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HQ, ACC, SECRETARY GENERAL'S OFFICE
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I have just seen Badoglio and told him about our interview with the King this morning. He said that he had already been rung up by Acquarone and given the information.

He said that the King had not yet summoned him but that if the King consulted him, he would tell the King that there was nothing to be done except to do what the American and British Governments wished him to do.

As regards extending the scope of his Cabinet, Badoglio said that the Communists and Socialists had already definitely offered to join it but that the Christian Democrats and the Liberals were waiting to see what action the King was going to take. Badoglio considered that if these four parties entered his Cabinet that it would be a thoroughly and adequately representative Cabinet as the Party of Action and the Labor Democrats had very little following. Badoglio added that he had no intention of admitting the parties of the Left into his Cabinet unless and until the parties of the center were also prepared to cooperate.

Badoglio said that if the King retired and created a lieutenancy in favor of the Crown Prince, he and his Cabinet would have to resign. He anticipated that the Crown Prince as lieutenant of the realm would invite him to form a new Cabinet and that in this respect immediate retirement of the King might well help him in his task of broadening the basis of his government.

I concluded the interview by making it very clear to the Marshal that the approach to the King this morning was made by the governments of the United States and Great Britain alone and ~~was~~ their answer to the King on the King's plan. The approach made to the King had not been made by me as Head of the Allied Control Commission. Badoglio consented that he thought we might have been better advised to approach him first and let him carry out the approach to the King as he thought that with our backing he would have had little difficulty in putting it across.

Comment. It seems quite clear that if and when the King consults Badoglio, Badoglio is going to urge him to meet our wishes.

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1. Conversation yesterday Bonfort - Aquarone.

The King has decided to make no further announcement regarding his plan until he reaches Rome. The plan having been released to the Junta by Croce and Sforza, the King considers that by not denying it he is doing all that is necessary.

According to Aquarone who sees Badoglio daily, the process of providing representation in the cabinet for the 6 parties is in full swing.

It seems certain that Tedeschi, Longobardi and Arancio-Puis will be included. De Nicola is proving difficult but both the King and Badoglio are most anxious to have him as they consider that he will be the only one who will survive after arrival in Rome. (Aquarone's tip for Prime Minister after Rome is reached is Orlando). Croce has apparently consented to become Minister without Portfolio. The King and Badoglio are anxious to secure Forzio.

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I am worried by 2 aspects.

(a) I am again doubtful of the propriety of my making an approach on behalf of only 2 of the 3 Governments which I represent executives here.

(b) This approach is of very great importance and we ought to go into action with all our resources. Both the time factor and psychology contra-indicate a preliminary action with reserves being pulled in in case of failure.

I am quite certain that our best chance of success lies in the frank, and if necessary brutally frank, representation of the case together with a demand for Plan B by the representatives of the American and British Governments who have the additional advantage of saying their piece practically straight from the mouths of their respective herons. This will have very much greater effect than anything that

I can say and makes the approach Anglo-American as opposed to A.C.C.

EMB/hjp

2 October 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearer of this letter is Sig. ENRICO SCARETTI travelling to New York and Washington with the approval and support of the U.S. Representative on the Advisory Council for Italy on a mission connected with the Italian Red Cross. He does not carry an MTA owing to the urgency of his departure; G-2 AFHQ have, however, agreed to his leaving the country without one (authority - telephone conversation Major Ballance-Major Bennett, 2 Oct 44). Any assistance rendered to the bearer on his journey will be greatly appreciated.

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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252) ES/74	Gen O'Dwyer	16 "	A/CC	Representations to Ital Govt to appoint Committee for Relief & over-all rehabilitation program.
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253)	Maj Doe	27 "	Alex Kirk & Charles	Forwards copies of 251.
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254a) AG O'Dwyer	A/AG, AFHQ	4 "	A/CC ACC	Italian Constitutional Developments: your views OK's & CCS being asked agree postpone action on their direction present to ACI
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255)	Bonomi	31 Aug	Capt Stone	
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264) - -	Alex Kirk	21 "	Capt Stone	Italian Technical Representatives to U.S.-Quintieri, Mattioli, Scaretti
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265) 014/071 CEC/AFHQ AG		28 "	A/CC ACC	Roosevelt-Churchill statement on Italy and "Allied Commission," etc.
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267) S-347	Capt Stone	28 "	AFHQ G5 FRM USPA	Report of Communist Intentions.
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230) FX 70763	AFHQ	10 " <i>TO 302/cos</i>	ACC for A/CC	Institutional problem submitted to CCS (See 223)
233) ADV 454	ACC Adv	13 " <i>TO 302/cos.</i>	AFHQ G5	Oath for members of Ital. Govt. referred to in 230.
234) ADV 513	ACC Adv	14 " <i>TO 302/cos.</i>	AFHQ G5	Croce decides withdraw from Govt on transfer to Rome. Probably to be replaced by Soleri.
234a) - Bonomi & Cossiga Nov. 12 July				
235) ACC 589	Capt Stone	16 "	AFHQ	Croce's resignation not accepted.
236) 1026	"	27 "	"	Croce insists on resigning. Carandini to take his place.
237)	AFHQ G5	29 " <i>TO 302/cos.</i>	A/CC	Ital. Constitutional Developments. Re 223 & 230. Since it is politico CCS wish you place before Advisory Council.
238)	Stone	31 "	- -	Conversation with Count Carandini.
239) S-302	A/CC	31 "	AFHQ for SAC	King moved to Villa Roseberry. Arranging for him move to Ravello.
240) 1217	Political Sec	1 Aug	AFHQ for SAC	Prunas left by air to explain matters to King.
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243) A/CC 000.1	A/CC	3 " <i>TO 302/cos.</i>	Pol. Sec.	Ital. Constitutional Developments. Re 223 & 237. Pse draft ltr submitting to Advisory Council.
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184) 7 237	GEN. MACFARLANE	9 JUNE 44	AFHQ FOR S.A.C.	COMMENT ON POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS. STUDY OF BONOMI.
185) —	—	—	—	ITALIAN GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE & LIST OF MINISTERS.
186) CC/G/284	GEN. MACFARLANE	10 JUNE 44	SIR NOEL CHARLES	REUTERS UNOFFICIAL LIST OF MINISTERS.
187) 3772	FIVE ARMY	9 JUNE 44	NAFM QUAYLE	NOTIFICATION THAT LIST ISSUED THROUGH FIVE ARMY BE CONSIDERED OFFICIAL AND TO BE USED.
188) M 238	GEN. MACFARLANE	10 JUNE 44	FIVE ARMY MACFARLANE	INTENTION TO SEND BACK FROM HOME ALL MEMBERS OF NEW GOVT.
189) 7 239	GEN. MACFARLANE	10 JUNE 44	AFHQ FOR S.A.C.	LT. ROTUNDO TO NAME. BONOMI PARLIAMENTARY CONTACTED GOVERNMENT.
190) M 240	GEN. MACFARLANE	10 JUNE 44	AFHQ FOR S.A.C.	UNOFFICIAL LIST OF BONOMI'S CABINET.
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195) COM/AMIN	BONOMI	13 JUNE 44	GEN. MACFARLANE	COMMENTS ON DELAY IN NEW GOVERNMENT TAKING OFFICE.
196) COM/AMIN	FRANK SPOTZ	13 JUNE 44	GEN. MACFARLANE	FURTHER COMMENTS ON HIS RADIO SPEECH 'ITALIA COMBATE'.
197) CC/P/343	GEN. MACFARLANE	14 JUNE 44	BONOMI	BONOMI GOING TO ALGERIA. INEVITABLE DELAY IN RETURN OF A.S. DECISION.
198) CC/P/343	GEN. MACFARLANE	14 JUNE 44	BADOGLIO	REPORTS GOING TO ALGERIA.
199) 7 253	GEN. MACFARLANE	16 JUNE 44	AFHQ ADV. P.A. FOR S.A.C.	REPORTS MONITORABLE DELAY TO BONOMI OF DEBATE OF ALLIED GOVERNMENTS.
200) ADV/COM	GEN. WILSON	18 JUNE	J. POLITIS, ADV/COM.	ACH. RECEIPT OF DECISION OF ADV. COM. ADVISORY NO. POLICY ACTION BE TAKEN WITHIN HOUR CONSENT OF GEN. WILSON.
201) B 12460	GEN. WILSON	18 JUNE	CHIEF OF STAFF	ADV. COM. RESOLUTION RE BONOMI GOVT.
202) 7 254	GEN. MACFARLANE	18 JUNE	AFHQ ADV. CO. FOR S.A.C.	BONOMI INFERRED BY LIT. STONE BADOGLIO WENT ALSO INFERRED.
203) CC/G/406	GEN. MACFARLANE	19 JUNE	AFHQ (ATT 5.5) TO File 302/cas	ORIGINALS OF 2 MODIFICATIONS SIGNED BY BONOMI.
204) 7 255	GEN. MACFARLANE	21 JUNE	GEN. WILSON	DISCUSSION WITH BADOGLIO ON POLITICAL SITUATION.
205) —	MR. CARRA FOR GEN. MACFARLANE	22 JUNE	NOEL CHARLES & WILSON	CABINET MEETS TO TAKE THE PATH.
206) K 65571	SACRED	28 JUNE 44	ACC. MAIN	ARRANGING FOR OFFICIAL LIST OF CABINET.
207) M 6964	CAPT. STONE	1 JULY	AFHQ-SACRED	RECEIVING LIST OF CABINET.
208) A/CC 0911	CAPT. STONE	1 JULY	AFHQ (ATT 5.5) TO File 302/cas	RECEIVING OF CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY.

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1 October 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 30 September requesting in the name of your Government that Italy be enabled to participate actively in the Armistice to be imposed on Germany in the name of the United Nations.

Your request has been forwarded today to higher authority, and I shall communicate with you further as soon as a reply has been received.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government

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1/CC 000.1-2

1 October 1944

SUBJECT: Request by Italian Government for permission to participate
in armistice to be imposed on Germany

TO : Supreme Allied Commander, Allied Force Headquarters (270)

1. There is forwarded herewith copy of a letter received today from Prime Minister Mussolini requesting on behalf of his Government that Italy be permitted to participate actively in the armistice to be imposed on Germany in the name of the United Nations.

2. It is requested that I be given instructions on which to base a reply to this request.

3. Receipt of the Prime Minister's letter has been acknowledged with the statement that the matter has been referred to higher authorities. (272)

WILSON E. STONE
Captain, USA
Acting Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
Ltr from P.M. Mussolini
D. 1/646, 30 Sept 44

cc: U.S. Political Advisor
British Resident Minister
Hon. Alexander Kirk
Sir Noel Charles
Political Section, AFAC

By hand of Mr. Kirk, 1 Oct 44

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S.M.I.

IL FASCISMO DEL CAROZZO
DEI NINI MI

Rome, 30th September, 1944.

S. 1/646

Dear Admiral,

I should like to draw your kind attention, in the name of my Government, on the advisability that Italy be enabled to participate actively in the armistice that undoubtedly will be imposed in the near future on Germany by the Allied High Command in the name of the United Nations.

The reasons on which our request is based appear to be evident: for and year Italy has been in a state of war with Germany, together and alongside the United Nations; Italian land, sea and air forces contribute to war operations against the common enemy in a manner which has been repeatedly appreciated by the Allied Command, under whose directions the Italian forces operate. The campaign which is being carried out by Italian patriots in occupied Italy has, on the other hand, assumed the proportions and the character of veritable war operations and the patriots themselves have consequently been included by the Allied Command in the forces that form the Allied Expeditionary Forces in Italy.

The most suitable juridical way of previously specifying the position of Italy in respect of the conclusion of an armistice with Germany seems to us that of accepting our adherence to the Atlantic Charter and to the Declaration of the United Nations signed at Washington on January 1st, 1943. As a result of the adherence to this Declaration, the armistice with Germany would be concluded by the Allied High Command also in the name of Italy and, consequently the serious Italian interests connected with the state of war with Germany would be safeguarded.

I need hardly add that should Italy, on the conclusion of an armistice with Germany not find herself in a position corresponding to the legal and the facts conditions of her participation in the fight against the common enemy, the shock on Italian public opinion would be very strong and its probable effects detrimental to everybody.

Although I am certain that this is not the intention of the Allied Governments, however, I would ask you kindly to examine the advisability that an assurance in the above sense be given us, at the same time acquainting us with the form under which, bearing in mind the present situation, Italy also would be allowed to participate in the eventual armistice of the United Nations with Germany.

At a period particularly delicate as the one we shall be going through at the moment of the German retreat or collapse in Northern

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Italy, I should consider it absolutely necessary to give to the masses in the North the clear sensation that the United Nations are acting in a spirit of equity and justice; this would undoubtedly contribute to strengthen the elements of stability and order throughout the Country.

Believe me, dear Admiral,

Yours sincerely,

sgt. I. BRUNI

Admiral Hilary W. Stone, U.S.N.A.
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission.
U.S.N.A.

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Office of Acting Chief Commissioner

Report of Communist Interventions

A/CC 000.1-4

Executive Commissioner

30 September 4

The Acting Chief Commissioner has directed me to pass the attached on to you with the request that you take it up with Security Branch and report in due course.

1 Incl:

Ltr RABD 27 Sep 44 on above subject with inclosure thereto.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Chief Staff Officer

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Mr. A.C.C.	Secy. Gen.
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CONDITIONS WHICH ARE NECESSARY
FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE GOVERNMENTAL

COALITION

I

The coalition of the six parties represented in the Government must not only avoid being, but also seeming to be a continuation of the totalitaire regime. Therefore, the coalition acknowledges the legitimacy of other political currents and of other organizations, which will be able to explain, with the freedom which is the basis of a democratic regime, their action, even if it is openly opposed to the Government, which nevertheless keeps the right to check and repress them, if they should adopt methods of rebellion or violence.

II

As basis of its union, the coalition of the six parties makes a sincere and loyal truce in the social and political struggles which might divide it.

Concretely, agitation of all kind about the monarchical problem will have to be postponed till, on the eve of the sentence to be passed by the people on the institutional forms, for from now on, every citizen has a right to express his opinion freely.

The solving of the chief social problems is also postponed till the Country can be consulted. The readjustments of society on a new and changed basis will have to be debated by the Country, and not imposed by a group of parties, that have not yet been able to get the confirmation of the people's will, though they are numerous and have authority.

Therefore, the coalition of the six parties pledges itself to abstain from social agitation aiming to bring about the division of the land or the occupation of the factories, even if this agitation pretended to be antifascist and aiming at overthrowing the former fascist ruling class.

Such a pledge does not mean that the Government of the coalition will not examine and try to find a satisfactory solution to some of the social problems which it would be necessary to solve, even in this moment which is swayed by compelling and elementary needs.

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Therefore the parties belonging to the governmental coalition must not dis-
credit or ruin them in public opinion, for this would weaken the work of the Go-
vernment they are part of.

This does not exclude the work of epuration of the functionalists of the
State which is now being made; this work of epuration must be limited by the
supreme necessity of not depriving the State of its vital organs and instruments
during this delicate operation.

IV

The Press of the six parties of the coalition must spontaneously fix itself
certain limits.

Bitter polemics between the parties of the coalition discredit and weaken
the Government. A Government which disagrees and whose constitution elements
seem deeply divided ceases to exist as a Government.

Therefore, the six parties pledge themselves to discipline their press to
support the program agreed upon by the Government and to avoid every interior
polemics which would be more than a lawful discussion.

Trans. E.C.

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PRIORITY

ACTING CHIEF COMM.

