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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INT [REDACTED] MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

FILE No. _____

TO :

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4/41 A/CA

The following folios removed and filed on 9/21.2/CA

21 A - J, 22A, 23A-G, 24A, 25A, B, DB.

They deal with the property of Mr. K. Botsis who is a Greek National.

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14 JUN 1944

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14 JUN 1945 Discussed with VP. NFA. essential facts are in 9/21/44 CA.

VP.

On the attached file E184/412. The EC directs that a strong letter be addressed to AFHQ about the de-regulating of schools. A draft by Edna is on that file. But it is not considered very effective.

Reading the same position seems with Prisons and Hospitals especially prisons. If they are treated separately further and similar letters will have to be written about them.

AG 24A is a draft for approval.

The order of priority has been placed with Sub-Committee of CA. Sec.

Do you think the letter should be written on CC level.

a) for the extra weight b) he is interested in the prisoners.

CA-5
28 SEP 1945

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C.S.O.

A.F.H.Q. have issued some instructions recently on de-regulation - see file dealing with de-regulation

1.
AC 15A is a letter added to AFHQ objecting to the wording of this Admin Memo 24, which has caused us a lot of trouble. Since that letter was written G.S. has informed this the state of. AFHQ is opposing any alteration to AFHQ. And 15A did not supply full arguments to make G.S. to put to a strong case and 11A contains a full case. It may be perhaps too full.

AC 15A is too comments. As regards from a full particular are necessary because no proposal to bring forward. The comment in para 3 is quite unconvincing. AG 57 deals only with it. Govt. - the average is all the further forward. B. The same thing because I.E. everything possible is already requested. 6A is one example. The request for the G.S. is another I submit that it is desirable that we present our case to G.S. in some form to make them to protect our interests. 11A for consideration.

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Drafts are necessary because no proposal
 The comment in para 3 is quite misinterpreted. A 57 deals only
 with the 1st. The change is all done further forward. By the
 time the 1st is done, everything is already re-written.

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11 JUN 1944

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Do you think the letter should be written on CC level
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C.A.S.
25 SEP 1946

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C.S.O.

A.F. HQ. have issued some instructions recently on
 de-regulation - see file dealing with de-regulation
 of schools. Before letter of 24/9 could be considered we
 should have it up with the latest instructions. If we
 would not have care for any past instructions
 is to be used.

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M. Campbell
V.P.C.I.A.S.

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M. Campbell

In view of 24/9 proposed action is not appropriate
 This HQ has no copy of Dr. Adm. Inst 23 and has written for 24/9

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref : 4/41 A/CA

22 Oct 45

SUBJECT : Accommodation in Italy

TO : See Distribution

263- Enclosed for your information are copies of AMHQ British Administrative Instruction 23 relating to the policy to be observed in connection with requisitioning and decommissioning of premises.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

[Signature]
M. CARR, Brig,
VP CA Section

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20 Sep 45

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

BRITISH ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 23

ACCOMMODATION IN ITALY

1. AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 29 dated 8 Jul 44, announced the policy that the needs of all Italian agencies, whether commercial, governmental or private, are subordinate to those of the United Nations. There can be no change in this general policy which would prejudice the redeployment programme or affect the operational efficiency of the forces remaining in the theatre, or involve construction of alternative accommodation.
2. In order to assist in the rehabilitation of the governmental and economic life of ITALY, it is necessary that every consideration be given to well founded requirements of the Italian authorities. Civilian necessity for the rehabilitation of ITALY is paramount to Military convenience.
3. All commanders in ITALY having requisitioned property under their control, will, upon receipt of this Instruction, take the following action:-
 - (a) Investigate immediately the use which is being made of all requisitioned accommodation within their Command to determine the necessity for such use.
 - (b) Review, from time to time, all accommodation held, in order to ensure the utmost economy of use and to release any accommodation the continued use of which cannot be justified as a Military necessity.
 - (c) Derequisition all unoccupied real estate if no requirement is foreseen for it and derequisition all other accommodation, the occupancy or use of which is not warranted as a Military necessity. Every effort will be made to expedite the release of government administrative buildings, prisons, educational facilities, hospitals, hotels and warehouses.
 - (d) Where practicable, consolidate two or more user organisations occupying individual sets of accommodation, in order to economise in accommodation and permit releasing the excess.
4. All requests for additional accommodation will be strictly scrutinized by authorities competent to requisition and no request for accommodation will be considered unless it contains complete justification. Normal requests for additional accommodation will not be approved unless such accommodation is clearly a Military necessity.
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6. This Instruction in no way affects the instructions contained in AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 14 of 7 Mar 45, subject "Use of Commercial Facilities for Civil Requirements" and in AFHQ letter AG 004/171 GAO-0 dated 11 Aug 45, subject "Release of Hotel Accommodations".

