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FROM: FATIM

TO : FREEDOM rpt to AFIL ADV CP at Amilton

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

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CLASS : SECRET

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FROM . FATIMA

TO S FREEDOM TOT tO FIFTEENTH
LEMY GROUP FOR ALEXANDER

M/O NR: 5/03

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FILED: 031420A Out

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AUTHENTICATED:

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR.

CLASS: SECRET

PREC . PRIORITY

FROM . FREEDOM

TO : FATIMA

M/C NR: 4/08

REF NR: 4517

FILED: 071943A Oct

REC'D :

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR.

CLASS: SECRET

PREC . PRIORITY

FROM : FATIMA

TO . FREEDOM

M/C HR: 02/07

REF NR: 300

FILED : 071117A Oct

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AUTHINTICATED:

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

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TO : FRREDOM

M/C MR: 09/14

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AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR Drigadier General, (GA Acting Chief of Mission

OUTGOING MESSAGE

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS APO 512

FRCM, FATIMA

TO : FREEDOM

REF NO. 104

DATE: 250929B Sep

CIASS: SECRET

PREC. MOST IMMEDIATE

HAVING APPROVED THE TEXT OF THE FIRAL PROCLAMATION RECARDING THE CURRENCY QUESTION I GAVE THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES AND FIDER TO PUBLISH IT AT ONCE. THE PROCLAMATION IS SIGNED BY THE KING OF ITALY AND WITHOUT MY KNICKLEDGE HE BY DESCRIBED IN THE PREAMBLE AS THE KING OF ITALY AND ALBANIA AND EMPEROR OF ETHIOPIA. I PRESUME THAT YOU AGREE WITH ME THAT THIS IS QUITE IMPOSSIBLE AND I HOPE YOU WILL GIVE ME OR OBTAIN FOR ME AUTHORITY TO TRIL THE KING THAT HE MUST DROP HIS TITLES OF KING OF ALBANIE AND EMPEROM OF ETHIOPIA. THE PROCLAMATION HAS ALSO BEEN PROADCAST. THERE IS OBVIOUSLY TROUBLE AHEAD IF THESE TITLES CONTINUE IN USE AND I ASK FOR MOST IMMEDIATE REPLY.

AUTHENTICATED:

F.N. MASON MACRATALANZ Lioutement General Chief of Mission.

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ALLIED PORCE HEADQUARTERS APO 512

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TO . FREEDOM REPRIS TO AFEC OF

REF NO. 109

DATE: 251750B BOD

CLASD: SMORET

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AUTHROTICATIO:

P.H. MABON WAGELFLAND Lioutement General thisf of Mission

INCOMING MESSAGE

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS APO 512

FROMA FREEDOM

DATE: 251925B 1943 Sep

TO . FATIMA

CLASS . SECRET

REF NO. 9525

PREC . PRICRITY

Titles other than King of Italy must not be permitted.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Deputy President

24 November 1943.

Deer Marshall Badoglio.-

your Excellency recalls that in one of the earlier proclamations on financial matters, the King of Italy was also given the styles of Emperor of Ethiopia and King of Albania. This had a most unfortunate effect on the Allied Governments and it was the understanding of the Allied Military Mission that His Majesty had decided that these titles should not be used in future. In case all the members of the present Italian Government are not aware of this decision, I shall be grateful indeed if you will inform them and confirm to the Allied Control Commission that this is fully understood by all concerned.

with all warm regards I am,

Sincerely

CAPO DEL GOVERNO.

25 Movember 1943

AL SIGNOR GENERALE JOYCE CAPO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

CARO GENERALE,

D'IMPERATORE DI RTIOPIA DI RE D'ALBANIA PERCHE

CCCORIEVA UN DECRETO A FIRMA DEI MINISTRI PER

LIMITARE L'INTESTAZIONE AL SOLO TITOLO RE D'ITALIA.

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DECRETI AVRANNO SOLO QUEST'ULTIMA INTESTAZIONE.

