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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT (REAR DET.)
PROPERTY CONTROL SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

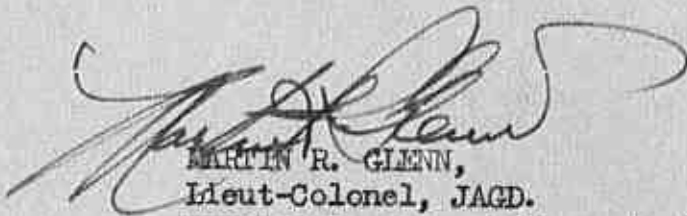
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13 January 1944

Subject: Report of Director of Property
Control for December 1943.

To : Administrative Directorate.

1. Reference cable FARGO - 200 (To I.B.S - SEARS - ROGERS), time sent, 111750A, requesting 50 copies Property Controller's December Report.
2. Requested number of copies are enclosed.


MARTIN R. GLENN,
Lieut-Colonel, JAGD.
Deputy Director of Property Control.

Encls: 50 copies of Report.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

15 January 1944

SUBJECT: A.G.I.P. Properties

TO : Property Controller

1. You are hereby directed to release forthwith from your control the properties of A.G.I.P. formerly taken into your control by virtue of the provisions of Proclamation No. 6. Upon effecting such release and in the absence of further directions, your Subcommission will have no further responsibilities with respect to such properties. This includes all petroleum products now on hand.

2. The foregoing does not apply to any accumulated funds, which will be dealt with separately.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
D.C.U.A., ANG HQ

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RE. AT PEN BASE SECT SIG MES CENT 10 JANUARY 1944

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URGENT

CG PBS FOR FARGO FOR WILMER

NONE

FATIMA FROM ~~JUE~~ UPJOHN SIGNED JOYCE

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NONE

D. bof S(oss)



IMPORTANT CONFERENCE WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ON PROPOSED
POWERS OF PROPERTY CONTROLLER WILL BE HELD AT PALACE OF JUSTICE
BARI FRIDAY 1100 HOURS.

*Aug + 1 cy: Adm Ori ✓
clfr. D. e. g. S. (oss)
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FARGO 200

FARGO

RESTRICTED

ROUTINE

11 JAN 44

10050 VAN DUSEN

C. H. Wentworth

IBS

 RUN OFF AND SEND FIVE ZERO COPIES PROPERTY CONTROLLERS PD PENCE PAREN
FARGO PAREN TO IBS FOR SHARS FOR ROGERS PD CITE FARGO TWO ZERO ZERO PD DECEMBER REPORT
BOOKEND

J.F. NICKEL.
Lt. Col., AGO,
Adjutant General.

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U.S. MESSAGE IN.

SIGS NO. 43⁹⁰5.

TO:- FARGO.

FROM:- SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FHMGS.

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LOOK AT YOUR S-3936 OF 8 DEC AND C-15 OF 15 NOV. IT HAS NOW BEEN AGREED THAT YOU WILL PROTECT FRENCH PROPERTY AS YOU DO THAT OF NATIONALS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

SMC/DIST/ACTION

MGS(ADV)(2)

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26 December 1943

CONFIDENTIAL :

ROUTINE :

FROM : FARGO

TO : IBS FOR SEL ROGERS

Following is paraphrase of cable received here: "Look at your S-3936 of 8 Dec and C-15 of 15 Nov. It has now been agreed that you will protect french property as you do that of nationals of the United Nations.

J. F. NICKEL,
Lt. Col., AGD,
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

3 JANUARY 1944

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IMPORTANT

FARGO FOR GUETERBOCK REPEAT FREEDOM FOR MGS

FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE

031400

031025

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REFERENCE FREEDOM RADIO 22321 TO FATIMA REPEAT FARGO FOR SPOFFORD PLEASE CONFER WITH MISTER GRADY AND COLONEL SPOFFORD THEN MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO AGHQ REGARDING REINFORCEMENT OF PROPERTY CONTROL SUBCOMMISSION.

