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BENEVENTO SEMINARY
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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. ASAC SECTION
APO 394

Phone:
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REF : 431/102/CA.

7 September 44

SUBJECT : Benevento and Molfetta Seminaries.

TO : R.C. Southern Region.

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1. I enclose a copy of AAI. 2030/18/02 of 5 September 44, addressed to Nos. 2 and 3 Districts for your information.
2. I have written to AAI. to check on the date for Benevento Seminary which was October 15 in the original instruction.

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NORMAN E. PETER
Colonel,
Deputy Executive,
Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
LIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Phone:
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REF : 431/101/CA.

7 September 44.

SUBJECT : Benevento and Molfetta Seminaries.

TO : A.A.I.

I refer to your 2030/18/Q2. of 5 September 44, addressed to 2 and 3 District and will be obliged if you will confirm the restoration date of Benevento Seminary since in AFHQ. AG 386.2/035 GEC-0 of 24 August 44, the date is given as 15 October and not 18 October as states in your letter.

3845
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For A/Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: G.- 5. AFHQ.

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431. 1
copy in file 32
Subject: RE: AFRO and MOSKITA Seminars.

RE: ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY.

Ref: PEROT 207.

DDI/12/44.

5 Sept 44.

6 SEP Recd

2 District
3 District.

Copy to: AFRO - Reference AG.306.2/035 (AG)-O dated 26 Aug., 44.
RE AGO
"A"
Ref.

1. It has now been agreed that the legal jurisdiction at present occupied by military hospitals will be returned to the Religious Authorities by the dates stated:-

PEROT 207 not later than 15 Oct., 44
MOSKITA " " " 1 Nov., 44

2. AFRO have instructed the Allied Control Commission that that organization will be responsible for effecting the restoration. You are, therefore, instructed to contact the local representatives of the ACC with a view to making all necessary arrangements.

Chief Administrative Officer.

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see 10/14/44

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CA 2-7501
S E C R E T

HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 194, U. S. ARMY

H/2017
2 September 1944

SUBJECT: Benevento Seminary
TO : Zone Commissioner, Naples

1. The attached copy of a letter from A.F.N.Q. forwarded to this headquarter by HQ, A.C.C., A.C. & A.G. Section is attached for your information.
2. You are requested to take preliminary steps for effecting the restoration of the Seminary of Benevento on the date fixed by A.F.N.Q., and it is suggested that you should get into communication with the Archbishop of Benevento at the earliest possible date informing him of the proposal that the Seminary should be vacated and restored to him on the 15th of October, 1944.
3. You are requested to keep this H.Q. fully informed of the progress in this matter, more particularly in regard to your contacts with the local military authorities concerned who should be advised of A.F.N.Q. order that proper inventories and survey of images must be obtained before the unit concerned leaves the premises.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Alan H. Shipe
Alan H. SHIPE
Lt. Col.
Executive Officer

COPIES TO:

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2 September 1944

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For the Regional Commissioner:

Allen H. White
 ALLEN H. WHITE
 Lt. Col.
 Executive Officer

COPIES TO:

General Office Commanding, 2 District
 General Office Commanding, 3 District
 HQ, A.C.C. (Attention: Deputy Executive Commissioner)

1. For information reference your 431/96/CA, dated 31 August 1944.

File

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
N.G. & M.G. SECTION
APO 398

REF: 434034
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REF : 434/96/CA.

2 September 44.

SUBJECT : Molfetta and Monreale Seminaries.

TO : R.C. Southern Region.

1. Further to my letter of 31st August 44, Ref: 434/96/CA, I would like to draw your attention particularly to para 3 of the C.A.C.'s letter ordering this R.C. to submit a report on the manner in which these Seminaries are restored.

2. The occupation of these Seminaries has always been a delicate problem and I must ask you to give your personal attention to the matter so that the restoration may be effected in the most efficient manner possible.

L.H.
NORMAN H. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive,
Commissioner.

Copy to: AFHQ. G-5.
Political Section
File 432.

Handwritten: 15/11/44, 11/12/44, 11/1/45

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
P.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

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REF : 431/96/CA.

8 September 44.

SUBJECT : Molfetta and Benevento Seminaries.

TO : P.C. Southern Region.

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L.H.
HARRISON H. FINE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive,
Commissioner.

Copy to: AFM. G-5.
Political Section
File 432.

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31 August 1944

SUBJECT: Molfetta and Benevento Seminaries.

TO : Lt. Col. Shipp.

1. At 95 is a letter from C.A.O. AFHQ. giving news of the decision to return Molfetta and Benevento Seminaries on November 1st. and October 15, respectively. Action is at 96.
2. Both A/OC. and E.C. should see.

E.
E. Talbot,
Major.

*I think it would be a good thing to
draw S. Reg's attention specifically to the
report which he in para 3 of AFHQ letter*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTACT COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. SECTION
APO 594

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Phone:
A84034

96

REF : A31/96/CH.

31 August 44.

SUBJECT : Molfetta and Benevento Seminaries.

TO : R. C.
Southern Region.

1. I enclose a copy of a letter from AMB. from which you will see that the Commission is held responsible for effecting the restoration of the above Seminaries to the appropriate authorities.
2. You should inform the Archbishops of Bari and Benevento and take such other preliminary steps as you think fit for effecting this restoration on the dates fixed by AMB.
3. Please keep this HQ. fully informed of the progress in this matter.

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ROBERT E. FIDOR
Colonel,
Deputy Executive,
Commissioner.

Copy to: AMB. G-5.
British Legation to the Holy See.
(with copy of letter from AMB. of 30 August 44.)
✓ Political Section.
✓ File 432.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

AG 386.2/035 GEG-0

24

20 August 1944

3 AUG Recd

SUBJECT: Molfetta and Benevento Seminaries.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394,
(Attention: Acting Chief Commissioner).

1. It has been decided to vacate and restore the two papal seminaries in Italy now occupied as hospitals - Molfetta Seminary on 1 November 1944 and Benevento Seminary on 15 October 1944. See inclosed letter of even date on the above subject, to the British Resident Minister and the United States Political Adviser.

2. The Allied Control Commission, through which the occupation was arranged in each case, will be responsible for effecting the restoration to the appropriate authorities. This will involve the taking of an inventory and the doing of such other things as may be involved in handing over the premises and protecting the interests of the Allied Forces in connection therewith.

3. You will render a report to this Headquarters on the manner in which this direction is performed.

J. Clark

J. G. W. CLARK
Lieutenant General
Chief Administrative Officer

1 Incl
Ltr, this hq, AG 386.2/035 GEG-0,
dtg 24 August 44, subject as above,
to British Resident Minister and US
Political Adviser

Copy also filed on the
Molfetta Seminary file

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2 more copies held

DF, AGO, APO 394

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

26 August 1944

AG 386.2/035 GEG-0

SUBJECT: Benevento and Molfetta Seminaries.

TO : Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in ITALY, APO 777.

1. Letter, this headquarters, file AG 386.2/035-0, subject as above, dated 20 August 1944, is rescinded.

2. The progress of the Allied Forces in ITALY makes it possible to find alternative accommodation for the hospitals which are now occupying the seminaries at Benevento and Molfetta, and to accede to the desire of the Vatican that these institutions be restored to the papal authorities. It has accordingly been decided that the premises will be vacated, Benevento not later than 15 October 1944 and Molfetta not later than 1 November 1944. (See attached letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 24 August 1944, to the British Resident Minister and the United States Political Adviser).

3. It is desired that you take action to have these seminaries vacated respectively by the dates stated above.

4. The Allied Control Commission, through which the occupation was arranged in each case, has been made responsible for effecting the restoration to the appropriate authorities. (See attached letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 24 August 1944, to the Allied Control Commission).

5. It is requested that this headquarters be kept advised as to the action being taken to vacate the premises by the respective dates fixed above.

By command of General WILSON:

R. H. CHRISTIE,
Colonel, AGD,
Acting Adjutant General.

2 Incls

Incl 1 - Ltr, this hq, file and subject as above, dtd 24 August 44, to British Resident Minister and US Political Adviser

Incl 2 - Ltr, this hq, file and subject as above, dtd 24 August 44, to Allied Control Commission

Copy furnished:
Allied Control Commission (5)

This copy for Allied Control Commission, APO 796, (5)

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Acting Chief

Commissioner

RO ADD. AND 394
 814 - by Gen.
 Rec'd 22 Aug 1991
 By _____ per.

The attached is submitted for your information.
 S.A.O.'s channels (and form of address)
 appear a little odd!

I agree

→ 78/25/8 3837 5

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SUBJECT: VERREVENTO and HOLPETTA GERMALINS

TO: KODUTU (XMBISU) HGE

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1. 93 is in reply to 90
2. ^{the same} Every effort will be made to release HOLPETTA building by 1st October:
VERREVENTO appears to be fully occupied with no likelihood of its return ^{in the} _{in the near future}
3. Acting Chief Commissioner will want to see this

R.O. & H.G. Section
M.B.H.

[Signature]
E. GEBROT
Major

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Mr. Caccia

Handled.

You will be interested
to see 92.

Sam. 2/1/8

Maurice - Is Su Dong
Doane being told?

The S.A. touch should
not be missed.

Following information: HAZ
John - Work P/12/1/8

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HQ ALLIED AREA BY TERRY.

Tel: - FIDAT 209.

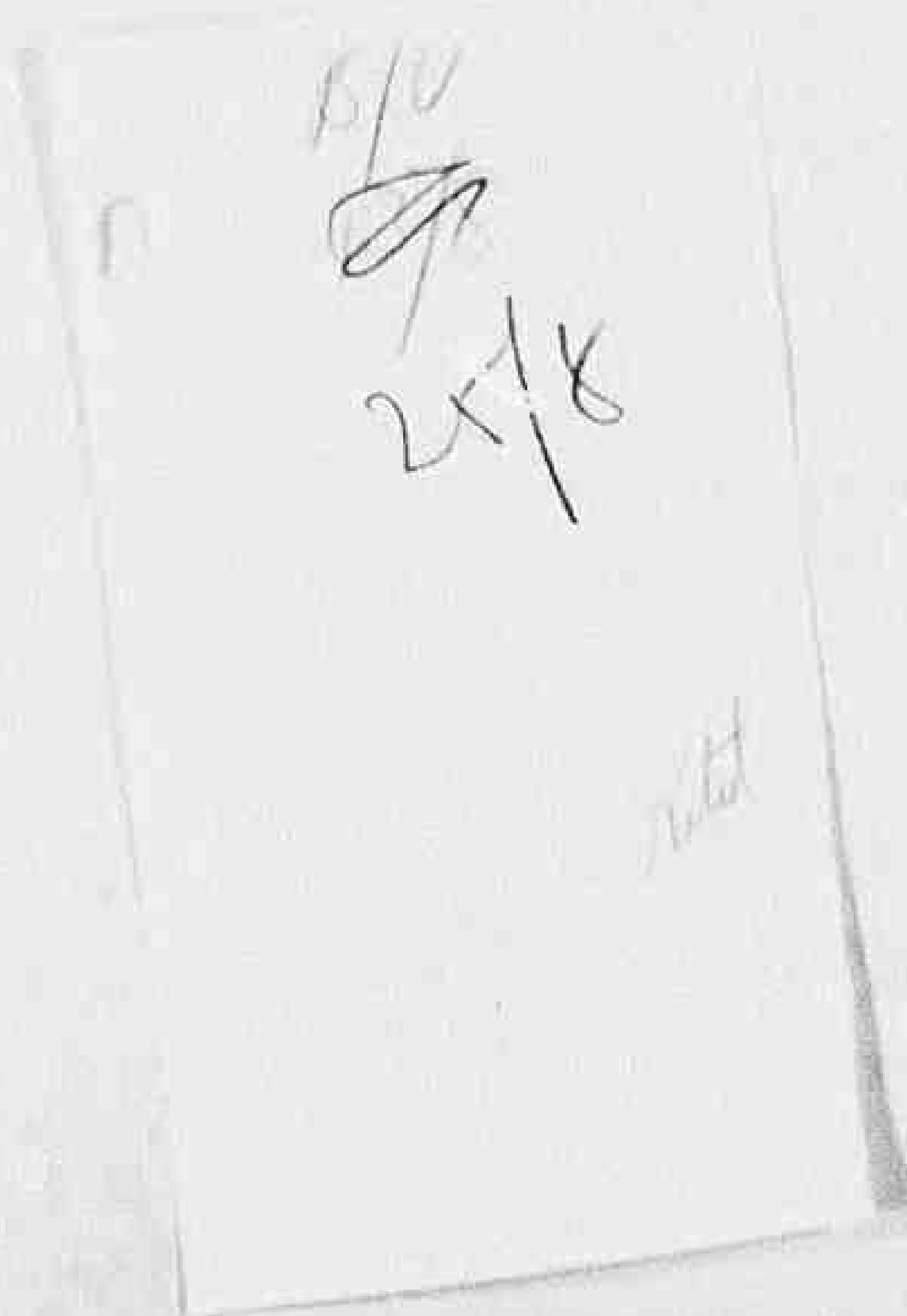
2000/18/2.18 Aug 44.21 AUG RecdThe British Embassy to the Holy See.

Copy to: - HQ AOC (Terry 431/90/CA dated 8 Aug., 44, refers).
 HQ, Rome Allied Area Command (Terry 7.42 dated 4 Aug., 44, refers).
 "A"
 HQ.

