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JULY, AUG. 1945

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Tel: 478603

Ref: A15/9/MC.

24 August 1945.

SUBJECT: The Pontifical Seminary of Bologna.

TO : The British Legation to the Holy See.

1. With reference to Sir Murray Osborne's letter 14/89/45 of 11 July 1945 to Brigadier Lush, on the above subject.

2. While Bologna was in AMG territory transport was lent to the Italian authorities for the movement of refugees from this and other buildings. With the handing over of the Region the problem has been placed entirely in Italian hands.

3. It is reported that about 500 people still remain in the building most of whom are reluctant to move.

R. W. RUSSELL

Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

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✓ 24/1  
✓ 24/1

ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON OFFICER BOLOGNA

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SUBJECT : Pontifical Seminary, Bologna.  
TO : HQ. AC., Attn.: Exec. Comm.

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1. Reference your 415/7/EC of 16 August.

2. During July we received letters from 4 different sources within HQ.AC regarding this subject. We thought we had replied to all. Please accept our apologies for overlooking yours in the confusion.

3. During the last two weeks of the active life of Emilia Region we furnished 3 Alcom trucks per day for the movement of refugees from this and other buildings needed for their normal peacetime uses. The termination of Emilia Region and the handing over of Alcom trucks to Italian control has taken the matter from our hands.

4. At this time about 500 people remain in the building. About half have homes in other communes in which they could be housed, but their farms are mine or their former places of employment destroyed and they are unwilling to leave Bologna for the precarious existence that awaits them in the present condition of their home communes.

5. With the closing of Emilia Region this matter rests with the local Italian officials. Their ability to cope with the problems involved is limited. If the National Italian Government acts favorably and speedily on our suggestion of extraordinary measures thru a "North Appenines Battlefield Area Commission" (Ref: RIX/HQ/I/1) a satisfactory solution for this problem can be more quickly achieved.

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Capt., Spec. Rec.  
Administrative Officer  
Local Government.

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*(Mr. Kent)*

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Ref: 415/7/SC

16 August 45

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning

TO : AG Liaison Officer, Bologna

With reference to our letters 415/3/SC dated 13 July 1945 and 415/6/SC dated 30 July 1945, neither of which has been acknowledged, please reply immediately stating whether the Theology Building in the Seminary at Bologna is still occupied by refugees or if it has been possible to restore it to the students.

✓ V. N. KEMBLE  
Chief Staff Officer  
To Executive Commissioner

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Tel : 478201

Ref : 415/6/30

30 July 1945

SUBJEC<sup>T</sup> : Requisitioning.

TO : Regional Commissioner,  
EMILIA Region,

With reference to our letter 415/3/30 dated 13 July 1945,  
will you please let us know if you have succeeded in arranging this  
matter satisfactorily.

*R.H. Farley*  
Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 415/4/EC.

13 July 1945.

I am in receipt of your letter of 11 July 1945. I am making inquiries about the Pontifical Seminary of Bologna with a view to making the Theology building free for the Theological Seminary and will write you again at a later date.

M. S. LUSH

Sir D'Arcy Osborne, KCMG.,  
British Legation to the Holy See,  
14 Via del Parlamento,  
ROMA.

see M.S.

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Tel: 478201

Ref: 415/3/30.

13 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Requisitioning.

TO : Regional Commissioner,  
EMILIA Region.

1. Attached hereto is a copy of letter dated 11 July 1945 addressed to the Executive Commissioner by the British Ambassador to the Holy See, together with its enclosure.

2. It is suggested in this letter that refugees at present housed in the Theology building of the Seminary at BOLOGNA could be housed in the Philosophy building. Will you please make any arrangements that seem possible and render a report to this office at your earliest convenience.

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Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

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BRI<sup>TH</sup> LEGATION  
TO THE HOLY SEE  
ROMA (5)

14 Via del Parlamento,  
Rome.

14/09/45

July 11th, 1945.

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Dear Brigadier Lush,

I have received a Note from the Vatican, a translation of which is attached, requesting that the Theology building of the Pontifical Seminary of Bologna might be restored to the students and that the refugees at present housed there might be transferred to another part of the College.

I transmit this request to you for such action as you may be able to take.

Yours sincerely,

D. G. J. Dore.

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Brigadier M.S. Lush, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.,  
Headquarters,  
Allied Commission.

(Ans. A.M.A.)

translation.

SECRETARIAT OF STATE  
of His Holiness

N. 4141/45

The Pontifical Seminary of Bologna has suffered considerable war damage, but while the Philosophy building needs important repairs, the Theology building could be re-opened relatively easily. It is the keen desire of the Holy See that the Theological Seminary at least, might begin to function again for the coming scholastic year. But in order to achieve this it would first be necessary to evacuate the refugees, a portion of whom could be accommodated in the Philosophy building.

Considering the importance which the regular functioning of the Pontifical Seminary of Bologna has for the diocesan life of Romagna, the Secretariat of State of His Holiness is confident that the Allied Authorities will realize the justification of their request and will do all in their power to satisfy it.

The Secretariat of State of His Holiness takes this occasion to express to His Britannic Majesty's Legation the sense of its high consideration and esteem.

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