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BENEVENTO SEMINARY
SEPT. 1944 - JAN. 1945

Capt. Runden.

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Will go to Pl. find out from Southern Regn
what Bunker's coming in been
returning? Page 55 & Subsequent pages
refer to. (See p. 111)

Exhibit 20/100.

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W. J. Talbot

Ref 110 above please see 113.
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is responsible but AFHQ letter 95 does not use
'restoration' in this sense. Looks like a misunder-
standing somewhere. Will not it fast be responsible?

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Capt. Runden.

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Yes, a definite misunderstanding!
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suit in the instance to ensure

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Cyrus Madden.

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What AC is required to do is
contained in paras 2 & 3 of 95 &
Southern Region must be asked to file
a sufficient information to enable us
to comply. ~~What is the~~ to provide
Let the Pakistan Engineer report
come in and we can then forward
it to AFHQ and it will be for them
to decide whether a letter is
will effect that sort of instruction.

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This no 119 noted by team on

Cyrus Madden

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C-45 (126)
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q(Maint) Section

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SUBJECT : RENEVENTO Seminary

Tel: PLEROM 392

16 Jan 45.

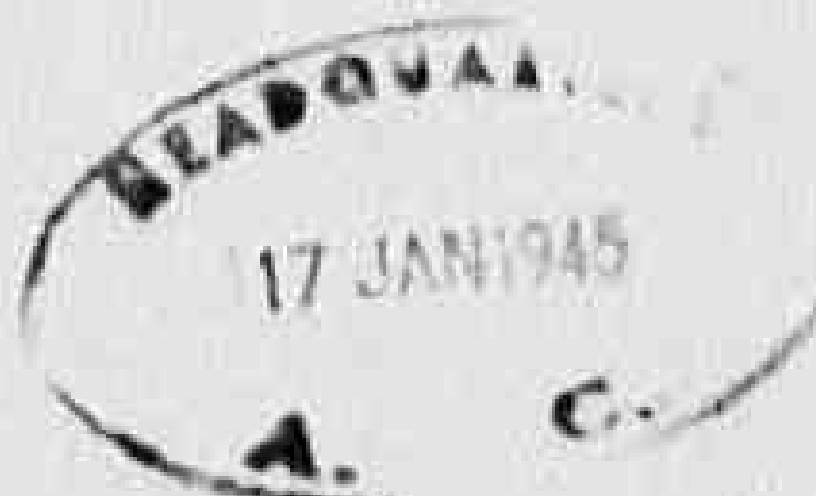
TO : A.C.

Reference is made to your letter 411/123/OOS of 29 Nov 44.
You will have seen a copy of this HQ letter to the Bishop of CASERTA, file AG.386.2/035-0 dated 15 Jan 45 and it is suggested that this be passed to the British Legation to the Holy See as an answer to their letter 2/253/44 of 28 Nov 44.

A. W. John
A.W. JOHN, Major,
for Major General,
G-4 (B).

AWJ/VBS

Copy to:- G-5 - with copy of AG.386.2/035-0
Claims & Hirings (your OCHD/350/1 of 7 Jan 45) refers
AG Op (Log O-430 of 1 Dec 44) refers
3 District (3 District 113 Q of 10 Dec 44) refers
56 Area (3 District 113 Q of 18 Dec 44) refers.



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Allied Commission

Reference your letter file
HII/121/00, dated 29
November 1/44, subject
Seminar of Geneva.

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APO 512

AO 386.2/035 -C

15 January 1945

The Bishop of Caserta
Bishop's Palace,
Caserta, Italy.

Your Excellency,

I have been requested by the Supreme Allied Commander to reply to your letter to him of the 27th December 1944 and to say that so far as the British authorities are concerned any question of dilapidations in respect of the occupation of the Benevento Seminary will be dealt with by the Comando Genio Militare, Naples.

That department will also negotiate with your representative for the value of the improvements effected to the premises.

It is understood that the improvements effected to the premises by far outweigh any slight damage that may have been done by the occupation of the British forces. Your Architect is in close touch with Major ALLEN, the Deputy Assistant Director of Buildings in Naples, who has been instructed to give you every assistance in your negotiations with the Comando Genio Militare.