1. Papers dealing with the military occupation of the INTERVENTO and INTERVITA Papal Seminaries have now been passed to this HQ by HQ, Rome Allied Area Command.
2. The position in regard to the premises in question is constantly under review, and they will both be released as soon as the operational position permits.
3. With reference to the INTERVITA building, it is perfectly true that the unit at present in occupation will shortly move forward. However, the accommodation will still be required as the Allied authorities have had to undertake the hospitalization of large numbers of Yugoslav wounded, which are being evacuated from the Balkans where they would otherwise be left in most unsatisfactory conditions. Every effort will be made to release this building by 1 Oct., 44.
4. With reference to the INTERVENTO building, during the latter part of June and early July, the water supply to the building was interrupted, and in consequence it was not possible to accept patients in the hospital. This has now been rectified and the hospital is now fully operational, and on 12 Aug., 44, 726 beds out of a total of 805 were in fact occupied. The unit operating this site is 106 South African General Hospital. This title is more generally written 106 (SA) General Hospital, and it is thought that the statement that the building was occupied by Salvation Army Workers may have arisen from a faulty appreciation of the true meaning of the letters "S.A.".
5. As regards negotiations with the Archbishop of NAKI, these were conducted by HQ AOC. It is not understood why there is any complaint that the Archbishop was not permitted to communicate freely with the Vatican. At the time the negotiations were in progress there was no direct communication between Allied occupied Italy and the Vatican, and in consequence all communication was through diplomatic channels.

W. H. Ritchie
 Major-General, *Long*
 Chief Administrative Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
R.C. & H.C. SECTION
APC 394

PHONE: 511

RMP

: 421/91/CA

8 August 44

SUBJECT : MILITARY AND REVENUE Seminaries.

TO : Secretary General

1. Draft letter (with enclosures) to C.G. RAC. submitted for A/C's approval.

HERMAN H. FISKE.
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

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DRAFT

SUBJECT : Pontifical Seminaries at Molfetta and Benevento
TO : C.G. RAAC.

1. Further to my letter of 2 August Ref: A/00 306.8 I have now received reports from Regional Commissioners in regard to the above Seminaries, copies of which are enclosed for your information.
2. I have written to HQ. AAI. requiring them to consider the possibility of returning these Seminaries to the Vatican and enclose a copy of my letter.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED OFFICE COMMISSION
P.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

PHONE: 511

REF : 431/90/CA

8 August 44

SUBJECT : BENEVENTO AND MOLFETTA SEMINARIES.

TO : H.Q. A.A.I.

1. Strong representations have again been received from the Vatican in regard to the Seminaries at Benevento and Molfetta.
2. The Vatican state "A prolonged interruption of the activity of the Benevento Seminary would result in great harm to the religious life of the 26 dioceses of the Beneventana and Caspans regions "and again "the functioning of the Molfetta Seminary is indispensable to the Catholic life of all the 20 dioceses of the Apulian region ".
3. The new scholastic year opens in the Autumn and the Vatican is very anxious to regain control of these Seminaries before the opening. The hope is expressed that since the front has moved forward so fast the Seminaries might now be returned to the Vatican.
4. I shall be obliged if you will consider this question and inform me as early as possible of your decision.

M.S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
for Acting Chief Commissioner.

Copy to : AMHQ. C 5
HQ. HASC.
British Minister at the Vatican
Pol. Section
File 432.

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HEADQUARTERS
IED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

PHONE: 511

REF : 431/89/CA

7 August 64

SUBJECT : Melfetta and Benevento Seminaries.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

1. The Vatican - through the British Minister - are at it again for the return of these Seminaries. They are also going all over the old ground about the way the requisitioning was done and the poor alternative accommodation.

2. I have discussed with Political Section and we think it's best to confine ourselves to asking A.A.I. to consider the return. Draft letter opposite. *for your approval.*

3. *The Sem. names are still being used (Contrary to what the Vatican say) to the extent*

MOZFETTA	400 Patients
BENEVENTO	670 "

I am giving Pol. Sect. a short note on this and they will inform Vatican.

EJ 8/8

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SUBJECT BENEVENTO SEMINARY. REPLY SENT 28 JULY REFERENCE OUR

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REGION 3. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U. S. ARMY

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28 July 1944

30 JUL Recd

SUBJECT: Benevento Seminary

TO : R. C. & M. G. Section
Headquarters, A. C. C.

Reference your Ref/431/71/CA, dated 21 July 1944.

1. The attached copy of a letter from the Provincial Commissioner, Benevento, would appear to show that the information transmitted to you is based upon a misconception.

HEADQUARTERS
29 JUL 1944
A. C. C.

JTC/ANT/JJF

Allen: H. White
R. Cal.
For JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J. A. G. D.
Acting Regional Commissioner

Incl.

As above

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
BENEVENTO PROVINCE

Ref: Acc/99/BPSUBJECT :- Benevento Seminary.TO :- Headquarters Region 2, A.C.C.
(Off. Executive Officer).

1. Reference A.C.C. letter 431/71/CA of 21 Jul 44.
2. There are 670 patients in the 106 S.A. (Gen) Hospital on this date at the Seminary.
3. It is not true that there are 100 ladies of the Salvation Army housed in the Seminary. There are in fact no ladies housed there except nurses.

27 Jul 44
Benevento

J.P. Anderson
Lt Col.
P.O. ADDRESS
Provincial Commissioner.

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SUBJECT :- Benevento Seminary.

TO :- Headquarters Region 3, A.C.C.
(att. Executive Officer).

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27 Jul 44
Benevento

[Handwritten signature]

Lt Col.
F. J. AUSTIN
Provincial Commissioner.

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*for the / for: Q.S. - 386.8 can find it 85
in file 432/14 (Molfetta Seminar)*

31 July 44

Subject: Molfetta and Benevento Seminars

To: Secretary General

1. I refer to your GS - 586.8 of the 28 July folio 68.
2. A reply to the letter at folio 64 on this file is submitted in draft for the A/Chief Commissioner approval (opposite on cover). This reply has been coordinated with Political Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary General
APO 394

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SG-386.8

28 July 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Civil Affairs Branch, Hq. ACC.

SUBJECT: Molfetta and Benevento Seminaries

1. The Acting Chief Commissioner directs that the attached correspondence concerning the return of the above seminaries be investigated and a draft letter be submitted to him as soon as possible.

2. The matter should be coordinated with the Political Section in view of the last paragraph of Sir D'Arcy Osborne's letter of 21 July 1944.

3. A previous communication from General Johnson, enclosing other letters from the British Minister to the Holy See was sent to you on the 17 July 1944.

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ROBERT E. DOR
Major, A.C.D.
Secretary General

5 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Ltr fr RAAC, file V/25,
dtd 22 July 44.
- 2 - Ltr fr Sir D'Arcy Osborne,
dtd 21 July 44.
- 3 - Translation of note No. 4539/44
dtd 19 July 44 fr Secretariat of
State of His Holiness to H. M.
Legation to the Holy See.
- 4 - Ltr fr Sir D'Arcy Osborne dtd 19 July
44.
- 5 - Ltr enclosing translation of note
No. 4424/44 of 17 July 44 fr Secre-
tariat of State of the Holiness to
H. M. Legation to the Holy See.

ROMA ALLIED AREA COMMAND
A.P.O. 794 U.S. ARMY

4/25

22 July 1944

Subject : Pontifical Seminaries at Molfetta and Benevento.

To : Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission,
Headquarters A.C.C. A.P.O. 394 U.S. Army.

1. In your letter of 17 July 1944, reference S.G. 386.8, you informed us that action would be taken by your Headquarters about Pontifical Seminaries at Molfetta and Benevento.

2. This information was transmitted by us to the British Minister to the Holy See in our letter of 19 July 1944.

3. We are sending you two attached two more communications which have been sent to this Headquarters by the British Minister to the Holy See on the subject of the Seminaries at Molfetta and Benevento.

4. The first communication from the British Minister to the Holy See is one in which the Minister reviews the question briefly and is one in which he requests us to transmit note No. 4424-44 of 17 July 1944 from the Secretariat of State of His Holiness to the British Legation. This note reviews chronologically the representations which have been made by the Holy See for the Seminaries.

5. Accordingly we are sending attached note No. 4424-44.

6. In his note of 21 July 1944 the British Minister again urges us to assist in having the Seminaries restored and sends us note No. 439-44 of 19 July 1944 from the Secretariat of State of His Holiness to the British Minister which we transmit attached.

7. The letter of 19 July 1944 from the British Minister asks that this Headquarters transmit Vatican note No. 4424-44 to the Supreme Allied Authorities in Italy in order that they may consider it most carefully.

8. In view of the fact that you have informed us that action is being taken by your Headquarters we are transmitting for your information all the documents sent to us.

9. It would be much appreciated, in view of the many representations about these seminaries that have been made to us and because of the gravity of the situation as it explained, if we could be informed as promptly as possible of the action taken by your Headquarters.

HARRY B. JOHNSON
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding.

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MAJOR GENERAL JOHNSON.

With reference to my Note of July 19th about Melfetta Seminary, I now transmit translation of a further Note received from the Secretariat of State, this time about the Seminary at Benevento.

You will observe that according to his Note, the Archbishop of Benevento made representations, which were not however, with to the occupation of only a part of the Seminary; that as a result of the closing of the Seminary all his students had to return to their homes; and that the Holy See urgently request that, in order to avoid grave harm to the religious and life of 26 dioceses, the Seminary be restored to its normal uses before the opening of the new scholastic year.

I would recall in this connexion the information given by the Archbishop of Benevento to Cardinal Pizzardo, which I reported in the P.M. to a letter which I sent you on July 7th (2/57/44), viz that some weeks after the evacuation of the students, the College was occupied only by ten patients and by 100 ladies of the Salvation Army. You will see too that the A.C.E. seem to have encouraged the hope that the Seminary may be evacuated by the autumn.

In view of the speedy northward drive of the Allied armies and the presumed need that hospitals should not be too far removed from the line, I hope that it may soon be possible to comply with the Vatican request and perhaps you will be so good, in transmitting the enclosed document to the Higher Command, to inform them what importance I attach, in the interests of good relations between the Allies and the Vatican, to compliance with the latter's request as soon as military exigencies render it possible.

British Legation to the Holy See.

Vatican City.

July 21st 1944

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TRANSLATION OF NOTE No. 439/44 of July 19 th 1944

FROM THE SECRETARIAT OF STATE OF HIS HOLINESS, THE

H.B.M. LEGATION TO THE HOLY SEE.

1. As is known to His Britannic Majesty's Legation, the Secretariat of State of His Holiness, welcoming the desire expressed by the Legation, hastened to give on 12 March 1944 the necessary instructions to H.B.M. the most Rev. Monsignor Agostino Mancinelli, Archbishop of Benevento, with a view to the cessation of that Pontifical Regional Seminary which the Allied Command had asked to be able to use for some months as a military hospital.

By means of the said instructions Monsignor the Archbishop of Benevento was authorized to agree to the demand of the Allied Military Authorities, provided that the Seminary were able to be conveniently lodged elsewhere.

2. H.B.M. Monsignor Mancinelli, not having succeeded in making suitable arrangements for the Seminary, made strong representations to the Allied Command in order that they might limit themselves to occupying only a part of the Seminary. The Allied Command, however, considered that they could not do without the whole building, which on June 1st was accordingly transformed into a hospital, thus the course of studies of the students was cut short and these indeed were courteously taken to their own homes in Allied motor-cars.

3. A prolonged interruption of the activity of the above-mentioned Pontifical Seminary would result in grave harm to the religious life of the 36 dioceses of the Beneventane and Cambric regions, which send their own students to that Seminary in order there to complete the superior courses of ecclesiastical studies; accordingly the Holy See urgently request H.B.M. Legation to be as good as to make use of its authoritative good offices with the competent authorities in order that at the beginning of the new scholastic year the Seminary in question may be able to start functioning regularly again.

Since war-like operations are now taking place at a very considerable distance, the Secretariat of State trusts that its request will be favourably received all the more so since the Vice President of the Allied Control Committee, Mr. Cassel, on May 27th wrote as follows to Monsignor the Archbishop of Benevento:-

"It is the hope of the Allied authorities that the use of the Seminary will not be required for too long a period, and that, subject to military exigencies, it may be released prior to the re-opening of the new scholastic year."

The Secretariat of State takes advantage of this occasion to express to H.B.M. Legation the sense of high distinguished consideration.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017MAJOR GENERAL JOHNSON

I transmit herewith translation of an extremely lengthy note which I have received from the Secretariat of State, containing a chronological account of events in connection with the requisitioning of the Gelfetta Seminary.

I shall be grateful if you will be so good as to transmit this document to the Supreme Allied Authorities in Italy and will request them to consider it most carefully. It seems to me that some of the facts given, if correctly stated are in need of explanation, particularly the fact that the Archbishop of Bari was not enabled to communicate freely with the Vatican about the seminary and that the difficulty of the Archbishop's situation, due to the fact that the seminary was not his to dispose of, never seems to have been fully appreciated.

It seems clear that the occupation of the Seminary has in fact gravely inconvenienced the Church authorities in Apulia and that if the building continues to be occupied the whole system for the training of the clergy in that province will be put out of gear. In view of this fact and also of the probability that the continued occupation by force of the Papal Seminary will have an unfortunate effect on relations between His Majesty's Government and the Holy See, I strongly recommend that most careful consideration be given to the Vatican plea that the building be restored to its proper use by next autumn. I imagine that in view of the northward drive of the Allied forces in Italy, it should not be difficult to meet Vatican wishes in this respect.