MOLTO CORDIALMENTE

/s/ Badoglio

785015 Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. TRANSIATION THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT No. 1127 of Prot 27 November 1943 My dear General Joyce: I refer to the point brought up by you this morning, in reference to the titles of Emperor of Ethiopia and King of Albania which appear on decrees of our official gazzette as titles of the King of Italy. It does not seem to me, at this time when men gayly kill one another, that this matter is of primary importance. But it is my strong desire that there should be no shadow of doubt that our conduct is completely above reproach. General Macfarlane, during his stay here as head of the Military Mission, hinted at the bad impression the use of those titles by my King would have on the public opinion of the British and American Governments. I answered that these titles had been publicly acknowledged by the British Government, and that it would be simpler to have the same government resaind that acknowledgment. At any rate, I promised the general that as soon as the cabinet met I would present the matter for their cognisance and discussion. The well known difficulty of forming the cabinet ensued, but on the 24th inet .. I presented this matter before the cabinet. Meanwhile I received your letter, also dated the 24th. A decree was issued, establishing that, from November 1 on, all decrees will bear only the title of King of Italy. Therefore, from this moment forward the wishes of the Allied Governments will be met. If any blame attaches to the delay it is due to the fact that a cabinet with a sufficient number of ministers could not be formed before. This, dear general, is the complete explanation. Very cordially BADOGLIO 2019

29 November 1943.

To His Excellency Marshall Endoglio -

Dear Marshall Bedoglio,-

In the absence of General Joyce I have the honour of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of 27 November regarding the use of the titles of Emperor of Ethiopia and King of Albania by the King of Italy. I can assure Your Excellency that your position in the matter is perfectly understood.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR Brigadier General, USA

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

SVC/RETAY NR:

CLASS: SECRET

PREC: IMPORTANT

FROM: FATIMA

TO : FREEDOM rpt to AFHQ ADV CP at Amilcar

M/C NR: 9

REF NO. 199

FILED: 011553A Oct

REC'D: 011553

THE KING OF ITALY YESTERDAY VISITED FOGGIA AND POTENZA. HE RETURNED VERY PLEASED WITH THE ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION GIVEN HIM BY THE POPULATION AND VERY IMPRESSED BY WHAT HE HAD SEEN OF OUR PREPARATIONS FOR THE OFFENSIVE.

AUTHENTICATED:

F.N. MASON MACE-RIANE Lieutenant General Chief of Mission

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MISSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS : SECRET

PREC : PRIORITY

FROM : FATIMA

TO : FREEDOM rpt to FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP FOR ALEXANDER M/C NR: 5/03

REF NO. 245

FILED: 031420A Oct

REC'D:

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AUTHENTICATED:

F.N. MASON MACFAFIANE Lieutemant General Chief of Mission

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

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PREC : PRIORITY

FROM : FREEDOM

TO : FATIMA

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FROM : FATIMA

TO : FREEDOM

M/C NR: 02/07

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AUTHENTICATED:

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

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

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CLASS: SECRET

PREC : PRIORITY

FROM : FATIMA

TO : FREEDOM

M/C NR: 09/14

REF NR: 400

FILED: 141111A Oct

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AUTHENTICATED:

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SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS: SECRET

PREC : PRIORITY

FROM : FATIMA

TO : FREEDOM

M/C NR: 09/14

REF NR: 406

FILED: 141842A Oct

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

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DATE: 251750h Bep

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F.N. MASON MAGENTARE Lieutement General Chief of Mission

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS APO 512

FROM: FREEDOM

DATE: 251925B 1943 Sep

TO : FATIMA

CLASS : SECRET

REF NO. 9525

PREC : PRIORITY

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signed Eisenhower

OUTGOING MESSAGE

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS APO 512

FROM : FATIMA

DATE : 261248B Sep

TO : FREEDOM rpt to AFHQ ADV CP

CLASS: SECRET

REF NO. 124

PREC: IMMEDIATE

AT THE END OF TODAYS MEETING WITH THE KING HE RAISED THE QUESTION OF HIS ALBANIAN AND ETHIOPIAN TITLES, HE AGREED UNRESERVEDLY THAT THE USE OF THESE TITLES AT PRESENT WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION AND SAID THAT HE WOULD REFER TO HIMSELF AS KING OF ITALY ONLY. ON THE OTHER HAND HE MAINTAINED THAT UNDER THE CONSTITUTION HE COULD NOT SURRENDER THESE TITLES WITHOUT AN ACT OF PARLIMENT WHICH CANNOT BE MADE UNTIL AN ELECTED PARLIMENT CAN BE ASSEMBLED.

AUTHENTICATED:

F.N. MASON MACFARLANE Lieutenant General Chief of Mission

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Deputy President

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CARO GENERALE.

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No. 1127 of prot

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MAXWELL D. TAYLOR Brigadier General, USA