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Dec. 1, 1943 - Feb. 9, 1944

REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394

Administrative Section

22 Feb 44

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SUBJECT : Land Transfers.

TO : Executive Commissioner RC & MD Sec. HQ. ACC, APO 394

1. With reference to your 3/6044/L(R) of 17 Feb. It is understood that the question of ending the restrictions on the free transfer of land is under consideration. If this is agreed the difficulties mentioned by your letter will no longer exist.

2. Under the circumstance, it is considered that no action is necessary at present. The question may be raised again if the restrictions are not removed.

*E. H. Cripps*  
E. H. CRIPPS,  
Lt. Colonel,  
VP Adm. Sec.

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9 FEBRUARY 44

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5TH ARMY, CG PBS

ANG REGION III

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THE FARM LA DELICIA NEAR SAN MARIA LA FOSSA IS BEING USED FOR PRODUCE CATTLE UNDER ANG CONTROL. ESSENTIAL THAT STOCK SAFELY GUARDED. UNDERSTAND AND FARM NOW OCCUPIED BY BRITISH TROOPS. REQUEST IMMEDIATE ACTION TAKEN TO PLACE FARM OUT OF BOUNDS AND OFF LIMITS TO ALL ALLIED PERSONNEL.

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TO (ACTION) : OF PBS, FARGO, FLAMBO FOR D/CAO, FATIMAREAR.

(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : FREEDOM

DATE TIME SIGNED : 061042A

DATE TIME REC'D : 061730A

REFERENCE NO. : 4857

DATE : NONE



REFERENCE DCAO 8900 OF 12TH JAN. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN OUR 422022J JAN REGARDING THE USE OF PAPAL SEMINARIES FOR HOSPITAL. 2. THE FOLLOWING GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS ARE OPERATIVE: (A) IN VIRTUE OF OUR MILITARY OCCUPATION OF ALL SOUTH ITALY WE ARE ENTITLED TO REQUISITION ANY PROPERTY REQUIRED FOR MILITARY OR SIMILAR PURPOSES. THIS RIGHT IS INDEPENDENT OF OUR RIGHTS AFTER THE ARMISTICE AND IS NOT AFFECTED BY THE FACT THAT AN ITALIAN CIVIL ADMINISTRATION MAY BE FUNCTIONING IN THE DISTRICT CONCERNED; IT IS ALSO IN NO WAY AFFECTED BY THE LATERAN TREATY (B) FOR POLITICAL REASONS IT IS DESIRABLE THAT IN DISTRICTS ADMINISTERED BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ANY REQUISITION OF PAPAL PROPERTY SHOULD BE EFFECTED BY THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES ON OUR BEHALF (C) IT IS ALSO DESIRABLE THAT THE VATICAN SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT A REQUISITION OF THEIR PROPERTY IN SOUTHERN ITALY IS BEING CARRIED OUT. IT IS NOT HOWEVER NECESSARY TO OBTAIN THE VATICAN'S CONSENT IN ADVANCE (D) IN VIEW OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OF JULY 10, WHICH AMOUNTS TO AN UNDERTAKING THAT THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES WILL TREAT VATICAN PROPERTY THROUGHOUT ITALY AS HAVING EXTRA-TERRITORIAL CHARACTER, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT FORCE SHOULD NOT BE USED EITHER BY THE ALLIED MILITARY AUTHORITIES OR BY THE ITALIAN

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TO: PIR FOR FARM EDUCATION WASHINGTON

FROM:

SEASIDE FOR FOLEY

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RECEIVED 100 ROLLS BY FWR WASHINGTON 500 POUNDS EACH NOT 700 KILOGRAMS. MANY  
ROLLS BADLY SPOILED. 57 ROLLS WILL SUFFICE FOR 3 OR 4 10,000 COPY EDITIONS. 19  
ROLLS HAVE ALREADY BEEN BORROWED. FWR QUOTES PRICE AT 20 LBS KILOGRAM

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To: A. A. Dr.

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Draft of letter to be sent out contained  
words "Region II". Apparently Col. S. J. J. J.  
clerk made some clerical error in referring  
to "Region III". The order in question was  
prepared at request of E.E.C. on data  
furnished by it and through Mr. J. J. J.  
J. J. J. No request has been received  
for preparation of order from price  
beyond 3 Jan 1944. I can only assume  
price revisionists obtaining as of 31 Dec 1943  
will continue to obtain, but Mr. J. J. J.  
J. J. J. should be consulted so that <sup>reply</sup> letter  
can be sent to Rq 40 Region II

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Richard H. L. L. L.

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PRIORITY

CG PBS, FOR FARGO, FOR SPOFFORD

NONE

AMG REGION TWO

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NONE

NONE



REF YOUR LETTER DATED JAN 23 AMG/4116/L, SUBJECT: PRICE  
FIXING ORDERS. AM ASSUMING REGION THREE IN PARAGRAPH 4 MEANS  
REGION TWO. REQUEST IMMEDIATE INFORMATION AS TO PRICE OF GRAIN  
AFTER JANUARY 31 NOT MENTIONED IN ORDER FOR THAT COMMODITY.

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FROM FLAMBO FROM CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

13 JANUARY 44

TO: FATIMA FOR KIRKWOOD, FILPOT FOR AMG

IMPORTANT



INFO: DISTWO  
FREEDOM FOR MOS  
By hand Fargo

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CEC 9249 **SECRET** X Detailed breakdown of supplies arriving on HR 789 and H R 754 and John Steel as contained in Freedom Message FBMS 27118 dated 11 January is solely for the purpose of indicating the flow of supplies which can be expected in the area to which Italian refugees will be admitted and is not intended as an allocation of those or future supplies X Paren Signed Henderson Paren X Such allocations will be made by Central Economic Committee X

Signed: B.H. SHANLEY, 1ST LT

*Any / Econ Div  
Chf / D.C. S. (24)*

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ROUTINE

CC MSG FOR FANGO FOR GRADY, FATIMA FOR JOYCE

NONE

SIGNED G.L.C.

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FIBER (REFERENCE FANGO 131 OF 8 JANUARY.)

INQUIRIES BUSINESS INTERESTS. IS PROPOSED LIMITATION TO ALLIED OR TO UNITED  
NATIONS.



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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Administrative Section

6 Feb 44

SUBJECT: Attached correspondence

TO : APC

It is considered that the precincts of the German Consulate should not have been entered. Region III should vacate unless they can show that the occupation is a necessity of war.

A. N. CHIFFIN,  
Lt. Colonel,  
for the Vice President, Administrative Section

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
PROPERTY CONTROL SUB-COMMISSION  
ARO 394

6 February 1945.

Subject: Occupation of German Consulate.

To : Vice President, Administrative Section/

1. Controller of Property Region III has occupied the German Consulate in Naples and is using it for purposes of office accommodation and living quarters. In view of Attached Directive from HQ AMG 15 Army Group may I be advised whether this arrangement should be permitted to continue.

*C. S. Harris*

C. S. HARRIS,  
Lt Col,  
Director of Property Control.

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*Adm. Sub-Com*  
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OUTGOING MESSAGE

Office of origin **FATIMA FORWARD**

Date **3 FEBRUARY 1944**

Classification **RESTRICTED**

Telephone **CRIPPS**

Precedence **ROUTINE**

To: **FREEDOM FOR JACKLING MSG**

ABOUT CAMPBELL PROPERTY IN TACUMINA SEE MSG THREE EIGHT THREE POINT  
ONE PROPERTY HAS SUSTAINED SOME BOMB DAMAGE OTHERWISE WELL CARED FOR PD (FROM  
FATIMA FORWARD SIGNED McFARLANE TO FREEDOM FOR JACKLING MSG) NOW MANAGED BY  
CONTROLLER OF PROPERTY PD FURTHER INFO BY POST

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**F. J. SLAUGHTER,**  
Captain, A. G. D.,  
Asst. Adjt. Gen.

