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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394
Education Sub-Commission

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AMG 8873/A/ED

17 December 1943

SUBJECT: Direttore Amministrativo.

TO: Administrative Director.

1. Reference your letter AMG/602.3/AD, dated 16 December 1943 (copy to this office).

2. It is notified for your information that the Provveditore agli Studi is not a university official.

3. The official concerned is the Direttore Amministrativo.


G. R. GAYRE
Lt. Col., AEC
Educational Adviser.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
AFG 512

15 December 1943

Refer to:
AMG/619.3/AZ.

SUBJECT: American Academy in Rome.

TO: Commanding General, A.F.H.Q., M.G.I.

1. Reference letter, your headquarters, file MSG 619.3, dated 3 December 1943, same subject as above.
2. This headquarters has considered the generous offer of the Committee on the American Academy in Rome and recommends that it be gratefully accepted.
3. It is premature to say that the American Academy will in fact be used as the committee suggests until its condition is ascertained. A complete report will be rendered through channels at the earliest opportunity.
4. It is presumed that the same offer will be extended to the Allied Control Commission when it functions in Rome with the Italian Government.

For the Commanding Officer:


G.R. CRIPPS,
Lt. Col.,
for the Administrative Director.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
MONUMENTS FINE ARTS AND ARCHIVES SUBCOMMISSION

MFAA/PKBR

MEMORANDUM.

12 December 1943

SUBJECT: American Academy in Rome.

TO: Administrative Director.

Reference MGS - 619.3 and attached correspondence:

1. I consider that the generous offer of the Committee of the American Academy in Rome should be gratefully accepted, and that a promise should be made that a report on the condition of the Academy will be rendered to the Committee at the earliest opportunity.
2. It would be premature to say that the American Academy will in fact be used as the Committee proposes, until its condition is known.
3. The American Academy stands on the Janiculum, some considerable distance from the centre of Rome, and across the Tiber, and it may not in practice be found convenient by H.Q. A.C.C. for the use suggested.

P.K. Baillie Reynolds

P.K. Baillie Reynolds.
Major R.A.
A/Director. MFA&A Subcomm.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

JCH/DW/1jr

3 December 1943.

MGS - 619.3

SUBJECT: American Academy in Rome - facilities.

TO : HQ AMG, CMF.

Reference is made to the attached copies of a letter from the American Commission for the Protection and Salvage of Artistic and Historic Monuments in Europe, dated 5 November, and of a resolution of the Executive Committee of the American Academy in Rome, dated 14 October.

1. The Chief, Civil Affairs Division, of the War Department has stated in reply to the above quoted letter that full information in regard to the generous offer of the Committee would be passed to the Theatre Commander for his information.

2. It is requested that you will inform this Headquarters early as to whether you intend to make avail of this offer, and in due course also report on the condition and state of preservation of the American Academy in Rome.

D. S. Jackling
D. S. JACKLING
Lt. Colonel

Incl
as above

*Copy sent to M.F.A. & R. 11/12/43.
for necessary action. J.*

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NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART
Smithsonian Institution
WASHINGTON, D. C.
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November 5, 1943

Dear General Hildring:

The attached resolution of the Executive Committee of the American Academy in Rome was adopted on October 14, 1943. The resolution is forwarded to you for your information and for such action as you may deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

s/ Huntington Cairns
Secretary

THE AMERICAN COMMISSION FOR THE
PROTECTION AND SALVAGE OF ARTISTIC
AND HISTORIC MONUMENTS IN EUROPE

Major General J. H. Hildring
Room 3-C-856 Pentagon Building
Arlington, Virginia

Attachment

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C O P Y

AMERICAN ACADEMY IN ROME
101 Park Avenue, New York.

Resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee of
the American Academy in Rome on October 14, 1943.

INASMUCH as the Civil Affairs Division of the War Department
has constituted a military personnel of monuments officers entrusted
with the protection and salvage of monuments, museums, libraries and
archives in occupied territories, these officers being assigned to
the Allied Military Government of Occupied Territories, and

INASMUCH as the President of the United States has created,
through the State Department, the American Commission for the Protec-
tion and Salvage of Artistic and Historic Monuments in Europe, to
function for three years, both in cooperation with the military
authorities and with the civilian authorities who may succeed them,
and

INASMUCH as the American Academy in Rome is also vitally
interested in these objectives and believes that it would be mutually
advantageous to utilize its appropriate facilities at the earliest
possible moment in a direction compatible with its corporate purposes
and at the same time beneficial to future relations with Italy.

