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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Maison Division
Office of Chief of Staff

20 November 1944

Ref: 403/3/308

SUBJECT: Summary of memorandum at Cortona

TO: The Governorate Vatican City

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1. This refers to the request made by Cardinal Giuseppe Pizzardo dated 27 September 44, and passed on this office personally by Father Vincent McCormick.

2. The following report was made through channels by the Provincial Commissioner at Arezzo:

" Our civil Liaison Official at Cortona reports that the building in question is the only one in Cortona fit for accommodation by troops at present.

It is however, hoped that military authorities will not need the building after the departure of the Engineer Unit there which is working on the lines of Communication.

It is to be noted that the College is at present functioning with 9 monks, 6 servants and 36 students."

3. It will be appreciated if your office would pass this information on to Cardinal Pizzardo.

Walter Brown,
for Brigadier,
Chief of Staff,

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HEADQUARTERS
FOSCAIA DIVISION
ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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23 Nov 44.

SUBJECT : Seminary of Redentoristi at CORTONA.

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TO : HQ, AG (Office of Chief of Staff). ✓

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1. Reference your 403/1/44/COS dated 20 Oct 44, and 403/5/COS dated 16 Nov 44.

2. A report has not been received from the P.O. ARSENIO an extract of which is given below:-

Our Civil Liaison Official at Cortona reports that the building in question is the only one in Cortona fit for accommodation by troops at present.

It is, however, hoped that the military authorities will not need the building after the departure of the Engineer Unit there which is working on the lines of Communication.

It is to be noted that the College is at present functioning with 9 monks, 6 servants and 36 students. "

3. In connection with this subject the attached copy of letter CA/118 dated 22 Oct 44, from SACB, AEG, Eighth Army will doubtless be of interest.

For the Regional Commissioner:

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27 NOV 44
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James R. ...
J. H. ...
Major, R.A.,
Adjutant.

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SUBJECT: Alleged looting by troops.

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ASST Rear Eighth Army.

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22 Oct 44.

BY Telecom Region.

Copy to AAG Eighth Army
G.S.I. Eighth Army

1. On 22 Jul 44, the Rev. RICHARD, Riggall, Superior of the Redemptorist College at CHURCH wrote to a military (R) Chaplain complaining that his had looted and abused the premises of the monastery.
2. A thorough investigation has failed to substantiate the complaints and no further action will be taken by the military authorities.
3. Please arrange for the Pastor to be so informed.
4. For your information the Marchese EXCHAMPT of Cortona has declared that the Rev Superior concerned was a strong Fascist and had been very friendly and cooperative with the Germans during their stay in CHURCH.
5. A more general allegation (the source of which cannot now be confirmed) is on the files to the effect that "he (the Rev Superior) was said by a number of very respectable Italians living in that vicinity, not only to be quite an active Fascist and to have had dealings with active Fascists, but also that he extended very considerable hospitality to the Germans right up to the last moment before they left".
6. It must be added, however, that the allegations that he was an active Fascist, and also consorted with other active Fascists was investigated by a Corps I(b) who reported that there was no evidence he "had particularly Fascist leanings, but that there is evidence to show his sympathies are pro-German."
7. In addition, he is believed to have sheltered one escaped British P.W.

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Lt.Col.R.A.,
S.O.I.,
For Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
ASST Eighth Army 3557

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Main Division
Office of Chief of Staff

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Tel: 470001

16 November 1944

Ref: 403/4/300

SUBJECT: Despatch of Raskinowski at Gortona

1. The Regional Criminal Court
in Turin Region

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Reference our 403/4/300 of 20 October

An immediate report on the above mentioned subject is required.

R. Raskinowski
Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff
APO 934

Ref: 4034/000

20 October 1944

SUBJECT: Seminary of Redentoristi at Cortona.

TO: Regional Commissioner
R. Toscana Region.

1. A translation of a letter from Cardinal PIZZARDI is attached. He is head of the Santa Congregazione dei Seminarii, and his request, outlined in the attached letter, has been forwarded to this office by the Governatorato of the Vatican.

