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DEFASCISM, DISPOSSESSING BOARDS OF
COMPANIES, (DLL-739, DRAFT)
SEPT. 1943 - SEPT. 1944

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Adm. Sec.

Minutes

of interview on 27 Aug 43, between Capt. Abbot Thompson, Consul General of Italy, on behalf of Italian Government, and Lt. Col. G. F. T. Thompson, Commandant and Adj't's Observations.

Notifying the Consul General of his reasons for action, (a) concerning the nomination of commissioners for the administration of unclaimed assets in his service at present or of general interest, and (b) concerning the distribution of the above-mentioned assets or otherwise retaining them, (c), anticipation of guidance from the State Department regarding the same.

The Agent mentioned that he had already seen the subject previously and comment by the Agent that "conditions are not favorable". However, by way of supplementary information, he further pointed out that if certain Italian non-belligerent obligations were not met in law, but actually not held valid in U.S. jurisdiction, hence it is necessary in article 7 of these mentioned orders to cure the type situations.

In accordance under (b) whilst the fact of basic decree No. 759 of 21 Aug 43 is disclosed to both parties, the new decree gives a specific addition to the policy announced in article 1 of Law. There is no attempt to refine the extent of the interest necessary to exonerate the control. Presently the holding of a single share suffices, as that the shareholders or privately owned interests seem to be numerous in the States, and lose all control until a month after the cessation of war.

He considers if the "classe" excuse is not a "red herring" thrown across the "law". A few simple administrative devices could suffice to cure the inevitable irregular movements out of which the Italian Government seems to be making a just claim for universal political control of all classes of enterprises. His attitude thus far, if such it be, looks as if it might be more dangerous than the disease.

Attachment

U.S. Consul
Italian Attaché,
for Chief Legal Officer.

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Final conclusion.

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A/C

We have been receiving cable messages from various
commands sent to you, some of which we have
not time to read (and be read by you) in the
order of their arrival. We consider the same
as soon as possible and then forward them
to you in the order in which they were received.
Information to be forwarded
is handled as follows:

J. R. WPT

VC, O.P.W.

Adm
3 SEP 1944

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in effect until the appropriate
action has been taken
or until it is superseded
by another.

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HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 APO 394
 ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

DF/5.7/AS

3 September 44

My Dear Prime Minister,

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One decree was identical with a draft which was handed to me and on which I wrote you on the 28 August under reference number A/CC 250 and is the draft secondly mentioned in such letter. I have not yet received from you the names of representatives to discuss this draft with Brigadier UPJOHN.

The second decree discussed by Dr Sorrentino was a short decree extending the provisions of DIL 739 of 21 August 43 to companies financed or guaranteed by the State or in which the State is a shareholder.

The terms of this last draft decree seem to me to be very wide indeed but I suggest that this draft could be considered by your representatives and Brigadier UPJOHN when they are considering the terms of the other draft.

I think you will agree that it would be better if any drafts dealing with this matter are sent by you to me direct and not to one of the Sub-Commissions as it is an unnecessary duplication and overlap, and will thereby be prevented.

Prime Minister Ivenoe Bonomi,
 President of the Council of Ministers,
 Italian Government.

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between
Mr. Giordano and Lt Col White

In attendance Lt Col Thorburn

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1. Sorrentino referred to the three decisions before COO relating to the appointment of receivers and it Col White and Mr. Giordano had discussed the first two of these decisions before COO. Col White had also been present at the meeting at which the third decision was taken.

2. Sorrentino stated that in his Italian view that the authority of Receivers appointed by COO could not be effective on territory beyond Italian Government territory. They should be contained in cities and their positions regularised.

3. Sorrentino in answer to comment stated that Art 1 was internationally drawn in wide terms.

4. Col White stated that if the very wide terms of Article 1 were required then other enforcement against inscoper uses of the provisions became necessary.

5. Col White said that in addition it was desirable to restrict the appointments application to the Council of State and Art 2 of the decree of 26 Jun 24, in reply to Giordano's question concerning whether these powers provided under relief for "cases of inefficiency, corruption or improper conduct."