I am sending a translation of the Note to the Foreign Office with comments in the same as the above.

/s/ P.O. Osborne

British Legation to the Holy See
Vatican City

July 19th 1944.

TRANSLATION OF THE NOTE NO. 422/42 OF JULY 17,
1943, FROM THE SECRETARIAT OF STATE OF HIS

HOLINESS TO H. M. LEGATION TO THE HOLY SEE.

1) With a memorandum dated November 17th 1943 H.M. Legation informed the Secretariat of State of His Holiness that the Allied Authorities proposed to occupy the Molfetta Regional Seminary (Pari), after its requisition by the Italian Government, in order to make use of it as a military convalescent home.

The said Legation added: "His Majesty's Government desire to inform the Holy See, as a matter of courtesy, of the action proposed and they suggest that, in view of the possibility of similar cases in future, it might be helpful if the authorities in charge of ecclesiastical property were directed to cooperate fully with the Allied authorities in such matters".

2) In reply it was pointed out in a note from the Secretariat of State of November 19th 1943:-

- a) that the Molfetta Regional Seminary, being the property of the Holy See it was necessary not only on grounds of courtesy but also on legal grounds, to obtain the previous consent of the Holy See before using the building for other objects even of charitable nature;
- b) that the Italian Government as recently as June 21st 1940 had assured the Holy See in writing that in so far as the Molfetta Seminary was concerned, it had given "instructions that orders for its requisition would be suspended and that no such orders should be given for the future;
- c) That President Roosevelt, on July 16th 1943, declared in a public message: "During the period of operations Pontifical possessions in Italy will be respected."

In view of the above, the communication from the Secretariat of State added that the Holy See gave its consent to the use of the building in question as a convalescent home and could find elsewhere convenient premises. This condition was indispensable because the Molfetta Regional Seminary - the only one in the whole region of Apulia - accommodates all the candidates for the priesthood who are engaged in philosophical and theological studies, and is therefore absolutely necessary to the normal life of the Catholic Church.

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To the above mentioned note were added the requisite instructions, which A.S.M. Legation were begged to send through the mediation and good offices of their own Government to the Most Rev. Monsignor Giusi, Archbishop of Bari. The latter was moreover authorized by the Holy See to negotiate with the Allied Authorities about other similar cases which might present themselves in the future.

3) The said instructions - as the Holy See has only just now learned - were communicated to A.S.M. the Archbishop of Bari on December 22nd 1943 by means of a letter from Brigadier Maxwell Taylor.

In the meantime, however, Their Excellencies the Bishops of Apulia had received orders to evacuate within three days the Golfetta Regional Seminary. This may be deduced from a letter which the said Bishops addressed on December 15th 1943 to the Allied Command and which has only recently come to the knowledge of the Secretariat of State. It reads as follows:-

"On the 10th instant we came to know that General Taylor of this Command ordered for the 15th instant the evacuation of the Pius XI Pontifical Regional Seminary of Golfetta. This communication has caused us deep sorrow. It is the only philosophical and theological seminary which we possess in the whole of Apulia which is being closed. The Apulian Episcopate are well aware of and render homage to the attitude of noble and generous respect which the Allied Military Command have constantly shown for the Holy See and the Catholic Church, and it is for this reason that the undersigned, as representatives of the Holy See, to which the Institute belongs and in the name of all the Apulian Episcopate, venture to formulate the wish expressed recently by the afore-mentioned Episcopate and to beg the same Command to be so good as to refrain from requisitioning the Golfetta Regional Seminary. The undersigned state at the same time that this request has also been forwarded to Mr. Winston Churchill, head of B.E.M. Government, and to Mr. F.D. Roosevelt, President of the United States".

4) The absence of any reply from H.E. Monsignor the Archbishop of Bari could not but cause anxiety to the Holy See, all the more that on December 29th 1943, the following telegram was received from the Charge d'Affaires of the Apostolic Delegation of Cairo:

"As informed Allied Authorities proposed requisition Pontifical Seminary Golfetta as hospital. Representations made to authorities have resulted in postponement till January 5th, but requisition order is maintained".

To this telegram the Holy See replied on the following day informing Father Hughes of the position and of the instructions already given by the Holy See.

5) As in the meantime the Apostolic Delegation at Washington had also received news about the threatened requisition, the Secretariat of State on December 31st 1943, thus sums up for the information and guidance of the pontifical representative in question, the desires of the Holy See:-

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- a) That the assurance given publicly should be faithfully respected,
- b) That H.E. the Archbishop of Bari should be enabled to make known to the Holy See whether he had received and carried out the instructions given to him, it being extremely painful for the same Holy See to have received not even one direct message from the whole Episcopate in the regions of Italy occupied by the Allies.
- c) Still influenced by the natural desire to know something about the fate of the Gelfetta Pontifical Seminary, the Secretariat of State on January 18th 1944 sent a telegram to H.E. Monsignor Mimmi asking him if he had carried out their instructions of November 19th. A similar telegram was sent on January 21st, through the intermediary of Monsignor Carroll, who was then at Algiers.
- 7) On January 22nd 1944 H.E. Minister verbally informed His Excellence the Cardinal Secretary of State that the Rector of the Gelfetta Seminary, in agreement with His Excellency the Bishop, had refused to give up the building, not having found other premises suitable for the proper functioning of the seminary. The military authorities - added H.E. the Minister - had then been constrained to requisition the seminary.
- His Excellence the Cardinal Secretary of State replied that the Holy See was still awaiting an answer from H. E. the Archbishop of Bari and therefore prayed H.E. the Minister to be so good as to telegraph to the Government in London asking them to hold matters up and to invite His Excellency the Archbishop of Bari to make known his reasons to the Holy See, which would then pass judgement. H. E. the Minister declared himself ready to telegraph in the desired sense.
- 8) On the same day, January 22nd, the Apostolic Delegate in London made known to the Secretariat of State that the Bishops of Apulia - according to a letter which he had received from H.E. the Archbishop of Bari - had requested his intervention with a view to preventing the requisitioning of the Gelfetta Pontifical Seminary. Naturally H.E. Monsignor Godfrey did not fail to take up the matter with zeal and for his guidance the relevant information and instructions were sent to him on January 24th.
- 9) Not satisfied with this the Secretariat of State continued to make use of every means in order to obtain information about this grave matter. On January 26th 1944, the Charge d'Affaires of the Apostolic Delegation of Cairo was asked by telegram if he had received further information regarding the Gelfetta Seminary. On the 11th February H.E. the Cardinal Secretary of State telegraphed as follows to the Archbishop of Bari: "I am still waiting answer to my instructions concerning Gelfetta Seminary." At the same time, His Excellence, by means of another telegraphic message, requested Monsignor Carroll at Algiers to look into the question and to hasten to H.E. Monsignor Mimmi. A similar request was made anew on February 16th 1944 to the Charge d'Affaires of the Apostolic Delegation at Cairo.

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10) The Rev. Father Hughes, on March 7th 1944, sent to the Secretariat of State the following telegram: "Happy communicate information of fourteenth February stating Seminary Molfetta not taken. Authorities courteously consider Bishop's representations."

11) This communication made the Holy See hope that the Molfetta Seminary had been left free. However, on April 18th 1944, the Charge d'Affaires of the United States of America wrote as follows in a letter directed to H.E. Monsignor the Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs: "I have now received a communication from Washington which may be of interest to the Holy See. The communication states that according to information received from Algiers, the Molfetta Seminary was evacuated on March 15 and is last with the assent of the Archbishop of Bari and that the students were moved elsewhere to the satisfaction of the Archbishop. It appears further from the communication in question that the Allied military and medical authorities planned to occupy the Seminary during the first week of April."

12) With a view to knowing with greater fullness and exactitude what had happened, His Eminence the Cardinal Secretary of State on April 19th 1944, sent the two following telegrams:-

*Archbishop Mimmi - Bari

"American Charge d'Affaires here has been notified by his government that Your Excellency has consented to grant use Molfetta Seminary as convalescent home stop I beg Your Excellency to send me direct information as soon as possible about details of agreement and execution of instructions I gave Your Excellency on this matter."

*Monsignor Carroll - Algiers,

"American Charge d'Affaires here has been notified by his government that Archbishop Bari has consented to grant use of Molfetta Seminary as convalescent home stop It is however regretted that said Archbishop has been so far unable to correspond directly with Holy See even though official assurances were repeatedly given that such communications had been granted South Italian Bishops."

13) On May 27th 1944, the Holy See not having yet received any reply from H.E. Monsignor Mimmi or from Monsignor Carroll, His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate in London sent to the Secretariat of State the following telegram:-

"Letter dated March 25th just reached here addressed to Your Eminence by Archbishop Bari communicates: a) Molfetta Seminary taken over by Allied Authorities; b) Premises offered exchange namely diocesan seminary formerly Italian military hospital but considered inadequate; c) Having received no reply from Holy See to wireless message Archbishop Bari considered himself unable authorize requisition of Pontifical Seminary which consequently remain exclusive responsibility Allied Authorities; d) Episcopate Apulia urgently begs intervention Holy See safeguard education clerical students."

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14) Such news naturally caused surprise and pain both on account of the matter at issue and also because of the procedure adopted. Accordingly, on June 1st 1944 His Eminence Cardinal Maglione sent to His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate in London the following telegram:

"I thank Your Excellency for informations concerning Molfetta Pontifical Seminary. Holy See never received telegraphic message Archbishop Bari. I beg Your Excellency cooperation for obtaining that Regional Seminary necessary ecclesiastical education may continue function properly and no forced requisition be made of Church institutions."

To this telegram H.E. Monsignor Godfrey replied as follows on June 6th:-

"Am doing all possible for Molfetta and ecclesiastical property generally."

15th) Meanwhile, on June 4th 1944 Rome had been occupied by the Allies. It was then possible for the Holy See to have direct, precise and complete news from their Excellencies the Bishops of Apulia about the vicissitudes of the Molfetta Pontifical Seminary. According to the information received matters took the following course. Towards the end of February the Allied military authorities informed H.E. the Archbishop of Bari that they insisted on the building being given up. H.E. Monsignor Micali seeing no possibility of finding, in accordance with the conditions laid down by the Holy See, other convenient premises for the students of this college, asked that the following telegraphic message might be sent forth the Secretariat of State of His Holiness: "No premises have been found. I await instructions." While this telegram was not transmitted to the Holy See, on the 9th of March the Allied authorities imposed upon H.E. the Archbishop of Bari the evacuation of the Pontifical Seminary for the 16th of March. The students would have to be transferred to the premises of the Diocesan Seminary of Molfetta. The Apulian Episcopate at once pointed out: a) that they had not the power to hand over the building and property of the Holy See without first receiving the instructions already requested; b) that there were in the province of Bari other buildings capable of use as hospitals which had been placed at the disposal of the Allied authorities by the Italian Government or by the Prefect of the Bari Province; c) that the measures taken had produced a painful impression both on the Holy See and on the Apulian Episcopate as also on all the faithful, on account of the considerable harm to the priestly vocation which would result from it; d) that the personnel of the Pontifical Seminary could not be lodged in the premises of the Diocesan Seminary of Molfetta because it was insufficient in size, in bad condition and in need of disinfection as it had been used for tubercular patients.

16) In reply the Allied authorities declared on the same day, March 9th, verbally and in writing, that if the Regional Seminary were not handed over, it would be occupied by force. This in fact took place on the morning of March 16th. The Bishops therefore had to send back to their families the 350 seminarists who occupied the building, these being thus forced to interrupt their courses of studies, to their considerable detriment. In the meantime, thirty British soldiers entered the Regional Seminary and it was only after about two months that the first wounded began to arrive. According to what is stated structural operations were also undertaken on the initiative of the occupants which were not always carried out with the necessary regard to the stability of the building.

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17) On April 17th 1944, Their Excellencies the Bishops of Apulia, assembled at Lecce, decided to address a letter to H.M. the Head of the Italian Government deploring what had occurred, re-calling the public promise made by the President of the United States to respect all Pontifical property in Italy, and asking for the restitution of the Seminary as being an absolute necessity for the life of the church.

18) As a result of the decision reached by the above-mentioned Bishops at their meeting at Lecce, the necessary steps were taken to disinfect the premises of the Diocesan Seminary of Molfetta, other urgent works were also carried out and it was then possible, but only on June the 14th, to bring back part of the Seminarians (scarcely two-thirds) in order to finish their annual course and to undergo examinations, thus avoiding the serious harm that would have been caused to them by the loss of a year of studies. The experiment has also confirmed the fact that it is impossible to lodge the Seminarians in this building.

19) When communications were finally reestablished with the Holy See, Their Excellencies the Bishops of Apulia drew attention to the necessity of having back the Molfetta Regional Seminary, and the Sacred Congregation of Seminarians and of Universities has already raised the question with H.M. the British Minister. Therefore the Secretariat of State of His Holiness earnestly begs H.M. Legation to make use of their influential good offices with the Allied authorities with a view to the Regional Seminary in question being left free as soon as possible.