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QUARTIERE GENERALE  
Italia  
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

2 Febbraio 1944

OGGETTO: Risarcimenti di danni.

Al Sig. : De Francesco Antonio di Giovanni  
Via Roma, No. 20 Vulturara Appula

La vostra domanda del 13 gennaio, 1944 riguardante le risarcimenti per i danni subiti dalle vostre case ed altre proprietà, da parte dei Tedeschi, e' stata ricevuta.

Il Governo Alleato non puo' prendere in considerazione richieste per danni causati dai nemici.

Queste richieste dovrebbero essere presentate al Governo Italiano, per essere incluse nel futuro - domanda che detto governo fara' a quello Tedesco.

(SAD) E. H. WHITE

Amministrativo

E. H. WHITE  
Maggiore  
per il Vice Presidente dell'Ufficio  
Commissione Alleata Di Controllo

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To the Anglo-American Command, Piazza Roma, Bari

I am a war victim and under decree law of 20 October 1940, No. 1843, of 12 January 1941, I have made request to the Poggia Finance Department to obtain the just rights to which I am entitled for the grave damages, which I suffered.

My house was connected with the electric sub-station, which the German Barbarians and assassins blew up during their last few days in Vulturara Appula.

I wish to inform your honorable Command that the law prohibits to place into houses any electric high tension installation, and although I protested, my just objections were ~~XXI~~ disregarded, during an honest farmer and opponent to the Fascist fascists and traitors.

At the month of this great misfortune, I was still in the Army and when I returned last month, I found my house completely ~~XXXXXX~~ ruined.

I find myself ruined and beggared. I think of my many sacrifices and sacrifices ~~XX~~ privations to obtain this home.

I also point out that I have lost all my furniture for a value of 1000 lire, due to the reasons of having remarried a few years ago. I also inform you to have lost the rooms of the house valued at 2000 lire.

Shocked and overwhelmed, I therefore also advise your Command, so that, in case that the Finance Department should not do its duty, you could take measures so as to let the partners of the sacred rights for the misfortune suffered especially as I am a poor and workingman, and also had been this year, as also that little harvest I had, has been destroyed by hail. I shall not fail to inform you of the measures taken by the Finance Department.

Respectfully yours

De' Francesco Antonio di Giovanni  
Via Roma No. 2

Vulturara Appula  
17/1/1944

finding myself ruined and degraded. I think of my many sacrifices and  
unrecoverable ~~my~~pr. values to build this house.  
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Respectfully yours

Dr. Francesco Antonio di Giovanni  
Via Roma No. 10

Venturini Appula  
12/1/1964

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION, R. G. A. C. C. A. P. C. 1941 2 February 1942.

TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, A. F. H. C., M. G. C.

1. When Italy entered the war, the Italian Government requisitioned all Allied properties, and as regards real estate in Sicily appointed the Bank of Sicily to act as sequestator. In that capacity the Bank took formal possession of the above property in April, 1942.

2. On the 17 Feb 42 the property had been requisitioned by the "Comando della Aeronautica della Sicilia", and remained so requisitioned until 23 March 43. The rent was fixed at L. 1,500 per month, but no payments were paid. On the 27 March 43 the property was again requisitioned for the use of the Ufficio Lavori del Genio Militare della Difesa Territoriale di Palermo, Sezione Discente di Massime. The rent for this requisitioning was neither fixed nor paid.

3. Inspection of the property shows that it has sustained considerable damage as the result of air raids. In particular, the conservatory is completely wrecked, the railings of the outside stairway leading to the Theatre have been partially destroyed; the doors, windows, and ceilings of the rooms on that side of the Villa are badly damaged, and the inside walls have several holes, caused by flying fragments. Some damage was done to the roof, but this is being repaired.

4. The Bank of Sicily, on taking possession of the property, prepared an inventory of its contents, and a new inventory of the present contents has just been prepared. There are considerable differences between the two inventories, much of the furniture etc. having been stolen or destroyed. These inventories will support Mr. Campbell's claims in respect on the missing articles.

5. I am taking formal custody of the property, leaving it to be administered by the Bank of Sicily, subject to my control. At the present time it is being well cared for by the gardener, L'Agostino Antonino, who is understood, has worked for Mr. Campbell for a number of years.

For the Commanding General,

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For the Commanding General:

*RRC*

PH WILLIAM M. SPOTT, JR.  
Colonel, U.S.A.  
D.C.S., G.O.

Villa Campobello, Taormina,

Lt. Col. J. F. Gault,  
Scots Guards,  
C.B.O. 1.  
A.F.H.Q. B.N.A.F.

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On the instructions of the C.C.A.O., I enclose herewith a report on the Villa Campobello at Taormina, the property of Mr. Percival R. Campbell. Will you kindly forward it on to him.

C.R.S. Harris

Lieut-Colonel,  
Controller of Property.

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26 JANUARY 1944

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1. MESSAGE FROM GUS (FAN 322) CONTAINS FOLLOWING LIST OF VATICAN PROPERTY IN ROME OUTSIDE VATICAN CITY AS DEFINED IN LATINAN TREATY, ARTICLES 13-16 AND ANNEXES 2 AND 3.

ARTICLE 14. PROPERTY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF JANICULUM HILL OVERLOOKING VATICAN CITY BETWEEN VIALE AURELIO AND PASSEGGIATA SUL CLANICULO AND INCLUDING THAT BELONGING TO THE SACRED COLLEGE OF PROPAGANDA FIVE. PALACE OF THE HOLY (ROMAN) 12 APOSTLES ATTACHED TO THE BASILICA OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (SANTI APOSTOLI). PALACE ATTACHED TO THE CHURCH OF SAN ANDREA DELLA VALLO. PALACE ATTACHED TO THE CHURCH OF SAN CARLO AT CATINARI.

ARTICLE 15. BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN LATERAN (SAN GIOVANNI LATERANO). BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR (SANTA MARIA MAGGIORE). BASILICA OF SAINT PAUL WITHOUT THE WALLS (SAN PAOLO FUORI LE MURA) INCLUDING THE MONASTERY PALACE OF SAINT CALLISTUS (SAN CALLISTO) IN TRASTEVERE.

ARTICLE 16. GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY IN VIA DEL SEMINARIO NEAR THE CHURCH OF SANT'IGNAZIO. GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY ALLA POLOTTA FACING ON PIAZZA DI PILOTTA. PAPE D BIBLICAL INSTITUTE IN PIAZZA DI PILOTTA. ARCHEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, ORIENTAL INSTITUTE, LOMBARD

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AND THE ROSSIAN [FROM ON PIAZZA SANTA MARIA MAGGIOR]. THE PALACE OF SAINT  
APOLLONIA BETWEEN THE PALAZZO SANT'APOLLINARIO AND VIA DELLA DORCEA. THE HOUSE OF RETREAT  
FOR THE CLERGY OF THE CHURCH OF SAINTS JOHN AND PAUL, INCLUDING THE HYMNODIUM OF MERO,  
ON THE CARLIAN HILL.

