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ACCOMODATION, ITALIAN GOV'T
AUG. 1944 - AUG. 1945

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Note: This volume should be considered closed by reason of
transfers⁴ therefrom to the Estab Sec. Folio 122
Volume II refers.

* Suspect "HOTEL ACCOMMODATION"

31/8/45.

81

So CCC

I think C.C. would like to see 80.

19/7/45

Th

82

CC. Please see 80. A general letter to AFHQ on the subject of requisitioning, is in course of preparation. 2

20/7

1945

CC has already signed its
reference to above

for

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File 544/CC

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cc ✓
for
signature
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64

CSO Executive Commissioner

Draft at 63 is submitted for approval as action on 61 & 62.

Delay is due to slowness in replying to an enquiry made of the Italian Govt.

E.H.

10/7/65

65

Reg. Reader

M. Kuhn typed in final form

as (Kern Slight) amended

E.H.

5/10/65

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CSO

Letter submitted for signature by C.C. is action on 61.

E.H.

3/1/65

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Executive Commissioner.

Ref. folio 53. A letter is enclosed for signature of
02.

27/6/45.

for loss.

CC 1025
JUN

Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your signature/information/approval.

Mr 25/6

JUN 30 RECD
CC 1025

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40.

Chief of Staff

for action taken on 39, see

copy of reply at 39.

Not Rec
12 Feb

*W. T. G. [Signature]
for Cal, DDO*

43

So to cc

letter re his knowledge
in CC's signature signed by [Signature]

12/7/4

46

Ex Com

CC will wish to see 45 replying to his 44.
an acc is submitted for approval.

5/3/46

Signed - see 47

[Signature]
31-12

See to CC
letter to Mr. Lucille
for CC's signature
2/27/48

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Ex Com^r
CC will wish to see 45 replying to his 44.
an ack is submitted for approval.

3/3/48 / signed - see 47
Sh 3/12

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Executive Commissioner.

Ref. 49. Two letters are enclosed for signature of 43
if approved.

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C.S.O.

21 June 45.

CSO

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28 - Walter Switzer. In last para of
 28 AFCC Council, his say to Meyer
 to get a permanent do-regulation
 of the R. B. Building. I suggest
 to show 28 a previous papers (26, 28-)
 to COT Fike.

Exalted 6/11

30

COT

Ref 28, this was mentioned as not working today
 AFCC may like to take up again with AFCC in
 view of his letter at 28. I will not draft anything
 until you have found out what he wants done.

7.11.44

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AFCC

Pl See 32 opposite Drink 31.11
 Also signed today

to Col Burke

Dieter 6/11

Col

30

Ref 28, has way mentioned at Col meeting today.
A/ce way like to take up again with AFAC in
view of her letter at 25. I will not draft anything
until you have found out what he really does.

De

7-11-44

33

A/Cos

Pl Sec 32 opposite 2011

A/ce signed today.

Exhibit. 5/11

9/11 noted 2

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~~CSE~~

COS

Letter in reply to 15 is submitted to

you by return. 13/10. 16.

Chief Staff Officer to see folio 20

and 10/10

23.

TO: Acting Chief Commissioner.

A letter to Prime Minister Bonomi submitted for your signature in reply to page 22. I suggest that before approaching AFHQ again for the derequisitioning of the Air Ministry Building we wait for a reply to letters at pages 8 and 14.

19.10.44.

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20/10/44

Chief of Staff.

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19.10.44.

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Agree DWD

20/10/44

MSL
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

25/10

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7/29/44
A/C 7/5/44

Major Rayle

Ref 26. Any result from Canada?

25/10.

26/37

Major Talbot

Commence Steno review after 6 General Clerk on this matter after all, but I will ask him to do so on his next visit to Canada.

T.A.D.
28.4

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Ref: 303/107/30.

18 August 1945

SUBJECT: Release of Hotel Accommodation.

TO : Distribution below.

1. Reference enclosed AMHQ letter AG 004/171 GAO-C dated 11 August 1945, on the above subject.

2. All Regional Commissioners and Allied Commission Liaison Offices will please follow up these orders with the various military authorities, on behalf of the Italian Government. The Liaison Officer in Rome should pay special attention to para 5.

R. K. ...
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

DISTRIBUTION :

R.C.s LIGURIA Region
 " " PIEMONTE "
 " " LOMBARDIA "
 " " VENEZIA "
 SOAO, VENEZIA GIULIA
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 " LIVORNO Zone
 A.G. L.O. PALERMO
 " " CATANIA
 " " SARDINIA
 " " RARI
 " " ROMA
 " " ANCONA
 " " EMILIA BOLOGNA

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PA
 13/8

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Ex-Comm ¹⁰⁴
Folio for information please.
Date 1978

CGO ¹⁰⁵
Res. SACROS should be instructed
to follow up this order with the same
military authorities on a half of Italian
Gov. The SAC in Rome should pay
special attention to it. 10/8

Maj. Kemsley ¹⁰⁶
Please take action as per min. 105
W. 3/8

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ARMED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

WVB/jcp

Ex Comm

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AG 000/171 042-0

11 August 1945

AUG 13 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) percent 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 JAMES HODGES:

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Headquarters, Army

AG 000/171 042-0

Ex Comm

EST, SEC

C. A. Sec.

Colonel, ADJ
Adjutant General

See M 3123

See 107

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2. Hotel Accommodation for Italian Government and Commercial Representatives.
CSC to Ex C said that another letter had been sent to the Ministry of the Interior asking what accommodation was wanted in a list of cities given. Ex C asked VP CA Sec to take up the matter with the Prime Minister to-day.