Many and grave are the reasons justifying this request;

a) The Molfetta Pontifical Regional Seminary was requisitioned contrary to the assurances given to the Holy See and to the instructions imparted to the said Holy See to H.M. Monsignor the Archbishop of Bari.

b) The premises of the Molfetta Diocesan Seminary are insufficient and unsuitable. Indeed, whereas the students are, as has already been said some 220 in number, these premises can only contain a much reduced number; actually of the 220 students there accommodated, twenty have to sleep in a corridor. It may be added that the rooms destined to the Professors are damp and almost uninhabitable; an infirmary is lacking so that two students were ill with paratyphus had to be left in the dormitory with their companions. There is also no laundry; the hygienic arrangements and water supplies are defective nor are there any baths; lecture halls are lacking; laboratories etc. also are lacking.

c) The functioning of the Molfetta Regional Seminary is indispensable to the Catholic life of all the Apulian region (20 dioceses) and it is necessary that next September the Seminary may re-open and take in afresh all the students.

The Secretariat of State of His Holiness trusts that it will not be difficult for the Allied Command - above all now that war-like operations have been advanced some hundreds of kilometers towards the north and that in

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Apulia there are several other hospitals with a reduced number of wounded - to make other convenient arrangements for the military hospital.

The Secretariat of State takes advantage of the occasion to express to H.B.M. legation the sense of his high and distinguished consideration.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
E.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 354

Ref A32/71/01

21 July 1944

SUBJECT: Homefront Seminary.

TO : E.C. Section III

1. I refer to your L/2042 of 9 June 1944 and to the enclosed report by E.C. Homefront and previous correspondence on Homefront Seminary.

2. I shall be obliged if you will report as early as possible:

- a. The number of patients in the seminary.
- b. Whether it is true that 100 ladies of the Salvation Army are housed in the seminary.

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WILLIAM H. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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British Minister to the Vatican,
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Political Section.

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17 July 1944

SUBJECT: The Pontifical Seminaries at Molfetta and Benevento.

TO : Commanding General, Rome Allied Area Command, APO 794, U.S. Army

I am directed by the Acting Chief Commissioner to acknowledge your letter of 9 July 1944, file V/10, subject as above, and its inclosures. Action will be taken by this headquarters.

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.C.D.
Secretary General

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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
APO 794, US ARMY

9 July 1944

V/10

Subject: The Pontifical Seminaries at Molfetta and Benevento.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission
Headquarters A.C.C.
A.C.C.

1. The British Minister to the Holy See has sent us a letter in which he asks us for information about and help for the Seminaries at Molfetta and Benevento.

2. We have informed the British Minister that these Seminaries are in a territory not administered by this Command but by the Allied Control Commission, and that we were forwarding his correspondence and that of Cardinal Rizzardo to him, for your consideration.

HARRY H. JOHNSON
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding.

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Copy of this letter filed on the
Molfetta Seminary file 432

British Legation to the Holy See,
Vatican City

July 7th 1944

Dear General Johnson.

I received yesterday a visit from Cardinal Fiszardo, the Head of the Congregation of Seminaries and Universities; he wanted to discuss the requisitioning of the Molfetta and Benevento Seminaries as hospitals by the Allied Military Authorities. I attach copy of the letter he subsequently wrote to me on the subject.

The main points are that he hopes that, now that the front line has moved to the north, these hospitals in the south may no longer be needed. He adds that there are very few patients at Molfetta and that no use has yet been made of the Benevento Seminary. On the other hand he insists on the necessity of uninterrupted study by the students.

Perhaps I could send him an answer saying that the requisition will not be maintained a day longer than is essential and that the advance northwards may be expected to shorten the period; but that it is regretted that no undertaking can at present be given as to the release of the two buildings.

Yours sincerely

Major General Harry H. Johnson,
Commanding Allied Forces
Rome Area.

B.A. I have now received a further letter from Cardinal Pizzardo. He sends two letters from the Archbishop of Bari about Molfetta. The Archbishop says that the place to which the students from Molfetta Seminary have been sent is absolutely inadequate to contain all the students and that the 240 who are now there are living in crowded, insanitary and uncomfortable conditions. In a subsequent letter the Archbishop states that in the afore-mentioned conditions it will be impossible to open the new scholastic year. He adds that the New Zealand Hospital Unit which occupied the Seminary has received orders of transfer and he therefore urgently begs Cardinal Pizzardo to secure the return of the Molfetta Seminary. The Cardinal strongly supports this request.

His Eminence also informs us that he has just heard from the Archbishop of Benevento that there are only about ten patients in the hospital established in the building of the Benevento Seminary; on the other hand there are, he states, about 100 ladies belonging to the Salvation Army. This, of course, must be very distressing to the ecclesiastical authorities and to the Vatican.

B.G.O.

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SACRA CONGREGATIO DE SEMINARIIS
ET STUDIORUM UNIVERSITATUM

Rome, July 2nd, 1944.

Your Excellency,

After the conversation which I had with your Excellency on June 29th concerning the Pontifical Regional Seminaries of Molfetta and Benevento, I have the honour of writing to you to explain the position in which we find ourselves with regard to these two Seminaries.

As Your Excellency knows, the Regional Seminaries were built by the Holy See in view of the extreme poverty of the Dioceses in Southern Italy which cannot provide in an adequate fashion for the education of their ecclesiastical students. If the level of priestly culture is to be improved - and this is the first step towards the betterment of general education - it is absolutely indispensable that the Regional Seminaries shall continue their work without interruption.

This is particularly true of the Regional Seminaries in Molfetta and Benevento, which house the ecclesiastical students of twenty and eighteen Dioceses respectively.

The occupation of these Seminaries has placed us in an embarrassing position as it is not possible to find alternative accommodation for the 400 and 350 students who within two months time should return to these Institutes. If it had been possible we would have preferred to keep them in the Seminary even during the summer months to avoid the many difficulties which a long stay at home, in miserable surroundings, must necessarily cause.

So far as we know, the present situation of these two Seminaries is as follows:-

The Secretariat of State of His Holiness, in reply to requests made, informed the British Legation to the Holy See that the Holy See was prepared to allow the Regional Seminaries of Molfetta and Benevento to be used as a convalescent home and hospital respectively on condition that another suitable building could be found for the Seminaries.

His Excellency
Sir Francis D'Arcy Godolphin Osborne,
British Minister to the Holy See.

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The Holy See moved to make this concession especially in view of the fact that at that time the Allied Military Authorities were in need of Hospitals near to the war zone where the wounded could receive the necessary medical attention without delay.

Now that the battle has moved far to the north of Rome and the Military Authorities have been able to open large hospitals in Rome and in other centres, the former necessity of occupying the Regional Seminaries no longer exists.

In fact it would seem that the Regional Seminary of Molfetta has actually very few patients and the Regional Seminary at Benevento, if our information is correct, has not yet been used as a hospital.

On the other hand it has not been possible to find even moderately suitable accommodation for the students of these Seminaries.

In view of these facts I beg Your Excellency to make known the situation to the competent authorities.

I am deeply grateful to Your Excellency for the great help which you have given in the past and for the interest which you have shown in the present difficult question.

With every good wish to Your Excellency, I remain, with sentiments of deep and affectionate esteem,

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) J. Card. Pizzardo.

P.S. I have just received a letter from His Excellency Monsignor Misasi, Archbishop of Bari, dated 16th June. He writes as follows: "If the messages that have been sent have reached their destination, Your Eminence will already know that the Pontifical Regional Seminary of Molfetta has been requisitioned, without the authorisation either of the Holy See or of myself, by the Allied Forces for use as a hospital. The students, after two months stay at home, are at present in the Diocesan Seminary of Molfetta in order to complete their studies and sit for their examinations. The situation however is impossible. The Apulian Episcopate is very preoccupied regarding the fate of the Clergy and trusts that the Holy See will approach the Allied Authorities in order that the Seminarians may be released."

With every good wish, I remain,

Yours devotedly,
(Sgd) J. Card. Pizzardo.

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ADVANCED MILITARY
LIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

7 JUL 1944

CAB Naples

24 June 1944.

Ref/Adv/431/3/CA.

SUBJECT: Benevento Seminary

TO : H.E. Sir Francis D'Arcy Godolphin Osborne, K.C.M.G.

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The following is the substance of a report made by signal on 12 June 1944 to G-5, A.F.H.Q. on the Papal Seminary at Benevento.

The Seminary was requisitioned by the Allies from June 1st 1944. The Director of Collegio La Salle has agreed to place accommodation at the College at the disposal of the Archbishop and the Seminarists. This accommodation is adequate. Every assistance was given to the Archbishop and the Seminarists which included the provision of three trucks to be at the Seminary on June 2nd and daily as needed. Trucks were also provided at the Archbishop's request to convey students to their homes in Foggia, Avellino, Benevento and Naples Provinces. This was because the term ends on June 30th. Except for damage of a localized nature resulting from 2 direct bomb hits, the Seminary is in excellent condition. The Royal Engineers have not yet started work in repairing the bomb damage, nor of erecting some internal walls of a temporary nature. The proposed structural alterations are all minor and will only be made in consultation and agreement with the Archbishop. The Seminary is now vacated and the Archbishop has left. The formal handing over and the signing of the inventory prepared by the Archbishop was completed at 1130am, June 9th. From that time the Allied Military Medical Authorities assumed the responsibility for the Seminary and its contents. It is estimated that the Seminary will not be ready to function as a hospital for another month. The general attitude of the Archbishop was one of resignation.

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E. TALBOT,
Major.

C.A.B. Rear - Your 431/63/CA of 22 June 1944 refers.

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Ref/A31/63/CA.

22 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Benevento Seminary.

TO : Major E. Talbot,
HQ. A.C.C., ROME.

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As requested in your ADV/A31/CA of 20 June 1944,
copies of cables, which were found in the Benevento file,
are forwarded herewith.

You should send in to the Political Section Mr.
Reber for any action he may judge.

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ROSEMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Ref/Adv/421/CA.

19 June 1944.

SUBJECT:- Benevento Seminary.

TO : HQ., A.C.C.
R.C. & M.G. Section (Civil Affairs Branch)

1. During a conversation this morning at the Vatican with the British Minister I was told that the Vatican have had no news at all regarding the requisitioning of Benevento Seminary nor in regard to the accommodation of the Seminarists.
2. HQ., A.C.C. have sent at least 2 signals to G. A.F.H.Q. giving a full report on this matter which G. have apparently not passed on.
3. I told the British Minister I would obtain copies of these signals and give them to him to show the Vatican, can you please send me copies? They are to be filed on the Benevento Seminary file.

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*June 59-59
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ADVANCED HQ.,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
C.M.F.

Ref/Adv/25/GA.

17 June 1944.

SUBJECT:- Communications with the Vatican.
-----TO : HQ., A.C.C.
Communications Sub Commission attn. Lt. Col. S.H. Head.

1. I had a conversation this morning at the Vatican with the British Minister regarding the various Vatican services.
2. He was most emphatic that, now that Rome is in Allied hands all communications with the Vatican or in connection with the Vatican Services should go direct to Rome without going to Algiers. I told him that arrangements had already been made in regard to official ecclesiastical mail going direct and that I did not anticipate any difficulty over similar arrangements being made for other types of correspondence.
3. Can you please take the necessary steps which presumably must include asking Algiers. I suggest you can say "The Vatican has been approached and is agreeable".
4. The Minister also raised the question of Censorship of ecclesiastical mail. Without promising anything I expressed the opinion that I thought it possible that the decision to subject ecclesiastical mail to censorship might be revoked now that Rome is no longer in German hands and the line has gone so far forward. He said that this would give very great satisfaction at the Vatican and he hoped very much it would come to pass. In expressing this opinion I may have said rather more than I should have but I cannot see the objection to relaxing censorship as between clergy and laity South of Rome and in the city itself and it would be politically very sound. I should be very grateful if you will let me know as to this as I promised to inform the British Minister at an early date.

Copy to Lt. Col. Head

Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
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PROPOSE REPORT AS FOLLOWS TO COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF. BEGINS.
 SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT IN NAF 710 ON BENEVENTO. PARA 1. ARCHBISHOP WAS
 INFORMED SEMINARY WAS REQUISITIONED FROM 1 JUNE, WITH EXPRESSION OF
 HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO UNLEASH BEFORE OPENING OF NEW SCHOLASTIC
 YEAR AT END OF SEPTEMBER. PARA 2. DIRECTOR OF COLLEGIO LA SALLE
 AGREED TO PLACE ACCOMMODATION OF COLLEGE AT DISPOSAL OF ARCHBISHOP AND
 SEMINARISTS. ACCOMMODATION ADEQUATE. EVERY ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO
 ARCHBISHOP AND SEMINARISTS, WITH PROVISION OF 3 TRUCKS ON 2 JUNE AND
 DAILY AS NEEDED. TRUCKS ALSO PROMISED TO CONVEY STUDENTS TO THEIR
 HOMES IN NAPLES, AVELLINO, POGGIA ~~and~~ BENEVENTO PROVINCES AT CLOSE OF
 PRESENT TERM. PARA 3. SEMINARY NOW VACATED NORMAL RESIDENTS EXCEPT FOR
 ARCHBISHOP WHO MOVES TO COLLEGIO LA SALLE IN FEW DAYS. PARA 4. SAVE FOR
 LOCALISED DAMAGE SEMINARY IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. PARA 5. LOCAL VATICAN
 REPRESENTATIVE MADE REQUEST THAT NO STRUCTURAL CHANGES BE MADE WITHOUT
 PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH ARCHBISHOP. ALTERATIONS DESIRED ARE ALL MINOR
 AND WILL BE MADE ONLY IN CONSULTATION AND AGREEMENT WITH ARCHBISHOP.
 ENDS. ABOVE BASED ON AGO REPORTS. CONFIRM EARLY AND ALSO THAT YOU STILL
 REQUIRE THE PREMISES.

