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PRESIDENT, ACC  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION

OFFICE OF THE ~~DEPUTY~~ CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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FOR ARCHIVES:

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Letters (file believed complete) written by Major General  
Kenyon A. Joyce, USA, Deputy President of ACC, between 30 Nov 43 and  
14 Jan 44

Arranged in order of date.

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L. W. Shenfield

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14 January 1944

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

The Allied Control Commission has been advised by the Allied Middle East Command that a number of Italian service personnel now employed on operational duties in the Middle East naturally come in contact with Greek and Yugoslav military personnel in the Allied Forces. Strong protests have been received at the wearing by such Italian officers and soldiers of Albanian medals gained in the campaign against Greece. This has caused some resentment and it is felt that it may lead to incidents and possibly loss of life.

The Allied Authorities do not feel that they can accept responsibility for protecting Italian service personnel under the circumstances.

I am therefore bringing this report to your attention in the event that you may wish to consider the issuance of some instructions to your forces in the Middle East in this regard.

Most sincerely,

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9 January 1944

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

With reference to your letter of 6 January (No. 47)  
I shall be pleased to refer Your Excellency's request for Italian participation at the International Labor Conference at Philadelphia to Allied Force Headquarters for onward transmission.

Most sincerely,

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7 January 1944

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

With reference to your note of 5 January (Number 34 of Prot.) I have noted Your Excellency's comments on the lack of uniformity of prices in AMG and Italian territory. I feel that this is an indication of the need for a co-ordinating authority such as the Central Economic Committee proposes to be. In order to explain the scope of this Committee, I am enclosing an enumeration of its functions.

Most sincerely,

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7 January 1944

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

With reference to your note of 5 January (Number 42 Ministry of Foreign Affairs) the Allied Control Commission will refer your comments to Allied Force Headquarters for necessary action.

Most sincerely,

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
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4 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Major Doe

Get out an order in proper form to the following effect:

By authority of AFHQ letter WGB-387.4-1, dated 23 December 1943, subject: Appointments Vice-Presidents and Deputy Vice Presidents Allied Control Commission, acting for the President of the Allied Control Commission, I hereby make the following appointments in the Allied Control Commission as of November 10, 1943:

Captain Ellery W. Stone USNR	- Vice-President, Communications Section
Mr. Harold Caccia	- Acting Vice-President, (Prov.) Political Section
Mr. Samuel Reber	- Acting deputy Vice-President, (Prov.) Political Section
Air Commodore Viscount Stansgate	- Vice-President, Economic & Administrative Section
Mr. Henry F. Grady	- Deputy Vice-President, Economic & Administrative Section
Air Commodore G. B. Dacre	- Head, Air Force Sub-Commission

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

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4 January 1944

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

I have the honor to acknowledge Your Excellency's letter of January 1, 1944 regarding the maintenance of Italian battle-ships. After discussing the matter with the Naval Sub-Commission, I shall be able to make a further reply to Your Excellency's suggestions.

Most sincerely,

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3 January 1944

Major General Brian Robertson  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
AFHQ Adv Adm Ech  
Naples

Dear General Robertson:

With reference to your letter of 26 December 1943 (59/84) regarding the establishment of an electric power service under your headquarters, I have initiated a study of the matter by the Economic & Administrative Section of this Commission. I shall submit my comments upon the proposal to you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

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

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2 January 1944

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

The Allied Control Commission has been informed that recent decrees, namely Ordinances 16 and 17, have been issued establishing prices for wheat and olive oil. These prices are not in conformity with those set up by the Allied Military Government, thus causing an unfortunate lack of uniformity of prices in different parts of the country.

Allied Force Headquarters has recently placed price fixing authority on the Central Economic Committee which meets in Naples. A member of the Allied Control Commission sitting on this Committee is charged with representing Italian civilian requirements in the area under Italian jurisdiction.

I am sure Your Excellency will appreciate that it is preferable for the Italian Government to refrain from issuing decrees which throw prices out of balance and use the Allied Control Commission as a medium to present the views of the Italian Government to the Central Economic Committee. It is requested that the necessary action be taken to rescind or suspend the above cited ordinances until general price fixing can be coordinated by the Central Economic Committee.

Most sincerely,

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2 January 1944

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that Air  
Commodore G. B. Dacre, C.B.E., D.S.O., is appointed head of the Air  
Force Subcommittee with location at the seat of the Italian Air Ministry.

Most sincerely,

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31 December 1943

To His Excellency Senator Benedetto Croce  
Villa del Tritone, Sorrento

My dear Senator Croce:-

Thank you for your courteous letter of 15 December which  
has just been received by the Allied Control Commission.

Most sincerely,

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31 December 1943

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

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

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

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

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

Most sincerely,



31 December 1943

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

General Eisenhower has asked me to convey to Your Excellency his gratitude for the kind sentiments and good wishes which you extended to him on appointment to his new command.