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6. Hotel Accommodation for Italian Government for Commercial Visitors. A reply was still awaited from the Ministry of the Interior. Ex C stressed the urgency of the matter and directed Egan and CA Seca to coordinate in getting at least an interim reply this weekend.

DRK

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Headquarters,
Rome Area Allied Command

DC/ACCN/113

16th July 1945

JUL 18 1945
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My Dear Admiral,

I have just returned from leave, and your letter 305/66/EC dated 12th July addressed to General Brown has been handed to me. General Brown, as you may know, is away for the next few days.

The Air Ministry Building, which is at present occupied, as you know, by the Allied Commission for Austria, is under reserve by AFHQ who have, I understand, some ultimate purpose in mind for it. I am unable, therefore, to release it without reference to that HQ, but will refer the question to them.

I am instructing our Real Estate Section to examine the question of whether buildings which may be vacated in the near future are likely to be of any value for the purposes for which the Italian Government requires them.

Yours sincerely

Alban

ALBAN LOW
Brigadier

cc. Chief Com
Deputy Commander
Rome Area Allied Command

To: Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.,
Chief Commissioner,
HQ Allied Commission.

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Ref: 305/66/NO.

12 July 1943.

My dear General:

With the creation of new Ministries the Italian Government is experiencing considerable difficulty in securing suitable additional office space. The Commission is, of course, concerned to facilitate the smooth working of the Government in every possible way and it is for this reason I bring to your attention the Government's request that consideration be given to returning to it the Air Ministry Building, at present under requisition by the Allies. In this building it is intended to house the new Ministry for Post War Assistance and also the Air Ministry itself, now a greatly reduced body, could be accommodated there.

I would appreciate your consideration of this matter and if the Air Ministry Building is not immediately available you might perhaps be able to suggest an alternative which could be released in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Brig. General Theoburn E. Brown,
Commanding General,
Rome Area Allied Command.

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Copy To:
Air Vellows SC
MARCHESE CITADINI

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Ref: 305/ /EC

July 1945.

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~~We should~~ appreciate your consideration of this matter and if the Air Ministry Building is not immediately available you might perhaps be able to suggest an alternative which could be released in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

KILERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USCG
Chief Commissioner 3129

Brig. General Theburn K. Brown,
Commanding General,
Rome Area Allied Command.

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Ex long - (Col Tallrot)

1. Incoming cable # E/7899 3 July
from Paris regarding
release of the premises
of Ministry of Air - CR wants this
to be made subject of letter 28
to Gen. Brown.

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IN COMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 17702 Message Centre No: 3/7/45
Date/Time of Origin: _____ Date Time Rec'd: JULY 3/1700H
Precedence: ROUTINE
FROM: ROME JUL 4 1945
TO: ALLIED COMMISSION ROME

IN CLEAR.

With reference to the conversation the secretary of state of this Presidency had to day with General STONE, I beg you to take into consideration the returning to the Italian government of the premises of the Ministry of Air in order to destine same as residence of the Ministry of post war Assistance } which principal task, the assistance of repatriating prisoners and civilian internees, must be carried out urgently

The President of the Council of Ministries

PARRI

W/C NOTE:

Above is translation

HEADQUARTERS
JUL 1945

A.

C.

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EX-Commr.

ACTION 20 TO CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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Ref: 305/54/EC.

30 June 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

With reference to my 305/51/EC of 23 June 1945.

I have now heard from Brigadier General Brown, and
very much regret to have to inform you that he is unable
to release via Lucullo 6 for use by the new Ministry of
Reconstruction.

If there is any other way in which I can assist
you in the matter of finding accommodation for this
Ministry, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours very truly,

Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
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NO. 1 ALLIED AREA COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

25 June 1945

JUN 27 1945

My dear Admiral:

Reference your note of 23 June 1945 concerning the office building located at Via Lucullo 6.

When this office building was vacated by AMG, and upon your representations of 27 April 1945, I made an effort to derequisition the building, contingent upon the Ministry of the Interior assisting us in finding accommodations for the American Relief for Italy and the Civil Censorship Group. Inasmuch as no assistance was rendered by the Ministry of the Interior to solve this question, I decided to retain the building under requisition, and to house therein E.N.D.S.I., the American Relief for Italy, and the Civil Censorship Group. Since that time we have allotted space in this building to the Royal Navy and the U.S. War Shipping Administration.

Inasmuch as these commitments have been made, there is definitely no prospect of turning this building over to the Ministry of the Interior at any time soon.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Thoburn K. Brown

THOBURN K. BROWN
Brigadier General, US Army

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO #394, US Army.

Copy retained by Chief Comm. (3 spare copies held)

Ref: 305/51/30.

23 June 45.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

With reference to the signal, 22201 Gab. of
20th June, addressed to me by your Excellency's
predecessor, asking whether it would be possible to
allot the premises of via Lancia 6 to the new Ministry
for Reconstruction. I have to-day written to the
Commanding General, Home Area Allied Command, asking him
to investigate the position. I will let you know the
tenor of his reply in due course.

Yours very truly,

1st/ Henry V. Stone

HENRY V. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNA,
Chief Commissioner.

H.E. Professor Ferruccio Parri,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
R O R E.

Copy to Civil Affairs Section.

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Ref: 305/50/20.