For the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater:

JACK CARTER,
Captain, AGD.

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Ref. 411/124/COS.

Tel :Ext. 478201

7 December 1944

SUBJECT : Benevento Seminary.

TO : AFHQ.

It will be appreciated if a reply could be received to our
411/123/COS of 29 Nov 44.

For the Chief Commissioner :

Sh Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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BU 13/12
✓ No 67

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123

Tel: A78201

Ref: 411/123/003

29 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Benevento Seminary.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.

1. Further to your letter #2 386.4/035 CEX-C dated 24 Aug 44 and our letter reference 411/119/003 dated 20 Nov 44, attached is copy of letter from the Resident British Minister to the Holy See dated 28 Nov 44 with its enclosure.

2. It will be appreciated if you would put us in a position to reply.

For the Chief Commissioner:

see file 125/126
see 124
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Incl:
as above

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BU 7/12
AP 30/11

122

Ref: 411/122/XS

29 November 1944.

Dear Sir D'Arcy,

121
Thank you for your letter of 28 November 1944 on the subject of the Benevento Seminary. I would like to correct the impression you have gained that the Allied Commission is responsible for effecting restoration of the Seminary in the sense that we are responsible for its repair. This is not the case as it is entirely a matter for the military authorities.

I quite appreciate the anxiety of His Eminence Cardinal Pissardo to have the necessary repairs completed as soon as possible and I will write to the authorities concerned.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

Sir D'Arcy Osborne,
Resident British Minister to the Holy See,
14 Via del Parlamento,
ROME.

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BRITISH LEGATION
TO THE HOLY SEE.
M. VINCENZO DA TOLENTINO
ROME

14 Via del Parlamento,
Rome.

November 28th, 1944.

2/253/44

29 NOV Recd

Dear Colonel Fiske,

From your letter 431/86/CA of 31st August last to R.C. Southern Region, of which you were so good as to send me a copy. I see that the Allied Commission is responsible for effecting the restoration of the Benevento Seminary. I am therefore sending you herewith a copy of a letter which I have received from His Eminence Cardinal Pizzardo, Prefect of the Congregation of Seminaries and University Studies, on the subject. He states that he is most anxious to re-open the Seminary without further delay, the students having already lost a year, and he begs that the necessary repairs may be carried out by the Allied Authorities as soon as possible; alternatively he enquires whether they would approve the estimate already presented by his architect, and allow the Congregation of Seminaries to carry out the work.

Will you let me know what reply I should return to this letter.

Yours sincerely,

D. G. O'Connell.

Colonel N. F. Fiske,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
R.C. and M.G. Section,
APO 394.

See 123
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COPY

Sacra Congregatio
de Seminariis
et de Studiorum Universitatibus

Rome November 25th 1944.

No. 1100/43

Your Excellency,

I have already had the opportunity of thanking Your Excellency for the great interest which you have taken in the problem of the Pontifical Regional Seminaries and especially in those of the Seminaries of Benevento and Melfetta.

Encouraged by the invaluable help which Your Excellency has already given to us I wish to set before you the present situation of the Regional Seminary at Benevento.

This Seminary was duly de-requisitioned, as the Allied Authorities had promised it would be, but it is still not possible for us to reopen it, as the building is not ready to receive the students. Certain transformations had been made during the period in which it was occupied and the necessary repairs have still to be carried out by the Allied Authorities before the building can be used for its original purpose. The said Authorities have asked for a statement of the work to be done and the estimated costs: our architect has already presented it.

I am naturally worried by the prospect of more precious time being lost, as the students have already been held up for a year. Should it not be possible to re-open the Seminary the de-requisitioning of the building, carried out with such good will and with great sacrifices on the part of the Military Authorities, will have been deprived of its purpose.

I therefore beg Your Excellency to use your good offices once again with the Allied Authorities in order that these repairs may be carried out without delay. Should they have difficulty in doing the necessary repair work at the present moment the whole question might be solved by the Allied Authorities approving the estimate and allowing the Congregation of

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I am certain that Your Excellency will do everything possible to come to our aid and complete the good work which you have done for the Seminary of Benevento.