Most sincerely,

27 December 1943

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

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

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

Most sincerely,

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26 December 1943

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

I have received your letter of 22 December in which you refer to AFHQ's recent withholding of approval to reopen the Bari - Gerdinia radio telegraph circuit and to its unwillingness to authorize the requested frequencies for communication between various ministries pending restoration of normal wire communication. We are reopening both questions with AFHQ to see if it is not possible to secure favorable reconsideration and shall communicate with you further upon receipt of its reply.

Most sincerely,

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24 December 1943

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

Replying to your note of 21 December (No. 1438),

I am happy to read of the commendation of Captain W. R. Schreiber.

I can assure you that Captain Schreiber will not be removed from his present assignment unless his services are urgently needed for some other important post.

Most sincerely,

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19 December 1943

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

With reference to the note of Your Excellency of 16 December regarding the proposed nomination of His Excellency Montagna, I have the honor to inform you that the matter has been referred to the Allied Authorities in Naples. I hope shortly to be able to present their views with respect to your proposal.

Most sincerely,

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18 December 1943

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

With reference to your note of 15 December regarding the evacuation of the Incis Building in Bari, I have been informed that the Allied Authorities have agreed to forego requisitioning of the premises provided the Prefect of Bari can produce alternative accommodations. The reported 24-hour time limit was not imposed. I trust that a satisfactory adjustment is being worked out locally.

Most sincerely,

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18 December 1943

To His Excellency Marshal Messe -

Dear Marshal Messe:-

Thank you for the personal note which you sent me this morning. I shall endeavor to express your point of view at the coming conference. I hope it may be possible to arrange a meeting between you and General Smith. However, I am unaware of the latter's itinerary and plan. As a matter of fact, the definite time of his arrival has not been verified.

Most sincerely,

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17 December 1943

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

Brigadier Lush, the senior AMG officer in the region of the 15th Army Group, was in my office at the time I received your note of 14 December regarding conditions in Campania. I asked Brigadier Lush to discuss this matter in the interview which he was about to have with you. I hope the occasion resulted in a mutually profitable exchange of views.

Most sincerely,

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17 December 1943

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

With reference to your note (No. 1364) of 14 December, the Allied Control Commission has taken immediate action with regard to the article in the communist proletarian newspaper. The impropriety of publishing the article has been called to the attention of the censorship authorities in Bari and a denial has been published in the "Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno" and repeated from Radio Bari.

This incident has afforded an opportunity to bring to the attention of the editors of all newspapers their responsibility in assuring the accuracy of the articles which they publish.

Most sincerely,

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In reply  
refer to: 311.2

14 December 1943

SUBJECT: Wire Circuits NAPLES - BARI

TO : Headquarters, 15th Army Group

1. By a letter of 12 November 1943 the Allied Control Commission requested that six circuits be reserved on the Bari - Naples main cable for the use of the Italian Government and of the Commission if the decision was reached to move the Government and the Commission to Salerno. A reply from Headquarters 15th Army Group indicated that only three circuits would be allotted initially. However, it was understood through a conversation between the Chief of Staff of the Commission and Brigadier General Lemitzer that three additional circuits would be made progressively available so that the necessary six circuits would be obtained in time to meet our requirements in Salerno.

2. The decision has now been made to move the Italian Government and the Commission to Salerno. For planning purposes, the date of completion of the move is assumed to be January 1, 1944.

3. It has recently been learned from the Chief signal officer, 15th Army Group, and confirmed by the Chief signal officer, Lines of Communication, Italy, that only three circuits will be available by January 1st. This will impose such a restriction upon the communications of the Government and the Commission as to make impossible the efficient administration of the territories to be handed over to the Italian control. Also, the supervisory responsibilities of this Commission cannot be exercised adequately under this restricted allocation.

4. In view of the serious effects on Commission and governmental activities, the Allied Control Commission requests reconsideration of the original request for the allocation of six circuits.

KENYON A. JOYCE  
Major General, USA  
Deputy President

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12 December 1943

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

General Reisoli has reported to the Commission and has conferred with the Chief of Staff regarding his trip to Salerno. I am having the Allied Authorities informed of his arrival so that his mission can be facilitated. I hope that he has full power to carry through the requisitioning, as Your Excellency is aware of the imperative need for the seminary facilities before we can get under way with our move to the Salerno area.

Most sincerely,

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12 December 1943

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

Thank you for your note of 9 December indicating that orders have been issued to the Prefect of Bari for the requisitioning of the Molfetta Seminary. I am informed by the Allied Authorities in Bari that they have no present need for the furniture. I am sorry that the Commission has been slow in informing Your Excellency on this latter point.

Most sincerely,



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In reply refer to:  
210.456

10 December 1943

SUBJECT: Italian Commanders

TO : GOC, 15th Army Group

With reference to your 8653/A/BCE, I have informed Marshal Messe of the requirement to replace Generals Mercalli and Medori. I have asked the Italian High Command to keep this Commission informed of the action taken in the case of these two Generals.

KENTON A. JOYCE  
Major General, USA  
Deputy President

Copy to:  
Military Mission  
to Italian Army

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7 December 1943

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

With regard to the conviction of Lieutenant Ettore Greco reported in Your Excellency's note of 6 December, I have directed an investigation to be made of the circumstances. I shall keep Your Excellency informed of the result of this investigation and subsequent action taken.