23 June 45.

My dear General,

I have received a request from the Italian Ministry of Interior that the premises of via Lucullo 6, about which we corresponded during May last, be allotted to the new Ministry for Reconstruction. I should be most grateful if you could let me know whether it will be possible to grant this request.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USN,
Chief Commissioner.Brigadier General THOMAS M. Brown,
Commanding General,
Rome Area Allied Command.

Copy to Civil Affairs Section.

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Translation

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Interior Department

Rome , 20 June 1945

JUN 21 1945

Admiral Stone

Chief Commissioner Allied Commission

Rome

22201 cab. Will you kindly see whether it is possible to allot
the premises of via Lucullo 6 to the new Ministry for Reconstruction.
With all my thanks.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL MINISTER INTERIOR

ROMA

c.c.

B/V 2/7
Noted 3/12/45
C. E.

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Admiral Stone

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MAY 1945

Ministero dell'Interno

GABINETTO

UFFICIO DEL TELEGRAFO E DELLA CIERA

Roma, 20 giugno 1945

Ammiraglio STONE
Comissario Capo Commissione Alleata

ROMA

22201 Gab. Prego vivamente esaminare possibilità assegnare locali di
Via Lucullo 6 al nuovo Ministero per Ricostruzione stop Ringrazio

PRESIDENTE CONSIGLIO MINISTRO INTERNO

BONCHI

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Roma, 20 giugno 1945

Amiraglio STONE
Comissario Capo Commissione Allente

ROMA

2220I Gab. Prego vivamente esaminare possibilità assegnare locali di
Via Lucullo 6 al nuovo Ministero per Ricostruzione stop Ringrazio

PRESIDENTE CONSIGLIO MINISTRO INTERNO

BONCHI

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Ref: 305/47/EC.

7 May 1945.

My Dear General:

I am much obliged to you for your letter of 3 May 1945 and am very glad to learn that the various organizations in which the Commission is interested are being assigned space in the building at No. 6 Via Lucullo. This arrangement is most satisfactory pending the requisitioning of the building.

With kindest personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

M. Derry W. Stone

MILMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief CommissionerBrigadier General Thoburn E. Brown,
Commanding General,
Rome Area Allied Command.Copy to: Mr. Myron Taylor (Ref this office letter
CA Section 305/43/EC of 27 Apr 45).

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RC AREA ALLIED COMMAND
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS NEW YORK CITY
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

3 May 1945

My dear Admiral Stone:

Your letter of 27 April 1945 asking for the release to the Italian Government of the building at No. 6 Via Lucullo is acknowledged.

There have been several bids for office space in this building by various organizations, including the B.N.D.S.I., the American Relief for Italy, Inc., and the Civil Censorship Group. The last-mentioned organization is essentially Italian but with Allied officers in control, and consists of quite a sizeable number of personnel. These organizations are all being assigned office space in this building, but I am not free to derequisition the building at the present time. As soon as the demand of the Armed Forces are known for the redeployment period, a definite decision on this point can be made.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Thoburn K. Brown
THOBURN K. BROWN
Brigadier General, US Army

Rear Admiral Ellery E. Stone, USNR
Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
APO #394, US Army.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
A.P.O. 394

Ref: 305/43/22

27 April 1945.

My dear General,

As you are aware, the Italian Government is most anxious to obtain additional office accommodation in Rome.

Within the next week or so No. 6 Via Luculliana will be vacated by this Commission, and I should very much appreciate it if you would make these premises available to the Italian Government.

In this connection, S.M.D.S.I., the relief organization controlled by the Italian Government, Italian Red Cross, and the Vatican, are anxious to get space in this building together with two rooms for American Relief for Italy, Inc., of which Mr. Myron Taylor is chairman. I should be grateful if you would bear this in mind in the event of the building's being returned to the Italian Government, who, I understand would be entirely agreeable to such a proposal.

Yours sincerely,

ELIANT W. STONE

ELIANT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Theburn K. Brown,
Commanding General,
Rome Area Allied Command.

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cc: Mr. Myron Taylor.
C.A. Section.

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S/21.1/CA

21 March 1945

MAR 29 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

When I received your letter of 1st March 1945, asking the Allied Commission to help the Minister of Interior to find additional office space, I wrote to the Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command, to ask him to investigate what could be done.

His reply expresses interest and sympathy in the problem but, unfortunately, Rome Area Allied Command are not in a position to take any action forthwith. However, we have agreed to discuss this matter again in 14 days time and I can assure you, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, I will not relax my efforts to secure the release to you of all property not required in the interests of the Allied War effort.

Yours very truly,

CRC

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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[Handwritten signature]

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior
n. 7357

Rome, 1 March 1945

MAR 5 1945

Dear Admiral,

The Interior Department requires some building in which some rather important offices depending from it could be established, among which the General Command of the Carabinieri Corps; its functioning is at present hampered by the fact that its offices are not adequately accommodated.

I should therefore be most grateful if you will kindly see that I am timely informed about the premises which might be left free by the offices and commands which will leave Rome.

I remain,

Truly yours,

S. I. Bonomi

Admiral Eliery A. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

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EC Dist - 5 MAR 45

ACTION: CA Sec 3116

INFO: CHIEF COMMR
EXEC COMMR

B.V. 10 MAR 45

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

Th/ZT/EST

NEP/wrf
8 February 1945

H.E. The Minister of Industry,
Commerce and Labor.
Rome.

Dear Sig. Gronchi:

I refer to your letter 146 of 23d January, inquiring as to the possibility of release of the twelve rooms on the 1st floor annex of the Ministero Delle Corporazioni building, shortly to be vacated by the families now occupying them.