IN VIEW OF MANY INQUIRIES FROM ALLIED AS WELL AS ITALIAN SOURCES CMA I SHALL BE GRATEFUL FOR INFORMATION WHETHER ANNO DASH AMERICAN DECLARATION REGARDING ITALY IS NOW TO BE WITHHELD IN FORCE CMA OR WHETHER IT IS INTENDED TO INSTRUCT THIS COMMISSION TO COMMUNICATE IT OFFICIALLY TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PD PARA TWO PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE CMA FOR INFO TO BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER AND UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER FROM ACC FROM STONE PERSONAL PAREN PARTICULAR POINTS ON WHICH QUESTIONS ARE ASKED ARE PAREN ASKED PAREN WHETHER THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ALLIED COMMISSION WILL CONTINUE AS UNDER ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION UNTIL SPECIFICALLY MODIFIED IN ANY SPECIAL INSTANCE SIMILAR PAREN BAKER PAREN WHAT WILL BE THE POSITION OF ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON AND LONDON AND WILL THEY CMA FOR INSTANCE CMA BE ALLOWED DIRECT CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BY MEANS OF CODES AND CIPHERS NOT DEPOSITED WITH ALLIED COMMISSION PD PARA THREE PD I PRESUME THAT NO CHANGE OF TITLE OF COMMISSION IS TO BE MADE UNTIL SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ARE RECEIVED

Sir Noel Charles
Hon. Alexander Kirk

ELLENY W. STONE, Captain, USMC, Acting Chief Comm.

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*Joint Communiqué
American and British Governments*

The President and the Prime Minister held further discussions Monday and Tuesday, September 18th and 19th at Hyde Park on subjects dealing with postwar policies in Europe. The result of these discussions cannot be disclosed at this time for strategic military reasons and pending their consideration by our other Allies. The present problems in Italy also came under discussion and on this subject the President and the Prime Minister issued the following statement: "The Italian people freed of their Fascist and Nazi overlords have in these last twelve months demonstrated their will be free to fight on the side of the democracies and to take a place among the United Nations devoted to principles of peace and justice. We believe we should give encouragement to those Italians who are standing for a political rebirth in Italy and are completing the destruction of the evil Fascist system. We wish to afford the Italians a greater opportunity to aid in the defeat of our common enemies. The American and the British people are of course horrified by the recent mob action in Rome but feel that a greater responsibility placed on the Italian people and on their own government will most readily prevent a recurrence of such acts. An increasing measure of control will be gradually handed over to the Italian administration subject of course to that administration's proving that it can maintain law and order and the regular administration of justice. To mark this change the Allied Control Commission will be renamed the Allied Commission. The British High Commissioner in Italy will assume the additional title of Ambassador. The United States Representative in Rome already holds that rank. The Italian Government will be invited to appoint direct representatives to Washington and London. First and immediate considerations in Italy are the relief of hunger and sickness and fear. To this end we instructed our representatives at the UNRRA conference to declare for the sending of medical aids and other essential supplies to Italy. We are happy to know that this view commended itself to other members of the

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We all wish to speed the day when the last vestiges of Fascism in Italy will have been wiped out and when the last German will have left Italian soil and when there will be no need of any Allied troops to remain. ^{The day when} free elections can be held throughout Italy and when Italy can earn her proper place in the great family of free nations."

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SUBJECT: Italian Constitutional Developments.

TO : Deputy President, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.
ATTENTION: Acting Chief Commissioner.

HQ ACC. APO 394
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1. Attention is drawn to letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 4 September 1944.

2. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have agreed to the indefinite postponement of action upon their direction to present to the Advisory Council the problem of an Italian constituent assembly. Accordingly the provisional approval contained in the above letter is now confirmed.

By command of General WILSON:

H. V. Roberts
H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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23 September 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Technical Representatives to the U.S.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, AFHQ 512
Attention: G-5 Section

1. There is forwarded herewith copy of letter from the Hon. Alexander Kirk, U.S. Representative on the Advisory Council for Italy, together with copies of a memorandum of Prime Minister Bonomi and a copy of reply from Secretary of State Hull. It is understood that copies of the Prime Minister's memorandum together with Mr. Hull's reply were furnished by Mr. Kirk to the British High Commissioner in Italy, who in turn forwarded copies to the British Resident Minister at AFHQ.

2. I am advised by Mr. Kirk that the State Department has not as yet indicated its approval of Dr. Quintieri and Dr. Mattioli as technical representatives. Consequently no application has been as yet received from the Italian Government for permission for their departure from this theatre.

3. In the case of Sig. Secchetti, however, the application of the Italian Government for approval for his departure was received late yesterday and is being dealt with in the usual way by the Security Division of the Commission with AFHQ by dispatch.

ELMER G. STONE
Captain, USAR

Acting Chief Commissioner

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Incl 1 - Ltr, Hon. A. Kirk
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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Rome, September 21, 1944.

PERSONAL

Dear Captain Stone:

With reference to our conversation this morning, I wish to inform you that I have received a personal communication from the Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs regarding the desire of the Italian Government to send Dr. Quinto Quattieri and Dr. Raffaele Mattioli to the United States unofficially as technical representatives to discuss economic and other questions in the purview of the reply of Secretary Hull of August 19 to Premier Bonomi's memorandum of July 22, a copy of which has been furnished you. 2211

As I also mentioned, the Italian Red Cross are planning to send Signor Enrico Scavetti to the United States for discussions with the American Red Cross on organizational matters.

I might add that my action in connection with the foregoing matters has been limited to informal inquiries at Washington as to whether the persons in question would be welcome there and I assume that such formalities as may be necessary in connection with any regulations governing departures from Italy aside from mere travel arrangements are initiated by the Italian authorities.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ A. Kirk

Captain Ellery W. Stone, U.S.A.R.
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Central Commission
Rome

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TRANSLATION

IL PRIMO AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE
OF H.R.H. THE LIEUTENANT GENERAL OF THE KINGDOM

HQ ACC. APO 324
3133rd Gen.
Rec'd 22 Sept 1944
By SKR

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Rome, 20 September 1944.

Dear Admiral Stone,

Following our conversations, I am sending you a few newspaper articles containing such serious attacks against the monarchy that we must come to the conclusion

- that the truce agreed to by the various parties, about the postponement of the question of the institutions, is not respected,
- that some phrases are so offensive for the prestige of the Lieutenant, that they ought to be prosecuted according to the law on the Press.

It is a sad thing to see the present attitude of the Press, which does not express - it is true, - public opinion, yet may strongly influence it.

The article of the Avanti praising the man (who attempted to murder H.R.H. in Brussel) is an invitation to attempt again to murder him.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

(Gen. Adolfo Infante)

/s/ A. Infante

Captain Ellery Stone
Acting Chief Commissioner
A. C. C.

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REVIEW OF THE PARTIES: ON SOCIALISM

(Comopolite, 28 August 1944)

by Adriano BARAGGO

Interview with Nenni: Attitude of the Socialist Party regarding the present situation;

The problem may be divided in three phases: First phase, the war, union of national forces under the direction of the National Committee of Liberation. Second phase, preceding the Constituent Assembly, formation of the Republican block. Third phase, the Constituent Assembly: as Socialist will ask the Constituent Assembly three essential things: proclamation of a democratic Republic, trial of past responsibilities, particularly the responsibility of Mussolini and of the King who will appear before the Constituent Assembly acting as Supreme Court of Justice, the new economic statute of Italian society.

How will these aims be reached?

By the arms of legality, by saturation, by pacific conquest, as long as no new reactionary conspiracy won't block the way to democracy. Then, . . . There will never be a second fascism.

A MEMO OF THE PEOPLE: FERNANDO DE ROSA,

(Avanti!, 17 September 1944)

by Pietro NENNI

Praise of the Socialist Fernando De Rosa, who

'Came back to Paris with the characteristic disease of those who are born for action; do immediately something that will be an example, a monition. This something was the attempt made on Prince Umberto's life in Brussels, (autumn 1929). Fernando late confessed to Modigliani that he never meant to kill the prince, but that his gesture meant to underline the joint responsibility of monarchy and fascism. (Thus, he gave the prince a warning that he will be sorry to have disregarded).'

Nenni concludes with the words:

'We offer the life of Fernando De Rosa in example to the young people who are looking for a doctrine to guide them, a style of life to save them from apathy, a reason to conquer their own selfishness. Every moment of Fernando's brief life was happy, because it was a holocaust of the I to the all, of the individual to the class, and because it was a conscious effort in search of reality through idealism, and of idealism through reality.'

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A HERO OF THE PEOPLE: FERNANDO DE ROSA, (Avanti, 17 September 1944)

by Pietro Secchi

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St. Anthony and His Pig

(L'Azione, late September 1944)

(from 'La Antocha' paper of the movement 'L'Italia Libera' San Salvador, May 1944)

Influential circles - in allied countries - have a marked sympathy for the monarchy of Savoy; they expect that the Italian people will accept St. Anthony and deep sympathy for a pig, but he supported it himself.

PARADOX

(La Repubblica, 4 September 1944)

(from Voce Repubblicana)

One of the arguments in favour of the monarchy is that a Republic would not suit Italy, for Italy is monarchical. The Italians were happy under Cio-litti, and monarchy got on very well with the socialists. That monarchy is ready to turn socialist I readily believe; what wouldn't the old prostitute do? Il faut vivre! But that socialism means to turn monarchical remains to be seen. Monarchy has played for twenty years with fascism.

IL SOTTOTENENTE SPONZA: BROKE his oath to the King, but what ~~spazza~~ is the

worth of the oath sworn to a perjurer, to a king who has become the enemy of his people. The people must protest against the sentence of the Court.

WHO IS THIS MAN,

(La Bandiera Rossa; 1 September 1944)

BY IL COMPAGNO - ONE

With his approval, violence, robbery, the greatest spoliation in history began. He gave his consent, as they turned the street everyday into a satanical voluptuousness; he was the willing artisan of the shipwreck of our civilization, executing the commands of the 'fatale'.

Now the man in the street is asking what price has paid the man who is chiefly responsible for the disaster. He knows that he is peacefully living in some pleasant village.

Some years ago, in Sobolsk, the fugitive of the Kremlin lived with great simplicity in a small country house. Then something happened.

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13 September 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR FILES:

I had a conference with Prime Minister Bonomi on September 11th at 1630 hours.

We discussed the question of local elections. Bonomi stated that he was opposed to holding any elections prior to the end of hostilities. He agreed that the proposal of the French Provisional Government not to hold any elections until a substantial number of war prisoners were returned was probably the right approach to this problem. He also agreed that the Italian Government should await the return to their homes of many refugees. On the other hand, he favored the beginning of work to revise the election lists. I did not get the impression that he favored the demand for early elections.

We discussed the proposal to dismiss civil service employees in Classes I to IV and their re-hiring as a means of speeding up epuration. He stated that for many reasons he was opposed to this and that it would not be done. I told him that the Commission was also opposed.

He stated that he had not received my letter asking for the government's reaction to the request of General De Sevin that the French Provisional Government be permitted to recruit 2,000 specialist workmen in Italy for employment in France. He promised to look it up and give me an early reply.

He discussed the question of establishing a refugee camp for Hungarian Jews in Sicily which had been submitted by Sir Heathcote-Smith. He said that he would like to discuss this with High Commissioner Adisio who is now in Rome. I suggested that he have the latter call on me since I would like to discuss amassing and other Sicilian problems with him before his return.

Just before leaving, he stated that the Council of Ministers desired to appoint General Pinna as Chief of Staff to General Placentini, Minister for Aeronautics, but that Air Vice-Marshal Bowen Guesard had asked that the matter be held up. He desired to inform me that all six parties agreed that General Pinna was acceptable from an anti-Fascist viewpoint, notwithstanding the fact that he held the position of Deputy to General Valle, when the latter was Undersecretary of the Air Ministry.

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FURTHER BY SUGAR THREE TWO ONE CMA THREE ONE NINE AND THREE ONE FIVE CMA
BONONI HAS AGREED THAT A BROAD INVESTIGATION WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED UNTIL
HOSTILITIES CEASE AND THAT ONLY ACTIVITY OF COMMISSION AT PRESENT WILL BE
TO REVIEW CASES OF INDIVIDUAL GENERALS AS TO WHOM MINISTRY OF WAR WILL HAVE
PREVIOUSLY INVESTIGATED AND FOUND EVIDENCE OF GUILT TO PAREN TO AFHQ FOR
SACRED CMA UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISOR AND BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER
FROM ACC FROM STONE PERSONAL PAREN IF THE COMMISSION SUSTAINS FINDINGS CMA
SUCH GENERALS WOULD THEN BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL IN THE SAME MANNER AS DEL
TETTO AND PENTIMALLI

cc: Hon. Alexander Kirk
Sir Noel Charles
Political Section

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REFERENCE YOUR FOX NINE FOUR THREE SEVEN FIVE OF TEN SEPTEMBER CITE FIVE
PAREN TO AFHQ FROM HQ ACC FROM STONE PERSONAL PAREN THURSDAY MORNING ONE ONE
THREE ZERO HOURS AT MY OFFICE WILL BE SATISFACTORY UNLESS GOVERNMENT IN
EVENING PASSES FOR IMMEDIATE ANSWER ^{IN} WHICH CASE WILL CALL MISTER MACMILLAN
ON THE PHONE

AUTHENTICATED:

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

1800 hours 12/9/44
Phoned Macmillan's office
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NEW PARA REFERENCE YOUR S-315 319 AND 321 SUGGESTED HERE THAT THE WHOLE
MATTER BE DISCUSSED IN ROME ON MORNING THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER AT MEETING
YOURSELF SIR NOEL CHARLES MR KURK AND MR MACMILLAN. LATTER WILL BE VISITING
ROME THAT DAY. REQUEST YOU ADVISE HERE SOONEST THAT THIS WILL BE CONVENIENT
TO SIR NOEL CHARLES MR KURK AND YOURSELF AND GIVE TIME AND PLACE. REQUEST
ALSO YOU HAVE READY FOR MEETING SHORT PRECES OF POINTS MADE IN CABLE ALREADY
SENT BY YOU

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FURTHER TO MY S DASH THREE ONE NINE PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR SACHED FOR UNCLE SUGAR
POLITICAL ADVISOR AND BRITISH MINISTER FROM HQ ACC FROM STONE PERSONAL PAREN IF
YOU AGREE TO POSTPONEMENT CMA RECOMMEND I SAY TO SPORZA THAT ALLIES WILL NOT
OBJECT TO ANY MILITARY INQUIRY HE CONDUCTS AS TO ROME IF HE IS FORCED TO DO SO
BY DEVELOPMENTS IN NAPLES TRIAL CMA PROVIDED IT IS LIMITED TO PURELY MILITARY MATTERS
DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE DEL TETTO AND FENTIMALLI CASE

AUTHENTICATED BY:

ELLERY W. STONE
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FURTHER BY SUGAR THERE ONE FIVE OF TWO SEPTEMBER PD PAEN T. AFHS FOR SACHED FOR
UNCLE SUGAR POLITICAL ADVISOR AND BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER FROM HQ ACC FROM STONE
PERSONAL PAEN SFORZA CALLED ON ME YESTERDAY TO UNCE THAT GOVERNMENT BE PERMITTED
TO PROCEED WITH COMMISSION OF INQUIRY PD HE POINTED OUT THAT AS HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST FASCISM CMA HE IS COMMITTED TO EARLY TRIALS OF GENERALS
DEL TETTO AND PENTIMALLI ACCUSED OF SURRENDERING NAPLES TO THE GERMANS AT THE TIME
OF THE ARMISTICE AND THAT A PAINFUL IMPRESSION WILL BE CAUSED IF GENERALS RESPONSIBLE
FOR SURRENDER OF SOME ARE AT THE SAME TIME PERMITTED TO BE AT LIBERTY PD HOWEVER
HE EXPECTS THAT DEL TETTO AND PENTIMALLI DEFENSE AT SOME STAGE IN THEIR TRIAL WILL
ENDEAVOUR TO SHIFT RESPONSIBILITY TO GENERALS THEN IN SOME PD AT THAT STAGE SFORZA
STATES THAT HE WILL EITHER BE COMPELLED TO POSTPONE TRIAL PENDING THE HOLDING OF
PROPOSED COMMISSION OF INQUIRY HERE CMA OR WILL HIMSELF CMA AS A CONSEQUENCE CMA
HAVE TO INSTITUTE HIS OWN INQUIRY AS TO THE SURRENDER OF SOME PD HE ADDED THAT IF
ALLIED POLICY OPPOSED THE HOLDING OF A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY AS TO SOME AT THIS TIME
CMA HE WOULD NOT LIKE TO BE PLACED IN THE POSITION OF CIRCUMVENTING IT BY CONDUCTING
HIS OWN INQUIRY AS A RESULT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NAPLES TRIALS AND THEREFORE MIGHT