Most sincerely,

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4 December 1943

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

With regard to the letter of Your Excellency of 2 December referring to the requisition of the Manifatture Cotoniere di Napoli, Poggio Basso, in Naples, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the matter is being referred to the responsible military authorities. As you know, the Naples area is not directly under the control of this Commission, but I am sure that the local Allied authorities will give serious consideration to your observations.

Most sincerely,

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4 December 1943

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

I have just had the pleasure of seeing Your Excellency's letter of 2 December reporting your concern for the food situation in Rome. I know that this is a matter which you have long had in mind and the Allied Military Mission reported your comments to Allied Force Headquarters on a previous date. I shall be happy to refer your latest observations to the responsible Allied authorities.

Most sincerely,

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In reply refer to:  
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4 December 1943

My dear Count Frasso:

I have received your letter of December 2nd concerning your desire to establish a newspaper in this area.

I should like to be able to say that it is a simple matter to acquiesce in your request but unfortunately there are two serious obstacles for the present. The first is the shortage of newsprint which imposes a physical limitation on a number of papers that can be published. Because of this shortage, instructions have been issued from Algiers directing that no additional newspapers be authorized pending the creation of a Publications Board to regulate the allocation of newsprint and allied matters. It is expected that this Board will be operating in the not too distant future so that the present restriction can be removed. At that time, after complying with the provisions of Italian Law, your request should be submitted to the Publications Board.

In spite of the delay imposed, I hope it will not be long before you can present your views through the medium of your own newspaper.

Very sincerely yours,

Count Carlo Dentice Frasso  
Carovigno



4 December 1943

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter of 2 December pertaining to the question of Italian representation on the Advisory Council for Italy. I have reported Your Excellency's request to the Commander in Chief and shall keep you informed of any decision reached. Meanwhile, our visitors have completed their informal visit here. They expect to visit Naples and Palermo after which point their movements have not been determined.

Most sincerely,

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30 November 1943

His Excellency, Marshal Badoglio

Dear Marshal Badoglio:

As a matter of interest to Your Excellency I am  
appending to this letter an outline of the plan for the Allied Command  
and Administration of Sardinia, ~~for~~ following the return of the island  
to the jurisdiction of the Italian Crown. Colonel F. L. Simmons has  
already been dispatched to Sardinia to act as my liaison officer in repre-  
senting the Allied Control Commission at the Headquarters of the Italian  
Ground Forces in Sardinia.

Most sincerely,

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Command and administration  
in Sardinia

COMMAND AND ADMINISTRATION IN SARDINIA

1. ALLIED COMMAND

a. Brigadier General Robert M. Webster has been announced as Allied Garrison Commander for Sardinia. He is authorized to apply to the Italian Military Commander for such military assistance in men and materials which he may require.

b. The Naval Officer in Charge, Maddalena Naval Base, will command all Allied naval forces in Sardinia.

2. DEFENSE

a. The Allied Garrison Commander will be responsible for the local ground defense of Allied airfields and installations, and those ports which are being worked in the Allied interest.

b. The Italian Military Commander will be responsible for the general ground defense and security of Sardinia.

c. An Allied Air Force Officer has been designated Air Defense Commander for Sardinia. Italian antiaircraft units which are assigned an active defense role will be under the local operational control of this Air Defense Commander. They will be subject to operational supervision of Major General, Antiaircraft and Coast Defense, AFHQ.

3. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

a. The Allied Regional Commissioner, upon transfer of Sardinia to Italian jurisdiction, will come under the command of the Allied Control Commission. He will be responsible for the supervision of Italian Civil Government and for that purpose will deal with the Italian Civil Commissioner.

b. A detachment of the Military Subcommittee of the Allied Control Commission will be attached to the staff of the Allied Garrison Command to deal with the Italian Military Authorities on behalf of the Allied Control Commission. This detachment, among other duties, will act as the liaison channel between the Allied Commander and Italian Military Authorities on the island.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPLY

a. The Italian Military Commander will be responsible for the

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administration and supply of all Italian army and air force units, subject to supervision by the Garrison Commander in the case of those Italian units which are placed under the command of the Allied Garrison Commander.

b. The Garrison Commander will be responsible for the delivery in bulk at the port of food and other supplies (whether destined for Italian military or civilian consumption) imported into the island under Allied arrangements.

5. MOVEMENTS AND TRANSPORTATION

a. All movements by sea to and from Sardinia will be ordered by AFHQ.

b. The Garrison Commander will be responsible for the operation of ports and Allied transportation agencies in Sardinia, and for the supervision of Italian transportation agencies, insofar as they affect AFHQ interests.

6. COMMUNICATIONS - The Allied Garrison Commander will control and coordinate the installation, operation and maintenance of all communications systems, civil and military, in Sardinia, for the purpose of insuring that they render the maximum assistance to the military effort. Otherwise, civil communication will be under the supervision of the Allied Control Commission.

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