There will be no objection to your Central Patent office occupying this space. Before any move is initiated, however, you should clear the matter with the Headquarters Commandant, who is responsible for the administration of the building.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff

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FAS

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Translation

Ministry of Industry Commerce and Work
n. 146

305/4 C 65 31
Date, 23 January 1945

To: Headquarters United Commission
Attention of Admiral Stone
Via Victoriano, 200

FEB 5 1945

SUBJECT: Premises for the Patents Central Office in Rio de Janeiro.

Even during the period of anti-fascist occupation, the Patents Central Office for inventions, models and trade marks, which has its principal seat in this Ministry, (Via Flavia, 6) has been able to keep in the building of Via S. Sebastiao, n. 3, building which is attached to the principal seat of the ex-Ministry of Corporations, occupied by this Commission, two whole floors, (the ground floor and the first floor) in which the general archives of the above mentioned office had been established for many years, and was functioning regularly.

Because of their importance and organization, such archives, as it has also been noted by several officers of the Commission, (cf. among others, Major Granger of the Finance Sub-Commission) used to be put in such conditions as will enable them to function perfectly, in the interest not only of the Administration but also of the inventors who are concerned, many of whom belong to the United Nations.

To reach this aim and to keep contacts with the central seat of the Patents Office, it seems indispensable and urgent to be able to dispose of a number, even limited, of premises, contiguous to the archives, in which it would be possible to put the necessary personnel, required for the good functioning of the Central Office as well as of the general archives.

Through regulations made by this Commission, twelve rooms occupied up to now by families of 'voluntaries' and 'administrative' will shortly be free on the floor immediately above that of the General Archives, i.e. in the second floor. It is to be noted that it would be possible to leave the said twelve rooms at the disposal of this Ministry, considering what follows:

- 1) The neighbouring rooms are connected through an independent interior staircase with the ground floor on which are the General Archives of the Patents Office.
- 2) As on the lower floors, the said rooms are quite separated from the other premises occupied by this Commission, in the building of Via S. Sebastiao, and have their own independent entrance on the street;
- 3) Most of the said rooms have a very bad light for they open on courtyards, and would therefore not be adequate as offices for the said Commission.

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Two suggestions made by this Commission, twelve rooms occupied up to now by facilities of 'Bibliotek' and 'Administrativ' will shortly be free on the floor immediately above that of the General Archives, i.e. in the next rooms. We beg to ask whether it would be possible to leave the said twelve rooms at the disposal of this Ministry, considering what follows:

- 1) The neighbouring rooms are connected through an independent interior staircase with the ground floor on which are the general archives of the Patents Office.
- 2) As on the lower floors, the said rooms are quite separated from the other premises occupied by this Commission, in the building or via S. Basilio, and have their own independent entrance on the street;
- 3) Most of the said rooms have a very good light for they open on courtyards, and would therefore not be adequate as offices for the said Commission;
- 4) Should these rooms be added to the other premises already occupied by the Commission, this would mean a very limited increase of space, in comparison with the requirements of the Commission, which they would be most useful and convenient for the Patents Central Office, which is, at the present moment, divided between two seats, and has to cope with various difficulties in resuming its normal functioning, especially in that of the Central Archives, because of the lack of premises.

For all these reasons, the Ministry hopes that its request will be granted.

THE MINISTRE

S. G. C. I.

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Ref: 305/36/018

27 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Air Ministry Building - Location for "Alto Comandante
Prigionieri di Guerra."

TO : The Presidency of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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10909

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Major E. Laout

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Prot. No. 22330/14/9
10935

Date : 20 December 1944
22 DEC 1944

SUBJECT : Air Ministry Building : Location for
" Alto Commissariato Prigionieri di Guerra"
TO : Allied Commission - Via Veneto - ROMA.

The Presidency of the Council of Ministries, having to locate elsewhere the Offices of the High Commissariat for Prisoners of War which are located until now in " Marsigliani Palace" premises - Piazza Indipendenza - and as these premises should be given to the newly established Ministry of Occupied Italy, begs the Allied Commission to take into consideration their proposal to locate provisionally the Offices of the above mentioned Commissariat in the Air Ministry Buildings as soon as same cease to be used by the Central Office for Statistics.

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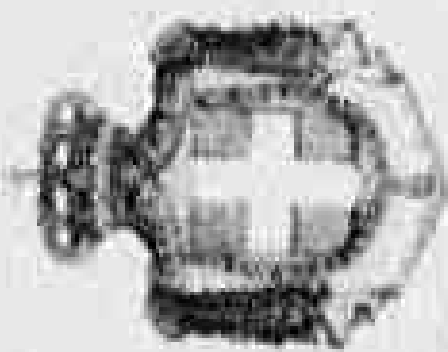
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*Presidenza
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

GABINETTO

*Reg. 1.22300/10/15
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Oggetto

Sede Ministero Aeronautica: sistemazione Alto Commissariato Prigionieri di Guerra.

Risposta al Telex del

Dir. Ministero Aeronautica

Gen. L. 10.10.44

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Via Veneto

ROMA

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per la Camera

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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Sede Ministero Aeronautica: sistemazione Alto Commissariato Prigionieri di Guerra.
Dir. Ministero Aeronautica
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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

Ref. 305/32/005.

9 November, 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

With further reference to your letter, number 16645/10026, 10.8/1.16 of 16 October, on the subject of the Air Ministry building, I am now informed by Allied Force Headquarters that this building will not be available for the Italian Government after 1 December, 1944.