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FURTHER TO OUR SIX FOUR NINE THREE OF JUNE TWENTY SEVENTH REQUESTED REPLY TO PARISH
TO ADVISE FOR COUNCIL FIVE FROM AGI MAIN PARISH TO HANDING OVER OF SECRETARY AND SIGNING
 OF INVENTORY REQUESTED BY ARCHBISHOP OF BOSTON WAS COMPLETED AT ELEVEN THIRTY SEVEN
 NINE JUNE TO FROM THAT HOUR ALLIED MILITARY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY
 FOR BRIGADE AND COMBATS TO ARRIVAL HAS VACATED SECRETARY

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 L.T. MONTAG, JR.
 1st Lt. ADG
 Adjutant

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS
PROVINCE OF BENEVENTO

File Ref. ACC/85/EP

SUBJECT: Benevento Seminary

TO : HQ ACC, Region 3.

1. At the request of the Archbishop of Benevento I went to the Seminary at 0930 hours today, 9 June, and in company with Major Gluckman SAMC, 106 So. African General Hospital and the Town Major, Capt. Gillard, checked the inventory prepared by the Archbishop.

2. The handing over was completed by 1130 hours and Major Gluckman signed the inventory and assumed responsibility for the Seminary and contents.

3. The Archbishop then vacated the Seminary.

/s/ F.J. Armstrong.

lt-Col.

/c/ F.J. ARMSTRONG.
Provincial Commissioner.

9 Jun 44
Benevento

R/4107 1st Ind. NCB/wv
Hq., REGION 3, A.C.C. APO 394, U.S. Army, 13 June 1944.

TO: Hq., A.C.C. HC & MC Section.

1. Forwarded for your information.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Neil C Baker
NEIL C. BAKER,
1st Lt., MC,
Adjutant.

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 REPAIRS OF BOMB DAMAGE OR RESECTION OF SOME INTERNAL WALLS OF A TEMPORARY NATURE TO
 IMPROVED STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS ARE ALL UNDER AND WILL ONLY BE DONE IN CONSULTATION AND
 AGREEMENT WITH AMBUSHOR TO BEHIND IS NOW VACATED BEYOND FOR AMBUSHOR AND LEAVES TO
 COLLEGE LA SALLE IN FIVE DAYS TO ESTIMATED BUILDING WILL NOT BE READY TO FUNCTION AS
 HOSPITAL FOR ANOTHER MONTH TO GENERAL ATTITUDE OF AMBUSHOR ONE OF RECONSTRUCTION

L. T. MONTAGNE, JR.
 1st Lt AGO
 ADJUTANT.

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BENVENUTO SEMINARY

Ex Comr.

1. Pl. See 51-54 for PC. Res. in report
2. It is now necessary to complete the answer to 46 - answered in part at 48
3. Draft signed is opposite

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REGION 3. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U. S. ARMY

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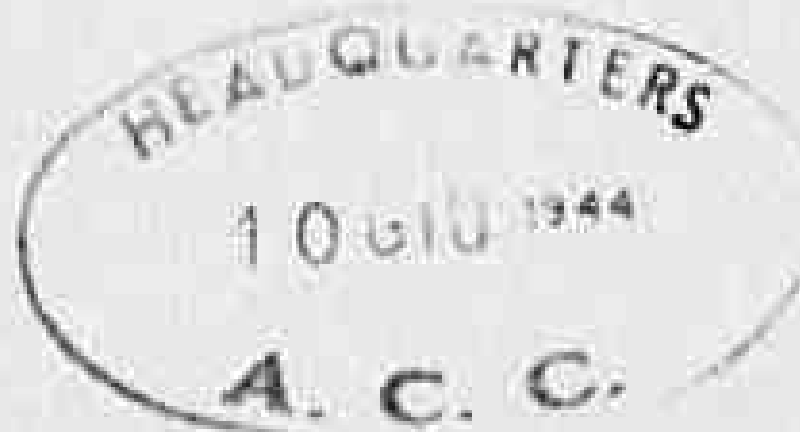
9 June 1944

SUBJECT: Seminary at BENEVENTO.

TO : R. C. & M. G. Section
Headquarters, A. C. C.

Reference your 431/49/CA dated 3 June 1944.

1. I forward copies of the report submitted by the Provincial Commissioner of Benevento on the a/m subject.



Charles Poletti
CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel, AUS
Regional Commissioner

Incl.

As above

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
HEADQUARTERS
PROVINCE OF BENEVENTO

File Ref. Acc/84/EF

SUBJECT: Seminary at BENEVENTO

TO : Headquarters Region 3, ACC

1. Reference your R/3147 of 6 June 44, the facts concerning requisitioning of Benevento Seminary are as follows:-

A. Steps taken in accordance with the Memorandum for requisitioning Seminary.

2. Memorandum 431/42/GA of 27 May 44 was received on 31 May. I was unable to gain an interview with H.E. the Archbishop of Benevento until 0930 on 1 June, when I advised him of the orders I had received, and handed him the letter enclosed therewith.

3. The Archbishop stated he desired to send a telegram to the Pope, and I said that I would be pleased to pass it to my HQ for transmission, but that it must be understood, in view of the orders I had received, that I was obliged to insist upon the Seminary being put at the disposal of the military authorities immediately, and that, from now on, access to the Seminary must be given to those authorities. He agreed to do this.

4. I offered His Excellency transport to assist in the removal of what he desired to take away from the Seminary, and, at his request, I agreed to ask the Town Major to have at least one room at the Seminary set aside as a store room for any property he desired to be stored there.

5. I told the Archbishop that as the Seminary had already been requisitioned by the Town Major six weeks ago- and held in abeyance, the requisition would become effective from that date, i.e. 1 June 44.

6. The Town Major was advised of what I had done and agreed to assist the Archbishop in every way.

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7. Major GLUCEMAN of the 106 So. African General Hospital, then at Benevento, whose Hospital will occupy the Seminary, was told of the arrangements, and I offered to assist him in every possible way. He was anxious to survey the Seminary, particularly the kitchens, and I made the necessary arrangements with the Archbishop.

B. Steps taken to provide adequate housing, etc.

8. I saw the Director of the Collegio La Salle, and he agreed to place accommodation at the College at the disposal of the Archbishop and Seminarists. I have already explained that the Collegio La Salle houses a total of 232 boarders - brothers, staff and pupils, that one hall is used by the ANSA as a cinema, other rooms are used by the Education Authorities of the Province as class-rooms, and still another by AGC for the distribution of Red Cross clothing. Sufficient accommodation was, however, available for the Seminarists, and the Director was very willing to help in every way, and I informed the Archbishop accordingly.

9. At the request of the Archbishop I arranged for three trucks to be at the Seminary on the morning of 2 June, and daily, as needed, and the Town Major, at my request, provided for soldiers to assist. I also provided, at the Archbishop's request, trucks to convey students to their homes in Foggia, Avellino, Benevento, and Naples Provinces. As the current term ends on 30 June, it was apparently decided that a number of the students would return to their homes.

C. Attitude of Archbishop to A and B

10. The attitude of the Archbishop to the requisitioning of the Seminary and his transfer and that of his staff to other accommodation was, outwardly at anyrate, one of resignation. I had, however, the feeling that this interruption of the life of the seminarists was looked upon by His Excellency as unreasonable.

11. So far as the alternative accommodation was concerned, he made no comment, except to ask me to see the Director of the Collegio La Salle, and I agreed to do so. As a matter of fact, the Archbishop had already agreed with me, provisionally, before Higher Authorities took matters out of my hands, to move into the Collegio La Salle and the Lower Seminary, and had consulted the Director of the Collegio La Salle on the matter, and they had reached agreement.

D. Extent to which DAS, AAI has availed himself of facilities thus placed at his disposal

12. As explained at para 7, Major GLUCKMAN, 106 So. African General Hospital, has been engaged planning the lay out of the Seminary as a hospital, but the Royal Engineers have not yet commenced work, in the repair (to some extent only) of bomb damage, and the erection of a number of internal walls of a temporary nature.

E. Physical condition of Seminary at time of requisition.

13. Except for internal and external damage of a localized nature resulting from two direct bomb hits, one in the South wing (front of the seminary) and the other on the west wing (allied bombing before our occupation), the building is in excellent condition, internally and externally, having been quite recently erected.

F. Details of structural changes effected or contemplated.

14. No structural changes have been effected and, at the moment, the only structural changes likely to be made (all in consultation between the Engineers and the Archbishop) are in a few cases the alteration of a few large windows into doorways for the purposes of internal communication.

Major GLUCKMAN assures me that no changes of a structural nature will be made without consultation and agreement with the Archbishop.

15. I maintain contact with the Town Major, who is the actual requisitioning authority, and he is showing every consideration to the Archbishop in so far as circumstances permit. This also applies to Major GLUCKMAN who tells me that the Archbishop is quite reasonable and helpful.

16. The Archbishop will move out of the Seminary in a day or so to the Collegio La Salle. Otherwise the Seminary is vacated but will not be ready to function as a hospital for another month, (and, as alterations have not commenced, there is

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still time to reconsider the taking over of the building as a hospital in view of our rapid advance northwards.

(s) P. J. ARMSTRONG
Lt. Col.
P. J. ARMSTRONG
Provincial Commissioner

8 June 44
Benevento

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PONTIFICIO SEMINARIO REGIONALE "PIO XI."

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To Headquarters Allied Control Commission

Sir,

having taken cognizance of information to deliver the Pontifical Seminary of Benevento for Military Hospital, having considered that this educating institution cannot to reach his end differently, I under signed consignee of the Seminary in Holy See's name protest because not authorized, declaring that the Seminary, which is unique institution for four provinces of Samnio, can live only independently of other educating institutions.

Augustin Marcenelli

Archbishop

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Augustin Mancinelli

Archbishop

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/431/49/OA.

3 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Seminary at BENEVENTO.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region III.

1. Reference is made to memorandum 431/42/OA of 27 May 1944 and to previous correspondence concerning requisitioning of Benevento Seminary.
2. The Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Area has now requested a full report on the status of the matter.
3. You are accordingly requested to submit at your earliest convenience a report indicating :
 - (a) Steps taken in accordance with the referred to memorandum of 27 May 1944 for requisitioning the Benevento premises.
 - (b) Steps taken to provide adequate housing for seminary personnel and students, including steps taken to facilitate their physical transfer to alternative accommodations.
 - (c) Attitude of the Archbishop regarding matters referred to in (a) and (b).
 - (d) Extent to which D.M.S., A.A.I. has availed himself of facilities thus placed at his disposal.
 - (e) Details of physical condition of the Benevento Seminary as of time of requisition.
 - (f) Details of any structural changes in the Seminary premises which may have been effected or which may be contemplated in consultation with the Archbishop.

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Executive Commissioner

M. B. LUEH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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June 3, 1944

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 BELLEVUE SEMINARY AS OF MAY TWO SEVEN PD PARA TO AMIR FOR OFFICE FIVE UNCLAS SUGAR
POLITICAL ADVISOR AND BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER FROM AOC MAIN FROM RACAPLANE PD PARA
 REFERENCE FOX FIVE THREE FOUR NINE ZERO OF JUNE ONE CITY FOX NOW GEORGE EASY GEORGE PD
 REGION THREE COMMISSIONER HAS BEEN ASKED FOR REPORT ON ANY DEVELOPMENTS SUBSEQUENT TO
 DECISION TO OCCUPY THE SEMINARY AS A MILITARY HOSPITAL PD PARA PD IN NOTIFIED THE
 ACHIEVEMENT OF BELLEVUE OF THE DECISION THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION EXPRESSED THE HOPE
 THAT THE USE OF THE SEMINARY WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE PROTRACTED AND THAT MILITARY
 EXERCISES PERMITTING IT MAY BE RELEASED BEFORE THE NEW SCHOLASTIC YEAR COMMENCES AT
 END OF SEPTEMBER PD IN INSTRUCTIONS OF MAY TWO SEVEN TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER REGION THREE
 HE WAS ASKED IN REQUISITIONING THE SEMINARY TO PROVIDE ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN
 EFFECTING TRANSFER OF SEMINARIAL PERSONNEL AS INDICATED IN MESSAGE REFERRED TO XXXX PD
 PARA PD WITH REGARD TO CONDITION OF PREMISES DOG NINE SUGAR ALE ALE ITEM REPORTED ON
 ONE MAY/SEVEN THAT QUOTE FAIRLY EXTENSIVE BOMB DAMAGE IN CERTAIN PARTS UNQUOTE LIMITED BOMB
 CAPACITY PD DESTRUCTION TO REGION THREE ALSO SAID THAT DISCOVER AS POSSIBLE REQUISITIONING

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OFFICERS SHOULD COMPLY WITH REQUEST OF LOCAL VATICAN REPRESENTATIVE THAT NO
STRUCTURAL CHANGES BE EFFECTED IN SEMINARY PREMISES WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION
WITH ARCHBISHOP PD DETAILED REPORT IS ALSO BEING ASKED FOR ON PREMISE CONDITION

L.T. MONTGOMERY, Jr.
1st Lt (AGD) /
ADJUTANT

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: ACC MAIN REPEATED IN MSGSIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N 71/01FROM: FREEDOM SLAVED SAVEDCLASSIFICATION: RESTRICTEDREFERENCE No: * 53490PRECEDENCE: NONEDATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUNE 1/2027 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE FIDES

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STATE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED REPORT ON PRESENT STATUS OF REVENUE SECURITIES AND GENERAL
CONDITION OF PREMISES. REQUEST INFORMATION ON WHICH TO BASE REPLY, AT YOUR EARLIEST
CONVENIENCE. INCLUDE HOW FAR YOU HAVE PROCEEDED WITH REQUISITION, AND HOW SEMINARIANS
HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED.