2. Will you please have the case investigated, and inform this office if anything can be done to meet the Cardinal's request.

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Rome, 27 September 1944

To the Allied Command of Rome

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The College-Seminary of the Padri Redentoristi of Cortona (in a locality called 'Montese', prov. of Arezzo, at about 200 kms from the front line) seat of the Philosophical and Theological Studies for the Seminarists of the Diocese of Cortona, and for the Redentoristi, has been occupied by the German and Fascist troops and badly damaged, while the young men were dispersed in various groups. This state of things is very bad for their formation.

Now the College has been again occupied by Italian troops.

A group of seminarists who were housed in the Redentoristi College of Marzocca (Prov. of Arezzo) has been taken back to Cortona by the Polish Command which had to occupy the College of Marzocca. The others are scattered in various places.

It is most necessary that the College-Seminary of the Redentoristi of Cortona should not be militarily occupied, so that as soon as it is repaired, it may be used for the religious formation of future priests and Redentoristi Missionaries.

We beg the Allied Authorities to see that the College will be free from military occupation.

/s/ Card. Pizzardo

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Al Cardinale Giuseppe Lirardo

*Prefetto della S. Congregazione dei Seminari
e delle Università degli Studi*

consegna il Rev. no R. McCormick e lo prega
di valere se è possibile fare un passo al
fine di ottenere quanto domanda il Superiore
dei Redentoristi di Cortona nell'accolta let-
tura.

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Roma 27 Settembre 1944

Comando Militare di Roma

Sottosegretario

Il Collegio-Seminario dei Padri Redentoristi di Cortona (in località detta "Contesse", Prov. di Arezzo, distante dal fronte di combattimento oltre 200 chilometri), sede degli studi di Filosofia e di Teologia per i Seminaristi della Diocesi di Cortona e per i Superiori Redentoristi, fu occupato dalle truppe tedesche e fasciste, e ridotto in pietose condizioni, mentre i giovani furono dispersi in più gruppi, con grave danno della loro formazione.

Ora il Collegio è stato nuovamente occupato da truppe italiane. Un gruppo di Chierici che era alloggiato nel Collegio dei Redentoristi di Marzocco (Prov. Ancona) è stato riportato a Roma dal Comando Polacco, che aveva bisogno di occupare il Collegio di Marzocco. - Gli altri si trovano dispersi in altri luoghi.

È necessario che il Collegio-Seminario dei Redentoristi di Cortona sia lasciato libero da occupazione militare, perché ripreso possa servire alla formazione religiosa dei futuri Sacerdoti e dei Missionari Redentoristi.

Si pregano perciò le Autorità Militari Alleate di disporre perché detto Collegio non sia più occupato da truppe.

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fronte al combattimento oltre 200 millesimetri), sulle degli stu-
di di Paleontologia e di Geologia per i Seminaristi della Diocesi
di Cortona e per i Chierici Redentoristi, fu occupato dalle
truppe tedesche e fasciste, e ricetto in pietose condizioni,
mentre i giovani furono dispersi in più gruppi, con grave danno
della loro formazione.

Ora il Collegio è stato nuovamente occupato da truppe indiane.

Un gruppo di Chierici che era alloggiato nel Collegio dei
Redentoristi di Marzocca (Prov. Arezzo) è stato riportato a Cor-
tona dal Comandante Palecco, che aveva bisogno di occupare il Col-
legio di Marzocca. - Gli altri si trovano dispersi in altri luoghi.

E' necessario che il Collegio-Seminarie dei Redentoristi di Cor-
tona sia lasciato libero da occupazione militare, perché ripreso
possa servire alla formazione religiosa dei futuri Sacerdoti e
dei Missionari Redentoristi.

Si prega perciò le Autorità Militari Alleate di disporre

perché detto Collegio non sia più occupato da truppe.

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Gen. P. P. P.

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