ACTION AMG HQ.

INFO. MGS ADV

SECY AND C. G.

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Orig to C. of L.

Info "Admin. Dir."

" "Exec off (Admin.)"

Copy to be by Col. C. G. W.

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Dec

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Form 18A

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Signal Corps, United States Army

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Telegram

Received at

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

2 JANUARY 1944

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• ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FOR FARGO FOR SPOFFORD, FATIMA FOR JOYCE
(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : SIGNED CINC

DATE TIME SIGNED: 011654A

DATE TIME REC'D : 027049A

REFERENCE NR. : 22321

CITE : FHMG

HEADQUARTERS
2 JAN 1944
AMG.

COMBINED CIVIL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE DESIRE ARRANGEMENTS BY
ACC TO HANDLE INQUIRIES FROM BUSINESS INTERESTS RELATIVE TO STATE
OF BRANCHES AND SUBSIDIARIES SICILY AND ITALY. SUGGEST PROPERTY
CONTROL SUB COMMISSION BE STRENGTHENED TEMPORARILY FOR PURPOSE.
WE HAVE REPLIED SUBSTANTIALLY THAT ADDITIONAL OFFICERS COULD BE
FOUND TO BE USED ORGANIZATIONALLY AS HQ AMG OR HQ ACC DEEM DESIRE-
ABLE, AND SUBJECT TO OVERALL REQUIREMENTS WHEN ACC FULLY FUNCTIONS.
BELIEVE REOPENING OF POSTAL FACILITIES WILL RENDER THIS SOURCE UN-
NECESSARY AND MEANTIME REQUESTS WILL BE LIMITED TO REASONABLY AC-
CESSIBLE INFORMATION. YOUR COMMENTS REQUESTED ADVISING NUMBER,
RANK AND QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS NECESSARY FROM POOL AT TIZI.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
15 ARMY GROUP

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AMG/56/7.

22 December 43.

AMG, 15 ARMY GROUP ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 5.

CONTROLLER OF PROPERTY.

The duties of the Controller of Property H.Q., AMG, 15 Army Group, shall be divided as follows:-

- (a) Army Areas: Duties and responsibilities of the Controller of Property in Army areas under the control of C.C.A.O., AMG, 15 Army Group.
- (b) Regional Areas: Duties and responsibilities of the Controller of Property in areas covered by Regions under the control of C.C.A.O., AMG, 15th Army Group.

I

ARMY AREAS.

1. DUTIES.

- (a) Prepare directives and instructions for issuance through channels to the C.A.O.'s operating in the field on all matters affecting property control.
- (b) Advise and make recommendations to C.C.A.O. on all matters affecting property control.
- (c) Keep and maintain a central registry of all property taken under control.
- (d) Exercise personal supervision and control over properties which in the opinion of the C.C.A.O. or Controller of Property require special attention.

2. SCOPE OF PROPERTY.

(a) Controller of Property will be responsible for the control of:-

- (i) Property owned by the Government of the United States or by any of the British Commonwealth of Nations, or of the nationals thereof, sequestered by the Italian Government.
- (ii) Enemy state property (not including state property of Italian Government), not in custody of some other Branch of the armed forces.

(iii) Such abandoned property as may be found to be in the hands of the enemy.

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 - (iii) Such abandoned property or property belonging to absentee owners of which no representative can be found in the occupied territory, as the C.C.A.O. shall direct or as the Controller of Property considers necessary.
- (b) The Controller of Property shall also take into his control when directed to do so by the C.C.A.O.:-
 - (i) Any property the control of which is in the opinion of the C.C.A.O. essential to the needs of Allied Forces or the inhabitants of occupied territory.
 - (ii) The property of any person, company, institution or body whose activities are deemed by the C.C.A.O. to be prejudicial to the safety of Allied Forces, public order, or the fulfilment of war aims.

(iii)...../

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(iii) Property owned by any government or any of the nationals of any government allied with the governments of the United States and British Commonwealth of Nations in the common prosecution of the war.