ARTICLE 13. PALACE OF THE DATARIA, NEAR THE QUIRINAL PALACE. PALACE OF THE CANCELLERIA  
-LA BETWEEN THE CORSO VITTORIO EMANUELE AND THE CORSO DEI FIORI. PALACE OF THE PROLEGANDIA  
5 ON THE PIAZZA DI SPADINA. PALACE OF THE HOLY OFFICE (SANT'OFFICIO) ADJACENT TO THE  
PIAZZO SAN PIETRO AT PORTA CAVALLEROTTI. CONGREGATION OF THE ORIENTAL CHURCH, FORMERLY  
PALACE OF THE CONVERGENCE IN PIAZZA BOSSACAVALLI. PALACE OF VICARIATO IN VIA DELLA VIGNA  
OFF THE CORSO VITTORIO EMANUELE NEAR THE PIAZZA DEL CASU'.

2. GUIDANCE FROM OUR FOR TREATMENT OF THIS PROPERTY IS GIVEN IN JAN 15980 OF 18  
DECEMBER, PARA C.

3. OUTSIDE OF ROSS VILLA BERNINI IN TOWN OF CASTEL GARDINO, PROVINCE OF ROMA,  
SHOULD BE ASSIGNED SAME TREATMENT.

4. A SPECIAL ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO SEPARATE FOLLOWING VATICAN PROPERTIES FROM  
DANGER IN VIEW OF THEIR RELIGIOUS AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: THE BASILICA OF THE HOLY  
HOUSE (SANTA CASA) AT LORETO, PROVINCE OF ANCONA. THEY SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF  
MESSAGE G-36285 OF 4 NOVEMBER AND 25722 OF 8 JANUARY AS THE FOLLOWING SERIALS: HOLY HOUSE  
8; SAINT FRANCIS 9; 10 SAINT ANTHONY. THE BASILICA OF SAINT FRANCIS AT ASSISI, PROVINCE  
PERUGIA. THE BASILICA OF SAINT ANTHONY AT RADYA, PROVINCE OF PARMA.

5. YOU SHOULD AVOID REQUISITIONING OR CONVERTING TO YOUR USE OTHER VATICAN PROPS  
THROUGHOUT ITALY WHICH EXISTING OCCUPANTS CLAIM TO BE PROPERTY OF HOLY SEE. IF URGENT  
OPERATIONAL NEEDS REQUIRE OCCUPATION REPORT SHOULD BE MADE EARLIEST TO THIS HEADQUARTERS. 504

6. LETTER OF 10 JULY TO POPE, PRESIDENT STATED CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUT  
WILL BE SPARED DESTRUCTION OF SAN TO EXTENT WITHIN OUR POWER AND VATICAN CITY AND PAPAL  
DOMAINS WILL HAVE NEUTRAL STATUS RESPECTED.

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ACTION - AMB BR  
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Gen Macfarlane; Brig Gue  
lock; Col Spefford(2)  
Pol Section; Adm Div (2)

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RE. AT PEN. BASE SECT. SIG. HRS. CNT. 22 JANUARY 1944

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ROUTINE

CG FBZ FOR FARGO

NONE

SIGNED CINC

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CONSIDERING ORIGIN OF AGIP FUNDS HELD BY CONTROLLER THEY SHOULD NOT BE TURNED OVER TO CIP. REFERENCE PARCO 340 OF 17 JAN. FOLEY AGREES THIS AND ALSO AGREES FURTHER CONSIDERATION MUST IMMEDIATELY BE GIVEN TO PROBLEM OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO ITALIAN ENTERPRISES NEED STRAIGHT PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED, EITHER FROM GOVERNMENT OR ON GOVERNMENTS BEHALF. GUARANTEED LOAN DEVICE PROTECTS BANKS BUT OBLIGES ENTERPRISES TO INCUR DEBTS WITHOUT AND ITALIAN GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKING TO REIMBURSE EVEN THOUGH PURVEYING TO ALLIED FORCE IS GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
PROPERTY CONTROL SUB-COMMISSION

6034/PC

19 January 1944.

Subject: Hirings Procedure.

To : HQ No 4, Hirings Directorate, CMF.

1. Reference your 4CM/1/2/23 and Hiring Instruction No 63.1. Allied and Neutral Owners para. (b).

2. Property Controller, who will under ACC be called Control Commission Property Control- will not administer any neutral property in the territory under the control of the Italian Government.

3. In territories under AMG where the neutral owner or his legal representative is absent, Property Controller will normally apply to Italian courts to appoint a 'curatore' who will automatically become the legal representative of the owner. PC will not administer such properties, regularization of Hirings arrangements should therefore be made with the curatore.

4. Para. (b) is therefore applicable only to the property of the United Nations and French property which will also be taken over by the Property Control Sub-Commission and/or CMF.

For the Commanding Officer.

R. GANTLOCK,  
Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff.

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ADM. DIR. 1300

FROM PLAMBO FROM CEC 18 JAN  
TO DISTWO FOR AMG REGION TWO FILPOT FOR AMG  
IMPORTANT TO ALL ADDRESSES  
RPTD: FREEDOM FOR MGS  
COPY BY HAND TO AMG REGIONS III AND IV AND TO FARGO  
CEC CONFIDENTIAL

X ENQUIRIES HAVE RECENTLY BEEN ADDRESSED TO AFHQ DIRECT ON SUBJECT OF  
CIVILIAN SUPPLIES X PAREN SIGNED HENDERSON PAREN X AFHQ DIRECTS REFERENCE  
TO AFHQ ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NUMBER 92 DATED 19 DECEMBER 1943  
FOR INFORMATION ALL CONCERNED X

IMPORTANT

A. I HENDERSON, LT. COL.

ORIG. TO ECON. DIR.  
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ADJUTANT GENERAL  
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315

1410/13

Subject: Lt Col C. A. T. Harris - Personal.

Re: 1-1 (Lt Col Harris).

1. At the suggestion of Colonel [redacted] I am writing to you to acquaint you with the following facts. I was commissioned as Acting Lieutenant Colonel at the time I was to serve in the capacity of Educational Advisor to [redacted] (Italy). I arrived at [redacted] on June 27th and three days later was placed in charge of the Property Control Division by Major General Lord [redacted] and have held the post of Controller of Property [redacted] since the latter changed to Director of Property Control [redacted] since the beginning of July 1943. According to the [redacted] approved by the Army Council the post of Controller of Property carried the rank of Colonel, but for reasons unknown to me this has never been implemented, though the two other British heads of Divisions, Colonel [redacted] (Finance) and Colonel [redacted] (Medical) were in accordance with the [redacted].

2. I did not see fit to speak to Major General Lord [redacted] at all the matter, as he is naturally occupied with more important matters, nor did I think it of such importance in Italy, but the circumstances have now changed. At present I have the [redacted] Colonels serving under me or in the staff, and negotiations with the Italian Government and with Property Controllers in [redacted] of [redacted] (late 1st Army Group), several of whom are Lieutenant Colonels, make it, in my opinion, essential that the rank originally established in the [redacted] should be granted.

3. I should therefore, be much obliged if you would take steps to implement the [redacted] in my case.

C. A. T. Harris,  
Lt Col,  
Director of Property Control

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Copy for LT COL CRIMPS

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTORATE  
APO 512

*✓* *AB C. Cripps*  
*from G. 17-1-44*  
Date: 16 January 1944.

ARG/140./57

SUBJECT: Finance Controller of Property.