I take this opportunity of renewing to Your Excellency the expression of the highest consideration and regard.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) G. Cardinal Pizzardo.

His Excellency
Sir Francis D'Arcy Godolphin Osborne
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
of Great Britain to the Holy See

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Tel: 47821

20 November 1944.

Ref: ALL/119/005

SUBJECT: Benevento Seminary.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.

1. With reference to your letter AD 386.2/035 GED-O dated 27 August 44 the above Seminary was handed over to the Archbishop of Benevento on 26 Oct 44 by a Civil Affairs Officer.

2. Enclosed are the following documents :

- (a) Inventory dated 9 Jun 44.
- (b) Handover certificate from 41 Town Major to Allied Commission, Naples Zone, dated 26 Oct 44.
- (c) Inventory dated 15 Oct 44 and bearing signatures showing handover by 106 S.A.C. General Hospital to 41 Town Major. On the reverse of the last page is receipt signed by Agostino Mancinelli, Archbishop of Benevento.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. J. Ash
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to: Lt.Col. Brown, 10 HQ AG.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U. S. ARMY

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R/2168

16 November 1944
18 NOV Recd

SUBJECT: Benevento Seminary

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Attention of Chief of Staff)

116

Reference your 411/116/COS dated 4 November 1944.

1. The above subject Seminary was handed back to the Archbishop of Benevento at 1430 hours on Thursday, 26 October 1944.

2. Attached, hereto, are all pertinent papers in connection with the handing back including:

- a. Inventory of Benevento Seminary dated 9 June 1944 (11 pages).
- b. Handing over certificate from 41 Town Major, Benevento to Allied Commission, Naples Zone.
- c. Inventory dated 15 October 1944 receipted for by 41 Town Major to 106 S.A.C. General Hospital and finally receipted for by Agostino Mancinelli, Archbishop of Benevento.

3. Captain Whyte, Naples Zone Civil Affairs Officer who handled the handing back informed the Archbishop that Allied Commission was not responsible for any repairs or damages.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Guy I. Warren
GUY I. WARREN
Lt. Col. Sp. Res. AUS
Executive Officer

GIW/jjf

Incls.

as above (a)(b)(c)

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Brown

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U. S. ARMY

R/2098

7 November 1944

9 NOV Recd

SUBJECT: Benevento Seminary

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Attention of the Chief of Staff)

Reference your 411/116/COS dated 4 November 1944.

1. Naples Zone advises that the restorer of the above subject Seminary is now making a check of the premises along with an inventory, and that a complete report is to be furnished at an early date.

2. This will be forwarded as soon as received by this headquarters.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Guy I. Warren
GUY I. WARREN
Lt. Col. Sp. Res. AUS
Executive Officer

GIW/jjf

B/V 10/11
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PA 10/11

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel. 478301

Ref. 411/116/OCS.

4th November, 1944

SUBJECT: Benevento Seminary.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Southern Region.

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1. Thank you for your letter R/4185 dated 31st October, 1944 from which it is noted that the Seminary was handed over to the Archbishop on 26th October, 1944.

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2. With reference to your paragraph 3 your attention is drawn to our letter 431/96/OA dated 31st August, 1944 and the copy of A.P.H.Q. letter dated 24th August with it. You will observe that in the latter the Allied Commission is made responsible for the restoration of the property to the appropriate authorities and there is no mention of responsibility for the work of restoration, used in the sense of carrying out repairs.

3. Note also from A.P.H.Q. letter, paragraphs 2 and 3 that an inventory is required and a report on the hand over has to be rendered. Will you please forward these as quickly as possible.

Sh
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff. 3857

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Si ~~PA~~ W 4/11
14th Nov 44

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SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

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R/4185

SUBJECT: Benevento Seminary.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(Attention: Chief of Staff).