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CONFORMING TO LAST PARAGRAPH PAR 357, REPORT PROCEEDINGS BEING TAKEN FOR IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY PAPAL SEMINARY AT BENEFVENTO AS MILITARY HOSPITAL. MESSAGE OF 27 MAY FROM ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION IS AS FOLLOWS: PARA ON ORDERS FROM CINC, AAI, REGIONAL COMMISSIONER AND BEING INSTRUCTED THAT REQUIREMENTS OF OPERATIONS MAKE IT NECESSARY TO PROCEED TO REQUISITION ENTIRE BENEFVENTO SEMINARY FOR OCCUPANCY IMMEDIATELY AS MILITARY HOSPITAL. PARA THOUGH ARCHBISHOP DEEMED ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATIONS OF LOWER SEMINARY AND COLLEGGIO LABALLE TO BE INADEQUATE, IT HAS BEEN FOUND THAT THEY CAN HOUSE THE 105 PERSONS, INCLUDING 20 SISTERS AND 5 CIVILIANS, WHO MAKE UP THE ENTIRE PRESENT PERSONNEL OF BENEFVENTO SEMINARY STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS. PARA INSTRUCTIONS TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER ARE TO MAKE APPROPRIATE READJUSTMENTS SO THAT IF NECESSARY PERSONNEL OF LOWER SEMINARY (TOTAL 79, INCLUDING 10 SISTERS AND CIVILIANS) CAN ALSO BE ACCOMMODATED AT COLLEGGIO LABALLE AT BENEFVENTO. PARA MONSIGNOR CARROLL, VATICAN REPRESENTATIVE, HAS REQUESTED THAT PAPAL SECRETARY OF STATE BE ADVISED OF PRESENT DEVELOPMENT AND THAT ARCHBISHOP, WHO HAD CONSIDERED THE ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATIONS UNSATISFACTORY, HAD OFFERED HALF OF REGIONAL SEMINARY. PARA MONSIGNOR CARROLL HOPES THAT IF ENTIRE COLLEGGIO LABALLE IS MADE AVAILABLE TO PAPAL

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SECRETARY, ACCORD ACTIONS WILL PROVE ADEQUATE. PARA MONSIGNOR CARROL
WISHES PAPAL SECRETARY OF STATE TO BE TOLD THAT SEMINARIAN AT PERMOLO,
LAINO, CASFORABBO AND FORCIA, AND PART OF BENEVENTO BICOBBAN SEMIN-
ARY, HAVE ALREADY BEEN ORDERED TO THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES. PARA HERE
KNOWS PARAGRAPH OF ACC MESSAGE. PARA BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER IS
ASKING FOREIGN OFFICE TO TRANSMIT MONSIGNOR CARROL'S MESSAGE TO
VATICAN. PARA ADVANCED COMMISSION AMHQ REPORTED 14 JANUARY GREATEST
DIFFICULTY FINDING HOSPITAL ~~////~~ ACCOMMODATIONS; BOUGHT AUTHORITY
TO REQUISITION PAPAL SEMINARIES AT MOLFETTA (600 BEDS) AND BENEVENTO
(1400 BEDS). EACH CASE CAN BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF VATICAN THROUGH
BRITISH GOVERNMENT; WITH REQUEST ARCHBISHOP BE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE
AVAILABLE. AFTER LONG DELAY MOLFETTA STUDENTS WERE SETTLED ELSEWHERE
AND PREMISES OCCUPIED. PARA 15 APRIL AMHQ RELATED MESSAGE FROM
PAPAL SECRETARY OF STATE TO ARCHBISHOP OF BENEVENTO, TO FOLLOWING
EFFECT: PARA BRITISH MINISTER REQUESTS BENEVENTO SEMINARY FOR
HOSPITAL FOR WOUNDED; ACCOMMODATION URGENTLY NEEDED AND CAN NOT BE
FOUND ELSEWHERE. HOLY SEE FULFILLING ITS CHARITABLE MISSION IS
ALWAYS READY TO GRANT SUCH REQUESTS WHEREVER POSSIBLE. SEE WHAT
PROVISION YOU CAN MAKE FOR MOVING YOUR SEMINARY AND REPORT TO
ME URGENTLY, TO ENABLE ME TO REPLY TO BRITISH MINISTER

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7 MAY 1944

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MEMORANDUM
MAILED (HOURS) OF PRESENT
R.O. & H.O. Section
NO 304

22/31/43/04.

27 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Regulation of Barrovento Railway.

TO : Chief Administrative Officer, R.O. & H.O.

1. Reference is made to your Memorandum of 19 May 1944, concerning hospital accommodations at Barrovento railway. There is enclosed a copy of instruction to the Regional Commissioner, Region 3, to secure the entire premises for use as a military hospital.

2. It is recommended that, subject to military exigencies, utilization of the railway as a hospital be limited to as brief a period as possible. If it could be arranged, it would be desirable that the premises be returned to the railway authorities by the opening of the new administrative year at the end of September.

Executive Commissioner

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
for Chief Commissioner.

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D.S. & H.O. Section.

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Mr. P.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
E.O. & P.O. Section
APO 394

Ref: 101/42/01.

27 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Seminary at Benavente.

TO : Regional Commander Region XII.

1. Reference previous correspondence concerning requisitioning of the Benavente Seminary.
2. The Commander-in-Chief has instructed the Allied Control Commission to arrange for the immediate requisitioning of the Benavente Seminary for use as a military hospital. He has considered the offer made by the Archbishop to place half the Seminary at our disposal and has ruled that requirements of operations in this theater will not permit acceptance of the offer.
3. You are requested to arrange (1) that the building be requisitioned, and be made available for immediate use for hospital purposes; and (2) that the entire Collegio Localle be placed at the disposal of the requisitioned Seminary. The necessary re-adjustments should be made to provide adequate housing for the Seminary personnel and students.
4. All possible assistance should be rendered in effecting the move which should take place as soon as possible. The local representative of the Vatican has requested that no major structural changes be effected in the Seminary premises without prior consultation with the Archbishop. This request should be complied with insofar as possible.
5. In informing the Archbishop of the decision of the Allied authorities, please deliver the enclosed communication to him.

Executive Commissioner

Brigadier,
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER,
FOR CHINA COMMISSION.

Copy to:

C.A.C., S.A.I.
3 District.
D.A.C., S.A.I.

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May 27, 1944.

Your Excellency:

Following the kind offer on Your Excellency made of half of the Regional Seminary at Benevento for use as a military hospital, the matter has been further studied by the Chief Medical Advisor, Allied Armies in Italy, to determine whether the Seminary was essential for use as a military hospital, and if so, how much could be left available for Seminary purposes. I am now informed by the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in Italy, that the Allied Armies are urgently in need of suitable accommodation for the hospital. General Alexander has examined the question personally and informs the Allied Control Commission that the offer of placing half the Seminary at the disposal of the Allied troops does not provide a solution because this portion of the building is too small to accommodate the general hospital. He requires the entire Pontifical Seminary for immediate occupancy.

Consequently the Regional Commissioner has been instructed to place the entire Colleggio Lasalle at the disposal of the Pontifical Seminary as well as the Lower Seminary as alternative accommodations and to arrange whatever adjustments in the accommodation may be found necessary to house the Seminary personnel and students. The Regional Commissioner has been further instructed to place his services at your disposal to facilitate the move which must take place at the earliest possible date.

The Allied authorities are informed that the Colleggio Lasalle can house the entire Seminary personnel and students, but that it is not suitable for hospital requirements. Although these accommodations may not be as convenient as the present arrangements, they should, with adjustment, be able to take care of all persons now in residence in the Seminary without over-crowding. It is the hope of the Allied authorities that the use of the Seminary will

His Excellency,
The Archbishop of Benevento.

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not be required for too long a period, and that, subject to military exigencies, it may be released prior to the re-opening of the new scholastic year. The Allied authorities are informing His Holiness that it has not been possible to accept your offer and that they are proceeding to requisition the Seminary. Should you desire to send a communication to the Vatican, I shall be glad to arrange that it be forwarded promptly.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Samuel Reber
Vice President Allied Control Commission

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

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TO: AFHQ FOR C-5
REPEATED LIAI, HQ GRAP
FROM: - ACC MAIN
REFERENCE No: 5521
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: May 17, noon
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No:
CLASSIFICATION: SECRET
PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: Political Section

UPON INSTRUCTIONS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF ARRE ARRE ITEM ORDERS ARE
BEING ISSUED TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS THAT REQUIREMENTS OF OPERATIONS
MAY BE NECESSARY TO PROCEED TO REQUISITION THE ENTIRE BENEVENTO
SEMINARY FOR IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY AS A MILITARY HOSPITAL RE PAREN TO
AFHQ FOR MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION, UNDER BRIGADIER POLITICAL ADVISOR
AND BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER REPEATED TO ARRE ARRE ITEM CMA ROY CUREN
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WERE INADEQUATE CMA IT HAS BEEN ASCERTAINED THAT THEY CAN HOUSE ENTIRE
PRESENT PERSONNEL BENEVENTO SEMINARY STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS WHICH AT
PRESENT TOTAL ONE ZERO FIVE INCLUDING TWO ZERO SISTERS AND FIVE CIVILIANS
RE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE RE BASE
ADJUSTMENTS SO THAT IF NECESSARY PERSONNEL OF THE LOWER SEMINARY TOTALING
SEVEN NINE CMA INCLUDING ONE ZERO SISTERS AND SIX CIVILIANS CMA CAN BE
ALSO HOUSED AT COLLEGIO LASALLE IN BENEVENTO PARA MONSIGNOR CARROLL CMA

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NOTICE REPRESENTATIVE CMA REQUESTS THAT THE CARDINAL SECRETARY OF
STATE BE INFORMED OF THE PRESENT DEVELOPMENT AND THAT THE ARCHBISHOP
WHO HAS JUDGED THE ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATIONS UNSATISFACTORY CMA HAS
OFFERED ONE HALF OF THE BUDGETAL FUNDING TO CARROLL HOPES THAT IF
THE ENTIRE COLLECCIO LARALIS IS PLACED AT DISPOSAL OF SEMINARY CMA
ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE FOUND ADEQUATE PD CARROLL LIKEWISE WISHED
CARDINAL SECRETARY OF STATE TO BE INFORMED THAT SEMINARIES FOGGIA
AND LARINO CMA TRENOLI CMA CAMPOBASSO AND PART OF SENEVENTO DIOCESAN
SEMINARY HAVE ALREADY BEEN CANCELED TO THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES

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General The Hon. Sir Harold R.L.G. Alexander,
Commander-in-Chief,

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ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

C.M.F.

24 MAY 44.

HQ ACC, APO 30

25 MAY 44
D.F.E.

Dear Mason MacFarlane

At your request I have investigated the question of requisitioning the BENEVENTO Seminary for use as a Military Hospital.

We are in great difficulties as regards the provision of suitable accommodation for our hospitals. The offer which has been made for placing half of the Seminary at our disposal does not provide any solution, because this portion of the building is too small to accommodate a General Hospital.

I have come to the conclusion that the requirements of operations in this theatre including, as they do, provision of adequate hospital accommodation, make it necessary that the BENEVENTO Seminary should be requisitioned and I shall be glad if you will take the necessary steps to that end.

Yours Sincerely,

H.R. Alexander

Lieutenant-General Sir Frank M. Mason MacFarlane,
K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,
Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

Political Section

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H.R. Alexander

You can now
go ahead. hmr

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PARA ONE. REQUEST REPORT ON BENEVENTO PROVIDED IN YOUR 5185 OF 17 MAY. PARA TWO. FOREIGN
OFFICE PRESSING FOR ANSWER TO QUESTION IN 131008 OF 12 APRIL

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Brigadier Luth
You may wish to
see them.

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Thank you.
M 12/10.

22 May 1944

The question of requisitioning of the Benevento Seminary, Vatican property, for use as a military hospital has reached the point at which I must refer to you for a ruling.

2. At the request of A.A.I. negotiations were undertaken with the Archbishop of Benevento to obtain the use of the Seminary for this purpose. The Archbishop made an offer of half of the Seminary, but insisted that the alternative accommodations offered him for Seminary purposes were insufficient if he were required to vacate the property.

3. The Chief Medical Officer, A.A.I., visited Benevento on 15 May for the purpose of determining, first, if the Seminary was required as a military hospital, and if so, how much, and whether the Archbishop's offer could be accepted. It was also determined in this connection that the alternate accommodations offered could, with certain re-adjustments, accommodate all persons now in the Seminary without overcrowding.

4. General Sutton has now reported that the entire building together with the adjoining house is required, and the Chief Administrative Officer has requested that the entire property be secured for use as a military hospital.