My hope that by the time the work of the census is finished it might have been found possible to lift the requisition from the building has, I regret, not materialized. Should you wish to press this matter further I will be pleased to make another approach to A.F.H.Q.

Very truly yours,

(Sd) *ELBERT W. STONE*

ELBERT W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council Ministers
Italian Government
E. O. S. E.

Copy to: Air Forces S/C
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Ref: 305/31/0:9

8 November 1944

My Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

With further reference to your letter, number 1045/10426.10.0/1.16 of 26 October, on the subject of the Air Ministry building, I am now informed by Allied Force Headquarters that this building will not be available for the Italian Government after 1 December 1944.

Very truly yours,

HENRY W. STICK
Commander, USAF
Acting Chief Consul General

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: ALLIED COMMISSION

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 35/46

FROM: ALPHA GROUPED MESSAGE

CLASSIFICATION:

REFERENCE No: 718929

PRECEDENCE: SOURCE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: 15/11/50

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CIMA ROMA

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Reference conversation PALSET-22111 HALLS. have confirmed with Q. and that Air Ministry building will not repeat not be available for Italian after 1 December

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8/11 letter to Bonomi

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Reference conversation SAL-07-12501. Item confirmed with Q (1947) and AIR
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
C.A.O. OFFICE.

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TO: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.O. BARI.

SUBJECT: ACCOMMODATION ITALIAN AIR FORCES.

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25 Oct Recd

In reply to your AFSC/314/ORG of 3rd October 44.

1. It is noted that the ITALIAN Air Ministry has presented a formal request that they be allowed to re-take possession of the Italian Air Ministry building in Rome.
2. This building is at present occupied by Italian civil servants who are occupied in taking a census of the population in Rome. The building has only been loaned to the Italian Government for this purpose.
3. It is improbable that this building can be surrendered finally to the Italian Government as it is likely that it will be required sometime in the near future by British and American forces.

Brighams
will take up in
Caserta today
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(Sgd). J.G.W. Clark,
Ident-General
Chief Administrative Officer.

17th October 1944.

Original will be sent to
the Liaison Office at
Caserta on 24/10/44
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Ref 305/008

19 October 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have carefully examined the proposal made in your letter, number 15643/10026.10.8/1.1.16 of 16 October, on the subject of the Air Ministry Building.

As you know, this building is held under a requisition by the Allied Military authorities, who have temporarily rescinded the requisition so that the Census Staff may be housed in the building.

Now, even if at the request of this Commission the requisition were permanently to be lifted, this would take several days, and meanwhile authority has been given to the Census Staff to move into the building. Moreover the census documents are already flowing in, and compilation of these cannot be delayed.

I therefore submit that in order to avoid confusion the matter should be allowed to proceed as arranged, and that the statisticians move in for their temporary occupation.

Your anxiety to have the Regia Aeronautica housed in its own building is well appreciated, and I hope that by the time the work of the census is finished it may have been found possible to lift the requisition permanently from the Air Ministry Building, and I shall continue to work to this end.

Very truly yours,

ELBERT W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

cc: C of S Section
Air Sub-Com.
Lt. Hicks, Industry Sub-Com.
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Translation

THE PRESIDENCY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 16 October 1944

n. 15645/10026.10.8/1.1.10

Dear Commodore,

I want to draw your attention on a fact which is particularly important, not only in itself, but also because it has political consequences and diminishes the prestige of the Government.

As you well know, when Rome was liberated, the building of the Air Department was occupied by the Allied Authorities which requisitioned it.

Therefore, when the Italian Government came back to Rome, the Air Department couldn't reintegrate its own building, and had to install its offices in two or three buildings scattered through Rome.

Recently, the Central Institute of Statistics, which has been entrusted with the works relative to the census, requested and obtained the help of the Allied Authorities, which, as you have told me, put at its disposal the building of the Air Department for the duration of the census.

I don't need to explain why I should like you to take this opportunity for giving back its seat to the Air Department. This would put an end to the serious difficulties caused by the material separation and the distance between the buildings in which it is temporarily installed. On the other hand, the fact that this Ministry is still kept out of its seat puts it in a condition of inferiority towards the other Administrations; it gives a political aspect to the question and reacts unfavourably on public opinion, just when the Allies are showing their appreciation of the contribution of this arm to the common war, by mentioning the help it has given, and by hinting at greater possibility of employment in the future.

The Central Institute of Statistics let me know that it would be quite as satisfied if the three buildings now occupied by the Air Department were put at its disposal. From this point of view, there would be nothing to oppose the requested restitution.

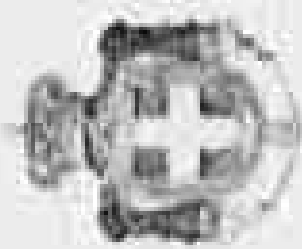
Therefore, I beg you, my dear Commodore, to see whether you can possibly agree to my proposal. The Government attaches great importance to this restitution for political motives and also for reasons of prestige, and I know I can rely on your help.

I remain, my dear Commodore,

Truly yours,

/s/ I. Bonomi

Commodore Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission
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Roma, 16 Ottobre 1944

Al Comandante, Ministero

A 16645/10020-10.2/1.1.16

Caro Comandante,

desidero attirare la Sua attenzione su di una questione che riveste particolare importanza, non solo per la sua pratica portata, ma per le conseguenze politiche e di prestigio che per questo Governo ne discendono.

Come Ella saprà, al momento della liberazione di Roma il Palazzo del Ministero dell'Aeronautica fu occupato dalle Autorità Alleate, che lo requisirono per i loro usi.

