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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION  
APG 394

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The Commission should be  
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2 September 1944

SUBJECT : Appointment Commissioner for Sud-Est Railroad System.

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To : VP, Admin Sec.

1. At my conference with the Minister of Justice yesterday I made the request asked for in the first paragraph of your memorandum, attached. It seems to me that while through these means we might be able to catch and stop a decree of the type referred to in the Acting Chief Commissioner's letter of 30 Aug 1944, it would be even better if the Transportation Sub-Commission could get in touch with its opposite number in the Italian Government and arrange to have any such decree called to its attention at its inception so that it would not even get to the Council of Ministers before being approved by ACC.

2. Relative to the second paragraph of your memorandum, I understand that a commissario could be appointed under the provisions RDI, 31 Aug 43, par. 739 of which a translation appears in a file going forward to you today on another point (file DR/S.1/AS).

3. I am returning herewith the papers submitted by you.

*Richard H. Wilmer*  
RICHARD H. WILMER,  
Colonel, USA,  
Chief Legal Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner  
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30 August 1944

Subject: Appointment Commissioner for Sud-Est Railroad System  
of Italy.

To : Vice Presidents

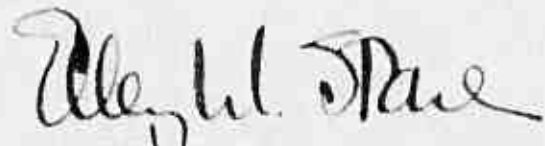
Economic Section  
Administrative Section.

31 AUG 1944

1. Although the Sud-Est Railroad System of Italy (La Società Anonima Italiana per le Ferrovie del Sud-Est) is reported to be operating satisfactorily, there appear to be developing steps to appoint a Commissario for its operation, possibly as part of a general plan for the socialization of industry. The President of the Company is Prince Giulio Pacelli, who is a nephew of the Pope. The line operates mostly in Apulia, its main office being in Via Ravenna, Rome.

2. I am informed that it is proposed to appoint a Commissario under the provisions of a decree which the Commission has approved in principle, but which it objects to on certain grounds. Our objections are set forth in a letter which I have sent to Prime Minister Bonomi this week, copy of which is attached.

3. The purpose of this memorandum is to ask the Economic Section (Transportation Sub-Commission) and the Administrative Section to be on the look-out for any such appointment in order that I may take such appropriate action as may be indicated.



ELLERY W. STONE  
Captain, USNR  
Acting Chief Commissioner

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28 August 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I refer to the proposed draft decrees which have been handed to me (i) empowering the President of the Council to appoint commissioners for the temporary management of editorial firms and (ii) empowering the President of the Council of Ministers to appoint a Commissioner of Administration of private enterprises in certain cases which are set out in Art I of the draft.

I am agreeable in principle to the first above mentioned decree, but I feel that the decree should make it plain that the Under Secretary for Press and Information (mentioned in Art 2) will not exercise any political pressure or political pre-publication censorship in the Commissioners' or their Editors' matters in relation to the books and papers published by the firms except of course to prevent the publication of fascist or Nazi views.

With regard to the secondly above mentioned decree, I again agree in principle but I feel that the circumstances in which commissioners can be appointed (see Art I) are wider than can reasonably be required in this regard and also in respect of certain more detailed and technical matters with which I need not trouble you in this letter.

I suggest therefore that the persons responsible for the promotion of this decree should meet my representatives to discuss this draft in detail and if you will let me know their names, I will ask Brigadier Upjohn of the Administrative Section to arrange a meeting with them.

Yours very truly,

ELERY W. STONE  
Captain, USNR  
Acting Chief Commissioner

Sia Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,  
The President of the Council of Ministers,  
Italian Government,  
Rome.

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cc: Administrative Section

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