6. Col White said that in addition it was desirable to restrict the appointments to those who had the requisite business or professional experience and further no longer existed.

7. Sorrentino accepted both suggestions.

8. Col White then referred to Art 2 suggesting that no appointment should exceed a limited number of one year but should be renewable if the reason for the appointment still subsisted. But if the right to terminate a partnership was granted this decision of course was not strong.

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IX. Sorrentino said that any abuse of power by a Receiver could be cured by an application to the Council of State and Art 26 of the decree of 27 Jun 43, In reply to inquiries by Sorrentino said that those powers provided ample relief for cases of inefficiency, corruption or improper conduct.

Lt Col White said that in addition it was desirable to restrict the appointment to those who had the requisite business or professional experience and further that the companies concerned should have the right to apply for the removal of a receiver or inspector when they could show that the reason for the appointment no longer existed.

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Lt Col White then referred to Art 2 suggesting that no appointment should exceed a stated maximum of say one year but should be renewable if the reason for the appointment still survived. But if the right to terminate a receivership was granted this objection was not stressed.

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IX. Sorrentino agreed that the paragraph should be clarified.

IX. Sorrentino then referred to a draft decree proposing to extend the powers to ailing接收者 under DL 739 of 21 Aug 43, to companies financed or guaranteed by the state or in which the state is a shareholder.

Lt Col White asked if there was any reason why the three antecedent conditions contained in the decree just discussed should not apply to these cases. It was not reasonable to grant powers to replace the management of a company in liquidation satisfactorily merely because the state had an interest in that even as a shareholder.

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Dr Sorrentino agreed that these companies could also be dealt with under the previous decree.

Dr Sorrentino then referred to the decree granting powers to a joint receivership of publishing firms. The Italian Government accepted that such receivers should have no powers to control the freedom of the press and this they proposed to achieve by limiting the powers of receivers to the administrative management.

Lt Col White referred to the necessity for power to terminate these receiverships as had been conceded in other cases. This was agreed in principle. As the decree had been signed it was proposed that this power should be granted by regulations under the decree.

Dr Sorrentino said that a revised draft would be submitted

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A/CU 250-2

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Yours very truly,

HILLARY W. STONE
Captain, USMR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.
c.c. Admin Section

4 Sept 1944
H.W.
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Draft of the Legislative Decree of the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom concerning the dissolution of administrative boards of Companies financed or guaranteed by the State and of Companies in which the State is a shareholder as well as of Companies or Enterprises holding a concession to State property.

Whereas

ART.1.

Provisions of Art.1. and 3 of R. Decree Law N°739 of 21 Aug 1947 are hereby extended to Companies financed or guaranteed by the State and Companies in which the State is a shareholder as well as to Companies or Enterprises holding a concession to State property.

ART.2.

The appointment of Commissioners Extraordinary shall be made by the Minister or by Ministers, acting in mutual agreement, who are heads of the Departments which authorized the grant of financial subsidy or assumption of guarantees or which administer the shares held by the State or the property given in concession.

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Sulla cit. Deputato De Stefano fu comunicata l'informazione
che negli atti di istruzione dei casi di furto e rapimento di
partecipazioni azionarie di imprese concessionarie di servizi pubblici
la Società Imprese Concessionarie di Servizi Pubblici S.p.A.

In virtù dell'autorità di cui dettato;

Visto il decreto legge 27 luglio 1943, n. 73, riguardante lo scava-
ggiamento degli organi costituzionali degli enti pubblici e la nomina dei
Commissionari straordinari;

Visto il decreto-legge 1 luglio 1944, n. 22, riguardan-
te l'assegnazione per la nuova costituzione delle Stato, il funziona-
mento del Governo e la facoltà dei sovrani di emanare norme di con-
dizione;

Visto il decreto-legge 30 ottobre 1943, n. 23, concernente la cre-
azione delle norme relative alla emanazione, promulgazione, registrazione
e pubblicazione dei Regolamenti e di altri provvedimenti;