Di conseguenza, quando il Governo Italiano rientrò a Roma, il Ministero dell'Aeronautica non poté insediarsi nel proprio Palazzo, ma dovette sistemare provvisoriamente i suoi uffici in due o tre diversi fabbricati, sparsi per la Capitale.

Recentemente l'Istituto Centrale di Statistica, incaricato di compiere i lavori relativi al noto censimento, ha chiesto e ottenuto il comprensivo appoggio delle Autorità Alleate che, secondo quanto Ella mi ha recentemente comunicato, hanno ritenuto di mettere a Sua disposizione il Palazzo dell'Aeronautica, per la durata del censimento.

Non ho certamente bisogno di chiarire a Lei, caro Comandante i motivi che mi inducono a pregarla di voler approfittare di questa occasione per restituire al Ministero dell'Aeronautica la sua naturale sede. Ciò permetterebbe infatti di far cessare i gravi inconvenienti di carattere tecnico, che derivano dalla materiale separazione e dalla distanza dei vari edifici, tra i quali esso è provvisoriamente sistemato. D'altro canto, il fatto che il suddetto Ministero sia tuttora mantenuto fuori dalla sua sede ed in condizioni di inferiorità rispetto a tutte le altre Amministrazioni, conferisce alla questione un particolare aspetto politico ed influisce sfavorevolmente sull'opinione pubblica, proprio nel momento in cui gli Alleati mostrano di apprezzare il contributo di quest'Arma alla guerra comune, col citarne i servizi resi e lasciando intravedere, per il futuro, più ampie possibilità di impiego.

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Ora l'Istituto Centrale di Statistica, da me presentato, mi ha assicurato che le sue esigenze sarebbero ugualmente soddisfatte, se gli venissero ceduti i tre edifici attualmente occupati dall'Istituto dell'Aeronautica. Non vi sarebbero dunque, oltre questo punto di vista, motivi che possano opporsi alla restituzione richiesta.

Cap. Ellery W. Stone
P.F. Presidente della Commissione
Alleata di Controllo. Via Veneto
R O M A

Vorrei dunque pregarla, caro Comandante, di voler esaminare la possibilità di aderire alla mia proposta e sono certo che, rendendosi conto dei motivi di ordine politico e di prestigio che questo Governo annette a tale sostituzione, Ella non vorrà farmi mancare, anche questa volta, il Suo cortese appoggio.

Mi creda, caro Comandante, con molta cordialità.

Giuseppe

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12 October 44

Subject: Air Ministry Building (SR 152)

14 OCT Recd

To : Acting Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
Corporations Building, Via Vittorio Veneto

1. Reference AFHQ letter 6170 (Q Maint) dated 4 October 44 addressed to this Headquarters with copy to you and enclosure (AFHQ letter 6170 dated 13 Sep 44) contained therein.

2. The Air Ministry Building in Via Libro e Caschetto is hereby released to you for use by the Italian Government engaged on the preparation of the Census for the National Reconstruction until the 15th of November 1944, after which date it is assumed that you will make the necessary arrangements to hand it back to this Headquarters.

3. Arrangements are being made for the withdrawal of guards forthwith, but it will be necessary for the Italian Government to allow these sub-units now in occupation by authority of this Headquarters to remain and to avoid interference with their activities. These sub-units are:-

- (a) Meteorological Section (R.I.)
- (b) No. 1 Canadian Base Signal Section.

4. It is pointed out that it is not possible to release the Air Force Barracks, as suggested by you, because this building is in course of urgent conversion to a Military Hospital under orders from Allied Forces Headquarters.

5. Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy obtained clearance certificate on the Air Ministry building to the effect that it was left in good condition and that the furniture contained therein was complete at the date of their departure.

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Acting Chief of Mission, Allied Commis: n
12 October 1944, continued,

6. It is obvious that the Allied Military Authorities can no longer be responsible for the condition of the building or for the custody of the furniture contained therein, once it is handed over to the Italian Government, though naturally none of the furnishings or fittings should be removed.

7. It is suggested that suitable arrangements in connection with this latter matter should be made with the Italian Air Force.

(SGT) THOBURN K. BROWN
Brigadier General US Army
Commanding

Copy to: AFHQ (G Maint).

G-3, RAAC (Action on para 3)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
COP
Office of the Chief of Staff

13 October 1944.

Ref: 305/5/CDS

SUBJECT: Italian Air Ministry Building.

TO : Air Vice-Marshal W.A.B. Bowen-Dundaslet,
Air Officer Commanding, Air Forces Sub-Commission.

1. I am directed by Acting Chief Commissioner to reply to your AFHQ/1/XIA/CDS of 11 October 44 on the subject of the Italian Air Ministry building.

15 2. General Piacentini has misinformed you. The facts are that the Air Ministry building is still frozen by AFHQ for use by the Allies, but AFHQ have agreed to loan the building for a period of approximately two months to the Central Institute of Statistics for the purpose of the census.

3. I note that you have recently made two applications to AFHQ for the return of this building and I certainly support you in your contention that if the building is released it should be returned to the Italian Air Ministry.

4. Please let me know the result of these applications. I will certainly help when the time comes.

W. A. B. Bowen-Dundaslet
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to: S.O. to Acting Chief Commissioner.
General Piacentini, Italian Air Minister.
Economic Section.

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cc: *[initials]*
FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
ROME.

TO: COMMODORE ELERY W. STONE,
ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER,
HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
ROME.

DATE: 11TH OCTOBER, 1944.

REF: AFSC/R/314/OPG.