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Message No. 8-319, 6 Sept 44, continued:

FEEL IT IS HIS DUTY TO RESIGN CMA WHICH WOULD CAUSE A QUOTE WORLD SCANDAL UNQUOTE
PD I STATED THAT THE ENTIRE QUESTION WAS UNDER REVIEW AT KIMONIS REQUEST AND HIS
VIEWS WOULD BE GIVEN CONSIDERATION PD PARA COMMENT CLM WHILE THERE IS SOMETHING
TO BE SAID FOR SPORZAS FIRST POINT CMA I DO NOT THINK HE WOULD BE OPPOSED TO ANY
DEVELOPMENTS WHICH MIGHT REFLECT DISCREDIT ON THE KING CMA AS DISTINCT FROM THE
MONARCHY PD SPORZAS VIEWS DO NOT ALTER THE RECOMMENDATION FOR POSTPONEMENT CONTAINED
IN MY SUGAR THREE ONE FIVE

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ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE DECIDED TO APPOINT A COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY TO INVESTIGATE THE MILITARY EVENTS IN THE ROME AREA ON THE EIGHTH NINE AND TENTH SEPTEMBER. ONE NINE FOUR THREE PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR SACRED FOR UNCLE SUGAR POLITICAL ADVISOR AND BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER FROM HQ ACC FROM STUBB PERSONAL PAREN THE PRIME MINISTER EXPLAINED THAT PUBLIC OPINION IS PRESSING HARD FOR SUCH AN ENQUIRY AND THAT THE KING AND LIQUORANT ARE IN FAVOR PD IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE PROPOSED COMMISSION SHOULD BE PRESIDED OVER BY GENERAL AMANTEA CMA WHO HAS A REPUTATION FOR HONESTY AND EFFICIENCY CMA AND SHOULD BE COMPOSED OF TWO OTHER GENERALS CMA AGO AND RENOVINGA CMA AS WELL AS BY SIX MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE SIX PARTIES NOW IN THE GOVERNMENT PD THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE ENQUIRY WOULD BE SECRET BUT NO DOUBT THE FINDINGS WOULD BE PUBLISHED PD HE ASKED URGENTLY FOR ALLIED VIEWS ON THIS PROPOSAL PARA TWO PD I HAVE CONSULTED MISTER KIRK AND SIR MEL CHARLES AND WE ALL FEEL THAT CMA ALTHOUGH SUCH AN ENQUIRY WILL NO DOUBT HAVE TO TAKE PLACE AT SOME TIME CMA THE PRESENT IS NOT THE MOMENT PD AN INQUIRY CONDUCTED NOW CMA IN OUR OPINION CMA MIGHT WELL IMPAIR UNITY OF EFFORT AND THE FINDINGS MIGHT BE MARSHALLED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO RAISE THE INSTITUTIONAL QUESTION PREMATURELY AS

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Outgoing Message No. S-315, 2 Sep 44, continued:

WELL AS REFLECT UNFAIRLY ON THE ACTION OF THE GOVERNMENT IN POWER AT THE TIME PD
PARA THREE PD WE WOULD THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT I SHOULD TELL BONOMI THAT CMA
WHILE WE HAVE NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO THE IDEA OF AN ENQUIRY CMA WE WOULD
COUNSEL HIM AGAINST IT AT THE MOMENT CMA PARTICULARLY AS MANY OF THE PRINCIPAL
WITNESSES ARE NOT NOW AVAILABLE IN THIS PART OF ITALY CMA FOR INSTANCE CMA
GENERAL CALVI DI BERGOLO PD THE QUESTION WILL NEED CAREFUL HANDLING AS ONE
NEWSPAPER IN ROME CMA THE CORRIERE DI ROMA CMA HAS ALREADY PUBLISHED THE
GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION IN THIS MATTER

AUTHENTICATED:

ELLENY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Political Section
Hon. Alexander Kirk
Sir Noel Charles

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Dear Admiral,

The Government, in order to reply to the lively insistence of public opinion -- which is unanimous in asking for light on the events of 8-9-10 September in Rome -- has decided to appoint a Commission of Inquiry to inquire into the matter and refer it to the public.

This Commission will be presided over by an eminent military personality, General Amantea, and composed of two generals, generals Ago and Benicivenga, and by six members representing the six parties now in the Government.

I wanted to inform you of all this asking you to give me -- with the greatest urgency -- your views in the matter.

I await your early and courteous reply and send you my best and most cordial greetings.

Most devotedly,

/s/ Ivanoe Bonomi

Rome, 31 August 1944

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REPLY FROM THE HONORABLE CORDELL HULL, SECRETARY OF STATE, TO THE
MEMORANDUM OF JULY 22 FROM HIS EXCELLENCY IVANOE BONOMI, PRESIDENT
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

2340
Thank you for your memorandum of July 22, delivered by Mr. Reber, containing your views on the various political and economic problems confronting your country. It will be helpful to those of us here giving attention to such problems. I have given it careful thought.

With respect to the Armistice terms, you are fully aware that in their application by the Allied Governments they are being used for the sole purpose of furthering the prosecution of the war against Germany, whose total defeat is the primary objective of all of us. Should the Italian Government have specific proposals to make with regard to their amendment, the United States Government would be glad to receive them. The de jure position of Italy with respect to the terms of the Armistice seems to me to be secondary to the de facto relations with the United Nations which your country is daily creating by its increasing contribution to the successful military campaign in Italy. When final victory over our enemies has been achieved you may be sure that the contribution of the new Italy will not be ignored.

Your country's desire to participate actively in the struggle against Germany is appreciated and understood. You and your Chiefs of Staff realize, of course, that there are practical limitations with respect to equipping and supplying a large armed force. Sympathetic consideration will continue to be given, within the limit of military requirements and supply possibilities, to increasing the active military participation of the Italian Armed Forces in the present campaign. As you are aware a definite proposal to this end is now under study.

I also have every sympathy with your desire that Italy be permitted to participate in the various international organizations, conferences and ideas whose success must ultimately depend, of course, on the contributions of all free and peace-loving nations. You are keenly aware, I am sure, that the crimes of the Fascist Government committed in the name of Italy against many of the United Nations will require patience, understanding, and hard work to overcome. You may count, however, on the sympathy and support of this Government in any endeavors and aspirations in this direction. This Government would be prepared to receive in an unofficial capacity a technical representative or representatives of Italy who might not only discuss economic and financial questions but also could report directly to your Government in regard to such matters as the treatment of Italian prisoners of war, et cetera.

Italy's economic position has been the subject of constant and careful study by this Government and its Allies ever since the beginning of the liberation of Italian territory. As the military campaign moves further north and the military interest in the more remote liberated areas diminishes, this Government has been giving serious attention to ways and means of financing and improving Italy's imports for civilian needs. For various reasons, principally the limitations placed on lend-lease funds with respect to civilian supply and rehabilitation, it is not practical to consider lend-lease aid as a solution to Italy's present economic problems. It is hoped, however, that some satisfactory formula will be evolved in the near future.

I am glad to have your views concerning the functions of the Allied Control Commission and its relationship to Italian life. Until our armed forces and those fighting with them, have achieved victory over the Germans, it is essential that the Allied Theater Commander retain the authority which he exercises through the Allied

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Control Commission to prosecute the war to a successful conclusion. The present composition of the Allied Control Commission is, however, being studied by the Allied Governments in the light of increasing civilian problems confronting the Italian Government and the Allied Control Commission. The desire of the Allied Governments to return to Italian administration liberated areas as soon as military conditions permit is manifested in the recent restoration to the Italian Government of seven provinces in Central Italy including the capital of the country.

It is a matter of record that Italian citizens residing in this country were relieved of the application of enemy-alien regulations as early as October 1942 and, except for a handful of persons of doubtful loyalty, they have since enjoyed liberty of movement within the country and freedom of opportunity to earn their livelihood. This Government has in no instance discouraged other nations having an Italian population from following a similar course.

This Government welcomes the expression of the course which the new democratic Italy has set for itself and your assurances of the part it will undertake in the reconstruction of Europe and a stable and ordered world. This is, of course, in harmony with the aims of this country and in the fulfillment of these aims Italy may be assured of the collaboration and the friendship of the United States of America.

August 19, 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH

21 August 1944

Ref: SB/260.05

Subject: Communist Party - Italian Officers.

To: Acting Chief Commissioner.

1. Further to my report under even number dated 6 August 1944.
2. So far, PRO have been unable to contact Mr. Tucker who may now have gone to France.
3. The enquiry has continued and the following paragraphs sum up the situation.
4. It is true that a group of regular officers, whose number is growing, have made it very clear to the Ministry of War that unless the Ministry pays them promptly for the period from September 1943 to June 44, during which time they were in hiding or fighting with the partisans, they would go to the Communist Party here in Rome to be inscribed in a body and to ask financial help.
5. This threat was not carried out but there is a danger that it might be unless the Ministry of War makes urgent provisions for these officers.
6. It is true however, that many non-commissioned officers have been inscribed in the Party and have been given some small financial aid.
7. The seat of the trouble seems to be in the war Ministry itself and I append a report received from a reliable source which indicates that a little house-cleaning would be beneficial.
8. I submit this report in duplicate in order that, should you agree, the matter can now be referred, with your comments to the Army Sub-Commission for further action.

FOR THE DIRECTOR

JOHN A. MCKAY.
MAJOR.
SECURITY BRANCH.

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30 August 1944

Dear Brigadier Hirsch:

Supplementing my letter of 21 August 1944, same file number, relative to Communist Party, attached for your information is copy of letter SB/260.05 from Security Branch, Hq. Allied Control Commission, dated 21 August, same subject.

Yours sincerely,

MILTON W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Brigadier G. E. R. Hirsch,
Hq Allied Armies in Italy,
C. M. F.

c.c. Political Section,

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MEMORANDUM

Many officers, specially Generals and Colonels, who were before 8 September at the War Office, are now again at the principal branches of this Office. They have assumed again their posts, as if nothing happened from the armistice until today. Perhaps many of them did not take an oath to the Fascist Government, but certainly Col. Bonelli and Col. Balzano are of those who worked during 10 years with Gen. Baistrocchi, Sodu, Sorico, etc., in order to destroy the Italian Army.

They are men, who, without being exposed to risks and responsibilities, had promotions and money; they, although have now high ranks, occupy the same posts, which they had when they entered the War Office.

The said officers continue to work there, but the Commission, called in order to judge the proceeding of the officers during the German occupation, has not given its verdict in regard to

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The said Commission is composed with old Generals, who judge to-day the persons of the War Office; on the contrary, they themselves should be judged.

Gen. Ado and Gen. Guidi, for instance, were among those who at once presented themselves after the ban of Gen. Graziani.

The said Generals, who are interested only in their own career, are certainly unfit to be in a Commission, which will judge some officers, who did not consent to the orders of Gen. Graziani, exposing themselves to dangers and persecutions.

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It is said that all the officers of General Staff took their leaves for a period of 15 days: this is thought to have been done in order to remove the said officers, in order to re-engage them later, or to give them other posts.

All military and civil people have reacted badly to the choice of Gen. Oxilia as a Under-Secretary of State. He is one of these Generals of General Staff, who never held a real Command of troops and who did not succeed when, for a short period, he commanded them. He had been always Military Attaché abroad, and, before his promotion, Head of General Staff of the Duca di Pistola. Promoted General, he was at first Head of General Staff of the Duca di Bergamo, and afterwards, called by Mussolini, he was the Military Councillor of the Poglavnic Ante Pavelic. Having been appointed to command a Division in Libya, after a short time, he was sent away for incapacity. At Milan he was known as a penniless and exploiter.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
REGION IV
APQ 394

Public Safety Division.

18th August 1944.

SUBJECT: Hinted trouble on 15th August 1944

TO : Col. Charles Poletti, Regional Commissioner, Rome
Brig. Lush, ACC HQ.
Col. Kirk, Chief, Public Safety Sub-Com, ACC HQ.

I. With reference to previous reports as to anticipated trouble on 15th August, 1944, on the taking over of Rome by the Italian Government, special police reserves were held at certain points in the city on 15th, 16th and 17th August 1944.

2. No trouble, no demonstrations and no assemblies of any kind have been reported.

3. On 13th, 14th August, I made certain contacts with members of parties so that we could be ready for any trouble that might have arisen.

4. Late in the evening of 14th August, 1944, Maj. Coxhead and I visited five addresses of suspects but there was no evidence to indicate any organised attempt at disorder.

5. The situation has been closely watched but no serious trouble is expected anywhere.

6. I also had an unofficial chat with Avv. Fausto GULLO on 5.30 pm on 11th August 1944. Mr. GULLO is one of the heads of the Communist party and Minister of Agriculture. I contacted him because he cooperated and helped me when I was faced with trouble in Cosenza Province last year.

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7. Avv. GULLO has without doubt his fingers right on the pulse of the Communist movement, and I was satisfied after my interview with him that recognised communists themselves were not out to create trouble.

8. There are probably a few non communist extremists, who are out, if they can to sabotage the work of the communist party so that if trouble occurred these few would try to lay the blame at the door of the communists. The matter is being closely watched.

(Sgd) J.R. POLLOCK, Lt.Col.
Chief, Public Safety,
Region IV

To: Acting Chief Commissioner, HQ. ACC.
Brigadier Low, Home Area Command.

From: Executive Commissioner, HQ. ACC.

I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to forward you copy of the above report for your information.

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MA to Executive Commissioner
A.J. Stewart
Major

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

Communist Activities

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20 August 4

Brigadier M. S. Lash
Political Section

Your recommendations are requested with respect to paragraph
12 of attached memorandum.

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Political Section

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21 August 1944

Dear Brigadier Hirsch:

Many thanks for your letter of 15 August enclosing a copy of a report of the 13th August stating that, as a result of a secret meeting, the Communist and Socialist Parties would activate a revolution as soon as the Italian Government took power in Rome.

I of course consulted the Regional Commissioner for Rome at once about this report and he took the view with which I agreed that it was unconvincing. There are many inaccurate statements in it and a revolution on the lines of the report runs basically contrary to the present policy of the Communist Party in Italy. Meanwhile I had also been taking what steps are open to me to verify whether any secret meeting of the kind suggested ever took place between the Communist and Socialist Parties in Rome. So far my evidence is that it did not. In fact the only meeting that did occur resulted in the alliance (not fusion) of the Parties which was announced on the 9th August.

I am far from belittling the importance from an Allied point of view of keeping a close check on what the Communist Party are planning and I shall be most grateful therefore if you will let me have any further such reports that may come into your hands. If you come down to Rome, I hope that you might find time to have a further word about this subject.

Sincerely,

Hq ACC Sec'y Gen.
DISPATCHED
Date-time 21 Aug 1530
Via Hq.
Initials PNR

ELERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Brigadier C.E.A. Hirsch
Hq., Allied Armies in Italy
C.E.F.

cc: Political Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION IV
APO 394

R/2214

16 August 1944

SUBJECT: Comments on Report Submitted by S.I.M. on Communist Activities
in Rome

TO : Executive Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

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1. The report does not convince me. It runs basically contrary to the present policy of the Communist Party in Italy.
 2. The report is replete with what seems to me to be inaccurate statements.

/s/ Charles Poletti
/t/ CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 167/CA

14th August 1944.

SUBJECT: Communist Activities in Italy

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Region IV.

1. I attach two documents: (1) translation of a poster found in the city of ROME this morning, and (2) translation of a report submitted by S.I.M. 248
2. I should be glad of your views on the second document as early as possible.
3. Please treat this as highly confidential.

/s/ M. S. Lush
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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16 August 1944

To: Political Section, Hq ACC

1. Reference attached top secret letter Hq AAI (AAI/RGS(I)/DC), dated 15 August with a report from the Servizio di Informazioni Militari by RASC, dated 15 August.
2. Note I have been requested to give my views as soon as possible.
3. Your comments and recommendations as to appropriate reply will be appreciated.

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

2 Incls:
as stated above

cc. Brigadier Lusk, RC & MA Section
(addressed to him for action without
showing Pol. Sec.)

