SIX TWO SIX. LOCAL ALLIED MILITARY MISSION HAS KINDLY TRANSMITTED TO YOU IN DATE TWO NINE SEPTEMBER FIVE TELEGRAMS FROM MARSHALL BADOGLIO TO OUR DIPLOMATIC AGENCIES MADRID ANKARA BUENOS AIRES BERNE STOCKHOLM. PLEASE WIRE IF TELEGRAMS HAVE BEEN DESPATCHED AND SUPPORT BY COMMANDER IN CHIEF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS EXCHANGE WITH OUR AGENCIES TO MUTUAL ANGLO DASH AMERICAN AND ITALIAN INTEREST.

1982

AUTHENTICATED:

F.N. MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief of Mission

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS : SECRET

PREC : KKK A URGENT

FROM : FATIMA

TO : FREEDOM personal for EISENHOWER

M/F NR: 12/11

REF NO: 359

FILED : 112025A OCT

REC'D :

ITALY WILL DECLARE WAR ON GERMANY AT ONE SIX ZERO ZERO A HOURS ONE THREE
OCTOBER. THREE DOCUMENTS FOLLOW BY RADIO;

(1) INSTRUCTIONS TO THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR IN MADRID TO PASS THE DECLARATION
OF WAR TO THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR IN SPAIN;

(2) A NOTE TO GENERAL EISENHOWER COMMUNICATING THE DECLARATION OF WAR AND
REQUESTING THAT THE ENTIRE NATION AND THE ITALIAN EMBASSIES AND LEGATIONS
BE INFORMED;

(3) THE PROPOSED TEXT OF THE KING'S PROCLAMATION TO THE NATION.

AUTHENTICATED:

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

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