3. PROCEDURE IN EXECUTING DUTIES.

Operating through C.A.O's in the field under instructions issued to them by H.Q., A.K.G., 15 Army Group, the Controller of Property shall:-

- (a) Procure lists of allied and enemy state properties together with valuation and other minimum information.
- (b) Have necessary notices posted.
- (c) Obtain lists and reports.
- (d) Make periodical inspection.

4. PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES.

(a) Upon receipt of the necessary information from C.A.O's, the Controller of Property shall maintain proper records of property taken into his control in such form as to facilitate the transfer of such records to any successor echelon of control. Such reports and records shall be classified and segregated as between or among provinces and the following classes of property:-

- (i) Residential or farm properties.
- (ii) Commercial and business undertakings.
- (iii) Bank deposits, credits and intangible assets.

The Controller of Property shall not be responsible for obtaining or preparing detailed inventories, but his records shall show the general physical condition of the property, and whether occupied by armed forces. The Controller of Property shall, so quickly as possible, take personal supervision of property which requires control, care and maintenance.

The Controller of Property shall arrange with Public Safety Division for the proper guarding and protection of property and shall arrange for the posting of notices as additional protection.

5. PREPARATION AND APPROVAL OF NOTICES.

All notices shall be approved by the Legal Division prior to submission to the C.C.A.O. for approval.

II

REGIONAL APPEALS

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REGIONAL AREAS.

When territories previously under the control of 15 Army Group pass to AMG Regions under the control of C.C.A.O., 15 Army Group, the Controller of Property shall:-

1. DUTIES.

(a) Prepare directives and instructions for issuance through channels to Regional Controllers of Property on all matters affecting property control.

(b) Advise and make recommendations to C.C.A.O. on all matters involving policy determinations affecting property control.

(c)...../

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- (c) Exercise personal supervision over property control activities in the Regions to the extent necessary to assure uniformity of policy and records.

2. PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES.

In the performance of his duties the Controller of Property shall be guided by General Administrative Instruction No. 10, A.M.G. Manual, so far as the same is not inconsistent herewith, and by the Proclamations and Orders made by or under the authority of the Military Governor. Any reference to enemy state property or para-statal undertakings does not apply to property of the Italian Government or the para-statal undertakings thereof.

[Signature]
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

/JG.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
15 ARMY GROUP.

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22 December 43.

AMG 15 Army Group Administrative Instruction
No. 6.

INSTRUCTIONS TO S.C.A.O.'s and C.A.O.'s
ON PROPERTY CONTROL.

1. Upon arrival in any provincial capital or any city of substantial population or importance you will direct the Prefect or Podesta to prepare and submit to you promptly, in duplicate, a list of all property owned by British or American Governments or their Nationals, or by enemy Governments or their Nationals. The list will be typewritten in duplicate on the form made available herewith. You will simultaneously instruct the Prefect or Podesta to cause a "Notice" signed by you to be posted in a conspicuous place on properties owned by the British or American Governments or their Nationals, and enemy state property. (This shall not include property of the Italian Government). A supply of such Notices is herewith made available.
2. Upon receipt of the lists you will retain one copy and forward the other through channels to the Controller of Property, AMG, 15 Army Group. It is recognised that you will not have time personally to undertake the posting or listing of properties, nor provide close supervision, and that these should be the responsibility of the Italian officials upon whom you must rely. If any property so listed appears to you to have substantial value or is culturally or otherwise of an unusual nature, you will personally inspect it as soon as opportunity permits and submit a report through channels to the Controller of Property, AMG 15 Army Group. If property consists of perishable commodities and no representative of the owner is present to protect or dispose of the same, you will direct the Prefect or Podesta to cause it to be sold for the owner's account at public sale. If such property consists of food or articles which may be required by the Army, or Civil Supply Division, opportunity should be afforded them to purchase or requisition it.
3. If any branch of the Armed Forces desires to occupy any premises which have been posted you will consent to such occupancy but will request that an officer of the occupying unit furnish you an inventory, in duplicate, of the property, a proper requisition order, and agrees to notify you when the occupancy ceases. The inventory should be checked by the Italian official as quickly as possible after occupancy ceases and discrepancies noted. The original inventory, requisition order, and list of discrepancies will be submitted to Controller of Property. If a caretaker for the property is available, arrangements should be made with the military unit desiring occupancy.