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Headquarters,
A.A.I.

AAI/333(I)/DG.

13 Aug 44

Dear Stone,

I am sending you the attached copy of a report received from the Servizio di Informazioni Militari by Rome Allied Area Command and forwarded to A.A.I. for information of the C in C. Its substance has not so far been confirmed by any other source, but, if true, it is clearly of such consequence that I feel you should know of it at once and I should be very grateful to have your views as soon as possible.

We have been promised any further information which may come to light and I will of course keep you in the picture, but in the meantime I am inclined to think that Boche propaganda is responsible for a good deal of the story—but not all of it.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Hirsch

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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED AREA COMMAND

Office of the A.C. of S, G-2,

TRANSLATION DEPARTMENT

13 August 1944

TRANSLATION OF THE ATTACHED REPORT IS AS FOLLOWS:

COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN ITALY DURING THE ALLIED OCCUPATION

As has been announced in the newspapers, there took place in 1944 a meeting between the Socialists and the Communists, which resulted in the fusion of the two parties.

So says the press, but the truth is different.

The meeting was of a secret nature, and they were there to be told the orders which Stalin had sent through MIACCHI, who arrived some time ago in Italy after having crossed the lines - or so the party papers say.

These orders were that the Communist-Socialists should activate a revolution as soon as the Italian Government took power in 1942, in such a way as to face the Allies with an accomplished fact, demanded and executed by the free Italians, who, according to the Atlantic Charter, have the right to choose the government they want.

This revolution is to take place in two phases:

First - in the form of a request for a daily allowance to be given to the workers and employees for the high cost of living. (It is to be pointed out that this is the first time that they speak of employees, and it must not be forgotten that there have been previous articles which declared that the middle class would have to march together with the proletariat).

Second - the occupation of the factories and the "aziende". This was part of the request made by the workers to the Government as part of their claims, at the same time that they requested the allowances for the high cost of living. This second phase will be accomplished in one of two ways: either the Government will concede to their requests, or the workers will present the Government, and the Allies, with an accomplished fact.

The matter is so serious that the Pope, who had been informed, called immediately for Minister De Gasperi to explain what he had been doing inside the Government, that he had been unable to give warning of what was about to happen.

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The only party which could give any opposition to this revolution is the Partito di Azione, but even with this party agreements have been made for strict collaboration, or even outright merging, to take place as soon as the factories have been occupied. Besides this, the government would create an advisory board of men elected by all parties (says De Gasperi), an advisory board which would serve as a consultation board for the Government in deliberations of great importance. It seems that there would be a proportional representation on this board, according to the strength of the party and it is not known which and how many parties will be called upon to form it. Even here, they (presumably the Communists) have studied a system by which they can have a majority with which to sanction any measure.

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The manoeuvre of the Russians is clearly seen. While officially they promise the Allies that they will not meddle in what pertains in Italy, which should remain either an English or an American sphere of influence, undoubtedly they are manoeuvring to grab this sphere of influence by causing discord between the Allies, and by presenting them with an accomplished fact brought about by the will of the Italians.

Minister Togliatti has full knowledge of these facts and we received this information from one of his intimate friends, a person whom Togliatti himself says he completely trusts.

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Much of this is biased on the fact that the so-called expansion, which was anything but rational and was carried out with sectarian instincts, left many persons out in the street and these elements are now turning to Communism, which promises them a livelihood. Another serious question - and the Italian press attacks this point always - is clearly - is that the Allies have not kept any of the promises which they made on the radio and in their propaganda. In fact, today in Italy there is nothing more than hunger, hunger and more hunger. No work has been begun, nothing which points to work in the immediate future: there is a complete feeling that the country is occupied and that the Allies have not liberated anyone, although they fight their own war, which is an economic war of conquest of economic markets and for economic expansion. Add to this the impressions made by La Guardia's statements and the serious repercussions thereof, and you have a clear picture of the situation, and it can easily be seen how simple it is for Russia to make realistic-sounding promises and for her to attract the backing of the masses. Everyone knows how much Russian gold has been in circulation during the past months, how the Communists have distributed money and food to their members and how easy it is to attract hungry masses who had blindly believed a propaganda for which they had given thousands of lives, but which actually turned out to be just empty promises.

This is the situation which is developing at the moment.

From another source we learn that the order of occupation has been extended to all government offices, important private offices and all stores. There are conservative elements which fear the Allied reaction to this manifestation but they can do nothing to sway the rest of the mass.

We think we shall be able to give the date and the hour when this action is to take place, with perhaps a few hours advance notice.

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16 August 1944

Subject: Italian Political Party Tendencies

To: Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.
(Attention G-5)

For your information, attached is memorandum Ref. 550,
Political Section, Allied Control Commission, dated 15 August 1944,
above subject.

JERRY W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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As above (in trip.)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
MILITARY DIVISION
APO 394

Ref 530

15 August 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: G-5, Allied Force Headquarters;
Copies to: British Resident Minister,
U. S. Political Advisor.

SUBJECT: Italian Political Party Tendencies.

There has recently been some realignment in the political parties in Italy. This was of course to be expected since in origin the six parties of which the National Committee of Liberation were formed were for the most part expressions of tendencies against Fascism and against the policies of tying Italy to Germany. Now that the time is coming when each of them will have to consider a positive program, there is a natural regrouping into tendencies towards alliance or fusion of the parties of the Left and of the Right.

2. For instance on the 9th August an announcement appeared in the press in which the Socialist and Communist parties published their intention to associate together in a close alliance to achieve more active participation in the war, to intensify the application of anti-Fascist measures and to bring wages and salaries into line with the cost of living. A coordinated commission was set up consisting of three members of each party and in each case the members include the secretary general of the party, that is, Mr. Togliatti for the Communist and Mr. Nenni for the Socialist. This Commission will not only coordinate policy in political matters, but also over trade union questions and the officers of each party principally concerned with the trade union movement are both members of the commission, namely, Mr. di Vittorio of the Communist Party and Mr. Iannuzzi, better known in Naples under the pseudonym of Longobardi, for the Socialist Party. In the statements that have been published it has been made plain that this association of the Communist and Socialist Parties is not a fusion and that each party will maintain its individuality. Finally the two parties state their conviction that the establishment of a democratic republic by means of a constituent assembly was the solution which best suited the aspirations of the Italian people.

3. As for the right, the press of the 15th August published an announcement that as a result of a meeting in Naples of the 8th August the Italian Liberal Party (Partito Liberale Italiano) and the Democrat Liberal Party (Partito della Democrazia Liberale) had decided on fusion. The Liberal Party are of course one of the six parties of the National Committee of Liberation which form

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the present government. Their leaders (Crispien, Bolari, Casavola, Casati, etc.) have been part of the Bonomi Administration and historically are the followers of Giolitti, that is the right-wing of the Liberal Party. The Democrat Liberal Party came into existence in Southern Italy after the Armistice, their nominal head being De Michelis. Their own members were a group of fairly influential local politicians most of them free-masons: Vito Roale, De Caro, Casano, etc. Phillipsen had been the real organizer of the party and he had done it to a great extent by approaching former Fascist friends. These Democrat Liberals used to be followers of Miti and of Scavola and were the left-wing of the Liberal movement. Whatever the historic background, their fundamental characteristic as a group since the Armistice was their willingness to work under Badoglio and the present distinction between them and the Liberal Party is probably negligible. The Liberal Party has a certain following among the upper and middle classes in Northern and Central Italy and the Democrat Liberals among the popular masses of the South. The fusion of the two parties will undoubtedly strengthen the electoral position of the Liberal movement and as both parties are in favour of the Monarchy, the fusion between the two is likely to concentrate in the new combined party the monarchist elements who are unwilling to join the Christian Democrat Party. It is too soon to say whether this fusion will lead to some change in the Liberal representation in the present Bonomi Government or whether the combined party will be able to draw into it Orlando, who is another outstanding Liberal figure, but who so far has not committed himself to any party.

4. Meanwhile the Action Party has recently held a party convention at Caserta. At this meeting the fact came into the open that the party is made up of discreditable elements who had banded together for "action" against Fascism and against the Germans, but who had no underlying agreement on political matters. The result of the convention was a victory for the leftward tendency of the party who wish that it should become a party of the masses. The leader of this tendency is a Sardinian republican of standing, Emilio Lussu. It remains to be seen what the effect of this will be upon the members of the party who are in the Government as well as upon the minority group of the party who desired it to be a lay party of the Centre.

5. Copies of this memorandum have been sent to the British High Commissioner and U.S. Representative to Advisory Council for Italy.

/s/ Harold Cascia.
/s/ H. A. CASCIA
Vice President

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Public opinion has been shown to be against the form of government run by self appointed representatives of six parties. This form of protest has materialized in the re-formation of the Liberal Democratic Social Party, which from Cavour to Giolitti, Salandra, Orlando, Always run Italy's destinies on the bases of national institutions.

Leading personalities of this Party are: Orlando, Badoglio, Della Torretta Bergamini, Frassati, Pollastrelli, De Nicola, Philipson, Porzio, etc., etc., and its secretary is Leonardo Ascarita.

The program of the Party is:

- 1)- To fight the war to the end by the side of the Allied Nations.
- 2)- To rebuild the national structure on the bases of liberty, order and work.
- 3)- Promote and insure the respect of national institutions.

The Party would need a paper which should be the one which always represented the liberal democratic ideals, viz: Il Giornale d'Italia, edited by Alberto Bergamini.

In order to achieve this end, Colonel Charles Faletti would be asked to appoint a "Commissario" to the Gruppo the Azienda Arsenale - Giornale d'Italia - Friana - with the order to place the newspapers offices and printing press at the disposal of the Liberal Democratic Social Party.

Under the supervision of the A.C.C. this Party would run with its own funds the said newspapers.

The Allied authorities will be asked to take full advantage of the editorial facilities of these newspapers.

In view of the fact that the transfer of the administrative control of Rome to the Italian Government will be effected on August 15th it is pre-eminently desirable that the matter be given immediate attention.

Per note: "Si consiglia come Commissario il Comm. Leonardo Ascarita".

(C O P Y)

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DRAFT Memorandum to G-5, copies British Resident Minister
U.S. Political Adviser, Sir Noel Charles & Mr. Kirk.

Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum CMS/CF/1jr of the 29th July, informing me of the desire of the Supreme Allied Commander that the Advisory Council should be apprised of my letter A/CC 091.1 of the 3rd July, as well as of any subsequent developments relating to the solution of the institutional question at the end of the war.

2. After consultation with the American representative and the Advisory Council and the British High Commissioner I would request authority for postponing the presentation of this particular problem to the Council. Our main reason for making this request is the following. In my previous conversations with the President of the Council and the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs I was informed that the Italian Government had no pre-sent intention of debating these matters; in fact, the President of the Council was particularly anxious that his government should avoid such topics and get down to the very pressing problems of administration that confronted them. By this means he hoped that he would be able to send his government, made up as it is of six disparate elements, into a team. Any other course and in particular debate of such problems as the institutional question would be felt to divide rather than to unite. That he has been correct in this estimate has been amply shown by the Roman press during the last month. If this question were now presented to the Advis-

conversations with the President of the Council and the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs I was informed that the Italian Government had no present intention of debating these matters; in fact, the President of the Council was particularly anxious that his government should avoid such topics and get down to the very pressing problems of administration that confronted them. By this means he hoped that he would be able to weld his government, made up as it is of six disparate elements, into a team. Any other course and in particular debate of such problems as the institutional question would be felt to divide rather than to unite. That he has been correct in this estimate has been amply shown by the Roman press during the last month. If this question were now presented to the Advisory Council in Rome, it is most improbable that the Italian Government would long remain unaware that it had come up for discussion. The consequence could only be to stimulate an immediate discussion in the Italian Government, and there can be no knowing what the effect of such discussion might be on its stability of the Government.

3. I am strengthened in pressing for postponement of this matter by the knowledge that the purpose of bringing it to the attention of the Advisory Council is that the Supreme Allied Commander wishes, as a first step, the members to consult their respective governments. Neither the British nor the American representative have as yet any instructions. They are, however, telegraphing to find out what the views of the British and American Governments may be in this question. When some agreement has been reached between

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the British and American Governments it may be less dangerous to submit this question to the Advisory Council. Alternatively, if even then discussion in Rome might lead to undesirable local repercussions, there are, of course, other means by which the British and American Governments can consult the other governments represented on the Advisory Council.

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SUBJECT: Italian Government Organization

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1	2 Aug 44	Acting Chief Comm.	Economic Admin. Political E.C. & M.G. Sections (in turn)	1. Reference attached letter CG/4/7, Communications Sub-Commission, dated 2 Aug 44, above subject. 2. Comments and recommendations, please. 3. Directive of Combined Chiefs of Staff with respect to general functions of the ACC provides: "To insure that the conduct of the Italian Government conforms to the requirements of an Allied Base of Operations, especially transportation and communications". For the Acting Chief Commissioner: L. D. DERSMORE Colonel, Sig C Chief Staff Officer

Hq. ACC - Sec'y Gen.
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FROM: ACC

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KING HAS DECIDED IN VIEW OF LENGTH AND HEAT OF JOURNEY NOT TO GO TO BRINDISI
PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER FROM ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FROM STONE PERSONAL REFERENCE ACC SUGAR THREE ZERO TWO JULY THREE ONE AND ACC
ONE TWO ONE SEVEN ABOUT ONE PAREN BUT TO RETURN TO HIS OLD VILLA AT RAVELLO

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AS BRUNAS WAS UNABLE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE VILLA ROSEBURY
YESTERDAY BY TELEPHONE HE LEFT FOR NAPLES BY AIR THIS MORNING IN
ORDER TO EXPLAIN MATTERS TO THE KING OF ITALY PD PAREN TO AFHQ
FOR SACRED FROM HQ ACC FROM STONE PERSONAL PD REFERENCE MY SUGAR
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THE 2 RO TWO OF YESTERDAY PAREN I WILL REPORT FURTHER ON HIS
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URGENT

ACTING CHIEF COM.

I HEARD THIS MORNING THAT THE KING OF ITALY TWO OR THREE DAYS AGO TRANSFERRED FROM
NAVELLO TO THE VILLA ROSEBERRY IN NAPLES WHERE THE CROWN PRINCE HAD LIVED BEFORE
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS CAME TO ROME PD FAREN TO AFHQ FOR BACKED FROM HQ ACC FROM
STONE PERSONAL FAREN AS I UNDERSTOOD THAT KJH HAD COMMUNICATED KJH WISHES ABOUT
THE LOCATION OF THE KING OF ITALY'S RESIDENCE TO SIR MOEL CHARLES CMA I AGREED
WITH HIM THAT HE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY GET INTO TOUCH WITH PRUNAS AND REQUEST THE
LATTER TO EXPLAIN TO THE KING OF ITALY THAT HE COULD NOT REMAIN AT THE VILLA
ROSEBERRY AND MUST RETURN TO NAVELLO AT ONCE CMA REMAINING THERE UNTIL ANY
OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS RESIDENCE HAD BEEN APPROVED PD PRUNAS HAS UNDERTAKEN
TO DO THIS IMMEDIATELY AND I WILL TELEGRAPH AGAIN AS SOON AS WE HEAR THE RESULT
OF HIS ACTION

AUTHENTICATED:

WILSON W. STONE
Captain, USA
Acting Chief Commissioner

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INTERVIEW WITH COUNT CARANDINI 31 JULY, 1944

Carandini accepted office as Minister without Portfolio replacing Croce last week. He did so reluctantly. In the first place his health is not very good, and secondly he has a poor opinion of the present Government.

He made a very strong point for support from the Allies of the Centre Parties the "parties of order" as he put them. He said that whereas the Liberal Party had only one car in which its officials could go around to do their business and make their contacts, the Communists on the other hand had as many as 14. Furthermore, he said that the Communists were repeating the policy of the Fascists in days gone by and were getting large subsidies from industrialists, who in turn were paying for the same reason that they paid the Fascists, because they were afraid of them. The Communist income from this source recently he put at over 80,000,000 Lire.