TO: Finance Sub-commission (thru' ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE).

1. Further to this office letter reference as above dated 10 January 1944, the Controller of Property submits the attached additional minute.

*R. R. Cripps*  
R. R. Cripps,  
Lt. Colonel,  
for the Administrative Director.

Encl: Minute by Controller of Property dated 12 January 1944.

Copy to: Vice President, Economic and Admin. Section.  
Controller of Property.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
PROPERTY CONTROL SUB-COMMISSION

12 January 1944

Subject: Financial arrangements with Italian Government.

To: Administrative Director.

1. Please refer to my minute on this subject of January 6, which was written at Palermo when no text on the Italian Law of War Damage Compensation was available. Article 7 of that (26 October 1943 - No 1543) states that indemnities payable by the Italian Government may not exceed Lire 500,000, "if damaged property concerned is represented by villas, castles or buildings destined to dwellings deluxe". Article 3 states that "Damages suffered by foreigners may be indemnified on the basis of treaties to be concluded between Italy and the countries concerned".

*Para 2.  
refer  
AKC*

2. In the circumstances it would therefore appear inadvisable to insist on Allied Nationals being placed on the same footing as Italian Nationals at this stage and the matter of compensation would probably best be left over to be settled by the Peace Treaties. This would however, preclude our insistence on the Italian Government providing moneys immediately for such repairs to war damaged Allied properties as may be necessary to prevent serious further deterioration.

(Sgd) G.R.H. HARRIS,  
Lt. Colonel,  
Director of Property Control.

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FARGO

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ROUTINE

16 JAN 44

10050 Ex. 5 BATHING

FARGO (ACTION) 125 (1870)

SUBJECT MOTOR CAR BELONGING TO JOY HEN NAME FROM IOWA CORREL  
MADE FARMER HEN CORREL FARMER PD FOREIGN WHICH HAVE REQUESTED RECALL  
EFFORTS BE WILL BE FURNISHED FARMER TO MAILED PD FARGO FARGO FARGO  
TO AVEH FOR 100 FOR ACTION TO 125 FOR 4 MOVEMENTS FOR 125 PD 125 FARGO  
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MAILED UNDER REQUEST WAS TIME CONDITIONS TO WILL FOR ADJUST COMPENSATION  
IN AID IF SO STATE FARGO UNQUOTE PLEASE ADVISE ACTION TAKEN

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

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Copy to: Administrative Directorate.  
Ref. AGO/140/AD dated 10 January

Property Control Sub-Commission  
Ref. Para. 4 of your report for December 1943

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTORATE  
APO 512

AMG/140./AD

Date: 16 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Finance Controller of Property.

TO: Finance Sub-commission (thru\* ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE).

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A.R. GRIPPS,  
Lt. Colonel,

for the Administrative Director.

Encl: Minute by Controller of Property dated 12 January 1944.

Copy to: Vice President, Economic and Admin. Section.

Controller of Property.

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
PROPERTY CONTROL SUB-COMMISSION

12 January 1946

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*C.R.S. Harris*

C.R.S. HARRIS,  
Lt Col,  
Director of Property Control.

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ROUTINE

FREEDOM PATIMA (REAN)

BUSINESS ENQUIRIES PD PERCELL ZARGO PERCELL TO  
AFHQ FOR MSG RPT PATIMA REAN PD CITE ZARGO TWO SEVEN NINE PD PERCELL SEE  
CABLE FREEDOM TWO SIX THREE NINE TWO PERCELL PROPOSED LIMITATIONS ARE TO  
UNITED REPEAT UNITED NATIONS

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

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Memorandum 13 JAN 44  
by A/C. R.R. GRIPS

① Interview with Controller of Property.

- a. C. found that the limitation proposed in the Memo. 12 Jan 44 is unnecessarily discriminatory & is proposed to be enforced for all United States.
- b. He does not consider that the volume of work will be large in view of the limitation imposed by "seasonally available equipment".

② Interview with Mr. Simpson (Officer of Gen. Admin. Sec.).

- a. Mr. Simpson noted & agreed that the proposed changes.
- b. Agreed to provide to be sent in the time.
- c. Suggested that further action be taken to be considered further.

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Admission of Visitors

With reference to attached. I agree that it would be advisable to limit our commitments as far as possible, but I do not see that any can be made out for excluding from the proposed arrangement businesses belonging to the other United Nations whose territories are not under Axis control. The number of such businesses is bound to be negligible and no diplomatic problems it would in my opinion be desirable to include them in order to avoid giving the impression that our actions are dictated solely by Anglo-American interests. The case for excluding businesses of nations whose territory is under Axis control is obvious. I therefore would not give rise to any criticism. I therefore recommend that we reply as follows.

"Propose limitation to those United Nations whose territory not under Axis control."

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C. G. Harbo

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actions are dictated solely by Anglo-American  
interests. The case for exclusive possession of interests  
whose territory is under Axis control is obvious.  
It then goes without saying that we are in any case  
therefore recommending that we reply as follows.

"Propose limitation to them limited  
nations whose territory not under axis  
control."

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C. G. Harris  
Director of Property Control

12 January 1944

Please return also attached & forward  
to Property Control Subcommittee

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TO (ACTION)

(INFORMATION)

FROM

DATE TIME SIGNED

DATE TIME REC'D

REFERENCE NR.

CITE

CG PBS FOR FARGO FOR GRADY, FATIMA FOR JOYCE

NONE

SIGNED CINC

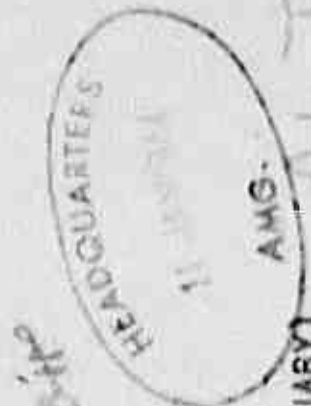
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FHMGS (REFERENCE FARGO 131 OF 6 JANUARY)

ENQUIRIES BUSINESS INTERESTS. IS PROPOSED LIMITATION TO ALLIED  
OR TO UNITED NATIONS.



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| ADMIN DIRECTOR |     |      |
| CHIEF STAFF O. |     |      |
| STAFF O 1      |     |      |
| STAFF O 2      |     |      |
| STAFF O 3      |     |      |
| CHIEF CLERK    |     |      |
| DATE: 11/1/44  |     |      |

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TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FOR FARGO FOR GRADY, FATIMA FOR JOYCE

(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : SIGNED CINC

DATE TIME SIGNED: 100910A

DATE TIME REC'D : 101614A

REFERENCE NR. : 26392

CITE : FMGS (REFERENCE FARGO 131 OF 6 JANUARY)

*Handwritten:* HEADQUARTERS  
10 JANUARY  
AMG.  
*Signature:* Admin. J. J. J.

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- C.C.

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FARGO FOR QUETERBOCK REPEAT FREEDOM FOR MGS

FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE

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

ACTION AMO HQ.

INFO. MGS ADV

SEJOY AND C. G.