31 October 1944

3 NOV Recd

HEADQUARTERS

2 NOV 1944

A. C. C.

1. Reference your 411/112/COS, above subject, dated 27 October.
2. It is reported from the Commissioner, Naples Zone, that at 1430 hours, 26 October 1944, the Benevento Seminary was handed over formally to the Archbishop of Benevento.
3. A survey is being made by an engineer from the Vatican and upon completion, he will submit a report on the work of restoration to be carried out for which, according to Signal from 56 Area dated 13 October 1944, Allied Commission will be responsible.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Joseph Bellotti
JOSEPH BELLOTTI,
1st Lieut., M.I.,
Asst. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
CMF
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel: 735

Ref: 411/112/COS.

27 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Benevento Seminary.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.

Please let me have your reply to this office letter
411/111/COS of 21 October 1944.

see 113
JA
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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ALLIED JEWELRY COMMISSION
JEF
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref : 411/111/003

21 October 1944

SUBJECT : Benevento Seminary

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Southern Region.

Will you please inform me if the handover date of 15 October 44
has been complied with and, if not, what is the present position.

Sh
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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

Phon 7109
484034

Ref/431/109/CA.

30 Sep 44

SUBJECT: Benevento Seminary.

TO : Southern Region.

I enclose a copy of a letter H/48/2614/A of 25 Sep44 in which D.A.D. Claims 48 Claims and Hirings kindly offers his assistance in the matter of Benevento Seminary.

SL
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: DAD Claims, 48 Claims & Hirings (with thanks for the assistance offered.
Regional Commissioner Southern Region is charged with handling this matter).

W. J. F.
BU/20/10.

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Subject: Benevento Seminary.

B/48/2514/A

To:- H.Q.:
A.C.C.

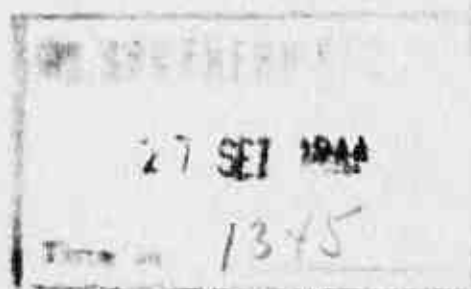
29 SEP Recd

Ref H.Q. 57 Area Q502/65 message of 23 Sept. 44 in connection with the above, if I can give any assistance to facilitate smooth hand over please let me know.

Naples
25 Sept. 44
DA/L.

D. J. Allen
Major,
D.A.D. Claims,
48 Claims and Hirings.

Copy to:- G.C. Benevento.
(57 Area Q502/65 of 23 Sept. 44 refers).



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HEADQUARTERS

SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 394, U. S. ARMY

R/2034

16 September 1944

SUBJECT: Benevento Seminary

TO : General Officer, Commanding 3 District

1. The attached copy of a letter from the Assistant Zone Commissioner, Naples, which is self explanatory, is forwarded for your information.

2. In this connection reference is made to HQ, A.A.I. letter 2036/15/02 of 5th September addressed to you by the Chief Administrative Officer. If the facts are as stated by the Assistant Zone Commissioner, Naples, in the attached letter, it is requested that the necessary instructions may be issued to the officer commanding the unit concerned, as, unless this is done immediately, further delay will be incurred. It would appear that 57 area has issued no instructions on the subject.

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J. E. WILKINSON
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

COPIES TO:

Zone Commissioner, Naples

1. For your information reference your 22/9, dated 15 September 1944.

HQ, A.C.C. (Attention Deputy Executive Commissioner)

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18512 Recd

SUBJECT: Benevento Seminary

TO : General Officer, Commanding 3 District

1. The attached copy of a letter from the Assistant Zone Commissioner, Naples, which is self explanatory, is forwarded for your information.

2. In this connected reference is made to HQ, A.A.I. letter 2030/18/02 of 26th September addressed to you by the Chief Administrative Officer. If the facts are as stated by the Assistant Zone Commissioner, Naples, in the attached letter, it is requested that the necessary instructions may be issued to the officer commanding the unit concerned, who, unless this is done immediately, further delay will be incurred. It would appear that 57 Area has issued no instructions on the subject.

Ca. R.