As to the Socialists, he said that the articles written now in *Avanti* by Renzi ought to be compared with those written 25 years or so ago by Mussolini, also in the *Avanti*. In fact he said a very cutting cartoon appeared showing Renzi with the outline "he is a Socialist, he writes in *Avanti*, do you think he will also have been an elementary school teacher?"

Carandini said that Bonomi, although old, was doing a good job in the Cabinet, as he was able to exercise a paternal influence over the quarrelling factions, but he was particularly bitter against *partito d'Azione* and against Giannini, whom he accused of rabble-rousing in the Socialist-Communist interest. He claimed that the Liberal Party if properly organized could be in the South at least as strong as the Social Democrats, and in the North could equal the record of the Socialists and Communists. Many people, he said, joined the Social Democrats not from conviction but in the hope of bringing them to more liberal ideas; many other joined the Communists in the hope of getting some sort of action, no matter what. All these, who were essentially discontented, belonged properly to the Liberal Party and could be brought into it if they had the means and the money to organize.

On the subject of the Government itself, he said it could be much more efficient if the elementary needs of transport were granted to them; if the Ministers had cars and did not have to buy gasoline on the black market at 80 Lire a litre; if the Government for example had just one plane to act as a courier service.

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CROCK HAS INSISTED ON CARRYING THROUGH HIS INTENTION TO RESIGN AND IN AGREEMENT WITH ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION THE GOVERNMENT HAVE NOMINATED ANOTHER LIBERAL CMA SIGNOR CARANDINI CMA TO TAKE HIS PLACE AS MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR ACTION GEORGE FIVE FOR INFO
BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER AND UNCLE SUGAR POLITICAL ADVISOR FROM ACC
FROM STONE REFERENCE ACC FIVE EIGHT NINE JULY ONE SIX PAREN CARANDINI IS FOUR NINE CMA FOUGHT IN THE ALPINE IN THE LAST WAR CMA HAS LATTERLY BEEN CONCERNED IN AGRICULTURE AND THE WOOL INDUSTRY AND SEEMS A SATISFACTORY NOMINATION

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BERNARD TOLD ME THIS MORNING CDR. SEE MY TELEGRAM FIVE ONE THREE OF JULY FORTYONE CDR. THAT IT HAD BEEN DECIDED NOT TO ACCEPT CROOKS RESIGNATION 2D PAGE TO AFM ADVANCED FOR C-5 BRITISH HADWIN AND US POLITICAL ADVISER FROM AND SIGNED STEVE PAGE BERNARD THOUGHT THAT CROOKS WOULD PROBABLY PERSIST IN HIS INTENTION TO RESIGN BUT THE QUESTION OF HIS REPLACEMENT WOULD NOT BECOME ACTUAL UNTIL A FURTHER MESSAGE HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM HIM.

cc: r/p Fleet

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MEMORANDUM

22 July 44
From Bureau & Cordell Hull
Reviewed by Mr. Fisher.

Next September will be the anniversary of Italy's entry into the war at the side of the United Nations. The process of evolution through which the Italian situation has passed both internally and externally during this year, is undeniable. Thus the clauses of the armistice of September, 1943, now represent a situation historically and politically out of date. It would be an act of justice and of political wisdom to modify the legal position of Italy as fixed in September last in relation to the actual position to-day. The armistice period should now be considered concluded and misunderstandings should be finally removed as regards unconditional surrender, armistice and co-belligerency. The continuance of the present situation is politically sterile and prejudicial for us and for everyone.

2. The promises and pledges made by the United Nations to the Italian people are in any case explicit: the United Nations have solemnly promised that the modification of the armistice terms depends on the nature of Italy's contribution to the common war effort. Now, it is perfectly clear that if Italy is obstructed and prevented, as has been the case up till now, from participating adequately in the liberation of her territory, this will only perpetuate the vicious and sterile circle from which it is necessary to break loose. The Italian Corps of Liberation should therefore be greatly increased in numbers and effectiveness. We have the men and they want to fight: they should be armed and fed.

3. The Italian people feel themselves at the moment to be in quarantine, shut in as if hermetically isolated. They should be allowed back again into that free circulation of ideas and of international events which is one of the fundamental conditions for the resumption and the progressive development of free democratic institutions.

Up till now any initiative in this sense has been precluded to us. For instance:

- a) the request for Italian adhesion to the Atlantic Charter was never answered;
- b) the request for Italian participation in the International Labour Office was put off to an undetermined date;
- c) the request for participation in the Monetary Conference was not welcomed.

4. The costs of occupation; the enormous, untold mass of notes issued by the Allies; the high rate of exchange fixed between the pound sterling, the dollar and the lira etc.; these cut deeply into the exhausted resources of Italy. There is talk of U.N.R.R.A., of the Relief Committee for Italy, etc. These are excellent beginnings, but they are for the future. The Italian people in the

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Italy asks to be placed in a position where she will have to rely as little as possible on the resources of the Allies, especially in this crucial moment of the war. Her economic rehabilitation is consequently in her own and the common interest. Italian experts and technicians should be authorized to discuss the most urgent and serious problems in London and in Washington directly with the competent authorities. These are technical and not political problems. The inclusion of Italy in the Lend-Lease Law would undoubtedly constitute a step forward in the right direction.

5. The Allied Control Commission should be relieved progressively of at least three quarters of its duties and directed towards a system at once less oppressive and less patently indicative of interference and intervention in all sectors of Italian life. There are already organizations in Italy ready to take on its heritage - for example, the High Commissions, which could in their turn be changed into something like the Ambassadors' Conferences which have in the past given proof of their capability and efficiency. The present situation should in any case be liquidated. It is not possible for a country to carry on for long, without serious risk under the administration of two Governments. It is equally impossible for a highly civilized people such as the Italian to be indefinitely subjected to a state of tutelage and minority.

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6. Almost everywhere in the world the vast, busy, industrious Italian colonies are subjected to a treatment which, in some countries, is even comparable to anti-Semitic persecution. Heads of families have been for years in concentration camps, women reduced to prostitution and misery; their sources of livelihood, fruit of their hard and patient efforts, prejudiced and compromised. We may quote as examples the cases of Italian colonies in the whole of the Mediterranean Basin and especially in Tunis and Egypt. The situation of our 40,000 prisoners in French hands has by now reached the limits of any possibility of physical or moral resistance. This anti-Italian crusade, which can be proved indisputably, should be stopped. It helps no one, except to cause deeper suffering and to sow seeds of future discord.

7. The new democratic Italy intends to set the country firmly on the old road of full, complete and faithful collaboration with the Western Powers. In the very serious crisis, material and spiritual, which will convulse Europe on the cessation of hostilities, she wishes to represent and to be an element of stability and of order. Her people are sober, industrious, hard-working. The strength of Italian labour is one of the fundamental elements of European reconstruction. Credit should therefore be paid to it. A decision should be made to initiate a really reconstructive policy in Italy. It should be realized that 45 million Italians cannot but be one of the fundamental elements of Mediterranean and European pacification, and the necessary dispositions and action should be taken. In short, action should be taken to implement the generous suggestions expressed on many occasions by President Roosevelt in accordance with the generous humanity of the North American people.

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN INTENTION WHICH HE HAS LONG EXPRESSED CROSS HAS DECIDED
TO WITHDRAW FROM THE GOVERNMENT ON HIS TRANSFER TO ROME TO PARME TO AFHQ FOR
BRITISH RESUME AND US POLITICAL ADVISER FROM ADV HQ ACC STONE PARM
IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS WILL BE ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY TOMORROW AND THAT A
MEMBER OF THE LIBERAL PARTY WILL BE APPOINTED TO SUCCEED HIM AS MINISTER
WITHOUT PORTFOLIO ORA POSSIBLY SOLELY THE PRESENT MINISTER OF TREASURY

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Subject: Ministers and Undersecretaries of the Italian Government

To: Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512
(Attention: G-5)

1. Reference is made to AFHQ cable FX 65571 cite FHEC, dated 28 June 1944, requesting an official list of the members of Prime Minister Bonomi's cabinet, and AOC Main cable 6964, dated 1 July 1944, amending AOC Main cables 2240 and 6739 to show recent changes.

2. In accordance with the last paragraph of AOC Main cable 6964, there is forwarded herewith a list of the Ministers and Undersecretaries of the Italian Government including changes up to 6 July 1944, based on official information supplied by the Italian Government.

ELIERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

1 Encl: List of Cabinet

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COMPOSITION OF THE BONCHI CABINET
(Decree of the Lieutenant of the Realm,
18 June 1944, as amended)

6 July 1944

MINISTRY	MINISTERS AND UNDERSECRETARIES	PARTY
President of the Council of Ministers Prime Minister Secretary of State Minister for the Interior Minister ad interim for Foreign Affairs	Prof. Avv. Ivanoe Bonomi	Labor Democrat
Undersecretary to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers	Avv. Sergio Fancaltea	Action
Undersecretary for Interior	Sig. Emilio Canevari	Socialist
Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs	March. Dr. Giovanni Visconti Venosta	No Party
Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs (Italians Abroad)	Dr. Renato Moralli	Liberal
Ministers without Portfolio	Dr. Alberto Cianca Sen. Benedetto Croce Dr. Alcide De Gasperi Avv. Massimo Palmi Dr. Giuseppe Saragat Sen. Count Carlo Sforza Dr. Palmiro Togliatti	Action Liberal Christian Democrat Labor Democrat Socialist No Party Communist
Minister of Grace and Justice	Avv. Umberto Tupini	Christian Democrat
Undersecretary	March. Avv. Carlo Bassano	Labor Democrat
Minister of Finance	Dr. Stefano Siglienti	Action
Undersecretary	Prof. Antonio Rosenti	Communist
Minister for Treasury	Avv. Marcello Soleri	Liberal
Undersecretary	Avv. Antonio Manes	Labor Democrat
Minister of War	Sen. Count Alessandro Casati	Liberal

Undersecretaries for War	Avv. Mario Palermo Gen. Giovanni Battista Gillia	Communist No Party
Minister for Navy	Adm. Raffaele de Courten	No Party
Undersecretary Undersecretary for Merchant Marine	Avv. Antonio Ramirez Sig. Angelo Corsi	Action Socialist
Minister for Air	Gen. Pietro Piccentini	No Party
Undersecretary	Sig. Carlo Scialoja	Labor Democrat
Minister of Public Instruction	Prof. Guido de Ruggiero	No Party
Undersecretary	Dr. Bernardo Mattarella	Christian Democrat
Minister of Public Works	Avv. Pietro Massini	Socialist
Undersecretary	Avv. Giuseppe Bruno	Action
Minister of Agriculture and Forests	Avv. Fausto Gullo	Communist
Undersecretary	Prof. Cino Bergami	Liberal
Minister of Communications	Avv. Francesco Cersabona	Labor Democrat
Undersecretary	Avv. Angelo Raffaele Jervolino	Christian Democrat
Undersecretary for Posts and Telegraph	Dr. Mario Pano	No Party
Minister for Industry, Commerce, and Labor	Prof. Giovanni Gronchi	Christian Democrat
Undersecretary (Industry and Commerce)	Dr. Guido Molinelli	Communist
Undersecretary (Labor)	Sig. Mariano Costa	Socialist
Undersecretary for Press and Information*	Avv. Giuseppe Spataro	Christian Democrat

* Dependent upon the Presidency of the Council of Ministers

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REFERENCE YOUR FOR XRAY SIX FIVE FIVE SEVEN ONE PD PAID TO AFHQ SACRED FOR OEG
FROM ACC MAIN SIGNED STONE PAPER LIST OF MINISTRIES NOW FIRM EXCEPT THAT MANCINI
PARSH SOCIALIST PAREN REPLACED ROMITA. PAREN SOCIALIST PAREN AS MINISTER OF
PUBLIC WORKS PD OBJECT OF CHANGE WAS TO INCREASE REPRESENTATION OF SOUTHERN
ITALY IN CABINET PD MANCINI COMES FROM CALABRIA WHEREAS ROMITA IS PIEMONTESE
PD CASATI RETAINS WAR MINISTRY PD PARA FULL LIST WITH NAMES OF UNDERSECRETARIES
FOLLOWS BY POUCH

Political Section, Main HQ

ROGER B. DERBY, Capt, AGO, Deputy Adjutant

J. A. QUAYLE, Major, R.A., PA to A/CC

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DESIRED TO HAVE OFFICIAL LIST OF MEMBERS BONOMI CABINET. IS LIST IN
M 240 AS AMENDED BY YOUR 6739 OF 26 JUNE NOW FIRM, AND IF RPT SO
DOES CASATI RETAIN WAR MINISTRY. INFORMATION HERE THAT MANCINI
MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND NOT ROMAITA.

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29 June 1745

Mr. Caccia.

du 27 June Capitan Stone

Condor Forestelli to have

State part submitted official list

They be doing - Lovatelli told me

at 1145 hrs that much food will

he says from Salerno - leaving

there at 14.00 hrs to day.

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29 June 1945

Mr. Caccia.

On 27 June Captain Stone
and Comdr Lovatelli to have
State got subm'd approx last
day of day - Lovatelli told me
at 1145 hrs that much last will
be up from Salerno - leaving
there at 1400 hrs to day.

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GEN MACFARLANE C COM

SARGOLIO LECTURED WITH ME TODAY AND HE HAD LONG TALK ON POLITICAL SITUATION AND RECENT
 EVENTS IN PARA TWO PD. HE SAID THAT HE CONSIDERED THAT THE POLITICAL PROBLEM ARISING OUT
 OF THE LINGUATION OF HOME HAD BEEN SOLVED IN THE BEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE WAY POSSIBLE. / ANY
 ATTEMPT ON THE PART OF THE ALLIES TO KEEP HIMSELF IN OFFICE WOULD HAVE HAD DISASTROUS
 RESULTS PD PARA THREE PD HE WAS SATISFIED THAT UNDER EXISTING CONDITIONS HE HAD ACHIEVED
 THE ONLY POSSIBLE SOLUTION ALTHOUGH IT REMAINED TO BE SEEN HOW LONG BOMONI WOULD BE ABLE
 TO HOLD HIS TEAM TOGETHER PD HE WAS ON INTIMATE TERMS WITH BOMONI AND ADMIRER MANY OF HIS
 QUALITIES PD HE WAS ABSOLUTELY STRAIGHT AND TRUTHFUL PD ON THE OTHER HAND IT WAS
 POWERFUL IF HE HAD THE STRENGTH OF CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP TO CONTROL A VERY MIXED TEAM
 PD GEORGIA HAD BEEN A CHANCE IN SARGOLIO'S GOVERNMENT AND HE WAS PLAYING THE SAME ROLE IN
 BOMONI'S CABINET PD SPONZA'S ONLY AIM WAS TO BECOME PREMIER HIMSELF PD THE OTHER SOURCE
 OF TROUBLE WAS GEORGIA WHO WAS BEING UNBALANCED PD PARA FOUR PD WHEN SARGOLIO WENT TO HOME
 HE THOUGHT THAT WITH COMMUNIST SUPPORT HE MIGHT WELL BE ABLE TO FORM A REPRESENTATIVE
 CABINET PD IT WAS HOWEVER EVIDENT AT A VERY EARLY STAGE OF THE DISCUSSIONS IN HOME THAT ALL
 THE OTHER PARTIES WERE DETERMINED TO SERVE UNDER A CIVILIAN PRIME MINISTER AND WISHED TO
 AVOID THEIR CONTINUATION WITH THE MARSHAL AS PREMIER PD AS SOON AS THIS BECAME CLEAR CMA

TO:

AFHQ FOR GENERAL WILSON, BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER, AMERICAN
 POLITICAL ADVISER AND G5 RPTD ADV HQ AAI FOR GENERAL ALEXANDER
 FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL

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TOGLIATTI HAD JOINED THE OTHER PARTIES IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO BADOGLIO PD LARA FIVE PD
SONOMI HAD VERY RECENTLY AGAIN APPROACHED BADOGLIO AND HAD OFFERED HIM THE POST OF
FOREIGN MINISTER PD BADOGLIO HAD SAID THAT HE WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT BUT AFTER A LONG
DISCUSSION WITH SONOMI THEY BOTH DECIDED THAT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE MEMBERS OF
THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALL REFUSED TO SERVE UNDER BADOGLIO IT WOULD BE WELL TO DEFER HIS
ENTERING THE CABINET AT ANY RATE FOR A WHILE PD BADOGLIO ASSURED ME THAT HE HAD PROMISED
SONOMI TO REMAIN AT HAND AND BE AVAILABLE FOR COUNSEL AND ADVICE WHICHEVER MINISTERS CHA
MORE ESPECIALLY IN REGARD TO FOREIGN POLICY AND RELATIONS WITH THE ALLIES

NOEL MANON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General
Chief Commissioner

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19th. June, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: A.F.H.Q.
(ATTENTION: Chief of Section GS.)