Copy to

24. L.S. MFA, PH PS

12 Dec 45.

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M.C.E. S.L.

M.C.E. SHARP, Brigadier,
for Major General,

Chief Administrative Officer,
A.F.H.Q.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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4/41.A/CA

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9 Oct 45

SUBJECT : Requisition and Derequisition in Italy.

TO : AFHQ, G-5.

Reference your G-5: 386.2 of 28 Sep, may this Office please be
supplied with 6 copies of British Administrative Instruction No 23 of 20 Sep.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

M. CAIT, Brig,
VP CA Section.

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FX 36205
AUG 16

MTUSA SIGNED CONCERNED CITE NAGDS

ACTION 5TH ARMY ETC.

F/4276
AUG 18

PRIORITY

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- 1 - ACTION addressees will take immediate action to review and consolidate real estate holdings with a view to immediate derequisitioning of all excess real estates. Military convenience will be no excuse for non consolidation. Real estate will not be vacated where it will be necessary to construct alternate accommodations. This cable is in lieu of letter instructions referred to in FX 35335.
- 2 - Report will be submitted to this headquarters by 1 September giving following information all requisitioned real estate including educational recreational facilities occupied by US forces : name, location, type of facility, present use, capacity, percentage of capacity now being used, reasons why accommodation is required, date to be released, consolidation affected or planned.
- 3 - Each command will be prepared to justify continued use of each requisitioned accommodation to AFHQ board.
- 4 - No further real estate will be requisitioned without approval of the HQ. Request should contain complete justification and will not normally be approved here unless redeployment cannot be accomplished without additional requisitioning.
- 5 - Each addressee will effective 1 September submit a report to this HQ on this on the 10, 20, and last day of each month listing the real estate derequisitioned during the previous 10 day period.

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APO 512

RVB/jwp

AG 004/171 CAC-O

13 AUG 1945
11 August 1945

SUBJECT: Release of Hotel Accommodations

TO: All Concerned

1. The Italian Government, through the Allied Commission, has made strong representations for the release of hotel accommodations for civil use in order that such facilities may be made available for Governmental officials, industrial experts, foreign trade representatives and other persons travelling in Italy on essential duties relating to the Government and/or the rehabilitation of the economic life of the country.

2. The policy of this theater has always been, as announced in THQ Administrative Memorandum No. 29 of 8 July 1944, that the needs of all Italian agencies, whether commercial, governmental or private, are subordinate to those of the United Nations. Though there can be no change in this general policy which would prejudice the redeployment of forces from the theater or disturb the operational efficiency of the troops remaining in the theater, however, in order to assist in the rehabilitation of the governmental and economic life of Italy, it is necessary that certain Italian requirements essential to such rehabilitation have priority over the extravagant and unrestricted use, by the military, of hotels for rest and recreation and the excessive travel indulged in by the military.

3. All commands in this theater, therefore, upon receipt of this directive, immediately will investigate, and thereafter from time to time review, the extent and use to which hotels in their respective areas are being operated in order that those hotels, which can be released without jeopardizing Allied interests, may be returned to the Italians.

4. Any hotel which does not have a daily average occupancy of at least sixty (60) per cent during a thirty day period will be derequisitioned unless its retention can be fully justified by a well-founded future need therefor.