*Orig to CofD.  
Info "A.CofD.  
" "Exec Off Admin.*

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FM FATIMA (INFO)

PROPERTY CONTROL PERSONNEL TO SITE TWO TWO THREE TWO ONE FIVE  
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THREE TO ADDRESS INQUIRIES CONFINED TO ALLIED INTERESTS IN REGION ONE AND TWO NO FURTHER  
OFFICER PERSONNEL REQUIRED TO ADDRESS INQUIRIES INCLUDE ITALIAN INTERESTS IN REGION ONE  
AND TWO CONFINED TO REASONABLY ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION PROPERTY CONTROL SUB COMMISSION WILL  
REQUIRE TWO OFFICERS GRADE UP TO CAPTAIN FOR EACH REGION TO ENGINEERING OR APPRAISAL  
EXPERIENCE DESIRABLE TO UNDER AND ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THIS  
OFFICE OF REQUIREMENTS OF TERRITORY

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J.P. NICKEL,  
Lt. Col., M.D.  
Adjutant General.

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FUZZOON FATIMA (INFO)

\_\_\_\_\_ Property Control personnel. Cite 22321 FANGO. Assessing inquiries confined to Allied interest in Regions I and II no further officer personnel required. Assessing inquiries include Italian interests in Regions I and II confined to reasonably accessible information Property Control Sub Commission will require two officers grade up to Captain for each Region. Engineering or appraisal experience desirable. Under AAG 15th Army Group no information available in this office of requirements of territory

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

Headquarters  
A.M.G. 5th. Army  
A.P.O. 164 U.S. Army.

206/CA/AE.

12th. January 1944.

Subject: Real Estate Transfers.

To: All S.C.A.O's.

1. Under Section 1 of Article III. of Proclamation No. 5, no transfer of any interest in lands or buildings may be effected without the written consent of the S.C.A.O. or an Officer empowered by him. The purpose of this provision is to prevent important Fascists from converting their real estate holdings into cash and to prevent an easy means of flight from cash which would tend to aggravate inflationary tendencies. Since these two objects can, generally speaking, be furthered only by voluntary transfers as distinguished from transfers taking place by operation of law or by order of a judicial tribunal, it is deemed that involuntary transfers are not within the prohibition and that judicial tribunals need not therefore seek written consent before making orders providing for transfers of real estate, as in the case of bankruptcy sales, foreclosures of mortgages, and transfer of real estate upon death.

2. With respect to voluntary transfers, authority has been delegated to S.C.A.O. A.M.G. 5th. Army, by the D.C.C.A.O., of 15 Army Group, to give the necessary consent. Applications for consent to transfer should therefore be sent to A.M.G., H.Q. 5th. Army. Applications in each instance should be accompanied by the original signed deed, so that the S.C.A.O.'s consent may be endorsed on the deed, to be recorded, and a certificate signed by the notary involved that the purchase price to be paid corresponds approximately with the value of the land. Applications so supported will be granted by the S.C.A.O. unless the purchase involves a very substantial sum, in which event additional information will be sought with respect to the identity of the transferor.

By Order Of Colonel Hume.

208/CA/46.

12th. January 1944.

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By Order Of Colonel Hume.

*D.R.B. Lynors*

D.R.B. Lynors,  
Captain,  
Scots Guards.

Distribution:

II Corps, 12  
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X Corps, 12  
C.L.O., 15th. Army Group, 3  
R.C.L.O. Region IV, 3  
Liaison Officer, 5th. Army H.Q. 3  
File, 2  
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*Adm. For*

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LETTER BEING FORWARDED THIS DATE, INFO EARLIER BY CABLE REQUIRED.  
PLEASE ADVISE ON AND CARGOES SET UP FOR DISCHARGE THROUGH MAPLES AND SUBSIDIARY  
PONTS DURING NEXT 6 MONTHS. ACTION BEING TAKEN AND CAPABILITY AND TO PROVIDE  
STORAGE REQUIREMENTS, PERSONNEL FOR BARRACKSING AND ACCOUNTING, GUARDS OVER BARRACKS  
TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL TO ACCOMPLISH DISTRIBUTION. IN  
ADDITION TO DISCHARGE FROM VESSELS AND MOVEMENT FROM PONT AREAS, DOES AND INTEND  
PLACING ANY FURTHER COMMITMENT U OR FOR INVOLVING UTILIZATION MILITARY VEHICLES  
OR OTHER EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL.

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*O.P. 5 (051)*  
*Comm Sec*  
*Rec Dir*  
*Sec Off Adm.*  
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*Admiral*

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Military Government Section

6 January 1944.

SUBJECT: List of United Nations.

TO : The Acting Deputy President, AGO  
(ATTENTION: Property Controller).

In compliance with the request contained in your message 1745 of  
2 January, a list of members of the United Nations is inclosed.

For the Chief of Section:

CHARLES FAITHMAN  
Lt. Colonel, JAGP  
Legal Advisor.

COPY TO:

Br. AME/AGO ✓

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January 3, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Military Government Section,  
Allied Force Headquarters.

FROM: Civil Affairs Office.

With reference to the telephone conversation between  
Lt. Colonel Fairman, MGS, and Mr. Miles of Civil Affairs,  
there are listed below the twenty-six nations which signed  
the Declaration by United Nations, dated January 1, 1942:

The United States of America  
The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics  
China  
Australia  
Belgium  
Canada  
Costa Rica  
Cuba  
Czechoslovakia  
Dominican Republic  
El Salvador  
Greece  
Guatemala  
Haiti  
Honduras  
India  
Luxembourg  
Netherlands  
New Zealand  
Nicaragua  
Norway  
Panama  
Poland  
South Africa  
Yugoslavia

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During 1942, the Declaration was adhered to by:

Mexico  
The Commonwealth of the Philippines  
Ethiopia

During the first four months of 1943, it was adhered to  
by:

Iraq  
Brazil  
Bolivia

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A telegram has been sent to the State Department in Washington to ascertain whether any further Nations have adhered to this Declaration since May 1943 and Military Government Section will be informed of the reply as soon as it is received.

H. J. L'Heureux  
Acting Chief Civil Administrator

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*Chiefs John Doe*

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NONE

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J.F. NICKEL,  
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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTORATE  
APO 512.

AMG/140./AD.

10 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Personal effects of Mr. J. P. M. M.

TO: Executive Officer, U.S.A., A.S.S.

1. Reference last para. on page 2 of Report by Controller of Property for December 1944 and the attached correspondence regarding personal effects of Mr. J. P. M. M. may a decision please be given as to whether the car can be de-rescued.

If this so, may it please be returned to U.S.A.S. at APO 512 for transshipment to Madrid via JISANTER.

*RC*

W. R. J. J. J.,  
Lt. Colonel,  
for the Administrative Director.

Copy to: Property Control Sub-commission.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTORATE  
APO 517

100-140./45

10 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Finance Controller of Property.  
TO: Finance Sub-commission. (thru' Economic Direct).

1. Reference your 11074/7 dated 5 January 1945  
and your 11074/7 dated 10 December 1944 addressed to the  
Controller of Property. The remarks and recommendations  
of the Controller of Property are attached.

*RRC*

R. R. CHIFFA,  
Lt. Colonel,

For the Administrative Director.

Encl: Memorandum on Expenditure necessary to protect  
Allied property in Italian Territory.

Copied to: Vice President, Economic and Administrative Section,  
Property Control Sub-commission.

Subject: Expenditure necessary to protect  
Italian property in Italian territory.

To: Administrative Director.

1. I have seen the letter of 11/11/43, dated 11/11/43, which provides the basis on which a definite policy in regard to the financing of property control can be formulated and proposed to be placed before the Italian Government.

2. The protection of Italian property necessarily involves certain expenditures, and the rules have arisen that these can be met from the income from these properties in either non-existent or insufficient to cover the same involved.