I enclose herewith in original the two undertakings which I required Sig. Bonomi to sign as an essential preliminary to the approval of his Government by the Allied Governments.

ROEL HAZON MASPARLANE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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C O P Y

IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO
DEI MINISTRI

To : Lieutenant General Sir Noel F. Mason MacFarlane
K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.

Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

On behalf of the Royal Italian Government I
accept all obligations towards the Allies entered into
by the former Italian Governments since the conclusion
of the Armistice signed on the 3rd September, 1943.

I declare that every member of the Government
has acquainted himself personally with the terms of all
such obligations including the terms of the Armistice
signed on the 29th September 1943.

SALETERNO, June 18th, 1944.

/s/ Ivanoe Bonomi

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS.

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C O P Y

IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO
DEI MINISTRI

To : Lieutenant General Sir Noel F. Mason MacFarlane,
K.C.B., DSO., M.C.

Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission.

Without the prior consent of the Allied
Governments the Royal Italian Government undertakes
not to re-open the institutional question until
such time as Italy has been liberated and the Italian
people have the opportunity of themselves deter-
mining the form of Government.

SALERNO, June 18th, 1944.

/s/ Ivanoe Bonomi

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS.

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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO
DEI MINISTRI

Al Tenente Generale Sir Noel F. Mason MacFarlane, KCB, DSO, MC.
Capo della Commissione Alleata di Controllo.

Il Regio Governo Italiano si impegna a non
riaprire la questione istituzionale, senza il preven-
tivo consenso dei Governi Alleati, fino a che l'Ita-
lia non sarà stata liberata ed il popolo italiano
non avrà l'opportunità di scegliersi da sé la forma
di Governo.

SALERNO, 18 giugno 1944.

IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO
DEI MINISTRI.

/s/ Ivanoe Bonomi

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I INSTRUCTED CAPTAIN STONE TO INFORM BONOMI LAST NIGHT THAT SUBJECT TO HIS SIGNING THE TWO UNDERTAKINGS AS REQUIRED BY THE RESOLUTION OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING OF YESTERDAY HIS GOVERNMENT WAS APPROVED BY THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS AND MIGHT TAKE OFFICE WHEN THE NECESSARY CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURE HAD BEEN COMPLIED WITH PD BAREN TO AFHQ ADVANCE CP FOR SAC CMA BRITISH MINISTER RESIDENT AND AMERICAN POLITICAL ADVISER FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL BAREN PARA TWO CAPTAIN STONE INFORMS ME THAT BONOMI STATED THAT HE WOULD BE READY TO SIGN THE UNDERTAKINGS AT ABOUT ONE EIGHT ZERO ZERO HOURS TODAY PD PARA THREE PD BADOGLIO AND THE LIEUTENANT HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE DECISION OF THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: INFO UNITY LONDON; ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION FROM

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: NONE

FROM: AFTER ADV OP SIGNED WILSON CLASSIFICATION: **SECRET**

REFERENCE No: B 12960 PRECEDENCE: **PRIORITY**

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUNE 18/1945 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: **PHIC**

THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY PASSED FOLLOWING RESOLUTION YESTERDAY: (THIS IS NAF 715). *THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY HAVE EXAMINED THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE FORMATION OF THE PROPOSED NEW GOVERNMENT BY SIGNOR BONOMI, AND THEY CONSIDER THAT IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD PROVE SATISFACTORY IN FURTHERING THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE ALLIED POWERS WHICH IS THE FINAL DEFEAT OF GERMANY.

THEY MUST HOWEVER INSIST THAT: (1) THE NEW GOVERNMENT EXPRESS THEIR READINESS IN WRITING TO ACCEPT ALL OBLIGATIONS TOWARD THE ALLIES ENTERED INTO BY THE FORMER ITALIAN GOVERNMENTS, SINCE THE CONCLUSION OF THE ARMISTICE SIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1943, AND THAT EVERY MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE TERMS OF ALL SUCH OBLIGATIONS INCLUDING THE TERMS OF THE ARMISTICE SIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 24, 1943.

(2) THE NEW GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKE NOT TO REOPEN THE INSTITUTIONAL QUESTION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ITALY HAS BEEN LIBERATED AND THE ITALIAN PEOPLE CAN FREELY EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS.

SINCE PRESUMABLY EACH MEMBER WAS FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND AFTER TAKING ADVICE OF MORPHY AND MACMILLAN, I HAVE ACCEPTED COUNCILS ^{RECOMMENDATIONS} ~~RECOMMENDATIONS~~ SUBJECT TO THE TERMS PROPOSED. I HAVE ADDED THE FOLLOWING IN ^{MY} ~~THE~~ FORMAL REPLY TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL: 'I TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF REAFFIRMING THAT UNDER THE TERMS OF THE ARMISTICE,

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OF POLICY ARE PUT INTO EFFECT."

I HAVE INSTRUCTED THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, TO INFORM SIGNOR BONEMI ACCORDINGLY AND AFTER THE NECESSARY FORMALITIES REQUIRED BY THE CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

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COPY TO:- GENERAL MASON MACFARLANE

18th June, 1944.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of June 17th, enclosing a copy of the resolution passed by the Advisory Council for Italy, meeting under your Presidency yesterday afternoon.

I observe that your Council regards the formation of the proposed Italian Administration under Signor Bonomi, subject to two essential preliminary conditions, as likely to prove satisfactory in furthering the main purpose of the Allied Powers, which is the final defeat of Germany.

I shall be glad if you will inform the Council that, in my capacity as President of the Allied Control Commission and on behalf of the United Nations, I propose to accept the Council's recommendation, subject to the terms and conditions proposed.

I take the opportunity of reaffirming that under the regime of the Armistice, the Italian Government is bound to carry out promptly and efficiently all orders given by the United Nations. It is therefore essential that the prior agreement of myself as President of the Control Commission should be obtained and that the Governments concerned should be consulted through the machinery established for this purpose, before any important decisions of policy are put into effect.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Yours sincerely,

H. MAITLAND WILSON,
GENERAL,
SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

H.E. M. Jean Politis,
Ambassadeur de Grece,
Greek Delegation to Advisory Council for Italy.

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GREEK DELEGATION
to the
ADVISORY COUNCIL.
FOR ITALY.

Naples, le 17 Juin, 1944.

Monsieur le Commandant en Chef,

En ma qualite de president de la 11eme seance
du Conseil Consultatif pour les Affaires Italiennes,
j'ai l'honneur de vous transmettre ci-joint a prise
en conclusion de sa deliberation sur la demission du
cabinet preside par le Marechal Badoglio et la
formation d'un nouveau Gouvernement sous la presidence
de M. Bonomi.

Veuillez agreer, Monsieur le Commandant en
Chef, les assurances de ma tres haute consideration.

Jean Politis,

Ambassadeur de Grece.

Monsieur le
General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, GCE, KCB, DSO, ADC.
Commandant en Chef du theatre de guerre
mediterraneen, etc., etc., etc.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION.

The Advisory Council for Italy have examined the events leading up to the formation of the proposed new Government by Signor Bonomi, and they consider that in all the circumstances this Government should prove satisfactory in furthering the main purpose of the Allied Powers which is the final defeat of Germany.

They must, however, insist that:

- 1) The new Government express their readiness in writing to accept all obligations towards the Allies entered into by the former Italian Governments since the conclusion of the Armistice signed on the 3rd September, 1943, and that every member of the Government should be personally acquainted with the terms of all such obligations including the terms of the Armistice signed on the 29th September, 1943.
- 2) The new Government undertake not to re-open the institutional question until such time as Italy has been liberated and the Italian people can freely express their views.

On behalf of the Royal Italian Government I accept all the obligations towards the Allies entered into by the former Italian Governments since the conclusion of the Italian Armistice, including the Long Armistice Terms. I certify that every member of the Government has acquainted himself personally with the terms of all such obligations.

HQ AFHQ
18 June 1945
By *[Signature]*

Without the prior consent of the Allied Governments the Royal Italian Government undertakes not to re-open the institutional question until such time as Italy has been liberated and the Italian people have the opportunity of themselves determining the form of Government.

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1. S.A.C. in C.,
2. Mr. Macmillan.,
3. Mr. Murphy.,
4. General Mason Macfarlane (for action),
5. O-5. A.F.H.Q.,

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GEN MACFARLANE C COM

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POINT OF VIEW OF RECEIVING THE DECISION OF THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS SOONEST POSSIBLE PD I
LEFT WITH THEM A SHORT COMMUNIQUE ON THE REASONS FOR DELAY APPROVED YESTERDAY BY BBR AND
APA PD THEY WERE GLAD TO HAVE THIS BUT THOUGHT IT MIGHT NOT BE NECESSARY TO USE IT PD
SHOULD THEY WISH TO USE IT THEY WILL ARRANGE SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE WITH ME PD ON LEAVING
THE ITALIAN OFFICES IN SALERNO I MET SPORZA PD HE WAS CONSIDERABLY MORE CONCERNED AT THE
DELAY IN RECOGNITION OF BONOMI'S PROPOSED GOVERNMENT THAN BALOGGIO AND BONOMI WHO HAVE
ACCEPTED THE DELAY WITH A COMMENDABLY GOOD GRACE

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner

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FROM/rj

Ref. 00/P393

14th. June, 1944.

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NOEL MASON MACPARKIN
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

His Excellency, Marshal Pietro Badoglio.

14 June
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Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

His Excellency, Sig. I. Bonomi.

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ALTO COMMISSARIATO PER LA PUNIZIONE
DEI DELITTI E DEGLI ILLECITI DEL FASCISMO

L'ALTO COMMISSARIO

Naples.
June 13 1944.
8 a.m.

Dear General Vespignani,

In spite of what happened and even because of what happened in Rome, my friends and I, stated again yesterday that the first duty of all must remain: to help to oust the Germans, to destroy the Germans.

If you heard my voice at the program Italia Combatta yesterday evening at 10.30 you know that the leit-motif of my speech was only:

"Bisogna colpire ovunque, con ogni mezzo, tutto il tempo... Salvate la patria... Che non si veda... Il mezzo è uno solo: distruggere il fascismo. Arrazzare ovunque... Solo così si salvano il nostro nome."

As soon as I knew of the dangerous step of yesterday I recommended to my friends to be silent, to wait in confidence, not to get excited... They agreed.

But I must tell you that if we are confronted by military sedition we will defend our honour and the honour of Italy in a way which will surprise those who last September betrayed Italy and did so much harm to the Allied cause.

they the Germans.

If you heard my voice of the morning Italia radiative yesterday evening at 10.30 you know that the left-motif of my speech was only:

"risorgimento calvo e cupo, con ogni mezzo, tutto il tempo... Salvate la patria... (che è mai più)... Il mezzo è uno solo: distinguere l'adesione, assolutamente disonore... Solo così salvavate il nostro onore."

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But I must tell you that if we are confronted by military addition we will defend our honour and the honour of Italy in a way which will surprise those who last September betrayed Italy and did so much harm to the Allied cause.

Order in Italy, collaboration from Italy is in your hands: but if the cause of Italian freedom is subordinated to the whim of a reactionary plot, if you choose then against us, disorder will not have been created by us but by those who still hate you.

I have stated to Washington the situation as we see it: 59071 you now for London, inspired by an Italian devotion for your cause which began in June 10th 1940.

Sincerely yours
Luigi Einaudi

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TRANSLATION

Translation 14 June 1944
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THE PRESIDENT
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Salerno, 13 June 1944

My dear General:

In regard to the urgent communication made to me yesterday and to Marshal Badoglio and by which the outgoing Ministry must remain in charge until the approval of the United Nations for the constitution of the new Cabinet, I must make some friendly observations to you inspired by the warm desire to maintain the closest cordiality between the peoples who fight together against the common enemy: Hitlerian Germany.

I take into consideration the situation of Italy which has accepted facts which myself and the Government over which I preside intend to respect completely and loyally, but I maintain that it is necessary to avoid all that which can touch the feeling of independence of the Italian people who desire, after the hard fascist domination, to feel free to regulate in their own way their internal life.

I have given proof to you recently not only to accept completely the two conditions indicated by you for the formation of a new Government, but also to keep very much in mind your advice and your suggestions inspired to maintain the best relations between the United Nations and the democratic Italy which now resumes its long interrupted activity. But I would not know, in the face of public opinion of my country, how to justify an initiative in regard to a purely democratic Government and expression of forces which have fought against German oppression, initiative which finds no precedents in the practice followed during the formation of prior Cabinets.

For this, in agreement with Marshal Badoglio (who, as you will have noted in our conversation of yesterday, is fully in agreement with me in evaluating this episode) I have avoided up to now to render public this suspension of the transition from one Cabinet to another, suspension which if known in its true motives, might destroy the work accomplished with the agreement of the various political parties and with the consensus of the majority of my Country.

Please accept my kind greetings.

(Sgd) IVANKE BONCHI

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IL PRESIDENTE

DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Salerno, 13 giugno 1944

Mio caro Generale,

in merito alla comunicazione urgente fatta ieri a me e al Maresciallo Badoglio e per la quale il Ministero dimissionario deve rimanere in carica finchè non giunga il gradimento delle Nazioni Unite alla costituzione del nuovo Gabinetto, debbo farle alcune amichevoli osservazioni ispirate dal vivo desiderio di mantenere la più schietta cordialità fra i popoli che si battono insieme contro il comune nemico : la Germania hitleriana.

Io mi rendo conto della situazione dell' Italia la quale ha accettato dei patti che io e il Governo che presiedo intendiamo di rispettare interamente e lealmente, ma reputo che occorra evitare tutto ciò che possa toccare il senso di indipendenza del popolo italiano che vuole, dopo la dura dominazione fascista, sentirsi libero di regolare a suo modo la sua vita interna.

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Lieutenant Generale

Sir Noel P. Mason MacFarlane

K. C. E., D. S. C., M. C.

Chief Commissioner

Allied Control Commission.

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IL PRESIDENTE

DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

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ca del mio Paese, come giustificare una iniziativa nei confronti di un governo schiettamente democratico ed espressione di forze che hanno combattuto contro l' oppressione tedesca, iniziativa che non trova precedenti nella pratica seguita durante la formazione degli anteriori Gabinetti.

Per questo, di intesa con il Maresciallo Badoglio (che, come avrà constatato nella nostra conversazione di ieri, è interamente di accordo con me nel valutare questo episodio) ho evitato finora di rendere pubblica questa sospensione del trapasso da un Gabinetto all' altro, sospensione che se fosse nota nei suoi veri motivi potrebbe distruggere l' opera compiuta con l' accordo dei partiti politici e col consenso della maggioranza del mio Paese.

Mi creda, caro Generale, con i migliori saluti.

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Samuel B. Gruber

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Mi creda, caro Generale, con i migliori saluti.

Samuel Berner

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12th. June. 1944.