5. In cases where hotels individually are occupied by different organizations, arrangements will be made, where possible, to accommodate, as joint users, two or more of such organizations in the same hotels in order to provide for the release of other hotels.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

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C. A. CHIEF OF STAFF
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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10 August 45

Ref : L/41A/OA

SUBJECT : Request for Derequisition of Swiss Property
TO : HQ AME Naples Commune

Reference your R/2626 of 4 August.

- 1 There is no official priority for the derequisitioning of Swiss property. In fact no special arrangement exists for any other than Vatican property.
- 2 Rome Area informs me that they do, on a purely friendly and unofficial basis, attempt to give a little extra consideration in such cases, but it does not go further than that.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

G.R. Upjohn col
for G.R. UPJOHN Brig,
VP CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
APO 394

8 AUG 1945

R/2626

4 August 1945

SUBJECT: Request for Derequisition Swiss Property

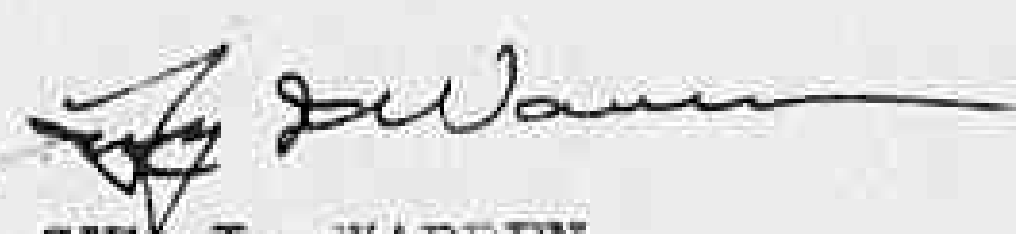
TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission.

1. During the past few weeks we have had several cases come before this Headquarters where the property of Swiss Citizens is requested to be derequisitioned.

2. We have been advised unofficially that the derequisitioning of Swiss property is considered a priority matter.

3. May we please be advised as to whether the derequisitioning of Swiss property should be considered on a priority basis?

FOR THE COMMISSIONER:


GUY I. WARREN
Lt. Col., S. R.
Deputy Commissioner

GIW/jjf

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS JB/sb
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 680.3 26 May 1945
29 MAG 1945

SUBJECT: Accommodation at MONTECATINI

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

1. Reference your ADBC/11/5 of 11 May.
2. MTOUSA has instructed PES to construct training center to maximum capacity without necessitating eviction of civilians.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

Julius Byles
JULIUS BYLES
Major, F.A.

[Handwritten mark]

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

12 May 1945.

AIDE-MEMOIRE FOR FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER12 MAY 1945
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Consideration is now being given to the accommodation of those of the German disbanded Army under British command (No. 1 District) in an area near Rimini. This would involve considerable damage to crops and evacuation of about 20,000 Italians. We urge most strongly from every point of view, having particular regard to political reaction of the Italians, that this be not done and that an alternative site be chosen which does not involve the eviction of Italians.

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

11 May 1945

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SUBJECT: Accommodation at MONTECATINI.

TO: Allied Force Headquarters, G-5 Section.

1. The following is the text of a signal received from TOSCANA Region.

"FBS propose eviction from their homes of 125 families approx 1000 Italian residents of MONTECATINI. Have explained that if these Italians are evicted from MONTECATINI they will be made destitute while in MONTECATINI they are self supporting. Have proposed that Italians be permitted to use part of their homes so that they can continue their employment and remain self supporting. FBS has submitted the question to MEUSA. Recommend action be taken to impress MEUSA with importance of avoiding making destitute this 1000 self supporting Italians"

2. It is suggested that MEUSA be asked to erect tented camps since roofed accommodation for 22,000 has already been found and the above signal concerns only 3,000 surplus. The alternative would seem to be partial requisition, as suggested in the signal.

AD
A.D. Bonham-Carter, Lt. Col.
GSO Civil Affairs Section.

Copy to Executive Commissioner.