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11 OCT Recd

General Piacentini informs me that an attempt is being made by the Italian Bureau of Statistics to obtain, at any rate, a part of the Italian Air Ministry building. He has seen Bonomi about this and Bonomi agrees with him that if anyone at all other than the Allies goes into the Air Ministry building, it should be the Air Ministry.

2. I must say I agree with this entirely. The present situation in which the Air Ministry is split up among a number of buildings is most wasteful in efficiency, time and transport, and I do regard it as of the utmost importance that we should get back again into the building as soon as possible.

3. I have, in fact, made application twice within the last ten days to A.F.H.Q. for the return of the building.

4. If you are approached in any way, I should be very grateful if you could give us your support.

W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet.

W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Copy: General Piacentini,
Italian Air Minister.

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*Copy passed to Marchese Tanassi
1200 hrs 13 Oct 44.*

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FROM: AIR FC 33 SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
BARI.

TO: A.P.H.Q. C.M.F.

DATE: 10TH OCTOBER 1944.

REF: AFSC/314/ORG. 8

Further to this Sub-Commissions letter of even reference of the 3rd October 1944, an additional request has been received from the Italian Air Ministry that they should be allowed to occupy their own building in Rome; a copy of this is attached.

2. It will be observed that it is suggested that even a part of the building would have a beneficial effect on Service and Public sentiment.

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(SGD). W.A.B. BOWEN-MUSCALET,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
APO NO. 794 U.S. ARMY.

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Q.205.

SUBJECT: Requisition of Equipment.

TO: Headquarters, A.C.C.
A.P.S.C.

9th October 1944.

1. As you are aware, a proposal has been put forward that a linotype and two sets of matrices in the Air Ministry Buildings, Rome, should be requisitioned for use elsewhere. It is understood, however, that consideration is now being given to the return of these buildings to the Italian Air Force.
2. Could you please say whether a decision has yet been reached, as it is desired to know whether the printing machinery will be available for requisition.

(Sgd). W.H. Hughes, Maj.
for ALBAN LOW, Brigadier
Deputy Commander.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

9 October 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

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Your written request of October 3 relating to the procurement of additional office space to be used by the Central Institute of Statistics has received favorable action from Allied Force Headquarters. Instructions have been issued to the Rome Allied Area Command to place the Air Ministry buildings at the disposal of the Institute for approximately two months.

I agree with you that the vital service on the Italian economy being conducted by the Institute should receive every possible assistance.

Sincerely yours,

(Sd) EWS

ELMER W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner.

A. E. Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
ROME.

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COPY.
TRANSLATION.

FROM: ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY.

TO: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

DATE: 7th October 1944.

REF: 9524/S.

Air Ministry Buildings.

Following our ref 6784/S of August 28th (Cabinet) and ref. your AFSC/R/314/Org of 7/9/44.

I shall be obliged if the Sub-Commission could re-examine the possibility of restoring the Air Ministry building to the IAF as the present accommodation is provisory and inconvenient, its offices at a distance from each other, necessitating duplication of services, and a waste of organisation which could be better and more profitably used otherwise. In short a slowing up of every activity, operational, administrative and logistical.

Furthermore there is an aspect of morale involved which I think should be considered, and which prompts me to raise the question. The situation has, in fact, provided an unfavourable impression both with regard to public opinion and on I.A.F. personnel, for, as you know, of the three Forces' ministries only the Air Force has been deprived of its site.

In view of the above and the active participation by the Air Force during a year of co-belligerency plus the recent declarations by the heads of the United Nations concerning a wider undertaking by every branch of activity, I pray the Sub-Commission will use its good offices to impress upon Allied H.Q. in Italy the need for restitution, at least in part, of the Air Ministry as suggested in our letter ref 6784.

(Sgd). P. Piacentini,
Minister.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CWP
Office of the Chief of Staff

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5th October, 1944

SUBJECT: Air Ministry Building, Rome.

TO : Economic Section
Attention: Col. Denmore.

1. I return to you the copy of your letter of the 15th September to G-5 AFHQ on this subject.
2. Captain Norden rang up G-5 yesterday and was informed that G-4 AFHQ wrote to RAAC on the 4th of October, stating that the property referred to in para 3 of your letter is to be placed at our disposal. A copy of this letter has been asked for.
3. Attached is translation of a letter from the Prime Minister to the Acting Chief Commissioner requesting the use of the buildings referred to for the censor services for a period of about two months. Would you please draft a reply to the Prime Minister for the Acting Chief Commissioner's signature. The matter will be discussed at the V.P.'s meeting this morning.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT & THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
n. 15448/10020-10.8/1.16

Rome, 3 October 1944

Dear Admiral,

As you well know, the Italian Government, in agreement with the Allied Commission, has entrusted the Central Institute of Statistics with important investigations (demographical, agricultural, industrial, economical, and social), to obtain a full knowledge of the state of the nation in its various sectors, and to know its needs.

It is necessary that these researches should be made without delay, so that the work of national reconstruction could be started soon. Therefore, and because of the obvious complexity of the researches, especially during the selection and classification of the informations, the institution needs 8000 employees to be put in big rooms, each of which ought to hold 20 persons at least, with their respective tables.

The works of selection are impending and the Institute is worried about the arrangements which will have to be made for such a numerous personnel, a small part of which only can be put in the premises of the Institute. For the census services, for a period of about 2 months, it means to use a part of the seat of the Air Ministry.

As this Ministry is at the disposal of the Allied Military Government, I ask you to see whether it would be possible to agree to the proposal of the Central Institute of Statistics.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Yours truly

/s/ I. Bonomi

Trans. A.C.