BE IT RESOLVED that the American Academy in Rome offer such
facilities of the Academy as may hereafter be agreed upon, to the
American Commission for the Protection and Salvage of Artistic and
Historic Monuments in Europe, with the idea that the Academy be
utilized temporarily as follows:

1. During military occupation, and before the arrival of
civilians, as a center of research for the monuments officers attached
to the Allied Military Government:

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Military Government Section

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[Signature]
F. S. JACKLING
Lt. Colonel

Incl
as above

HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT
AFU 512

Refer to: AGO/602.1/41.

16 December 1943.

SUBJECT: Application to study at Catania University.

TO: CARLO CASAR, 233, High Street, Hamrun, Malta.

In reply to your application dated 26 November 1943 to continue your medical studies at Catania University, I am directed to inform you that further information will be required by the Provveditore agli Studi of the University. You should therefore write, addressed to this Headquarters, an application to be accepted by the University as a student of medicine, giving copies of certification of your educational accomplishments up to this time.

2. You must also provide yourself with a letter of identification, signed by a magistrate or some equivalent official of Malta, which will be honoured by the military government of Sicily, stating:-

- (a) that you are known personally to the official, and
- (b) that you are authorized to leave Malta for the purpose of continuing your medical education in Sicily.

3. It is understood that you will arrange your own transportation, when you are authorized to start.

4. The documents referred to in para;2 should be sent to this office, together with your application.

B.R.C. 866
S.A. CHIFFO,
Lt. Col.,

for the Administrative Director.

Copy to: A.C.A.D., Region 1.
A.C., A.C.S., 15th. Army Group, C.A.F. (2)
(Ref. your AGO/285/ dated 8 December.)

Copy to: Ed.
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SUBJECT:- Catania University - School of Medicine.

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

H.Q., A.M.G.,
Palermo.

MIG/205/
8th December 1943

The attached letter, addressed to General Alexander by Mr. Carmel Cassar, is forwarded for your consideration, as the School of Medicine, Catania, is in the area under your administration.

2. Please reply direct to Mr. Carmel Cassar, forwarding a copy for the information of the Military Governor.


R.J.P. THORNE THORNE
Colonel
Chief Staff Officer

RIPT/RCH

Copy to: P.A. to G.O.C. in C.,
15 Army Group.
(Ref para 2 of your 15AG/PA/260
dated 7th December 43).

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CARMEL CASSAR.

233, High Street.

Hampton,

Illinois.

November 26th, 1943.

Your Excellency,

I would like to bring to your generous notice the following facts:

During 1938 - 1940 I attended the medical school at the University of Rome. My studies were interrupted by the outbreak of war with Italy when I was called by the fascist authorities with offers of freedom and continuation of my studies if I changed my citizenship. I refused this non-patriotic offer and was sent to prison and afterwards to a Concentration Camp in which I was kept until March, 1943, when I was one of the prisoners exchanged.

The two year course attended at the same school of Medicine are not recognized by the Local Royal University, and as a fresh start would mean the loss of six years of my career, I would necessarily like to proceed to Catania, where, as per attached copy of letter received from August H.A. in Sicily, I shall be accepted as a regular student and cognition taken of my previous studies.

Considering the three years already lost in the prison camps, I deem it extremely necessary if I were allowed to proceed to Catania.

It seems that the Local Military Authorities cannot decide my leaving the Island without your permission. I beg your

outbreak of war with Italy when I was called by the fascist authorities with offers of freedom and continuation of my studies if I changed my citizenship. I refused this non-patriotic offer and was sent to prison and afterwards to a Concentration Camp in which I was kept until October, 1943, when I was one of the prisoners exchanged.

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Considering the three years already lost in the prison camps, I deem it extremely necessary if I were allowed to proceed to Catania.

It seems that the local Military Authorities cannot decide my leaving the Island without your permission. I beg your Excellency to favour me with your favourable opinion which I may show to the Local Authorities.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's

Humble and obedient servant.

Carmel Cassar.

H.E. The Governor General of Sicily,
Gen. Sir H. Alexander
Allied H.Q., Sicily.

Ref: CAT/67

Ingot H.Q.
Catania.
7. 10. 43.

To:- Carmel Cassar,
233, High Street,
Hamden,
MALTA.

Dear Sir, The School of Medicine of Catania University will
open on or about November 1st.

A Professor of the school said that your work
done at home would be recognised if you presented
credentials in Catania, and that they would receive you
as a student.

(Illegible signature)

Major.

S.A.P.H.O.

(A True Copy)

AG 602.3 1st Ind.
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS, APO 394
File RPH/705 29 Nov.1943

SUBJECT : Medical school, Civilian hospital.
TO : Colonel Spofford, Deputy Chief of Staff,
AMG Headquarters.