3. Expenditure on properties may be divided into three categories:

- (a) Expenses of management and maintenance.
- (b) Ordinary expenses of maintenance and preservation.
- (c) Extraordinary expenses for essential repairs necessary to prevent the further deterioration of the damaged properties.

4. Of the above (a) is the equivalent of the fees paid to sequestrators by the Italian Government under their war legislation. (b) is the policy so far has been to turn over properties, wherever practicable, to the owner, if present, or to his legal representatives, but where no such representatives can be found, to continue the previous administrator in the management. The question of fees has not been settled, as the Italian Government has not reached agreement on this point with the Bank of Sicily, which was the sequestrator for all real estate in the island.

5. I recommend that in all cases where it is necessary to continue to use the services of a former sequestrator in the capacity of manager, the fees payable to him should be the same as those laid down by the Italian Government for the sequestrator, and that they should be paid by the Italian Government, irrespective of whether the property in question does or does not produce income sufficient to cover them.

6. Expenditure under (b) above includes such items as:

- Salaries and wages.
- Cartage and wages.
- Insurance.
- Light and water charges.
- Expenses of cultivation.
- General expenses.

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Swanell's letter. It is not considered this to be a practicable as it is not probable that under present conditions any contractors, or other entities or individuals, would voluntarily undertake repairs, in view of shortage of materials, uncertainty as to date of payment etc.

8. With regard to (c), it should be noted that under existing Italian legislation the Italian Government has been held liable for the payment of war damage to properties belonging to Italian Nationals. It therefore recognizes that the Italian Government has requested (a) to place nationals of the United Nations (including France) or the area falling as Italian, and (b) to make any expenditure which may be required to effect these repairs which are essential to prevent further serious deterioration of war damaged properties, where the owner has no funds available.

9. With regard to estimates mentioned in British Consul's letter, I am unable to produce figures which would be of much value to the Italian Government in estimating their liabilities. The U.S.S.R. in Rome should know liabilities in respect of expenditures mentioned in (a) above, which would be considerably less than the pre-war, national scale, as a number of properties will have been turned over to the owners or their legal representatives.

10. Liability in respect of expenditure referred to in (a) above cannot be accurately estimated. In such cases it is possible, owing to the various factors involved, to even approximately estimate what amount would be required to cover a period of, say, a year. In addition, properties at present requisitioned and therefore producing no income, late income, say at any time as in requisitioned and become income producing, is able to be let, or if payments are made in respect of requisitioned. Again, far from being a liability, if their utilization can be re-started or utilized, may also be credit instead of a debit balance in the account. In this connection it should be mentioned that in the case of the Orleans estate, although its administration by the Italian requisitioning authorities resulted in the comparatively small debit balance of (about) £1,100, in 1941 and £1,100, in 1942, the debit balance for the first seven months of 1943 amounted to £1,100,000. It is suggested that this example emphasize the necessity for the provision of funds to meet maintenance and subsequent expenses, particularly as their proper application would in any case result in their being recovered, substantially at any rate, in due course. With this, it is obvious that an estate such as the Orleans, which is valued at over £1,100,000, is adequate security for a loan of a few thousand pounds, even a few hundred thousand. In such cases, properties which are at present requisitioned would be far from being a liability, if their repairs were executed, to such a liability, and beyond the production of a few hundred pounds to let. Other properties, though valuable

the other and no funds available.

9. With respect to estimates mentioned in Art. 1, paragraph 1, of the Italian Law of 1945, it is possible to provide figures which would be of great value to the Italian Government in estimating their liabilities. The Government in Rome should know liabilities in respect of damaged properties mentioned in (a) above, which would be considerably less than the pre-war occupational scale, as a number of properties will have been turned over to the owners or their legal representatives.

10. Liabilities in respect of expenditures referred to in (a) above cannot be accurately estimated. In each case it is possible, owing to the various factors involved, to even approximately estimate what amount would be required to cover a period of, say, a year. In the case of properties at present requisitioned and therefore producing no immediate income, say at any time be de-requisitioned and become income producing, it will be able to be let, or if payments are made in respect of requisitioned properties, say, for example, if their requisition can be reversed or lifted, say by a credit instead of a debit balance in the course. In this connection it might be mentioned that in the case of the Trieste estate, although its administration by the Italian requisition authorities resulted in the comparatively small debit balance of (approx) Lit. 1,000,000,000, in 1945, the debit balance for the first seven months of 1946 amounted to Lit. 1,100,000,000. It is suggested that this example emphasizes the necessity for the provision of funds to meet maintenance and management expenses, particularly as their proper application would in any case result in their being recovered, substantially at any rate, in due course. Apart from this, it is obvious that an estate such as the Trieste, which in 1945 was valued at over Lit. 1,000,000,000, is adequate security for a loan of a few thousand lire, even a few hundred thousand. In some cases, properties which are at present uninhabitable owing to war damage, could, if essential repairs were executed, be made habitable, and become income producing as soon as they could be let. Other properties, though habitable at present, are not let, but they may be let and become income producing at any time. In the meanwhile certain taxes remain payable, and in some cases servants or caretakers have to be paid.

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Expenditure necessary to protect Allied Property in Italian Territory.

11. With respect to expenses in respect of war damaged properties I estimate that the sum of Lit. 700,000 would be ample to meet litigation in Region I. of that sum, Lit. 15,000 is the present estimate cost of executing repairs to the Villa Milner in Palermo, known as Villa Savour. There are probably not more than a dozen other Allied properties which should be repaired, but not being damaged so badly as Villa Savour, the average cost of the repairs will probably be only between Lit. 10,000 and Lit. 15,000. Sums spent on these repairs should ultimately be recoverable from the Italian Government. These figures are based on present prices and wage rates, and since the present condition of the various properties. It will be appreciated therefore that unless the repairs are executed promptly, the cost of them will increase, not only by reason of rise in prices and wages but also in consequence of further deterioration of the properties themselves. I am unable to give any estimate for Region II, but the amount of Allied property there appears to be comparatively small.

12. I recommend that Col. Vukobratovic be authorized to negotiate with the Italian Government in accordance with the proposals set out in paras. 9, 10 and 11 above.

(Sd) T. W. HARRIS,  
Lieut. Colonel,  
Director of Property Control.

5 January 1944.

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
Public Safety Division

AMG/14006/73

7 January, 1946

Subject : Misdirection and Theft of Civilian Supplies.

To : Adm. Dir.

Reference message from 15 Army Group regarding misdirection and theft of civilian supplies at Naples, this office stands ready, within the jurisdictional and functional limitations imposed, to co-operate with CBI or any other agency in making effective any directive which CBI may issue.

*P. G. Kirk*

PAUL G. KIRK  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Chief, Public Safety  
Division.

*Orig. to Commanding General*

*File* *153*

*Chiefs: Admin. Sec.*

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TO PBS FOR AMG HQ  
PBS FOR REG. III  
PBS FOR AMG REGION IV  
PBS FOR AMG FIVE ARMY



FROM: AMG 15 ARMY GROUP

ORIG: W. PA 703

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FROM GERRY. reports indicate serious losses civilian supplies at Naples through misdirection and theft. Suggest immediate investigation under Major Smallwood. Any discrepancies between manifests and amounts received at warehouses should be immediately reported GAC and this HQ. AMG Region III is operationally responsible for receipt and warehousing but it should be clearly understood that PBS is responsible for safe transit ship to warehouse. Recommend that use of civil police guards as arranged by Captain Graham and Lieut Clay be continued so that each truck is guarded. As all AMG formations are vitally interested in safe delivery of supplies they should be asked to cooperate under direction GAC in providing adequate personnel to meet this emergency. Suggest GAC issues directive defining responsibility in establishing a uniform accounting procedure

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

To: JCS  
 From: Admin. Draft  
 Subject: P.C. & Bureau of Defense  
 Date: 22 Jan 64

① Prof. attended Major General's the following comments:  
 "Assuming a person is found to be a threat to the  
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 reasonably determine if the person is a threat to the  
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 or higher for each of the Regime. Engineer or  
 approved qualifications. However, no information  
 available, <sup>in this office</sup> requires that and from now under  
 100% is being kept."