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A. Bonomi
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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
RAH.

TO: A.F.H.Q. C.M.F.

DATE: 3RD OCTOBER, 1944.

REF: AFSC/314/CHC.

The Italian Air Ministry has presented a formal request that they be allowed to retake possession of the Italian Air Ministry building in Rome which was, until recently occupied by A.A.I.

2. It is understood that the building is at present unoccupied, and the Air Minister has pointed out that the handing back of the building would be in accordance with the recent policy as expressed by Mr. Winston Churchill and President Roosevelt. Its return would have a very beneficial effect on the morale of the Italian Air Force, which is at present actively engaged in assisting Balkan Air Force, and would have a happy effect on public sentiment.

(SGS). W.A.B. BOWEN-MUSCAHET,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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FROM: A.F. C.G. A.C.C. ROME.
TO: ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY.
DATE: 7th September, 1944.
REF: AFSC/R/314/ORG.

ACCOMMODATION - ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY.

Enclosed herewith copy of letter 2030/12/Q2 dated 2nd September 1944 from H.Q. A.A.I. to H.Q. A.C.C. on the above subject.

2. This completely shatters all hopes of moving the Air Ministry back into the Ministerial Building.

(Sgd). J. Walton, S/Ldr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, APO.394.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 163/116/DA.

6th September 1944.

Subject: Accommodation - Italian Air Ministry.

To: Air Forces Sub-Commission.

Reference your letter AFSC/R/314/ORG dated 29th August 1944.

I attach herewith copy of letter 2030/12/Q2 dated 2nd September from AAI on the above subject, for your information.

(Sgd) P. W. Shipp, Lt/Col
for Brig.
Executive Commissioner.

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SUBJECT: ACCOMMODATION - ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY.

H.Q. ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY.

Tel Milpot 209.

2030/12/02.

2nd September, 1944.

H.Q.
Allied Control Commission.

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Reference your 163/114/CA dated 31st August 1944.

1. Instructions have been received from AFHQ that all accommodation occupied by this H.Q. and its auxiliary units will be earmarked for disposal by AFHQ.
2. In these circumstances you will appreciate that the question raised in your letter will not arise.
3. Will you please notify the Italian Air Ministry of this decision by AFHQ.

(sgd). W.H. Ritchie, Brigadier,
for Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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2030/14/2/22.

Brig W. D. Fitchie,
D.Q.M.G.
H.Q. Allied Armies in Italy.

1st September, 1944.

Dear Air Vice-Marshal.

ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY ACCOMMODATION.

I have just received a letter from Brigadier Lush dated 31st August forwarding a copy of a letter from you referring to the above.

We have received instructions from AFHQ that all accommodation at present occupied by this H.Q. will be earmarked for disposal by A.F.H.Q. I have told A.F.H.Q. that you are expecting the Air Ministry accommodation to be surrendered to the Italian Air Ministry on departure of this H.Q. so they are fully aware of the position. I have informed AFHQ of your request via Brigadier Lush and wanted you to hear from me that there may be some difficulty in this matter since I think you would prefer it this way to receiving a bald official communication from this H.Q. via Lush.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgt) W.D. Fitchie.

A.V.M. G.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet,
A.F.S.C. H.Q. A.C.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO.39.

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Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 163/114/CA.

31st August 1944.

Subject: Italian Air Ministry.

To: H.Q. A.A.I. (Main).

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The attached correspondence is passed to you for information and necessary action. It will be appreciated if the Air Ministry building can be handed back en bloc to the Italian Government.

(Sgd). M.S. Ingh,
Brig.
Executive Commissioner,
for Acting Chief Commissioner.

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
ROME.

TO: BRIGADIER M.F. LUSH, C.B.E., M.C.
HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
ROME.

DATE: 29th AUGUST 1944.

REF: AFSC/R/314/ORG.

With reference to the query as to how much correspondence the Italian Air Ministry would be able to give up should they have the original Air Ministry building returned to them, herewith a copy of a letter received from the Chief of the Cabinet.

2. In my view the Italians have been quite reasonable about this, and the amount of accommodation which they can give up is considerable.

(SGD) W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARIAT,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR CHIEF OF STAFF COMMISSION.

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FROM: AIR MINISTRY CABINET OF THE MINISTER.
TO: A.F.S.C. A.C.C.
DATE: August 28th, 1944.
REF: 6984/S/218.

Subject: Accommodation for the Air Ministry.

With reference to the verbal request from your Sub-Commission.

1. In the building of the Air Ministry, all the offices of the Ministry itself and all the Directorates General depending therefrom can be accommodated, leaving at the disposal of your Sub-Commission 200 rooms.
2. The sub-division of the premises of the Ministry to be allocated to the I.A.F. and those to be used by the Allies could be made by floors or else by wings as desired and can be agreed upon.
3. The I.A.F. would furthermore vacate the following premises:
100 rooms in the Palazzo Caprara.
70 " in the War Ministry.
40 " in No. 2 Via Umbria I.E.A. building.
50 " in the Collegio Pontificio Latino.
260 rooms in all.
4. Accommodation for troops and motorpark.

At present the I.A.F. holds the Caserma M.A.C.A.O. accommodating 350 bodies and a pavilion serving as garage. These premises too could be vacated if 2 floors of the Romagnoli barracks and some garage space in the neighbourhood of the Ministry were at the disposal of the I.A.F. the latter for some 40/50 vehicles.

Sgd. Chief of Cabinet.

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