G. D. W. W. W. W.
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

COPIES TO:

Zone Commissioner, Naples

1. For your information reference your NZ/3, dated 15 September 1944.

HQ, A.C.C. (Attention Deputy Executive Commissioner)

1. For your information reference your 431/405/Ca, dated 11 September.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

NAPLES ZONE

(PROVINCES OF NAPLES, AVELLINO, BENEVENTO)

INTERPRETER: N. PILES

File NZ/9

15 September 1944

SUBJECT: Benevento Seminary.

TO : Lt. Col. Alex H. White, Executive Officer.
H.Q. Southern Region, A.C.C.

1. Attending a Done Conference at Benevento this morning. I called at the Benevento Seminary to ascertain what had been done by way of carrying out AFHQ order to vacate the said premises and return same to the Archbishop of Benevento on the 15 Oct. 1944.

2. In the absence of Col. Pallantini, D.F., I talked with the Major Commandant.

3. He acknowledged the oral instructions given on 4 Sept. as well as receipt of the written instructions given under date of 5 Sept.

4. He further added that this was everything that they had received on the subject, and that they could do nothing whatsoever in the matter until such time as they received an order from a competent military authority, which, in this case, would be the 57th Area.

5. The Major further stated that since receiving A.C.C. instructions the Hospital has continued to function normally in receiving and discharging patients.

6. It would require at least ten to fifteen days to pack the Hospital equipment after the 630 patients were moved but that nothing could be done until the aforesaid military order was received, in-

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For the Zone Commissioner:

(s) JESSE E. CANTOR
(t) JESSE E. CANTOR
Major SP. Res.
Assistant Zone Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/434/105/CA.

11 Sept 1944

SUBJECT : Benevento Seminary
TO : R.O. Southern Region.

Further to this HQ 434/102/CA of 7 Sept 44, it is now confirmed that the date for handover of Benevento Seminary is 15 Oct 44.

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NORMAN A. FISER
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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RECEIVED: DISTRICT 10/10/44

C. A. B. 104

BY AIRMAIL REGISTERED MAIL.
To: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.
PC 330/18/2.
9 Sep 44.

3 District

Copy to: Mr. [unclear]
[unclear]
[unclear]

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Reference this to letter PC 330/18/2 dated 9 Sep 44.
Please send date for release of [unclear] [unclear] from 13 Oct to 15 Oct 44.

Handwritten initials

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Handwritten signature
Special Agent in Charge,
United States Department of Justice.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

NAPLES IONE

(PROVINCES OF NAPLES, AVELLINO, BENEVENTO)

PREFETTURA, NAPLES

File NF/12

5th September 1944

Recd

SUBJECT: Benevento Seminary

TO : Regional Commissioner
Southern Region
(Att. Executive Officer)

1. Referring to your letter instructions of Sept. 2nd, File R/2017, the writer did, on Sept. 4th, personally transmit your instructions to Col. Ballantine, Officer Commanding Hospital now occupying premises, to the effect that same are to be vacated and restored to the Archbishop of Benevento on Oct. 15th 1944.

2. A confirming letter is being sent to-day to the Officer Commanding the Hospital and to 57th Area. A communication is also being sent to the Archbishop of Benevento to inform him about our action.

3. We shall follow through in the matter and keep you informed of the progress made in the direction of carrying out the AFHQ order.

For the Zone Commissioner:

(s) Jesse E. Cantor
Jesse E. Cantor
Major, S.R.

File NE/12

5th September 1944

Recd

SUBJECT: Benevento Seminary

TO : Regional Commissioner
Southern Region
(Att. Executive Officer)

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For the Zone Commissioner:

(s) Jesse E. Cantor
Jesse E. Cantor
Major, S.R.,
Assistant Zone Commissioner

1st Ind
Headquarters, Southern Region, Allied Control Commission, 6 Sept. 1944

TO: HQ, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, R.C. & M.G. SECTION, APO 394

1. For your information Ref: 431/98/CA dated 2 Sept. 1944.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Allen: H. D. White
A. H. WHITE
Lt. Col.
Executive Officer

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