* * * *HQ Toscana Region (on 13 May at the request of Ex Comm)*

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INCOMING MESS. GE 10 MAG 1949
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

C.A. SEC

Originator's Reference:
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 7/0945B

Message Centre No: E/33
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 10/0900B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ACTG ADJT TOSCANA REGION AMG
TO: HQ ALCOM FOR EKEC COM

CONFIDENTIAL ACTION

CONFIDENTIAL.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

28 MAR 1945

29 MAR 1945

Tel. 451

28 March 1945

Ref. 544/43/EC.

SUBJECT: Requisitioning of Property.

TO : V.P., Civil Affairs Section
 V.P., Economic Section
 A/V.P., Establishment Section.

1. The attached letter from the Commander of the 201 Sub Area is passed to you for information and guidance.

2. Please see that any and all officers concerned are informed and further that proper procedure is followed when and if it becomes necessary to requisition property in such territory.

TO	Init	Date
VP CA Sec		
Public Safety		29/3
Public Health		1/4
Legal		2/4
Local Govt		2/4
Patriots		3/4
Disper		5/4
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Ca Sec		
Incl.		

PLEASE PASS QUICKLY

Joseph C. Rively
 Chief Staff Officer, Major
 To Executive Commissioner.

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C O P Y

Subject:- Requisition of Property in PBS Territory

ROME 791844 Ext 4
791873 Ext 4

Q 62

17 Mar 45

DA & QMG Land Forces Sub Commission,
Headquarters Allied Commission

1. During the past week it has been brought to the notice of this Headquarters that requisitions of property in PBS territory and Southern District (PBS) territory have been effected by officers of the British Section of Allied Commission.
2. As British Co-operating Allied Unit, this Headquarters is responsible to Headquarters PBS for all British requisitions in PBS territory within the boundaries laid down in Appendix 'A' to this letter, and although the right of requisition by Allied Commission is fully realized by this Headquarters, property in the above mentioned PBS territory can be requisitioned only after the approval of Headquarters PBS has been obtained.
3. May the appropriate branches of Allied Commission please be instructed to apply to this Headquarters prior to occupying such premises, when the necessary authority will be obtained from PBS.

Colonel
Commander
201 Sub Area

In the field
ARMB/lbs

Copy to:- Real Estate Section RAAC
238 Town Major
Q62/4

Appendix "A"

Maps. Italy 1:200,000 Sheets 15 and 17.

- (i) PBS area North of ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND Boundary.
Viterbo Provincial Bdy from coast at E 9022- to A 1758, - X rds A 2855 - rd junc 2853 - pt 537 at A 3738 - A 4232 - Route 2 to RAAC bdy F 6589 - F 495890 - thence rd to coast at F 3974.
- (ii) Southern District PBS South of ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND Boundary.
Pt on coast at G 0413, all excl MUSCOLINI CANAL to junc with route 7 at G 0728 - route 7 pt where rly crosses rd at G 4333 - thence rly to pt where rly crosses rd at F 685385 - pt where rly crosses rd at F 875445 - thence all excl ALBANO F 8848 - rd to FRASCATI F 900570 - rd and rail junc F 9760 - thence 2 District Western Boundary to pt where rd crosses River SACCO at G 5125 - thence all incl rd to rd junc G 5511 - thence all excl rd to GAETA at M 6588.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

HC/djw

5.06/ES

9 January 1945

SUBJECT: Accommodations in Italy

TO : Civil Affairs Section

1. Reference your memorandum 4/41A/CA, of 23 December 1944, above subject, requesting the comments of the Economic Section on the draft memorandum of 21 December 1944, which was attached.
2. It is not understood why it is considered necessary to have now another memorandum repeating at greater length the recommendations made in the memorandum of 9 December 1944 (9/21.1/CA) from the Chief of Staff to AFHQ, G-5 Section.
3. You are of course familiar with Administrative Memorandum No. 57, dated 11 December 1944, paragraph 2 of which is extracted below:

"The Allied Forces have retained the power to requisition private and public property and services in Italian Government territory but it is emphasized that this must be exercised sparingly and only for reasons of genuine military necessity. This will be exercised through the Italian authorities. If for example it is necessary to requisition a building it should be done through the Sindaco of the town where the building is situated with the assistance of the nearest provincial officer of the Allied Commission. The usual formalities of requisitioning will be followed."