Re AG 602.3.

1. Most bed space at the Polyclinic is used by the 59th Evacuation and 34th Station Hospitals.
2. The Civilian Hospital occupies one building only.
3. Systematic search for another location for the Civilian Hospital has failed.
4. It has been suggested to Prof. Crosti that this is now a civilian matter and that a Committee of civilians be appointed including Prof. Crosti, the Medico Provinciale and Director of Civilian Hospital to discuss the possibility of other quarters for the civilian hospital.
5. The civilian hospital is the only agency giving care to the population and from public health view point has a definite priority.
6. A plan to build a new 1000 bed hospital has been prepared and we intend to discuss it with the City officials.

CHARLES POLETTI
Lieut Colonel
Regional Civil Affairs Officer

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

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AM 602.3

100 November 1943.

SUBJECT: Medical School.

TO: D.O.S.O., Region I.

1. Reference Director of Public Health letter AMO/2044/11 dated 10 November 1943, (copy to you) and the attached copy of letter from the Dean of Faculty of Medicine, Volensky; it is considered that of the two projects put forward, D.O.I. is the only one that would be acceptable while the military unit is occupying.

2. Action will therefore be taken by you to investigate the possibility of rehousing the Civil Hospital elsewhere and unless you have other proposals to make, to put the project in hand, provided a suitable building exists.

3. Arrangements should be made for the return of the library and equipment returned to in pieces, A and B of the lease letter, when the Medical School is ready to function.

4. Return of plan of Medical School building is requested after return.

By Command of Brigadier General de Henry

/s/ CHARLES M. SPOFFORD.

Charles M. Spofford,
Colonel,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

Encl: Copy of letter of Volensky of Medicine letter dated 10 November 1943.
Plan of Buildings.

Copy to: Public Health Sub-Commission.
Education Sub-Commission.

3. arrangements should be made for the return of the library and equipment referred to in paras. A and B of the above letter, when the Medical School is ready to function.

4. Return of plan of Medical School building is requested at the earliest.

By Command of Brigadier General (R) MARY

/s/ CHARLES M. SPOFFORD.

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Deputy Chief of Staff.

Encl: Copy of copy of Faculty of Medicine letter dated 15 November 1943.
Plan of Buildings.

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Education Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

Public Health Sub-Commission.

AMG/3041/H

19 November 1943.

SUBJECT: No. 59 Evacuation Hospital.

TO: Chief of Staff, through Administrative Director.

The attached letter and plan from the Palermo University authorities is forwarded for such action as may be considered necessary.

Yesterday I visited No. 59 Evacuation Hospital where I met Col. Franklin, surgeon to the 7th Army Medical Unit, Col. Bolibaugh, surgeon to the Hospital and various representatives of the University including Prof. Agostino Crosti, the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery.

The letter contains two proposals, the second of which is quite impracticable but it was felt that the first might be explored. The evacuation of the civil hospital to another suitable building, if this can be found, is a matter for the R.C.A.O., Region 1 to discuss with the local authorities and as long as the patients can be suitably housed, this will in no way affect the military situation.

The question of handing over any of the buildings now occupied by No. 59 Evacuation Hospital is another matter, and the Surgeon commanding this unit is rightly against doing anything which will interfere with the welfare of his patients. While in the near future this hospital may not require so many buildings for U.S.A. personnel, it is possible that it may be wanted for British troops and this was pointed out to the representatives of the University. It was, however, stated that while everything would be done to help them to provide accommodation for the faculty of medicine and surgery, it would not be possible to hand over any building as long as they were required for the patients or personnel of the hospital.

With regard to the requests contained in paragraphs A & B, all equipment not required will be returned on application and the medical libraries and apparatus will be made available.

With regard to paragraph C certain repairs have already been carried out and all buildings in use have been made weathproof.

By command of Brigadier General MASHENY

Copy to: R.C.A.O., Region 1.
Col. Franklin, Surgeon.
7th Army Medical Unit.
Col. Bolibaugh, Surgeon.
59th Evacuation Hospital.

(Sgd) G.S. PARKINSON, Brigadier
Director, Public Health Sub-Commission.

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To The Director of Public Health.

URGENT.

I beg to submit to your attention the urgent need of premises and means absolutely necessary to resume the medical studies in the University of Palermo.

The faculty of Medicine and Surgery must provide for lessons for about 800 students.