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4. If property is occupied by the Armed Forces prior to posting, the occupant should be advised that its protection is the responsibility of AMG.

/JG. *Thick*

[Signature]
Brigadier,
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTORATE
APO 512

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AMG/300.32/AD.

9 December 1941

SUBJECT: General Order No. 16.

TO: H.C.A.D., Region I.
H.C.A.D., Region II.

In view of the absence of facilities, it has not been possible to print General Order No. 16 attached. The order should be published in local papers and copies sent to the principal offices, the Banca di Sicilia in Region I and the Banca di Napoli in Region II.

By Command of Brigadier General McSHERRY:

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[Signature]

[Signature]
CHARLES A. SPURFORD,
COLONEL, U.S.A.,
Acting Chief of Staff.

Copies to: A.P.H.Q., H.C.S.
H.C., 15 Army Group.
D.C. of B. ✓
Legal Sub-Commission.
Finance Sub-Commission.
Economic Directorate.
Interior Sub-Commission.
Public Safety Sub-Commission.
Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

GENERAL ORDER NO. 16

PROPERTY CONTROL

PURSUANT to the provisions of Proclamation No. 6, Article IV, Section 5, I, FRANK J. McSHERRY, Brigadier General, Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer of the Allied Military Government, hereby Order as follows:

ARTICLE I

EXTENSION OF PROPERTY CONTROL

AS from the effective date of this Order the provisions of Article IV of Proclamation No. 6 shall be applicable to the property situated in the Occupied Territory of Sicily and of the Provinces of MATERA, POTENZA, CATANZARO, COSENZA, REGGIO, and SALERNO on the mainland of Italy, including obligations of debtors within such Occupied Territory, owned by any government or any national of any of the United Nations not mentioned in Section 1 of such Article or in which any such government or national has any interest.

ARTICLE II

EFFECTIVE DATE

THIS General Order will become operative throughout each province of Sicily and each of the aforesaid provinces on the mainland of Italy on the date of its first publication therein.

(Signed) Frank J. McSherry
Brigadier General, USA
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs
Officer.

Dated: 7th December 1943

GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

ORDINE GENERALE NO. 16

CONTROLLO DI PROPRIETA

Facendo seguito ai provvedimenti del Proclama No.6, articolo IV, sezione 5,
Io, FRANK J. McSHERRY, Brigadiere-Generale, Sotto Capo Ufficiale degli Affari
Civili del Governo Militare Alleato, con la presente ordino come segue:

ARTICOLO I

ESTENSIONE DEL CONTROLLO DI PROPRIETA

A decorrere dalla data effettiva di questo ordine, i provvedimenti dell'Articolo
IV del Proclama No.6 saranno applicabili alla proprietà di qualsiasi Governo o
qualsiasi cittadino di qualunque delle Nazioni Unite non specificate in Sezione I
del suddetto articolo, situata nei territori occupati della Sicilia e delle
province di MATERA, CATANZARO, COSENZA, REGGIO, POTENZA e SALERNO dell'Italia
Continenteale, includendo obblighi di debitori entro i suddetti territori occupati;
i suddetti provvedimenti saranno pure applicabili nei territori occupati nei
quali qualsiasi dei Governi o cittadini specificati abbiano degli interessi.

ARTICOLO II

DATA EFFETTIVA

Questo Ordine Generale entrerà in effetto in tutte le province della Sicilia
ed ognuna delle suddette province dell'Italia Continentale il giorno della
prima pubblicazione,

Data: 7 Dicembre 1943.