4. The underlined sentence in the above quoted paragraph does not appear to be followed in many cases, and AC might appropriately ask AFHQ to draw this provision forcibly to the attention of all military services operating in Italian Government territory. Beyond this, it is felt that the Chief of Staff's memorandum, and our current discussions with AFHQ on the requisitioning and de-requisitioning of industrial premises, adequately cover the subject for the moment as far as this Section is concerned.

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Harlan Cleveland
Harlan Cleveland
Executive Director
Economic Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 4/41A/CA

28 Dec 44

SUBJECT : Allocation of Accommodation.

TO : Economic Section.

It would be appreciated if you could let me have your
comments on my 4/41A/CA of 23 Dec, during the course of today the 28 Dec.

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Ext: 469

S.H. WHITE Lt Col,
for VP CA Section.

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4/41A/CA

26 December 1944

27 DEC 1944

SUBJECT: Allocation of Accommodation

TO : CIVIL AFFAIRS Section, A.C.

FROM : Political Section

27 DEC 1944

The Political Section concurs in the terms of the draft letter enclosed in your memorandum No. 4/41A/CA of December 23rd and has no further comment to offer.

H. L. d'A. ROBINSON

H. L. d'A. ROBINSON
Acting Vice President, Political Section

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

File
Ref 4/41A/CA ✓

23 Dec 44

SUBJECT : Allocation of Accommodation.

TO : Political Section (1)
Economic Section (3)

- 1 AFHQ has recently issued a letter drawing attention to and emphasizing the direction contained in its Admin Memo 29 and this HQ has already received demands referring to this Memo which it considers to be unreasonable. Attached is the draft of a letter which it is suggested should be addressed to AFHQ because of the wording of para 3 of the Admin Memo (a copy of which is for your convenience appended to the draft) and because of the way that Memo is being interpreted.
- 2 If CA itself directly administered the country and required premises for that purpose which it would itself occupy, its right could not be denied but because, in order to save man power, it administers territory by means of existing agencies, it is apparently not realized that these agencies have any right to accommodation or other facilities.
- 3 Will you please let me have your comments on the draft.
- 4 With regard to para 3 thereof, it is proposed to append copies representations which it has been found necessary to address to AFHQ on various subjects such as
Requisition of the Medical School Plan.
Request for the Gabelli Institute.
Insufficient Hospital accommodation.
Insufficient Prison accommodation.
Requisitioning of Ambulances.
- 5 The appendix has not yet been compiled; if you have any items to be included in it, please supply details.

[Signature]
S.H. WHITE Lt Col,
For VP CA Section.

Ext : 469

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref 4/41A/CA

21 Dec 44

SUBJECT : Allocation of Accommodation.

TO : AFHQ G-5.

1 Reference is made to AG 386.2/M9-CAP-O of 26 Nov and to AFHQ Admin Memo 29 of 8 Jul which direct that the accommodation requirements of the Armed Forces shall be supplied whatever inconvenience or hardship may be suffered by the Italian administration or people.

2 Para 1 of the Memorandum quite clearly indicates that the instruction is intended to cover not only the requirements of combatants and administrative troops but of military and civilian agencies working for the Armed Forces. It is the experience of AC, however, that this is not understood by those who have to operate the instruction and that it is commonly interpreted as if the needs of combatant troops and the administrative services of the Armed Forces only were referred to.

3 AC is itself a part of the Armed Forces and it is charged with the duty of so administering the country that the Commander is relieved of the care thereof and of the necessity of finding troops for that purpose. AC cannot perform its functions unless it has reasonable facilities to enable it to do so.