② Suggest para ① above be sent to both 151245  
 to Bureau & then 22321 24 Jan 64

*[Signature]*  
 for Bureau

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HEADQUARTERS,  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,  
15 ARMY GROUP

AMV/567.

22 December 43.

AMV, 15 ARMY GROUP ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 5.

CONTROLLER OF PROPERTY.

The duties of the Controller of Property A.G., AMV, 15 Army Group, shall be divided as follows:-

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

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ARMY AREAS.

1. DUTIES.

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

2. SCOPE OF PROPERTY.

- (a) Controller of Property will be responsible for the control of:-
  - (i) Property owned by the Government of the United States or by any of the British Commonwealth of Nations, or of the nationals thereof, sequestered by the Italian Government.
  - (ii) Enemy state property (not including state property of Italian Government), not in custody of some other branch of the armed forces.
  - (iii) Such abandoned property or property belonging to absentee owners of which no representative can be found in the occupied territory. The C.G.A.O. shall direct or as the Controller

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Property in Army areas under the control of C.C.A.O., AME, 15 Army Group.

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

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- (c) Keep and maintain a central registry of all property taken under control.
- (d) Exercise personal supervision and control over properties which in the opinion of the C.C.A.O. or Controller of Property require special attention.

2. SCOPE OF PROPERTY

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

(i) Property owned by the Government of the United States or by any of the British Commonwealth of Nations, or of the nationals thereof, acquired by the Italian Government.

(ii) Enemy state property (not including state property of Italian Government), not in custody of some other branch of the armed forces.

(iii) Such abandoned property or property belonging to abandoned persons of which no representative can be found in the occupied territory, as the C.C.A.O. shall direct or as the Controller of Property considers necessary.

(b) The Controller of Property shall also take into his control what directed to do so by the C.C.A.O.:-

(i) Any property the control of which is in the opinion of the C.C.A.O. essential to the needs of Allied Forces or the inhabitants of occupied territory.

(ii) The property of any person, company, institution or body whose activities are deemed by the C.C.A.O. to be prejudicial to the safety of Allied Forces, public order, or the fulfilment of war aims.

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

3. PROCEDURE IN EXISTING UNITS

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

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

4. PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES

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

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

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

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

5. PREPARATION AND APPROVAL OF NOTICES

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

- (b) Have necessary notices posted.
- (c) Obtain lists and reports.
- (d) Make periodical inspection.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS

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

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#### REGIONAL AREAS.

These territories previously under the control of 15 Army Group pass to 13th Region under the control of C.A.O., 15 Army Group, the Controller of Property shall:-

#### 1. DUTIES

- (a) Prepare directives and instructions for issuance through channels to Regional Controllers of Property on all matters affecting property control.
- (b) Advise and make recommendations to C.A.O. on all matters involving policy determinations affecting property control.

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

2. PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES.

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

/s/

*By [Signature]*  
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS

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APK 356

1/12/43

SUBJECT. Liquidation of dissolved Organizations.

TO . All Presidenti del Tribunale at Provincial Capitals in Sicily.

THRU . Senior Civil Affairs Officers

1. It is desired to establish machinery to assist in the liquidation of certain organizations which have been dissolved under Proclamation No. 7, General Order No. 8, or Official Order No. 39 Allied Military Government, Sicily Region Headquarters, a copy of which is enclosed. For your guidance, a complete list of such organizations is also enclosed.

2. In machinery referred to in 1 to be considered as replacing that established by Italian law but as supplementary thereto for the purpose of providing for the early payment of back claims for salaries.

3. Such claims will be governed by the following principles and procedure.

a. Claims for back salaries will only be considered in respect of ordinary salaries which accrued and are unpaid for the following period:

i. 1 January 1943 to date of dissolution inclusive in the case of organizations dissolved by Proclamation No. 7. The date of dissolution in your province is to be determined by the provincial Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

ii. 1 January 1943 to 30 September 1943 inclusive in the case of organizations dissolved by General Order No. 8 (except in Palermo Province) or by the enclosed Order. (In Palermo Province, the organizations named in General Order No. 8 were dissolved prior to 30 September 1943).

b. The claims must first be allowed and recommended for payment in accordance with these rules by the subcommissioner appointed pursuant to the provisions of the enclosed order.

1. It is desired to establish machinery to assist in the liquidation of certain organizations which have been dissolved under Proclamation No. 7, General Order No. 6, or Official Order No. 19 Allied Military Government, Sicily Region Headquarters, a copy of which is enclosed. For your guidance, a complete list of such organizations is also enclosed.

2. The machinery referred to is to be considered as replacing that established by Italian law but as supplementary thereto for the purpose of providing for the early payment of back claims for salaries.

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a. Claims for back salaries will only be considered in respect of ordinary salaries which accrued and are unpaid for the following period:

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ii) 1 January 1943 to 30 September 1943 inclusive in the case of organizations dissolved by General Order No. 6 (except in Palermo Province) or by the enclosed Order. (In Palermo Province, the organizations named in General Order No. 6 were dissolved prior to 30 September 1943).

b. The claims must first be allowed and recommended for payment in accordance with these rules by the subcommissioner appointed pursuant to the provisions of the enclosed order.

c. The recommendation must state.

i) That the claim is a just claim and is for ordinary salaries accrued during the period specified in paragraph 3a heretof.

ii) Whether or not the Organization has a bank or post office account. If the organization has a bank account and name of the account, the name and address of the bank, and the current balance must be given. If the organization has no bank account, the fact must be stated.

REF 130.1

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4. You will note that no provision has been made for early payment of dismissal indemnity, rent, current bills other than wages, etc., and for wages earned since the date specified in paragraph 3a above. Subsequent instructions in connection with these claims will be sent the sub-commissioners in due course.

5. Your cooperation in the establishment and operation of this liquidation machinery throughout your province will be much appreciated. It is particularly requested that pending the appointment of the sub-commissioner you will act in his place to receive claims and make recommendations as required by paragraph 3 above. Any further instructions you may need may be obtained through the Financial Officer or Assistant Controller of Property in your province.

6. You may find it advisable to enlist the assistance of the Presidentes del Tribunale of the other Tribunales having jurisdiction in your province to handle claims arising in his area.

*Charles Politti*

CHARLES POLITTI  
Lt. Colonel  
Regional Civil Affairs Officer

DISTRIBUTION

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- Property Controller Div 16
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GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO  
Quartiere Generale Regionale della Sicilia

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OGGETTO: Liquidazione di Organizzazioni sciolte.

AI : Sigs. Presidenti del Tribunale dei Capiluoghi di  
provincia in Sicilia.

PER : Gli Ufficiali Superiori degli Affari Civili.