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GEN MACFARLANE

A.F.H.Q. RPTD A.A.I.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM FOREIGN OFFICE BY HIGH COMMISSIONER I
INFORMED BAROGLIO AND BONOMI TOGETHER AT SALBORO TODAY THAT ALLIED GOVERNMENTS WERE
CONSIDERING QUESTION OF ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED GOVERNMENT OF BONOMI AND THAT BONOMI
AND HIS GOVERNMENT COULD NOT TAKE OFFICE UNTIL A DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED PD PARAGRAPH 10
AND FOR SAC USA BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER CMA AMERICAN POLITICAL ADVISER AND G5
REPEATED BELIEVED THAT ALL FOR GENERAL ALEXANDER FROM ADD MAIN FROM MACFARLANE FURNISH
PARAGRAPH IN THE MEANTIME THE GOVERNMENT OF BAROGLIO WOULD CONTINUE TO FUNCTION IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE LIEUTENANT'S DIRECTIVE PD 1 TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF AGAIN INFORMING
ON BONOMI THAT IF HIS GOVERNMENT WAS ACCEPTED BY THE ALLIES IT WOULD HAVE TO UNDERTAKE
ALL THE OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS THE ALLIES ENTERED INTO BY BAROGLIO'S GOVERNMENT INCLUDING
THE LONG ARMISTICE TERMS IF BONOMI REAFFIRMED HIS ASSURANCE THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD
TAKE OVER WITHOUT QUESTION ALL AND ANY SUCH OBLIGATIONS PD PARAGRAPH 10 TO BE DISCUSSED
CURIOSITY
THE QUESTION OF DEALING WITH PUBLIC ~~EXAMINATION~~ AS REGARDS DELAY IN TAKING OFFICE BY
BONOMI PD BOTH BONOMI AND BAROGLIO WERE ANXIOUS NOT TO PUBLISH THE FACT THAT THE DELAY
WAS DUE TO THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS AND IF DEEMED THEY WILL GIVE SOME ORGANISATIONAL
REASON PD PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU APPROVE PD PARAGRAPH THREE PD I ALSO SAW THE CROWN

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THINK IN HAYDEN AND EXPLAINED THE SITUATION TO HIM PD WE MADE NO COMMENT BEYOND
AS TO WHAT DECISION THE ALLIES WERE LIKELY TO GIVE PD I MADE A MONOSYLLABIC REPLY PD
DATA FOUR PD IT IS PERHAPS WORTH NOTING THAT MAFOLIO AND BONONI APPEARED TO BE
ON VERY FRIENDLY TERMS

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NOEL HAYDEN HAYDENLINE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner

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ACC MAIN (GEN MACPARKER & JOHN)

11 June, 1944.

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URGENT

GEN MACPARKER

A.F.R.C. RPTD A.A.I.

I RETURNED FROM ROME THIS EVENING AND REPORTED WITH ME BONOMI AND ALL MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET TO PARSON TO ASK FOR SAC DIA BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTERS DIA AMERICAN POLITICAL ADVISER AND G5 REPEATED HEADQUARTERS AAI FOR GENERAL ALEXANDER FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACPARKER PERSONAL PARSON THEY SENT STRAIGHT TO SALERNO FROM NAPLES TO PARSON THE PD LIEUTENANT ASKED ME TO SEE HIM AFTER MY RETURN PD HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE SENDING FOR BONOMI TOMORROW TO APPROVE THE FINAL LIST OF THE CABINET PD WHEN THE MEMBERS OF THE CABINET ARE PRESENTED TO HIM HE PROPOSES TO MAKE A SHORT ADDRESS WHICH HE WISHES TO HAVE PUBLISHED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE CABINET PRODUCE THEIR DECLARATION OF POLICY PD HE STRESSED THE FACT THAT IN EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES A CABINET UNDER BONOMI WAS THE ONLY POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO THE POLITICAL PROBLEM AND THAT IN HIS OPINION THERE APPEARED TO BE EVERY LIKELIHOOD THAT THE PARTIES WOULD NOW WORK TOGETHER IN HARMONY PD HE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO INDUCE BONOMI TO APPOINT A SOLDIER AS DIA IF NECESSARY DIA AN ADDITIONAL UNDERSECRETARY FOR WAR PD HE WAS MOST ANXIOUS THAT IN THE INTERESTS OF EFFICIENCY IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO RETURN TO ROME AT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE 5497

SOEL MASON MACPARKER
Lieutenant-General
Chief Commissioner

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: AOS MAIN (GEN MACPARIANE C COMB)

CLASSIFICATION: TOP SECRET

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REF NO. 2 212

DATE: 11 JUNE 64

TO: AFHQ RPTD AAI

I WAS REPORTED IN ROME THIS MORNING PD PARA ONE TO AFHQ FOR SAC OF A BRITISH RESIDENT
MINISTER OF AMERICAN POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND A FIVE REPEATED HEADQUARTERS AAI
FOR GENERAL ALEXANDER FROM AOS MAIN FROM MACPARIANE PERSONAL PAREN HE WAS
CLEARLY WELL SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS OF HIS CABINET BUILDING PD KN DE NICOLA
WAS PRESENT DURING OUR TALK AND I UNDERSTAND THAT A PLACE WILL BE FOUND FOR HIM
IN THE CABINET AT AN EARLY DATE PD PARA TWO PD I ASKED BONCHI IF SPORCA WAS
GOING TO REMAIN IN HIS APPOINTMENT OF HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REPARATION AND
MANAGEMENT AS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES PD BONCHI SAID THAT NO DECISION HAD
YET BEEN REACHED PD PARA THREE BONCHI SAID HE EXPECTED TO OBTAIN THE FORMAL
RETIREMENT OF THE MINISTER TO HIS CABINET TOMORROW AND THAT THE CABINET WOULD
BE SWORN IN ON TUESDAY PD PARA FOUR PD I MENTIONED THE FACT THAT SIXTY
APPEARED TO BE VERY POORLY REPRESENTED BUT THIS SITUATION WAS BEEN IMPROVED
BY THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO SICILIAN UNDERSECRETARIES PD PARA FIVE PD THE REST
OF OUR TALK WAS CONCERNED WITH THE MOVE OF THE GOVERNMENT TO CALTANISSETTA
AFTERNOON AND INTERNAL ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING THE MINISTRIES AND CIVIL SERVANTS
IN ROME DURING THE DAY WHEN IT WOULD PROVE POSSIBLE TO PERMIT THE GOVERNMENT
TO RETURN TO ROME

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ROEL MASON MACPARIANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

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10th. June, 1944.

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URGENT

GEN MACFARLANE

FIFTH ARMY

OR
PLEASE INFORM BOMBERS THROUGH BOMBERS JOSE CASOLA THAT IN NICOLA WILL BE ARRIVED
IN HOME WITH ME TOMORROW ARMY IS FIFTH ARMY FOR CHIEF OF STAFF FOR JAVIER FROM
ACC MAJN FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PARKING MORNING

NOEL MARION MACFARLANE
Lieutenant Colonel 5939
Chief Commissioner

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER

10 JUNE 1944

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GEN MACFARLANE

AHQ, REPEATED AAI

BY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING TELEGRAM PD BAHN TO AFHQ FOR SAC BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER
AMERICAN POLITICAL ADVISER GEORGE FIVE REPEATED HE AAI FOR GENERAL ALEXANDER FROM
ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL BUT PROBABLY ACCURATE
LIST OF BONCHI'S CABINET CIN MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO GROCE SFORZA RUINI DI
GASPARI CIANCA SARAGUT QUERY AND TOGLIATTI SMCLN JUSTICE TERPINI QUERY SMCLN TREASURY
SOLEMI SMCLN FINANCE SIGLIENTE QUERY SMCLN INDUSTRY COMMERCE AND LABOUR GRONCHI SMCLN
AGRICULTURE CULLO SMCLN PUBLIC WORKS ROMITA SMCLN COMMUNICATIONS CERVONI SMCLN
EDUCATION DI RUGGIERO SMCLN WAR AND AVIATION CARATI SMCLN MARINE DE COURTEN

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S/Ldr. R.A.F.
B. TO CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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GEN MACFARLANE

A.Y.H.Q. RPTD A.A.I.

LIEUTENANT RETURNED TO NAPLES THIS AFTERNOON PD PARA TWO TO APPEAL FOR SAC CHA BRITAIN.
BRITAIN MINISTER OF CHA AMERICAN POLITICAL ADVISER AND 05 RELATIVE HEADQUARTERS ARE FOR
GENERAL ALDOBRANDI FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL FOLDER HE TOLD ME THAT BONOMI
HAD PRACTICALLY COMPLETED HIS CABINET PD IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT MANCINI WOULD GET PUBLIC
WORKS PORTFOLIO IN PLACE OF BONOMI PD BONOMI WISHED TO FIND A PLACE FOR DR NICOLA WHO
IS GOING TO ROME WITH ME TOMORROW PD COMMUNISTS HAD TRIED HARD TO GET MINISTRY OF WAR AND
AVIATION BUT BONOMI HAD PREVAILED PD PARA THREE PD CABINET RETURNED TO BALDINO TOMORROW
NIGHT AND LIEUTENANT WILL APPROVE FINAL LIST ON MONDAY PD PARA THREE PD ON TUESDAY OR
WEDNESDAY CABINET WILL TAKE THE OATH PD IT HAS BEEN MUTUALLY AGREED THAT SOME MINISTERS
WILL TAKE OATH TO THE CROWN PD THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CABINET WILL TAKE OATH TO THE
COUNTRY INCLUDING AN UNDERSTANDING THAT THE INSTITUTIONAL QUESTION WILL NOT BE CHANGED UNTIL
ITALY HAS BEEN LIBERATED PD PARA FOUR PD UNOFFICIAL LIST OF CABINET FOLLOWS IN MY
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TELEGRAM PD AT END OF MY CONVERSATION WITH LIEUTENANT TODAY HE
ASKED FOR A DAY'S LEAVE TOMORROW TO VISIT HIS FATHER AT RAVELLO PD I GRANTED HIS REQUEST

ROSEL MARION MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner

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GEN MACFARLANE

FIVE ARMY

THIS IS TO CONFIRM THAT I WILL BE IN ROME TOMORROW AND WILL RETURN NAPLES
TOMORROW NIGHT TAKING WITH ME ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT PD PALEN TO
FIVE ARMY FOR COMMANDING GENERAL FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAKEN
HOPE YOU HAVE NO OBJECTION TO MY BRINGING WITH ME FOR THE DAY NOEL CHARLES BRITISH
HIGH COMMISSIONER

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Comm: 588

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TO (ACTION) : AGC MAIN (PERSONAL FOR MACFARLANE FROM QUAYLE)

(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : FIVE ARMY

DATE-TIME SIGNED : 092342B

DATE-TIME REC'D : 10/145B

REFERENCE NR : 3772

CITE : NONE

POLITICAL LEADERS RELEASED LIST OF NEW GOVERNMENT TO PRESS
BEFORE COMMUNICATION TO LIEUTENANT. LIST CANNOT BE CONSIDERED OF-
FICIAL UNTIL TOMORROW BUT HAS BEEN TELEGRAPHED TO YOU THROUGH PWB

Received 0655 hours
10 June
by
1st Lt

telephoned to Gen. MacFarlane's
villa. 0700 hours
by

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394.

Ref. CC/G/384.

10th. June, 1944.

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MEMORANDUM:

TO: Sir Noel Charles, Bt, KCMG,
High Commissioner for Italy.

The Hon. Alexander Kirk,
U.S. Representative on Advisory Council.

P.W.B. have received information from Rome that Reuters have so far reported the following new Ministers:-

Ministers Without Portfolio	- Croce. Sforza. Togliatti.
Marine	- De Courten.
War and Aviation	- Casati.

This is, of course, still unofficial and you will notice that the appointment of Casati does not tally with what Bonomi told me last night.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

P.S. A further unofficial list has just come in from Minifie in Rome. It is as follows:-

Ministers Without Portfolio	- Croce: Sforza: Ruini: Di Gaspari: Cianca: Saregut (?): Togliatti.
Justice	- Terpini (?)
Treasury	- Soleri.
Finance	- Sigliente (?)
Industry, Commerce & Labour	- Gronchi.
Agriculture.	- Gullo.
Public Works	- Romita.
Communications	- Gerabona.
Education	- Di Ruggiero.
War & Aviation	- Casati.
Marine	- De Courten.

I do not propose to report to S.A.C. until I get complete official list.

Hq A.C.C. - Secy Gen.
DISPATCHED
Date 11 June
Via
Initials *7/13*

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LIST OF MINISTERS

President of the Council
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Minister of the Interior

Ivanoe BONOMI

Minister of Justice

Umberto TUPINI (Christian
Democrat)

Minister of the Treasury

Marcello SOLERI (Liberal)

Minister of Finance

Stagno
A. SIGLIENTI (Party of Action)

Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour.

Giovanni GRONCHI (Christian
Democrat)

Minister of Agriculture

Fausto GULLO (Communist)

Minister of Public Works

Pietro MANCINI (Socialist)

Minister of Communications

Francesco CERABONA (Labour
Democrat)

Minister of Public Instruction

Guido de RUGGIERO (Party of Action)

Minister of War and Air

Barbieri
Count CASATI (Liberal)

Minister of the Marine

Raffaele DE COURTEN

MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO

Benedetto CROCE (Liberal)

Granza

Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour.	Giovanni GRONCHI (Christian Democrat)
Minister of Agriculture	Fausto GULLO (Communist)
Minister of Public Works	Pietro MANCINI (Socialist)
Minister of Communications	Francesco CERABONA (Labour Democrat)
Minister of Public Instruction	Guido de RUGGIERO (Party of Action)
Minister of War and Air	Count CASATI (Liberal)
Minister of the Marine	Raffaele DE COURTEN

MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO

Benedetto CROCE (Liberal)	
Ugo SFORZA	
Luuccio RUINI RUINI (Democrat Labour)	
Alcide de GASPERI (Christian Democrat)	
Alberto CIANCA (Party of Action)	
Giuseppe SARAGAT (Socialist)	
Palmiro TOGLIATTI (Communist)	

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AUTHORITATIVE ENGLISH TEXT OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWS
ED THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION CMA IVANOE
BONOMI & A AFTER HAVING EXPRESSED TO THE LIEUTENANT OF THE REAR
THE POLITICAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE PARTIES CMA MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE CMA HAS CONSTITUTED THE NEW GOVERNMENT CMA THE SUPREME
TASK OF WHICH WILL BE TO INTENSIFY THE WAR AGAINST HITLER GERMANY
PARA THE FIRST ACT OF THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE THE ENACTING OF A LAW
FOR THE CONVOCAZIONE OF A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY CMA ELECTED BY UNIVERSAL
SUFFRAGE DIRECTLY AND BY SECRET BALLOT CMA WHICH AS SOON AS THE
NATIONAL TERRITORY IS FREED WILL DECIDE THE NEW CONSTITUTION OF
THE STATE PARA THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT UPON TAKING OFFICE
WILL TAKE THE OATH TO EXERCISE THEIR FUNCTIONS IN THE HIGHEST
INTEREST OF THE STATE AND CMA UNTIL THE CONVOCAZIONE OF THE CONSTITUENT
ASSEMBLY CMA TO REFRAIN FROM ACTS WHICH IN ANY WAY MIGHT PREJUDICE
THE SOLUTION OF THE INSTITUTIONAL QUESTION PARA THE FORMATION OF
THE GOVERNMENT WAS PRECEDED BY A DECLARATION OF THE PARTIES FORMING
THE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION BY WHICH THE PARTIES UNDERTOOK
TO GUARANTEE THE PRESERVATION OF THE BASIC FREEDOMS UNTIL THE
APPROVAL OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE BY THE CONSTITUENT
ASSEMBLY AND TO PRESERVE UNITY OF ACTION AGAINST ANY VIOLATION OF
DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES PARA THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL BE ESTABLISHED
IN ROME AS SOON AS THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES CONSIDER THAT THE MILITARY

FOR THE CONVOCAION OF A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY CMA ELECTED BY UNIVERSAL
SUFFRAGE DIRECTLY AND BY SECRET BALLOT CMA WHICH AS SOON AS THE
NATIONAL TERRITORY IS FREED WILL DECIDE THE NEW CONSTITUTION OF
THE STATE PARA THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT UPON TAKING OFFICE
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INTEREST OF THE STATE AND CMA UNTIL THE CONVOCAION OF THE CONSTITUENT
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ASSEMBLY AND TO RESERVE UNITY OF ACTION AGAINST ANY VIOLATION OF
DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES PARA THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL BE ESTABLISHED
IN ROME AS SOON AS THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES CONSIDER THAT THE MILITARY
SITUATION PERMITS THE TRANSFER OF THE MINISTRIES FROM PREVIOUSLY
LIBERATED ITALY TO END ITEM