4 It is part of the policy under which AC was created and of the directive under which it works that, for the purpose of conserving manpower, it shall so far as it reasonably can, operate through Italian agencies and for that purpose shall organize new or use existing Agencies as may be most suitable. So far as it operates through such Agencies (such as the police) those agencies are civilian agencies working for the Armed Forces. If for instance a prison is required, that is not merely a requirement of the Italian Govt, but it is an essential for the preservation of good order behind the Armed Forces.

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- 2 Para 1 of the Memorandum quite clearly indicates that the instruction is intended to cover not only the requirements of combatants and administrative troops but of military and civilian agencies working for the Armed Forces. It is the experience of AC, however, that this is not understood by those who have to operate the instruction and that it is commonly interpreted as if the needs of combatant troops and the administrative services of the Armed Forces only were referred to.
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- 8 It is submitted that in respect of some services, certain classes of buildings should be entirely exempt from requisition, that others should be requisitioned only where the commander certifies the necessity; in the case of other services

the minimum scale of facilities to be left for say every 100,000 population should be laid down. Such classes or scales might be different in Army Areas Regions and Italian Govt Territory.

9 It is recommended that a Staff study of the minimum facilities which should be left to the civil administration to meet essential administrative requirements and the differences in such minima in Army Areas, Regions and IGT be undertaken as a matter of urgency.

10 It is not desired to burden this letter with details, but in nearly all branches of administration AC has examples of what it feels has been unreasonable deprivation of the facilities necessary for proper administration. Police Stations, Hospitals, Prisons, Ambulances and other means of transportation have frequently been taken so as to leave insufficient for effective administration or for the reasonable minimum requirements of the population. Attached to this letter as appendices are examples on which immediate assistance is requested irrespective of the decision on the point of policy raised by this letter.

Copy of Admin Memo 29.

ACCOMMODATION IN ITALY

1 In order that there may be no misapprehension as to the attitude which should be adopted towards Italian private individuals, officials, and corporations in respect to obtaining necessary accommodations for military agencies or civilian agencies working for the Armed Forces, the following instructions will be strictly observed by all persons whose duty it is to obtain or allot accommodations.

2 It is desired to emphasize that strict adherence to this policy becomes increasingly necessary as more and more of the great centers of population in Italy come under our control. Every effort must be made to remove underground influences which might tend to limit the proper accommodation of military personnel and installations or civilian agencies working on their account.

3 a The needs of all Italian agencies, whether commercial, governmental or private, are subordinate to those of the United Nations.

b The fact that an Italian commercial or governmental agency or an Italian private individual or group of individuals may suffer inconvenience or hardship if evicted to provide for the needs of United Nations personnel will not be regarded as a valid reason for acceptance of less suitable accommodations offered alternatively.

c In implementing these two principles the responsible officials of the United Nations agencies will not make unreasonable demands, but at the same time will not accept anything less than that which is necessary completely to fulfill their requirements.

d Intervention by Italian personnel, either by private individuals or through unauthorized channels, will not be accepted by any official of the United Nations. Persons making such approaches will be referred to the approved Italian agencies.

By command of General WILSON.

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File
Ref. 9/21.1/CA ✓

Tel: 478008

9th December, 1944.

SUBJECT: Accommodation in Italy.

TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section.

1. Reference your AG 386.2/179 GAT-8 of the 26th November, 1944, and Administrative Memorandum No. 29 dated 8th July, 1944, on the subject of accommodation in Italy, while the necessity for ensuring that adequate accommodation is available for military personnel and civilian agencies working on their account is appreciated, it is felt that paras 3 (a) and (b) of the above Administrative Memorandum need clarification.

2. Para 3 (a) states: "The needs of all Italian agencies whether commercial, governmental or private, are subordinate to those of the United Nations." It is, as you are well aware, to the army's direct interest that the administrative machinery should work smoothly, but we cannot expect Local Governments, whether they be AMG or Italian, to function if they are bereft of accommodation. Regional and Provincial AMG Headquarters are operational and it is felt that they should be given a certain operational priority with regard to accommodation. AMG has often had to establish itself in offices divorced from the natural centre of administration and away from existing facilities, while Police Stations, hospitals and buildings marked as exempt from requisition have nevertheless been requisitioned.