5. A.F.H.Q. has ruled in its telegram F41945, May 5, that any question of occupying Vatican property should be referred to A.F.H.Q. with a view to further reference to the Combined Chiefs of Staff except in cases of over-riding operational necessity when a report should immediately be submitted. In view of the difficulty which arose in connection with the requisitioning of the Molfetta Seminary, A.F.H.Q. is most anxious to avoid any misunderstanding or similar difficulty as regards Benevento (see telegram

General Sir Harold R. Alexander, G.C.B., C.S.I., D.S.O., M.C.
Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in Italy.

See any further action?
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F45650, May 14).

6. Prior to informing the Archbishop on behalf of A.A.I. that the Seminary must be vacated and that the alternative accommodations will be made available with the necessary readjustments to house the Seminary personnel and students, I should be grateful for your decision whether it is required for reasons of over-riding operational necessity.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General,
Chief Commissioner.

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HQ,
A.C.C.

Further to this HQ Signal Q 2191 dated 11 May, 44, and visit by D.M.S. of this HQ to BENEVENTO Seminary on 15 May, 44.

1. Copy of the D.M.S.'s report on the accommodation BENEVENTO is attached for your information.
2. Since the whole of the Seminary is required in order to provide adequate accommodation for a 600-bed hospital, the suggestion put forward by the Archbishop that only a part of the Seminary should be surrendered for military occupation cannot be accepted.
3. It is, therefore, requested that you proceed in accordance with paragraph 3(d) of AFHQ Signal FMSB P.41945 dated 5 May, 44, to secure the whole premises for use as a Military Hospital.

W. R. L. S. S. S.
Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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Subject:- Benevento Seminary.

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HQ AAI,
C.M.F.

Ext. 323
3522 W.

17 May 44.

D.M.S.,
HQ AAI.

Copies to:- D.D.M.S., 3 District } for information.
A. HQ AAI

On 15/5/44, accompanied by D.D.M.S., 3 District, I made a reconnaissance of the Pontifical Regional Seminary at BENEVENTO with a view to its use as a hospital for British troops.

The building is well sited and built, and lends itself well to conversion into a good hospital. Owing, however, to fairly extensive bomb damage in certain parts, it cannot hold more than a 600 bed hospital with possible expansion to 800 in the future. Its outward appearance is misleading in respect of its holding capacity.

For these reasons the suggestion put forward by the pontifical authorities, namely that only one half of the seminary should be taken over for hospital purposes, cannot be entertained. The whole building, together with the adjoining house, for use as Nursing Sisters' quarters, is required and it is requested that steps be taken to evacuate the present residents and make the building available as soon as possible for military medical purposes.

A South African General Hospital is held in readiness to go in and open up as soon as the building becomes available.

(Sgd.) E.A. SUTTON,
Major-General,
D.M.S., A.A.I.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U. S. ARMY

18 May 1944

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SUBJECT: Seminary at Benevento.
TO : Provincial Commissioner
Benevento.

Reference your ACC/70/HP of 16 May 1944.

1. The contents of your a/s letter and previous correspondence have been duly noted.
2. The question has now reached so high a level that it is not considered necessary for you to take any active part therein. You should, however, be prepared to place your services at the disposal of any of the parties concerned, should the necessity arise.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Alex H. White
ALEX H. WHITE
Lt. Col.
Executive Officer

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Hq., A.C.C. *←*
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HEADQUARTERS
18 MAY 1944
A. C. C. 3753

BENEVENTO
HEADQUARTERS
RE: N 3. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

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27 March 1944

SUBJECT: Use of Benevento Seminary as a Hospital.
TO : A.C.C., Headquarters. (Executive Officer).

1. After much discussion the major portion of the Benevento Seminary has been earmarked for use as an Army Hospital by 57 Area. It is available as soon as required. A separate minor portion of the Seminary is being reserved for the use of the Arch-Bishop and his Staff.

Charles Poletti
CHARLES POLETTI
Lt Colonel, AUS,
Regional Commissioner

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Ex Ensign has been
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Col Baruch
57 Area.

Spoke with Col Forester
has been asked
to see if he can
help with the
hospital
at the Benevento Seminary

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~~Polities~~
Mr. Riker. H.

Thank you -
appears to have been
a difficult afternoon!
Ed Bowman's final
paragraph is important
& should, I think, at
some time be conveyed
to Houghton. Careful.

M. L. V.

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Brigadier Lusk
Reverend Brown's
report on the Benevento visit.
Could I have it back please
when you have read it.

If General Sutton does not
let me know his decision shortly
I'll ring him up.

V. P.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
H.C. & M.G. SECTION
Civil Affairs Branch
APO 394

Ref/133/ /CA

15 May 1944

MEMORANDUM: Inspection of Benevento Seminary.

1. Pursuant to instructions from Brigadier Lush and after consultation with Mr. Reber of the Political Section, I proceeded to Benevento this date, arriving at 1315. On arrival, I stopped at the office of Major Armstrong and took him with me to the Benevento Regional Seminary where I met Major General Sutton, Director of Medical Services, A.A.I., who had just commenced an inspection of the Seminary.

2. I told the General that I should appreciate an opportunity to express to him the position and recommendations of A.C.C. with regard to the requisitioning of the Seminary, to which he replied that he would like to have this, but would prefer first to complete his physical survey of the premises. I thereupon accompanied him on a complete tour of the Seminary building, inspecting all portions except the nuns' quarters, which include the kitchen, and are "off limits" to laymen.

3. As the party moved about, I found opportunity to present our ideas to the General in somewhat piecemeal fashion. In order to have opportunity for a more exhaustive discussion, I suggested near the end of the tour that the General should have a simple map or sketch of the layout of the buildings. Upon inquiry it was determined that no such plan was available and the General detailed a couple of his officers to go and prepare one on the spot.

4. This gave me full opportunity to discuss all aspects of the matter which I did, following the line suggested to me, and stressing the desirability of accepting the Archbishop's offer of one-half of the Seminary for reasons with which we are familiar. The General at first expressed disinterest in the matters which I discussed with him, stating that he had not yet decided whether he desired the Seminary building as a hospital, or if he did, how much of it; that the purpose of his trip was solely to inspect the property and that he had no intention to, and would not, meet the Archbishop at this time or be a party to any negotiations with him. However,

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he said he was thus far very favorably impressed with the possibilities of the building and that he probably would want all of it. I again expounded our point of view in this matter and, I believe, made some impression. At least the General had some discussion with members of his party as to which half of the building would be most suitable and told me very firmly that if such an arrangement were made the question of which half it took would have to be left to the Army.

5. Nevertheless I anticipate that the General will at least initially report to his headquarters that he desires the entire building.

6. At about this time, having learned that His Eminence was not at home, I delivered to the young priest who served as our guide, the letter that Mr. Reber had given me for delivery to him.

7. The members of his party not having returned, I found opportunity to give the General a little more of the background of the situation, referring to, among other things, the original suggestion from the Archbishop that the Army consider as alternative accommodation for the hospital, the Colleggio de Lasalle property in the center of the city of Benevento. I pointed out that His Eminence had accused us of not having given sufficient consideration to alternative sites and that for this reason that an inspection by the General of the Colleggio de Lasalle would add weight to his final conclusions as to the indispensability of the Seminary. The General agreed, and when the balance of his party returned we proceeded to, and inspected the Colleggio, which I was also interested in seeing because of the part it might play as alternative accommodation for the Seminary.

8. The Colleggio is much older than the Seminary and has winding stairways difficult for stretcher lifting, high ceilings and comparatively little plumbing. I am quite sure that the General felt from the beginning that it would not be suitable as a hospital, but asked him to refrain from reaching any final conclusion on this point until he had, at his headquarters, considered all factors involved.

9. When the General left me he expressed his intention to return to his headquarters, reach a final conclusion and express that conclusion to the Commanding General, A.A.I., who would in turn communicate it to us with appropriate

Instructions.

10. After the General's departure I personally inspected the so-called "Lower Seminary" or "Archbishop's Seminary" in company with Major Armstrong and the Town Major.

11. Persons actually residing at the present time in the several buildings, according to the best information available, are as follows:

Regional (Benevento) Seminary - 105 (including 20 sisters and 5 civilians)

Lower Seminary - 79 (including 10 sisters and 6 civilians)

Lasalle College - about 250 students and 100 faculty and members of the staff.

12. All buildings are under-occupied, and there is no doubt in my mind that the Colleggio and the Lower Seminary, with certain appropriate readjustments, could accommodate all persons now in residence in the Upper Seminary without overcrowding, although obviously with less comfort and convenience than they enjoy at present.

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GEORGE SUGAR CMA USMC SUGAR POLITICAL ADVISOR AND BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER
FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE REPEATED TO AAI AND HEADQUARTERS MAAP PAREN
 PARA MESSAGE FROM HOLY SEE TO ARCHBISHOP BENEVENTO SENT HIM BY REGIONAL
 COMMISSIONER APRIL TWO TWO PD SUBSEQUENT CONFERENCES WITH THE ARCHBISHOP HAVE
 GIVEN RISE TO THE FORMAL OFFER ON HIS PART, DATED MAY ONE ONE OF APPROXIMATELY
 ONE HALF OF THE REGIONAL SEMINARY AT BENEVENTO FOR USE AS A MILITARY HOSPITAL
 PD IN MAKING THIS DECISION THE ARCHBISHOP STATED THAT HE MUST INSIST THAT CMA
 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE CARDINAL SECRETARY OF STATE CMA THE
 SEMINARY BE PERMITTED TO FUNCTION EFFICIENTLY AND CONSIDERS THAT AS FIVE
 SEMINARIES IN THE PROVINCE OF BENEVENTO HAVE ALREADY BEEN GRANTED TO THE ALLIED
 AUTHORITIES FOR USE AS MILITARY HOSPITALS CMA HIS PROPOSAL TO GIVE HALF THE
 SEMINARY REPRESENTS THE MAXIMUM CONCESSION POSSIBLE PD UPON THE RECEIPT OF A
 COMMUNICATION FROM MONSIGNOR GAMBOLL MAKING THIS OFFER IN THE NAME OF THE
 ARCHBISHOP IT WAS ARRANGED THAT MAJOR GENERAL BUTTON CMA CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER
 CMA ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY CMA SHOULD VISIT BENEVENTO ON MAY ONE FIVE TO
 DETERMINE WHETHER THE SEMINARY WAS REQUIRED FOR USE AS A MILITARY HOSPITAL AND
 IF SO CMA HOW MUCH AND WHETHER THE ARCHBISHOP'S OFFER COULD BE ACCEPTED PD IF
 IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ACCEPT THE OFFER CMA SUBSTITUTE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE
 SEMINARY WILL BE OFFERED IN BENEVENTO WHICH CMA WHILE ADEQUATE TO HOUSE THE

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SEMINARY IF DIVIDED CMA ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR HOSPITAL PURPOSES PD PARA AS
SOON AS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION IS INFORMED OF GENERAL SUTTON'S DECISION
CMA NEGOTIATIONS WILL CONTINUE AND ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS WILL BE INFORMED

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LT. MONTAGN, JR
2nd Lt, AGC
Adjutant

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Gen. Sutton (Adms)
hopes to visit Benvenuto
on Sunday p.m. &
would be most grateful
for your support. He
will confirm time later

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20th General Hospital,
A.P. O. 378, U.S. Army,

May 11, 1944.

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Sam Seber, Esq.,
Vice President, Allied Control Commission,
Political Section,
Naples,

Dear Mr. Seber,

Following our general conference Tuesday, I had occasion to study with His Excellency the Archbishop of Benevento the entire question of the Pontifical Regional Seminary in the light of the various proposals that had been made at the meeting. His Excellency, while insisting that the Pontifical Seminary must continue to function efficiently, in accordance with the instructions of His Eminence the Cardinal Secretary of State, again expressed, however, a sincere desire to be of the greatest possible assistance to the Allied Authorities in their effort to find accommodations for another hospital in the Benevento area.

At the conclusion of the conversation between Archbishop Mancinelli and myself, the latter expressed his willingness to offer to the Allied Authorities a part (approximately one half) of the Regional Seminary at Benevento for use as a military hospital. His Excellency has decided - and after studying the facts - must concur in this decision - that other suggestions put forward at the general meeting cannot be accepted as practical by the Ecclesiastical Authorities of the Benevento region, who have already ceded five diocesan seminaries in that Province to the Allied Government for use as military hospitals.

I feel confident that the Allied Authorities, understanding, as they must, the importance which the Holy See attaches to the Pontifical Regional Seminaries, will find this offer quite acceptable. In that case details may be worked out locally between the Allied officials and His Excellency Archbishop Mancinelli.

I am taking the liberty to request that you kindly forward to His Eminence the Cardinal Secretary of State (through the Apostolic Delegation at Washington) the enclosed telegram, informing His Eminence of the decision taken in regard to the Benevento Seminary.

With the renewed assurance of my sentiments of cordial esteem and high consideration, I remain

Very Sincerely yours,

Walter S. Carroll

Mons. Walter S. Carroll,
Secretariat of State of His Holiness.

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TELEGRAM

Apostolic Delegate

Washington, D.C.

Please inform Cardinal Secretary of State that Archbishop of Benevento, judging accomodation offered for Pontifical Seminary to be inadequate and unsuitable, has offered Allied Authorities one half of Regional Seminary for use as military hospital. Entire seminaries of Foggia Larino Termoli Campobasso and part of Benevento diocesan seminary already ceded to Allies

Monsignor Walter Carroll

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C.A. Br.