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FOLLOWING IS OFFICIAL LIST UNDERSECRETARIES AND THEIR DESIGNATIONS
PD PRESIDENCY OF COUNCIL FENO ALTEA ACTION PARTY CMA PRESS AND
INFORMATION SPATARO XTN DEMOCRAT CMA INTERIOR CANEVARI SOCIALIST
FOREIGN AFFAIRS VISCONTI VENOSTA NO PARTY CMA ITALIANS ABROAD
MORELLI LIBERAL CMA TREASURY MANES LABOR DEMOCRAT CMA FINANCE
TESENTI COMMUNIST CMA JUSTICE BASSANO LABOR DEMOCRAT CMA EDUCATION
MATTARELLA CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT CMA INDUSTRY COMMERCE AND LABOR
MOLINELLI COMMUNIST FOR INDUSTRY COMMERCE AND COSTA SOCIALIST FOR
LABOR CMA AGRICULTURE BERGAMI LIBERAL CMA PUBLIC WORKS BRUNO ACTION
PARTY CMA COMMUNICATIONS CORSI SOCIALIST FOR MERCHANT MARINE AND
JERVOLINO FOR RAILROADS POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS CMA WAR AND AIR IN
ADDITION TO TWO SERVICE UNDERSECRETARIES STILL TO BE APPOINTED
PALERMO COMMUNIST AND SCIALOJA LABOR DEMOCRAT CMA NAVY RAMIREZ
ACTION PARTY PD END ITEM

FOLLOWING IS AUTHENTICATIVE ENGLISH TEXT OF OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE
RE ROMITA PD PRIME MINISTER BONOMI ADHERING TO THE DESIRE OF
THE SOCIALIST PARTY TO ENSURE THAT THE LABORING CLASS OF
SOUTHERN ITALY WILL HAVE GREATER REPRESENTATION IN THE NEW GOVERN-
MENT HAS ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
PRESENTED BY GIUSEPPE ROMITA AND HAS APPOINTED IN HIS PLACE PIETRO
MANCINI FORMERLY MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO IN THE PREVIOUS
GOVERNMENT PD END ITEM

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SUBJECT CURRENT ON POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN ROME TO APRIL FOR ALL THE BRITISH
RESIDENT MINISTER AND AMERICAN POLITICAL ADVISER AND CHIEF QUARTERS ALL
FOR GENERAL ALEXANDER FRANK AND FRANK FRANK MACFARLANE PERSONAL THREE DUE USE PD
THE INITIAL CONVERSATIONS IN ROME MADE IT CLEAR THAT BADOLIO COULD NOT FORM AN ALL
PARTY GOVERNMENT AND WOULD HAVE BEEN BACKED WITH A STRONG AND VERY ACTIVE AND VIGILANT
OPPOSITION PD SUCH CONDITIONS WOULD HAVE BEEN A SERIOUS HINDRANCE TO THE ADMINISTRATION
AND TRANQUILITY OF OUR COUNTRY PD PAR. TWO PD ON THE OTHER HAND ALL PARTIES WERE
IMPRISONED IN THEIR READINESS TO SERVE UNDER BORGHI ON THE CONDITIONS REQUIRED BY ME AS
REGARDS THE INSTITUTIONAL QUESTION AND THE OBLIGATIONS TAKEN BY THE PREVIOUS GOVERN-
MENTS TOWARDS THE ALLIES PD PAR. THREE PD BORGHI HAS NEVER HAD ANY DISCREET CONNECTIONS
AND ENJOYS CONSIDERABLE PRESTIGE ESPECIALLY IN ROME ON ACCOUNT OF HIS ACTIVITIES
DURING THE GERMAN OCCUPATION PD HE REMAINED IN HIDING IN HOME AND SUCCEEDED IN KEEPING
THE FREE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION ALIVE AND UNITED PD PAR. FOUR PD BORGHI HAS
ASSURED ME THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL INCLUDE THE MOST REPRESENTATIVE POLITICAL LEADERS
IN ROME AND THE REST OF LIBERATED ITALY PD PAR. FIVE PD BOTH BORGHI AND I DID OUR
UTMOST TO PERSUADE BADOLIO TO ACCEPT A POST IN THE CABINET BUT THE MARSHAL PROVED QUITE
FIRM IN HIS DETERMINATION TO RETIRE FROM THE SCENE PD PAR. SIX PD SPORA HAS DONE
HIS BEST TO OBTAIN THE POST OF FOREIGN MINISTER BUT I THINK AND HOPE THAT I HAVE
PERSUADED BORGHI TO TAKE THIS POST HIMSELF PD PAR. SEVEN PD I AM NOT GIVING YOU FURTHER
COMMENTS ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT UNTIL I GET THE COMPLETE LIST BUT IT IS
CLEAR THAT THERE WILL BE SEVERAL MORE MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO THAN IN THE LAST

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GOVERNMENT PD PAPA BING PD BONGHI IS WELL PRESERVED AND HAS A GOOD BACKGROUND AND
EXPERIENCE PD HM IS EASY TO GET ON WITH PD IN CHARGE WITH A NUMBER OF HIS PROBABLE
COLLEAGUES HIS POLITICAL PAST DATES BACK TO THE PRE DASH FASCIST ERA AND ALTHOUGH
ALL OF THEM HAVE A CLEAR SLATE AS REGARDS FASCISM THEY ARE A VERY ELDERLY TEAM AND
MOST OF THEM SHOW DISTINCT SIGNS OF STRAIN AT THE END OF A DAYS WORK PD AFTER
ONLY A FEW CONTACTS WITH HIM I SHOULD SAY THAT ALTHOUGH BONGHI HAS APPARENTLY
CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE ON A GOOD MANNER AND CLEAR MIND WHEN NOT TIRED HE
SCARCELY SEEMS TO POSSESS THE PERSONALITY AND ENERGY DESIRABLE IN THE LEADER OF
A VERY MIXED AND SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TEAM PD MOST OF THE CRITICISM I HAVE HEARD OF
BONGHI FROM VARIOUS QUARTERS HAVE BEEN CONFINED TO DOUBTS AS TO HIS POSSESSING
ADEQUATE RESOLUTION

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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9th. June, 1964

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PAGE ONE PD PANOR TO AFRO FOR GAT MA SITING RESIDENT MINISTER MA
SHIRAZI POLITICAL ADVISER AND IS DEPUTED HEADQUARTERS AAI FOR IS
ALAYCHER FROM ATO MAIN FROM HASTARLAK PERSONAL PANOR I WAS ASKED THIS
EVENING PD HE TOLD ME THAT HE HOPED TO COMPLETE HIS CABINET BY THIS
EVENING PD PANA TWO PD HE ASKED ME WHETHER I THOUGHT SYRIA WOULD BE A
GOOD CHOICE FOR FOREIGN MINISTER PD I TOLD HIM THAT I THOUGHT THAT THE
APPOINTMENT WOULD NOT MEET WITH MUCH APPROVAL ON THE PART OF THE ALLIED
GOVERNMENTS PD I SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT UNLESS HE HAD SOME OTHER CANDIDATE
IN VIEW THIS I HAD MUCH TO BE SAID FOR HIS RESERVING THIS APPOINTMENT FOR
HIMSELF PD PANA THREE PD BONGHI TOLD ME THAT HE HAD PRIME SAID TO INVITE
BAPOLIN TO ACCEPT A CABINET APPOINTMENT BUT THAT BAPOLIN HAD SAID THAT
HE HAD HIS MIND TO RETIRE FROM POLITICS PD I HAD ALSO OFFERED BAPOLIN
TO REMAIN IN THE GOVERNMENT IF HE WERE OFFERED AN APPOINTMENT BUT HE WAS
COMPLETELY UNSHAKABLE IN HIS DECISION TO RETIRE PD PANA FOUR PD BONGHI ASKED
IF THE ALLIES WOULD HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO CIVILIANS BEING APPOINTED TO THE
SERVICE MINISTRIES PD I SAID THAT WE WERE MOST ANXIOUS THAT ADMIRAL US
SHIRAZI SHOULD REMAIN MINISTER OF MARINE AND BONGHI PROMISED THAT IN THIS

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CASE HE WOULD HAVE NO CHANGE PD AS REGARDS AVIATION I SAID THAT AS
BANDARI WAS BEING EXCLUDED IN ANY CASE ONE IT COULD APPEAR SOUND TO
APPOINT A CIVILIAN ENGINEER AS THE ONLY OTHER SUITABLE AIR FORCE OFFICER
ONE GENERAL FIGUEROA ONE COULD BE SPARED FROM HIS OPERATIONAL
APPOINTMENT PD AS REGARDS THE ARMY I SAID THAT ORLANDO HAD PROVED
ADEQUATE BUT THAT I HAD NO STRONG VIEWS ON THIS APPOINTMENT PD BONONI
SAID THAT HE WAS PROBABLY GOING TO APPOINT FIGUEROA WHO WAS FOR A SHORT
TIME MINISTER FOR COMMERCE IN THE ORIGINAL BANCALLO MORE GOVERNMENT AND
WHO HAD BEEN SERVING AS A RESERVE OFFICER WITH THE ITALIAN CORPS AT THE
FRONT EVER SINCE PD PAPA FIVE PD PART TWO FOLLOWS

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NOEL BAYON BACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General
Chief Commissioner

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JEN MACFARLANE

A.F.M.C. RPTD A.A.I.

PART TWO PD PAREN TO APHS FOR SAC CMA BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER CMA
AMERICAN POLITICAL ADVISER AND 05 REPEATED HEADQUARTERS AAI FOR GENERAL
ALEXANDER FROM AGC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN LATER IN THE
MORNING I SAW BADOGLIO PD HE HAD BEEN THE POPE AND THE LIEUTENANT GENERAL
PD PARA TWO PD HE HAD ARRANGED FOR GENERAL INFANTE AND THE MARQUIS
LUCIVERO CMA LATELY MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE CMA TO JOIN THE LIEUTENANT
GENERAL'S XXXX PERSONAL STAFF PD THESE ARE TWO GOOD APPOINTMENTS AND SHOULD
ASSIST THE LIEUTENANT GENERAL GREATLY PD HE HAD DISCUSSED SICILIAN QUESTIONS
WITH BONOMI AND HE THOUGHT HE HAD PERSUADED BONOMI TO APPOINT ALDESIO CMA
LATE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR CMA IN PLACE OF RUZOTTO AS HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR SICILY PD THIS SHOULD BE A BIG IMPROVEMENT PD PARA THREE PD BADOGLIO
TOLD ME THAT HE HAD ADVISED THE LIEUTENANT GENERAL TO CONSULT THE OLD
ORLANDO BEFORE GIVING HIS APPROVAL TO BONOMI'S SUGGESTIONS FOR HIS CABINET
PD PARA FOUR PD PART THREE FOLLOWS

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JENL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner

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GEN MACFARLANE

A.F.H.Q. RPTD A.A.I.

PART THREE PD PAPER TO AFHQ FOR SAG SRA BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER SRA
AMERICAN POLITICAL ADVISER AND GS REPEATED HEADQUARTERS AAI FOR GENERAL
ALEXANDER FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAPER LATER I SAW
THE LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE QUIRINAL PD A CROWD OF SOME TWO THOUSAND
PEOPLE WITH A BAND WERE DEMONSTRATING WITH MUCH ENTHUSIASM OUTSIDE THE
MAIN GATES PD I HAD PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED FOR UMBERTO TO RETURN TO NAPLES
THIS AFTERNOON BUT I TOLD HIM THAT IF BONOMI HAD NOT COMPLETED HIS
CABINET IN TIME TO GET THE LIEUTENANT GENERAL'S APPROVAL HE MIGHT REMAIN
IN ROME UNTIL TOMORROW AFTERNOON PD UMBERTO WAS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND
IT WAS CLEARLY UNBOUND TO SEPARATE HIM FROM BONOMI AND THE POLITICIANS
UNTIL THE NEW GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN CONSTITUTED PD UP TO DATE THERE HAS
BEEN NO TRACE OF HOSTILITY TO UMBERTO IN ROME PD IN FACT VERY MUCH THE
REVERSE PD PARA TWO PD PART FOUR FOLLOWS

KOSL EASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General,
Chief Commissioner

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ACC MAIN (GEN MACFARLANE & COMM)

9th. June, 1944

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GEN MACFARLANE

A.F.H.Q. RPTD A.A.I.

PART FOUR PD PAREN TO ATHQ FOR SAC CHA BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER CHA
AMERICAN POLITICAL ADVISER AND 05 REPEATED HEADQUARTERS AAI FOR GENERAL
ALEXANDER FROM AC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE PD DONAL PAREN JUST BEFORE
LEAVING FOR NAPLES LATE THIS AFTERNOON I SAW BONOMI AGAIN PD HE WAS WELL
SATISFIED WITH THE PROGRESS HE HAD MADE AND THOUGHT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO
COMPLETE HIS CABINET TONIGHT PD HE WOULD TAKE HIS LIST TO THE LIEUTEN-
ANT GENERAL BITTON TONIGHT OR TOMORROW MORNING PD PARA TWO PD HE SAID
EVERYTHING WAS GOING SMOOTHLY BUT THAT THE ACTION PARTY AND SPORZA WERE
GIVING HIM AS MUCH TROUBLE AS THEY HAD GIVEN BADOLLO PD SPORZA WOULD
ALMOST CERTAINLY BE A MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO AND NOT REPEAT NOT
FOREIGN MINISTER PD THE NEW FINANCE MINISTER WOULD PROBABLY BE CORELLI PD
PARA THREE PD BONOMI THOUGHT THAT HIS CABINET WOULD NUMBER NINETEEN OF
WHICH EIGHT WOULD BE MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO INCLUDING TOGLIATTI CHA
CROCE AND SPORZA PD PARA FOUR PD BONOMI WAS ALMOST TIRED OUT AND CROCE
AND MOST OF THE OTHER ELDER STATESMEN ARE PRACTICALLY EXHAUSTED PD IT
WAS CLEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO BREAK OFF THEIR DISCUSSIONS WHEN SO NEAR
COMPLETION AND I TOLD BONOMI THAT I WOULD PROVIDE AIR TRANSPORT ON

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THEM ALL BACK TO BARRACKS PD WASH D.C. PD BONOMO HAD
CONTACT DE NICOLA WHEN HE WISHED VERY MUCH TO INCLUDE
PD ON RETURNING TO WASH TONIGHT I SAW DE NICOLA AND
FOR HIM TO ACCOMPANY ME WHEN I RETURN TO WORK FOR THE DAY
DE NICOLA INFORMED ME THAT HE WOULD BE GLAD TO JOIN
BARRACKS

NOEL MARION MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General
Chief Constable

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

PARAPHRASE OF
TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MAY 31, 1944

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SECRET

The United States Department of State feels that the King should not, repeat not, be permitted to return to Rome at this particular time and approves the suggestion made at General Wilson's political committee meeting, which was held in Caserta on May 29, that for a period after the liberation of Rome the Italian Government remain at Salerno and that for the initial contact with the Cabinet the political leaders in Rome be brought to Salerno.

SIGNED: Hull

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Chief Commissioner
Political Section

HQ ACC 203
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Naples
June 8, 1944

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MEMORANDUM TO: Political Section,
Allied Control Commission

The substance of United States State Department telegram
No. 133, May 31, addressed to Mr. Robert D. Murphy is transmitted
herewith in accordance with Mr. Murphy's request expressed in
his telegram of June 7, 1944, 8 p.m., which was received here today.

For the U. S. Representative,

John L. Goshie
John L. Goshie

Enclosure as stated.

Too late
Am 10/24
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On the other hand there are many reasons why I should be associated with the approach and I suggest that I should make the request for the audience, should accompany and introduce the delegation, but leave the American and British representatives to state their case. Taking part in the discussions myself only as may be desirable.

In spite of Aquarone's optimistic picture of the progress of cabinet building I do not think that we should revise our decision to go ahead with our approach as Aquarone always paints the best picture from his point of view and we have American and British public opinion to consider as well.

Sub-fare.

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...to consider as well.

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