3. As it stands at present Administrative Memorandum No. 29 is capable of causing most unfortunate repercussions to Military Government. I shall, therefore, be glad if it can be amended to provide that Italian Government agencies working under this Commission shall be entitled to accommodation as agencies working for the armed forces, and that A.M.G. officers are entitled to establish themselves in reasonable and appropriate offices.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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AP 161

AG 386.2/179 GAF-O

26 November 1944

SUBJECT : Accommodation in Italy

TO : Commander in Chief, Allied Armies in Italy, APO 777
President, Allied Commission, APO 394
Commander, III Corps
Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command, APO 794
Commander in Chief, Mediterranean
Air Commander in Chief, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, APO 650

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2 In this connection, your attention is directed to Administrative Memorandum No 29, this Headquarters, dated 8 July 1944, which is brought to the notice of all subordinate authorities concerned with accommodation.

By command of General WILSON :

/s/ ALBERT W. KARR
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Admin Memo No 29, AFHQ

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Ref/550/17/009.

Tel : Ext. 478308 *fu*

- 8 DEC. 1944 7 December 1944. *8*

SUBJECT : AMG Accommodation.

11 DEC. 1944

TO : DOCAO, Civil Affairs Section, HQ AAL.

1. Attached hereto are copies of letters emanating from Abruzzi Marche Region relating to the possible eviction of the P.C. Ancona along with the AG Port Detachment and the Italian local government officials from the Provincia Building, Ancona.
2. As you will observe the shortage of space in Ancona is of great concern and the loss of this building would be a serious one.
3. Reference is made to your letter DOCAO/7/1.2 of 15 November 44, addressed to "Q" Branch AAL. Can you again approach "Q" along the lines discussed in ~~that~~ letter presenting our case for the retention of this building.
4. Any further information from Col. French will be forwarded.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to : Civil Affairs Section ✓
Abruzzi-Marche Region.

In Major Ballant

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To : HQ AG (Attention Chief of Staff.)
From : HQ AMG/AG Abruzzi-Marche Region.
Subject : Accommodation.
Ref: ES/504/4.
Date : 4 December 1944.

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I enclose for information copy of a letter received from Provincial Commissioner, Ancona yesterday morning.

As I have already explained to you the question of accommodation in this Region at the present moment is extremely difficult owing to the large number of troops coming into the Region for, so far as I can see, Headquarters.

I am leaving tomorrow with the G.O.C. No. 1 District (Major General C. Haydeman), and am taking this letter with me. I know he will help in so far as is possible, if it be true that the G. in C. himself has indicated his approval of the Prefettura at Ancona being handed over as a Club, it is, of course, very difficult.

I will write again on my return.

C.H.A. FRENCH
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

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D.O. From Lt Col H.H. NICHOLS, R.
Provincial Commissioner,
Ancona Province ANZ,
Abruzzi-Marche Region.

Col. G.M.A. FRANKS,
Regional Commissioner,
Abruzzi-Marche Region,
C.M.

30 November 44.

My dear Colonel,

Since your visit to the Area Commander things have taken an ugly turn as regards prospects of AMO accommodation. What has worried us more than anything is the extraordinary attitude adopted by the Brigadier.

Forgive my worrying you again, but since the consequences may have important results and you are seeing Brig. Lush this weekend, I think it well to let you know what is in the wind.

This morning at about 11 o'clock the Area Comd went to the S.P.P.S.C.'s office with the A.S.M. and demanded to see all over this building, the Provincia, which as you know is full to the brim with AMO, AD Port Detachment and Prefettura etc. This without reference to us or to Robert Mount. He burst into my room in an extremely rude manner, saying "I've just come in to look round this building as I may have to take it for a Service-men's Club". Robert and Chadd were both in with me and we were spellbound. All I could say was "where am I to go?", his reply was "that's not my problem I don't know".