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CONSIDER CCS DIRECTIVE IN PARA THREE (OF OUR F 41945 OF 5 MAY; ALSO FILFOE MESSAGE
Q 2171 OF 9 MAY AND 2191 OF 13 MAY) ALSO REQUEST YOUR REPORT IN OUR F 44127 OF 16 MAY.
PARA. AS ARE INFORMED THAT STATEMENT IN YOUR 2552 OF 24 MARCH OR MCEPATTA, AS CORRECTED
BY 2615 OF 26 MARCH, IS NOT CORRECTED. IMPORTANT TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING OF
BRIEFING. REQUEST IN YOURS COMPLETE REPORT REQUEST TO ADVISE AFHQ TO SUBMIT CASE TO
COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF AS REQUESTED. YOUR REPORT SHOULD COVER NOT ONLY QUESTIONS IN
OUR F 31009 OF 12 APRIL, BUT ALSO EXPLAIN ANSWERS TO DATES OF REPLY BY ARCHIBALD TO
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Ref: 133/78/CA20th May 1944

Subject:

To : Political Section.

133/CA

1. I have sent a message through the Liaison Officer, HQ. AAI, to the C.A.O. asking whether AAI intend to issue a directive on the lines of AAI telegram M41945 of 5th May. I have suggested that this directive should be an agreed one issued after consultation with ourselves and the Legal Sub-Commission.

2. I have sent a message to the C.A.O. that no further steps will be taken by us in connection with the occupation of HENDONTO Seminary until I receive in writing a request from AAI that having regard to para. (B) of this document, they instruct or request us to take up the question of the occupation of the seminary as a case of overriding operational necessity.

MIL/JL

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Lt.Col. Bowen, Chief Liaison Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
H.C. & W.G. SECTION
Civil Affairs Branch.
APO 394

Ref/133/GA/77.

8 May 1944.

TO: Mr. Heber, Political Section.

FR: Lt. Col. Alfred C. Bowman.

Immediately after our talk with Brigadier Lush, Major Armstrong, CAO at Benevento, called to say that the Archbishop would not be able to come in this afternoon. I have accordingly so notified Brigadier Bruxton Randall of 57th Area and have arranged for a meeting in Colonel Fiske's office in this building at 1530 hours tomorrow, Tuesday, 9 May.

In view of this development, I have thought it best not to attempt myself to reach or to discuss the matter with Brigadier Ritchie, Brigadier Paton or Father O'Hara unless further instructions are received.

Please bear in mind, however, that a meeting has now been definitely arranged for tomorrow afternoon and that the parties concerned will be here unless seasonably notified to the contrary.

Meeting now at

300 San Hospital & Naples

9 May 1944

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ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Lt. Col.
Asst. Director
Civil Affairs Branch.

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Gen Fiske

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CAPE
MEXICO

Benvenuto Secretary

Monday PM - not must know

(1) How much of the money is
actually needed by the City

(2) What are the proposed
alternatives accumulating

A representative of the Repur
Premier should be available to
be here with all info -

Letter for Army if there is any suggestion

The Archbishop will be here

Monday PM or Tuesday

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Mr Peter will notify when
time is known -

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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SUBJECT *Vietnam Property (Private Business)*
TO *Mr. Reber*

FILE No. *133* *CH*
AMGOT HQ. SICILY
3 May 1944

Col Pollette states that his last talk on this subject ended with 'M. Carroll stating "I can do nothing further until I hear the results of Negotiations in Wash DC" This information was given 3 days ago

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W.C.
JAMES T. CURLISSE
CAPTAIN

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at 1st Stage

1. Pl. Sec 70. Reg III Should be asked why
CA memo for the Archbishop. passed
to them on 11 April (at 63) was
not given to the Archbishop till
22 April (vide 70)

2. No further action possible at present.
Reg III are making head as soon as
they can provide answers to 65.
68 will keep M.S.S. quiet -
we hope.

25/4

Capt S

~~A draft of letter (at 1) with, using C.I.~~

Porter

Keep at Reg III. for 3131

he is looking into this. Archbishop
will not deal. Contact with M. Carroll. Get Porter
in working time & will let us know in time.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PROVINCE OF NAPLES
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
MUNICIPIO, NAPLES

Subject:- Benevento Seminary.

Ref.AMG/PHD/428.

To:- R.P.H.O.,
Region 3.

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Reference attached letter, Archbishop Mancinelli was interviewed on 21/4/44.

He had received no information at all about this subject, and said that he could make no move in the matter until he received official intimation from the Vatican. A copy of attached letter has, therefore, been sent to him by Provincial Commissioner, Benevento Province, but it is considered that, if the message could be sent as an official telegram to him from the Vatican through Region 3 Headquarters it would have more weight.

The Archbishop will, it is certain, cooperate fully in this matter once he is assured that Vatican permission has been granted, and, in an effort to save time, it was proposed to him that the matter be discussed with Provincial Commissioner (or his representative), senior Medical Officer (British Army) concerned, and himself, when mutually agreeable arrangements could be arrived at. As soon as the assurance he desires arrives he is willing to do this. Then the accommodation question could be settled; how much will be required cannot be known until Army requirements are definitely stated.

Naples.
22/4/44.

W. MacKenzie
Capt., R.A.M.C.
Wm. MacKenzie, Capt.,
P.P.H.O.,
Benevento Province.

Copy to:- Regional Commissioner, Region 3.
Deputy Executive Commissioner, R.O. & M.C. Section.
Provincial Commissioner, Benevento Province.

HEADQUARTERS
23 APR 1944
A. C. C.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. Section
APO 394

COPY.

Ref/133/63/CA.

11 April 1944

SUBJECT/ Benevento Seminary.

To:- R.C. Region III.

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If cession is arranged proper act of delivery with guarantee of restitution and complete inventory should be executed."

2. The normal procedure is for such matters to be dealt with through Monsignor Carroll but unfortunately he is sick in hospital.
3. Will you, therefore, convey the message to Archbishop Mancinelli and give all facilities that will enable reply to be sent.

W. Driffield White, Maj. G.2.
for Norman E. Fiske
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to:- Monsignor Carroll.

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PAIDIA (Civil Affairs Branch)

24 April 1964

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URGENT

MATTER WILL BEING INVESTIGATION WILL REPORT SOONEST TO BUREAU FOR
HIS FROM PAIDIA TO BUREAU OF 31009 OF 12 APRIL

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L.T. MONTAGNE, Jr.
2nd Lt. ADJ.
Adjutant.

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Capt Steward

I see from 66 you are handling this.
Has any reply been sent by you to 64.
If not with the latest facts in your
possession you can no doubt concoct
a suitable reply.

JL 22/4

Subj Shlop

He discussed the matter. Date
returned to you.

JL 22/4

Capt Talbot

Little action must play. Can you find out from
Region 10 what day plane came about 63 and
get info from them to reply to 64.

JL 9/

2. If you can't get enough lead in
reply - we must get something off. W. L.

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JL 24/4

SUBJECT: Seminary at BENEVENTO.
TO : Executive Commissioner.

81 April 1944. 7/

1. I have spoken to Capt. Campbell of Col. Poletti's office and asked him what the position was in respect of the Seminary. Later this afternoon he telephoned me to say that Major MacKenzie, the M.O. at BENEVENTO, had visited the Archbishop and explained the position to him.
2. Apparently the Archbishop had not been informed previously about the taking over of the Seminary and although very cooperative, said that he would not vacate the place without official word from the Vatican.
3. Major Armstrong is preparing a memorandum for the Archbishop giving the ruling from the Resident Minister. The Archbishop is apparently prepared to act on instructions from Major Armstrong.
4. Arrangements have been made for the principle M.O. in the district to survey the ground with Major Armstrong to see whether it would be adaptable and how many could be housed.
5. I suggested that before any further action be taken that Major MacKenzie should see Col. Poletti. This meeting will take place tomorrow. I will ask Col. Poletti to let you have a full report on the situation.

Thank you.

Nothing should be done.

about actual move without

consultation with Messrs. Condit

Tell R.C. so.

M/2 of H.C.

*I have no indicated verbally,
R.C. Apr. 22/4.*

*A.J. STEWART,
Captain.*

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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APO 394

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Ref/133/65/CA.

13 April 1944.

SUBJECT: RESERVATO Seminary.

TO : R.C. Region III.

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1. Further to this H.Q. letter 133/63/CA of 11 April 1944, we have been asked to supply answers to the following questions:

- (a) Where is the alternative accommodation suggested for RESERVATO Seminarists.
- (b) Does the local Bishop approve the allocation of the alternative premises.
- (c) What are the present numbers of :
 - (i) Students,
 - (ii) Professors,
 - (iii) Superiors,in the Seminary.
- (d) If another seminary now in use is proposed as alternative accommodation, what are the present numbers for (i), (ii) and (iii) as in (c) above.

2. As this information is required urgently by the Vatican, will you please endeavour to obtain it immediately.

see 64

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RODMAN E. PIERCE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

see 64

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**ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE**

MSG Center No. N 28/12
Classification SECRET
Precedence priority
From FREEDOM SIGNED UENC
To PATIMA FOR MAFARLANE

Date Time Rec'd APRIL 12/1455
Date Time Sent APRIL 12/1132
Reference No. F 31009
Cite FMGS

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VATICAN DESIRES INFORMATION FIRST WHERE IS ALTERNATIVE ACCOMODATION SUGGESTED FOR BENEVENTO SEMINARISIS; SECOND DOES LOCAL BISHOP APPROVE ALLOCATION OF ALTERNATIVE PREMISES ; THIRD PRESENT TOTAL OF STUDENTS, PROFESSORS AND SUPERIORS AT BENEVENTO SEMINARY; FOURTH SIMILAR TOTALS FOR OTHER SEMINARY PROPOSED FOR THEIR USE. ANSWERS REQUESTED SOONEST

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MORIAN E. PENCE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Copy to: Monsignor Carroll.

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B/U 15/4/44

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Re Sec 61. 53 refers. P.E.C. has want
to see at Supper no action necessary.
8/4.

Col Fisher

To Sec 61 I agree no action is
necessary except to pass to Reg III.
This is the first of the messages we have had
on this new device.

Brigadier

8/4

to Sec. Action after Monsignor
Conrad returns from 3401. 3722

Monsignor Conrad is ill in
hospital. Pass to Reg III for action
(for "certified true copy" in tel: paraphrased)

AM 10/4

Major D.W.
R. Amange
8/10/4

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Subject: BENEVENTO Seminary

Lt Col Shupp

To see b. 53 refers. DEC has want
to see at support no action necessary.
8/6/4.

Col Fisher

To see b. 1 agree no action is
necessary except to pass to Reg III.
This is the first of the messages we have had
on this new device.

8/7/4

Brig High

to see. Action after Manigault
Council returns from SARE. 3722

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Manigault Carroll is ill in
hospital. Pass to Reg III for action
(for "certified true copy" in bcl. paraphrase)

8/10/4

Major Dwy
R. anag
8/10/4

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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MSG CENTER NO : 13/06
CLASSIFICATION : CONFIDENTIAL
PRIORITY : ROUTINE
DATE/TIME REC'D : 060223Z
DATE/TIME SENT : 052033Z
REFERENCE NR : W28133
SUBJECT : FREEDOM AND TENG FROMETS : PHINC
COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH INO AFHQ
TO : FIL PATINA

FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM CARDINAL MAGLIANO, VATICAN, FOR ARCH-
BISHOP MARCINELLI, BENEVENTO. BRITISH MINISTER IN ROME WANTS HIS GOVERNMENT
HAS ASKED FOR THE REGIONAL SEMINARY BENEVENTO FOR FOUR MONTHS AS HOSPITAL
FOR WOUNDED FOR WHOM ACCOMMODATION IS URGENTLY NEEDED AND WHO CANNOT BE
SUITABLY ACCOMMODATED ELSEWHERE. AS YOUR EXCELLENCY KNOWS HOLY SEE IS
FULFILLING ITS CHARITABLE MISSION IS ALWAYS READY TO GRANT SUCH REQUESTS
WHENEVER POSSIBLE. I WOULD THEREFORE BE GLAD IF YOU WOULD SEE HOW ITS
POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE CONVENIENT FOR ACCOMMODATION OF SEMINARY AND WILL
WORTHY BE URGENTLY SO AS TO ENABLE ME TO REPLY TO BRITISH MINISTER.
IN CASE OF CESSATION YOUR EXCELLENCY SHOULD ARRANGE FOR PROPER ACT OF
RESTITUTION WITH FULL INVENTORY AND A GUARANTEE OF RESTITUTION

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Info - D. E. E

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6 APR 1944
A. C. C.

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TO FLASCO RPTD DENTHREE PATINA

FROM RASCO RPTD NUMBER 60522 5 MARCH 1944 CINC CITY PHOEN

SECRET.

VATICAN SIDING REPORTED OF SITUATION PRESENTED IN YOUR 420559 AS TO REVERSING
SEMINARY WITH STRONG REQUEST FOR SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO SEMINANT AUTHORITIES TO MOVE.

YOU SHOULD KEEP ACC INFORMED AND CALL ON THEM FOR SUCH COUNSEL AND ASSISTANCE AS
THEY CAN GIVE



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