1. Si desidera stabilire un sistema per aiutare nella liquidazione di certe organizzazioni che sono state sciolte in base al Proclama No. 7 l'Ordine Generale No. 8 o dall'Ordine Ufficiale No. 32 del Governo Militare Alleato, Quartiere Generale della Sicilia, dei quali si alliga una copia. Per vostra guida si alliga anche una completo lista di tali organizzazioni.

2. Il sistema anzidetto non deve essere considerato come una sostituzione di quello stabilito dalle leggi italiane, ma come supplementare con l'intendimento di provvedere per i più urgenti pagamenti e per i reclami arretrati per salari.

3. Tali reclami saranno regolati dai seguenti principi e procedure.

a) I reclami per stipendi o salari arretrati saranno solamente considerati in dipendenza di stipendi ordinari che provengono e sono stati pagati per il seguente periodo:

I) dal 1° Gennaio 1943 alla data di scioglimento compreso, nel caso di organizzazioni sciolte dal Proclama No. 7. La data di scioglimento nella vostra provincia sarà stabilita dall'Ufficiale Superiore addetto agli Affari Civili.

II) dal 1° Gennaio 1943 al 30 Settembre 1943 compreso, nel caso di organizzazioni sciolte dall'Ordine Generale No. 8 (eccezione fatta per la provincia di Palermo) ovvero dall'ordine accluso. Nella provincia di Palermo le organizzazioni nominate nell'Ordine Generale No. 8 sono state sciolte prima del 30 Settembre 1943.

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Al Sig. Presidente del Tribunale dei Capoluoghi di  
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b. I reclami dovranno prima essere riveduti e raccomandati per il pagamento subordinatamente a queste regole, dal sotto commissario incaricato conformemente alle disposizioni dell'accluso ordine.

c. La raccomandazione deve stabilire:

I) che il reclamo sia fondato e che sia per stipendi ordinari risultanti durante il periodo specificato nel paragrafo 3° precedente.

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II) se la organizzazione abbia o no un conto bancario o postale. Se la organizzazione ha un conto bancario, l'indicazione del conto, il nome e indirizzo della banca, e deve anche essere dato il saldo del conto convenuto. Se l'organizzazione non ha un conto bancario, tale indicazione deve essere data.

4. Vogliate prendere nota che nessuna disposizione e' stata data per urgenti pagamenti di indennita' di licenziamento, affitti, fatture e altre paghe ecc. e per paghe guadagnate sin dalla data indicata al paragrafo 3° di cui sopra. Istruzioni successive in merito a questi reclami saranno inviate al Vice commissari in tempo debito.

5. La vostra collaborazione nella organizzazione e nel lavoro di questo complesso di liquidazione della vostra provincia sara' molto apprezzata. E' particolarmente richiesto che essendo ancora vacante l'incarico di vice commissario, voi vorrete agire a suo posto per ricevere i reclami e per fare le raccomandazioni come stabilito al paragrafo 3° di cui sopra. Ogni ulteriore istruzione che possiate volere puo' essere ottenuta per mezzo l'Ufficio Finanziario o l'Assistente Controllore Beni della Vostra provincia.

6. Potete considerare opportuno di contare sull'assistenza del Presidente del Tribunale o di altro Tribunale avente giurisdizione nella Vostra provincia, per interessarsi dei reclami che sorgano nella Vostra zona.

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LIST OF DISSOLVED ORGANIZATIONS

Part I Organizations Dissolved by Proclamation No. 2.

Partito Nazionale Fascista  
Fasci Femminile  
Fasci di Combattimento  
Gioventu Italiana Littoria  
Opera Nazionale Balilla  
Gruppo Universitario Fascista  
Camice Nero

All similar immediate dependencies of the Fascist Party.

Part II Organizations Dissolved by General Order No. 8.

Unione Prov. Fascista Lav. dell'Industria  
Unione Prov. Fascista Lav. dell'Agricoltura  
Unione Prov. Fascista Lav. del Commercio  
Unione Prov. Fascista Lav. della Azienda del Credito e  
dell'Assicurazione  
Unione Fascista degli Industriali  
Unione Fascista degli Agricoltori  
Unione Fascista dei Commercianti  
Unione Fascista delle Aziende del Credito e  
dell'Assicurazione  
Unione Fascista Professionisti ed Artisti  
Consiglio Provinciale delle Corporazioni  
All branches, constituent syndicates, confederations,  
federations, units and other dependencies of the above.

Part III Organizations Dissolved by enclosed Official Order No. 52

Istituto Nazionale di Cultura Fascista  
Unione Nazionale Protezione Antieresia  
Ente Nazionale della Cooperazione  
Unione Fascista fra le Famiglie Nazionali  
Ufficio Prov. di Collocamento Lav. Industria  
Ufficio Prov. di Collocamento Lav. Agricoltura  
Ufficio Prov. di Collocamento Lav. Commercio  
All subsidiaries, agencies, and any other offices  
under the above.

Giovani Italiani Vittoria

Opera Nazionale Balilla

Gruppo Universitario Fascista

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Part III Organizations Dissolved by enclosed Official Order No. 58

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Unione Nazionale Protezione Antieere  
Ente Nazionale della Cooperazione  
Unione Fascista fra le Famiglie Numerose  
Ufficio Prov. di Collocamento Lav. Industria  
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS

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SUBJECT. Liquidation of Dissolved Organizations

TO . ALL SACs, for Attention of SACs, ROs and AFAs

1. Enclosed are copies of Official Order No. 19, dissolving certain Italian organizations and providing for the establishment of certain machinery to aid in the liquidation thereof and of organizations previously dissolved. This order is to be printed in the local newspaper and posted in three public places in each comune in the province. One copy is to be delivered to the President of the Tribunale in the capital of your province, and one copy is to be delivered to the local Prefect.

2. Because of transportation difficulties, it will be impossible for the Commissario Straordinario appointed by the enclosed order to take personal charge of the selection of his provincial sub-commissioners. It is therefore necessary to assist him in this matter. You are to obtain suggestions from the local Pretendente del Tribunale, Prefetto, Intendente di Finanze and any others you may wish to consult, and after consulting with the local C.I.U. or F.S.I. submit the name and address of the person you nominate for sub-commissioner. The nomination should be signed by the Provincial Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

3. Enclosed are 6 Italian copies and 3 English copies of a letter to the several Pretendenti del Tribunale. Of the Italian copies, one is for the Pretendente del Tribunale in the capital of your province, and one is for the local Prefect. The other Italian copies and one English copy are for your files.

4. Except for assets in the possession or under the control of any bank or banking institutions, the liquidation proceedings are to be under the supervision of the Controller of Property. 462 of assets in the possession or under the control of a bank, including bank accounts and other banking debts and credits, involves problems which the Financial Division is better equipped to solve, and will remain with the Financial Division. All instructions, written or oral, heretofore given forbidding banking transactions in blocked accounts except pursuant to licenses issued by the Regional Chief Banking Officer or his predecessor (the Controller of Financial

...necessary to aid in the liquidation thereof and of organizations previously dissolved. This order is to be printed in the local newspaper and posted in three public places in each comune in the province. One copy is to be delivered to the Presidente del Tribunale in the capital of your province, and one copy is to be delivered to the local Prefect.

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5. The term "blocked accounts" refers to accounts blocked by the Chief Financial Officer's letter to Bank Managers dated 4 September 1943 and the supplementary letter to the post offices dated 15 October 1943. See letter to Bank Managers dated 11 October 1943. The term "banks" includes post office banks.

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C. It is suggested that you inform the local Prefect of these subsequent developments in these matters.

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