This afternoon he sent a Corporal from the Town Major's office to look all over our Mess, where we have been for 4 months - this again without reference to us or to Robert. We have told the Corporal, Town Major being sick, that we will furnish full particulars by tomorrow.

It is not that we cannot deal with the situation ourselves, but that if the Area Comd presses his demands we want you and AG HQ to be forewarned and ready with the support we feel confident we shall get.

I need not add that AMO accommodation in ANCONA is absolutely minimum and that if the Provincia were taken away we might as well pack up - the Prefect as well. The accommodation problem is already a big headache and we have always done our best to make things easy for the military.

I am, Yours, very sincerely,
(sgl) H.H. NICHOLS

P.S. Since writing the above I have been to see the Brigadier. He says he has instructions from G. in C. if necessary to take our building. This I can hardly credit, since there is nowhere else in the town that we can go.

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G-5: 386.

24 October 1944

SUBJECT: Accommodation - Florence.

cable sent by G-5 Section.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

Reference your 5274, of 23 October. Attached herewith copy of correspondence referred to.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

F. J. Slaughter
F. J. SLAUGHTER,
Captain, A.G.D.

1 Incl:
ltr. 30 Sept. w/1 Incl.

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25 OCT 1944
A.C.C.

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who are taking action*

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G-5: 386.

FJS/sob
17 October 1944

SUBJECT: Accommodation - Florence

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394

Information is desired as to when a reply may
be received to our letter, file number 680.3, subject
as above, dated 30 September.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

F. J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, AGC.

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1 OCT 1944
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Connel who are
taking action 27/10

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3/10/44 ✓

Civil Affairs Sect

SUBJECT: Accommodation for Region VIII ACC

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CG Fifth Army (for C-4)

forward

1. Reference the attached letter from Civil Affairs Section AAI dated 14 Oct 44.
2. The application is forwarded for approval by C-4 Fifth Army. This Headquarters is not at present able to recommend the application for the following reasons:-

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- (b) Although the 35 officers could be billeted locally it would further increase the strain that hotels are already experiencing in feeding officers.
- (c) No information has been received by this Headquarters which amends the direction mentioned in paragraph 1 of the attached letter.

3. HQ ACC would be grateful for an early decision on this matter.

15 Oct 44

Copy to:- HQ ACC ✓

ACC Fifth Army
Region VIII ACC
45 Town Major
Deputy Comd, FLORENCE Command.

HEADQUARTERS
17 OCT 1944
A. C. C.

A. Thapar
Colonel,
Commander,
FLORENCE Command.
(see above)

*C.C. for C-4
Please by 15/10/44
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ALG Fifth Army
Region VIII AGC
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A. Thapaperin
Colonel,
Commander,
FLORENCE Command.
(who affirms)

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17 OCT 1944
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G-5: 680.3

30 September 1944

SUBJECT: Accommodation - Florence.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

1. Attached is copy of a letter forwarded to this Headquarters from Mr. A. G. Bethell the owner of a villa outside Florence, who desires to let it to a member of the Forces.

2. Also attached is copy of letter from Rear HQ 5th Army.

3. Have you any interest in the matter please.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Incl:
as above.

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

Passed to Prof Control
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Subject: Accommodation - Florence

British Increment (Q Branch)
Rear HQ Fifth Army
CMF
238 Q
23 Sep., 44.

Q Main AAI.

1. Ref your 2170/Q2 dated 11 September 44 with regard to property known as

CASA DI BOCCACCIO
VIA DI GORGIGNANO SETTIGNANO.

2. The house in question is a 2 storied house containing 15 rooms, excl 2 kitchens, 2 bathrooms, 3 WCs. It has 4 acres of cultivated land around the outside and is poorly furnished.
3. It is at present occupied by a Prof Papini to whom it was leased by the Banco di Paschi, FLORENCE.
4. There are seven persons resident in this house (Italian Civilians).
5. No action has been taken to evict the present occupants.

(Sgd) R. W. METCALFE, Capt.,
for Brigadier,
Deputy Chief of Staff (British)
Fifth Army.