FRANK J. McSHERRY,
Brigadiere-Generale,
Sottocapo Ufficiale degli Affari Civili.

9A/p.c. 321
Subj. Transfer of Lt. Sbrolla

To: Chief, AMG, APO 394
Copy to/ Lt. Col. Harris, Property Custodian, AMG
Copy to/ Lt. Col. Robertson
S.C.A.C., Salerno

Ref. EOA/2 / 1-19
AMG HQ Region II
6 Dec 43

1. Lt. Col. Robertson, S.C.A.C. of Salerno, reports that there is a very considerable amount of work to be done with respect to property of Allied Nationals in Salerno Province. Lt. Sbrolla was ordered to start this work about a week before the receipt of Special Order No. 20, AMG, HQ, APO 512, dated 27 Nov, paragraph 9, relieving him from assignment in Region II. The work was just under way when this transfer order was received. Since there is no other Property Control officer in Salerno, and only Major Meader for the whole Region, Lt. Col. Robertson requests that Lt. Sbrolla be left in Salerno, at least until he has finished the preliminary survey, and if that is not possible, until a relief officer has arrived and has had a reasonable opportunity to acquaint himself with the situation.

2. In this connection, attention is invited to the fact that in the TC/WE approved by the undersigned and Lt. Col. Jackling of AFHQ, an American Capt. is the only officer authorized for Property Control work for Region II.

3. I may add that Lt. Sbrolla's work and conduct so far have been thoroughly satisfactory.

G.H. McCaffrey
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Lt. Col., Inf.
R.C.A.C.

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J. H. McCaffrey
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Lt. Col., Inf.
R.C.A.O.

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*Officer should be given full
credit for work done, to be 100%*

Salerno

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*Order in which he was
with the staff
very good
very good
very good*

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(over)

May Maeder is going to Salinas Province today. Col McCaffrey will assign one or two officers from a new cadre to be made available to him shortly to duty as Property Controller at which time May Maeder will be assigned CAO duties with Col McCaffrey. If this is done and two officers assigned to C.P. duties that should be sufficient to cover C.P. functions in Region II. At this moment therefore it seems unnecessary to assign an officer to Salinas Province.

Jan 1 1908

James W. Leonard
July 20, 1899
Not Com. to Her Property

Dr. H. H. H.

✓ McMoran

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23 Nov 44

Letter Timmons & Bellis to Mr. [unclear] 311

To: A. C. S.

The most of money held on study is among the most
are attached to your information.

It is the part of the

✓ It was agreed by all that the CP will not make a
change for his action. Therefore he will not make payment
for services of [unclear] etc. etc. the opposite is suggested by him.

Mr. [unclear] made it quite clear that some demonstration would
have to wait until after the [unclear] change in the
peace settlement.

The point the [unclear] is to show the CP will
fear the [unclear] of property etc. for [unclear] the
[unclear] no income, [unclear] empty buildings, [unclear] & [unclear]

McMoran

✓ It was agreed by all that the COA will not make a change for his opinion. Therefore he will not make payment for loan of Bank etc. etc. as opposed to manager by him.

Big Whiskey must be paid when that such recommendations would have to wait until after the money is arranged in the future settlement.

The point then arose as to how the COA could finance the repair of property etc. for which there was no income, ^{and} empty buildings belong to Atlantic

Whitcomb.

Col. Harris asked "Was he to raise a mortgage on the property in order to raise the money?"
 "Yes, was in to be the holder?"

(1) Bank, (2) Settlement, or Finance Scheme.

It was agreed that such a procedure was inadvisable.

Particularly the (1) (Harris)

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Parents suggested would be put forward and it
was agreed that; a call or air letter be sent to
the C.C.S. giving the alternative proposals and asking
for a decision.

The draft to be prepared by Leon, C.A.
& Commander Kauter.

