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IN REPLY REFER TO : FRS 1390

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Acorra Hospital building now requisitioned for AMG School will be immediately needed to accommodate French Military Hospital FRS notifies us that. French troops are in that area. No other Hospital building available. If building is to be held for AMG higher authority would be necessary.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394
Public Health Sub-Commission

AMG/3044/PH

7 December 1943

SUBJECT: University of Palermo Medical School Buildings

TO: C.O.S. AMG HQ (Thru Admin. Directorate)

On 18 November, 1943 the building situation and needs for reopening the Medical School were discussed at length and inspection of premises made in company with the Director of the Public Health Sub-Commission, the Surgeon of the 7th Army, the Surgeon of the 59th Evacuation Hospital and the Dean and members of the faculty of the University of Palermo Medical School. The visit to the Medical School was made at the request of the Dean of the School during a previous visit to the Sub-Commission office when he asked that the Sub-Commission study the situation and make appropriate recommendations to the proper military authorities regarding the Medical School building situation. The findings of that date are incorporated in the report of 19 November, 1943 by Brigadier Parkinson, Sub-Commission Director, to your office, copies of which were sent to the representative of each agency present.

On 6 December, 1943 the situation was as follows:

1. The University Officials in accordance with their agreement, have made no effort to present information for guidance of this Sub-Commission which was requested to make recommendations as to reasonable floor space needs of the Medical School.
2. The Evacuation Hospital needs are basically the same to-day as when the original investigation was made.
3. The space originally demanded by the University group was neither required for reopening of the School on the basis outlined by the Dean nor did it appear desirable or necessary for the Evacuation Hospital to surrender any portion of the space utilized for hospital administration and medical or surgical services.
4. The Dermatology and Syphilology, Obstetrics, Legal Medicine and Pharmacy buildings together with the building occupied by the civilian hospital and the Anatomy and Pathology building (being turned over to the University by the 7th Army) are quite adequate for all immediate needs in reopening the Medical School. For instance the following, among other points, are applicable:

(a). All space in the Pharmacy Building can be utilized for medical instruction as there is no need for immediate reopening of the School of Pharmacy.

(b). Space used by the medico-legal department can be greatly reduced and the extra space used for medical instruction.

(c). The large private office and waiting room for each major position in the faculty could be discontinued for the duration. There is no reason why two individuals of even temperament cannot occupy the same office and have a common waiting room for visitors. If they can't then a temporary partition will make two offices out of the extra large rooms enjoyed in the past.

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(d). Adjustments can be made in the civilian hospital building for meeting the community hospital needs and teaching requirements of the University to be provided for. The civilian hospital facilities must be retained at least on a reduced scale.

While this sub-commission is interested in the reopening facilities for medical education it does not wish to interfere in any way with the proper functioning of hospital facilities for the Allied Forces. Also it has some definite feeling of responsibility in seeing that special groups are not permitted to make demands by devious channels that would eliminate essential facilities for further service needs.

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The immediate needs of the University can be adequately met through readjustment of space now available if the cold facts of necessity are substituted for sentimental and strictly academic considerations.

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Wilson C. Williams
WILSON C. WILLIAMS, Lt. Col., M.C.
Deputy Director, Public Health
Sub-Commission.

COPIES TO:

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Forward
SUBJECT:- Release of buildings.

1D/2020/Q

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18 Dec 43.

To: H.Q. A.M.G.
A.P.O.512.

With reference this H.Q. letter
1D/2020/Q of 27 Nov 43 and your 000-8/CMS/
LWS/JS of 18 Nov 43.

The use of the buildings mentioned
has been carefully investigated. While it
is not possible to make an immediate release
of either buildings, the Area Commanders
concerned fully appreciate the position
and the buildings will be released immediately
the military situation permits.

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F. J. Noam
Major General,
Commanding.,
No.1 District.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

30 December 1943

SUBJECT: Educational Institutions occupied by Military,
1. PENNISI College
2. IGNAFIANUM

TO : Dr. Anthony Gliozzo, S. J.
Instituto Gonzaga
Via Marchese Ugo, 60 - Palermo.

1. Further to our letter of 18 November 1943, the matter represented has been fully investigated. While it is not possible to make an immediate release of either building, the Military Commanders concerned fully appreciate the position and the buildings will be released immediately the military situation permits.

2. It is regretted that no more satisfactory result can be achieved at this date.

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Col., G.S.C.
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