Visto il decreto-legge 25 maggio 1944, n. 44, per la costituzione
presso la sede del Governo di un Consiglio di controllo della
Goria dei Conti;

Visto la deliberazione del Consiglio di controllo;

Sulla proposta del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri, Primo ministro
Segretario di Stato, di concerto con i ministri per le finanze e per il
Tesoro;

Visto il decreto-legge 27 giugno 1943, n. 22, relativo alla costituzione

Commissioni stragiutarie;

Visto il decreto-legge 25 giugno 1944, n. 75, relativo
alla costituzione dei Consigli dei ministri, di cui l'art. 1º
delle leggi sulle nomine e le funzioni dei Consiglieri di Stato, dei
Consiglieri stragiutarie e dei Consiglieri di Stato di cui l'art.
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Visto il decreto-legge 30 ottobre 1943, n. 22, costituente la legge
sulla fusione delle trenta mila entrate, presso il Consiglio dei ministri,
della pubblicazione del Regolamento di alcune proposte;
Visto il decreto-legge 29 maggio 1947, per la costituzione
presso la sede del Governo di una Sezione speciale di controllo delle
Corse dei Consi;

Vista la deliberazione del Consiglio dei ministri;
Sulla proposta del presidente del Consiglio dei ministri, per istruire
il Segretario di Stato, di concerto con i Consiglieri per le finanze e per il
Tesoro;

disposto quanto segue:

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art. 7

Le disposizioni dell'art. 7 della legge 21 agosto 1943,
n. 75, sono estese alle società che fruiscono di finanziamenti o di parteci-
pazioni dirette o indirette da parte dello Stato o da un suo consorzio.

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o l'intero contenuto del testo di informazione deve essere

art. 2

Il progetto di norme che inserisce l'informazione trattata dall'attuale o, al massimo, dal minimo prezzo è inteso per le concessioni del funzionamento delle strade, di strade che consentono la partecipazione di autotreni, di strade esistenti che consentono l'entrata in concessione.

Il progetto è costituito in ogni caso di concerto con il consorzio cui spetta la gestione dell'interesse strutturale concernente un'installazione esistente sono da tal modo prese.

art. 3

Il presente decreto entra in vigore il giorno venti del mese della pubblicazione Ufficio del Reato.

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ROYAL DECREE LAW - 21 Aug 43 - N°739.

✓bgs.
2 Sept. 44.

Dissolution of the deliberative organs of Public Bodies and appointment of Extraordinary Commissioners.

(Preamble Omitted)

ARTICLE 1.

As an exception to the rules of law in force and to internal regulations and orders, the Governmental Authority in the exercise of vigilance over public bodies may dissolve the deliberative organs of such bodies, and proceed to appoint Extraordinary Commissioners.

ARTICLE 2.

The Authority competent to proceed to the appointment of the President of the body will adopt the measures provided for in the preceding article.

ARTICLE 3.

The present Decree shall remain in force for six months after the cessation of a state of war.

ARTICLE 4.

R.D. Legge 21 agosto 1943, n. 739.
SCIOGLIMENTO DEGLI ORGANI DELIBERATIVI DEGLI ENTI PUBBLICI
E NOMINA DI COMMISSARI STRAORDINARI.
(Gazzetta Ufficiale, 204 del 2 settembre 1943).

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per grazia di Dio e Volontà della Nazione
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Il provvedimento previsto dal precedente articolo è
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cessivo a quello della sua pubblicazione nella Gazzetta Uffici-
ciale del Regno e sarà presentato alle assemblee legislative
per la conversione in legge.

Il Capo del Governo, Primo Ministro Segretario di
Stato, è autorizzato sulla presentazione del relativo disegno
di legge.

Ordiniamo che il presente decreto, munito del sigillo

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dello Stato, sia inserito nella raccolta ufficiale delle leggi
e dei decreti del Regno d'Italia, mandando a chiunque spetti di
osservarlo e di farlo osservare.

Dato a Roma, ed dal 21 agosto 1943

?/to Vittorio Emanuele
?/to Badoglio

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