That the mortgage in and the other property
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are small amounts of land not exceeding 25% of the
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The money to be applied to use for the most urgent &
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The the minister in order that certain property
to wit the White Hill in the Green Pines, should not
be allowed to be bought further to a public auction. There
is an old agreement at Green not exceeding 35% of the
value of the property against the cost of 40.
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But the lawyer pointed out in the contract that as no
account shall be taken for the complete restoration of any
property to be completed. The law is not limited to
further drawings & for that matter might occur.

Now was the grant to be taken as a precedent

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Lt. Colonel C.R. Harris
Lt. Colonel R.R. Cripps
Lt. Colonel A.T. Wilmer
Lt. Colonel J. Bennett
Lt. Colonel J.J. Lawlor
Major R.A. Persell

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Brig. Hamlyn disagreed on the theory ^{that} the policy would not be sound or acceptable to have ourselves remunerated.

Lt. Col. Wilmer concurred with Brig. Hamlyn. He offered a counter suggestion that the Italian government be directed to supply funds for reparation; repair and operation of properties. #873

Brig. Hamlyn believed that ACC as now constituted was without the authority or power to make or enforce this request.

Lt.Col. Harris ^{Said} - ACC has such a right under AEFOT.

Lt. Col. Wilmer - thought Col. Harris was probably correct and would be safe in his assumption.

Brigadier Hamlyn replied that he would make no advances of money without sufficient security.

Lt.Col.Wilmer inquired if the money wasn't to be repaid by the Italian government, and was advised by Brig. Hamlyn that such ^{were} was the expectations but that the war wasn't over yet in every aspect.

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Brig. Hamlyn replied that the Financial Sub-Commission was not prepared to answer such a question.

Lt. Col. Wilmer inquired whether the Finance Sub-Commission would give the Property Controller funds if so directed by higher authority.

Brigadier Hamlyn informed him that it would, as it would then be £872 relieved of responsibility.

Lt. Col. Harris reiterated his suggestion that expenses here discussed could be treated as occupational expense.

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Brig. Hamlyn expressed the thought that the proper procedure ~~was~~ to come to some decision would be to draft an airmail letter or telegram to AFHQ covering the subject matter, and ^{he} then directed Lt. Commander Lawlor to accomplish the document.

Lt. Col. Harris requested it be worded to cover a number of categories. (i.e., what to do if property is running at a slight loss)

Brig. Hamlyn so instructed Lt. Commander Lawlor and also to request ^{in the letter} that a lump sum of money be made available to the Property Controller for his use.

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Brig. Hamlyn cautioned those present that cases of this type should be kept to the minimum and that this decision was not to be construed as a general policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 1530 with the final decision being that Lt.Cols. Harris and Wilmer would assist Lt. Commander Lawlor in preparing a suitable document for forwarding to AFHQ for decision as to the financing of the Property Control Sub-Commission, activities.

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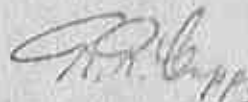
TO: Economic Directorate. (2)

1. Certain questions of a financial nature connected with the Controller of Property Sub-Commission have recently arisen over Allied Property. Two of the principal questions which required an immediate decision as to policy are:-

- (a) The method of arranging for the necessary funds
 - (i) to effect necessary repairs to damage sustained through bombing.
 - (ii) to meet general expenses of property maintenance when income received is not sufficient to pay outgoings.
- (b) The question as to whether payment shall be made, and if so, at what rates, to Banks and other such organizations for their services, in cases where they are appointed managers of property by the Controller of Property, A.M.G.

2. In order to lay before the D.Cof S. the views of those immediately concerned in these matters, and to put forward a proposal of the policy to be adopted, it is proposed that a conference be held in this office. Representatives of the Finance, Controller of Property and Legal Sub-Commission, and Administrative Directorate to attend.

3. Will you please advise whether you agree and whether 14.30 hrs. 22 November 1943 is a convenient time for your financial representative to attend.



R.R. CRIPPS.
Lieut. Colonel.

for Administrative Director.

Copies to: Deputy Chief of Staff.
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Property Control Sub-Commission.

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