The requisition and occupation of most of the University Policlinic by the 5th. American Evacuation Hospital and by the Palermo Civil Hospital has deprived the faculty of the premises and means for the following fundamental chairs:

Anatomy	Surgical Anatomy
Medical Pathology	General Medical Clinic
Surgical Pathology	General Surgical Clinic
Orthopedic Clinic	Dental Clinic.
Throat Ear & Nose Clinic	Pediatrics

It is possible to provide for these chairs, as a temporary makeshift, if it is granted the use 1) of building C (now used by the Civil Hospital), building B and part of A (now used by the Allied Forces Hospital); or: 2) of building A, B, C, D used by the Allied Forces Hospital.

Project (1) disturbs little the present systemization of the American Hospital but renders necessary to find new premises for the Civil Hospital; project (2) would reduce very much the present use for the Allied Forces of the Polytechnic.

It is also necessary to be authorized:

- to have back the didactic clinic furniture (desks, chairs, beds, window cases, scientific equipments, etc)
- to have the use of medical libraries and apparatus not used by the American Hosp. but lying in the premises in their possession.
- to provide for the reparation of damages caused by the bombardments, through the "Civil Engineering Office" to avoid further deterioration and render the premises fit to be lived in.

I beg to ask for your personal visit on the premises so as to have a clearer idea of the situation.

With kind regards

The Dean of the Faculty of
Medicine and Surgery

(Prof. Agostino Crosti)

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STAFF PAPER - HEADQUARTERS
AP 12

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HEADQUARTERS

20 NOV 1943

AMG.

RECEIVED MEMORANDA:
10. 25:

1. The Scuola Media Unica will not be continued this year. Students who would ordinarily enroll in the Scuola Media Unica will enroll in the Istituto Magistrale, the Istituto Tecnico Inferiore, the Liceo Scientifico Inferiore, or the Ginnasio Inferiore.
2. Because available books and teachers must be used the program of these four types of lower secondary schools will necessarily be similar to the program of last year, devoid of Fascist propaganda. All four types will have programs which will enable graduates of any one of them to enter any higher secondary school. A program is being prepared by Italian school officials for use in all such schools and will be distributed shortly.

By Order of Lt. Col. Charles POIETTI

G. W. WASHBURN
Major
Director of Education

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MEMORANDUM:
NO. 23:

GOVERNO MILITARE ALLIATO
Quartiere Generale Regionale
della Sicilia
APO 512

16/11/43

1. La scuola Media Unica quest'anno non si aprirà. Gli studenti che ordinariamente vi si iscrivevano, s'iscriveranno all'Istituto Magistrale, Istituto Tecnico Inferiore, Liceo Scientifico Inferiore, o Ginnasio Inferiore.
2. Poiché occorre utilizzare quei libri che si trovano e gli insegnanti disponibili, il programma di questi quattro tipi di scuole secondarie sarà necessariamente simile al programma dell'anno scorso, eccezione fatta per la propaganda fascista. Questo scuola avranno un programma che metterà in grado i diplomati da esse di essere ammessi in una scuola secondaria superiore. E' in preparazione un programma da parte delle autorità scolastiche da usarsi in dette scuole, che sarà distribuito al più presto.

Per ordine del Tenente Colonnello, Charles POLETTI

Ch. Poletti

C. W. WASHINGTON
Maggiore
Direttore dell'Educazione

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ARO 312

FILE/REC/312

7 November 1943

SUBJECT : Financing a school

TO : Chief Finance Officer
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1. Some time ago I spoke with you personally about the need of the Scuola Magistrale "Mater Gratiae" for financial aid from us since its source of income from Rome is cut off.

2. I have discussed the school with the Provveditore alla Studi in Palermo and he assured me that it is one of the two schools in Sicily which prepares teachers for "kindergartens" and day nurseries. He feels that it is doing important work and he strongly recommends that the full budget of 100,000 lire for the school year be granted.

3. As I explained to you in our conversation this school in the past received the funds from the Italian Education Association in Rome, which in turn received a large government subvention. Since both private and public sources of income for the Italian Education Association have been cut off and since no money can be received from Rome our help is essential if the school is to function.

4. Being convinced by the Provveditore of the urgent importance of continuing this school in operation I strongly recommend that 100,000 lire be made available to this school for the year 1943-44.

By order of Lt. Col. Charles POMERAI

C. F. WASHBURN
Major
Director of Education

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the school year by granted.

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Major
Director of Education

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Hq., Allied Military Government, A.P.O. 512, 23 November 1943.

TO: R.C.A.O., Region 1.

If considered of sufficient merit, it is recommended that provision be made in the Provincial Budget for this expense

By Command of Brigadier General McSherry.

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