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AC/AMG, ACCOMODATION REQUIREMENTS
JUNE 1945 - APR. 1946

194.

P 193

I agree with recommendation. Action accordingly

as (copy) 2/1/44

to Comm. 199.

CSO. Ref. in 198. May I have your approval for the 3 ladies of Int. Red X to be housed in this building. If you agree I will take up the matter with R.A.R.C.

There is no difficulty as far as H.Q. Comdt. is concerned. J.S. 2/5

CYC Capt K. 200.

1. Who are the Ladies & what are they doing?

2. Why couldn't they be housed with the Rom. I.R.C.

in the H.Q. of I.R.C.

3. I am dubious about becoming a married couple.

1/1/44

See p 202

180.

Ex Comm.

See # 179 in reply to # 178. J.S. 12

Ex Offr A

181.

Where are had better stay as we are?
We should be concerned about Regime before asking
Do you agree. J.S. 1/3

182

Ex Comm

Yes Ddr. C. 14 P J.S. 6/3

Ex Comm

183.

Please draft letter to Bin Laden

184

Ex Comm

Draft here with

C. 14 P 3/4/46

Issue

J.S. 2/3

185.

186 is up-draft submitted at 187a.
Should we also put this in the Daily
Bulletin? Will also forward copy of 186 to
C.L.O. Nader

188

For Review. C. 141 P 3/5/56

Please draft letter to Ben Long

1914

F x Comm

Draft here with

C 141 P

ent 3/5/56

Issue 1914

187

187

186 for info - draft submitted at 187a.
Should we also put this in the Daily
Bulletin? Will also forward copy of 186 to
191/3.

C.H.O. Nader

188

Ex-lon.

Do you agree with 187a for the Daily
Bulletin? (No need for anything else as 186 is seen by
all addressees of 187a). The correspondence started off
with for 180 or 181 finally with 186
191/3.

Ex-lon.

191.

letters submitted at 189 & 190.

191/3.

To: C.S.O Ex-lon.

191/3.

191/3.

172

Ex Comm

^{no.}

Please note Par 2

1st Ind.

CAT Park
Cat

2/13/46

173

Ex Off(A)

Please draft very polite notification letter

bBm Low. 174 (15/12)

174

To Ex Comm

Draft how with ¹⁷⁵ C.M.P. 2/13/46

176 a

Ex O. (A)

3
Ex 87(A)

173

Please draft very polite appreciation letter

b3m Low. 173 (1512)

174

To Ex Comm

Draft done with CP1P ¹⁷³
and 172/174

176 &

Ex O. (A)

Issue as amended 176 ¹⁷³
for Ex Com.

177 &

178 Ex Comm

Letter done with CP1P
and 178

1955

164.

Ex Comm.

See 163 in reply to your DO at 161.
JHS 8/12

CSO - Conclude with necessary people, ask with
165.
thanks & give figures. JHS 8/12.

166

AKSO

A draft reply to 163 is herewith submitted.
I got in touch with Peoples for the figures.
Is the request in para 2 correct per. JHS 8/12

167.

Capt B: 168 - this is going further than the original
request made by Ex. 1. get estimate of number
of Third Officers only, which is what we asked
for at first.

168 was cancelled

JHS 8/12

168

Ex Comm.

Letter cancelled submitted at 167 JHS 8/12
JHS 8/12

At the request in para 2 attach for

167.

14/2

Left B. 12 - this is going further than the original request made by Ex. C. get estimate of number of Active Officers only, which is what we asked for at first.

Score as recorded

14/2

168

Also Ex Com.

Letter awarded submitted at 167

14/2

14/2

14/2

Finances SK

152.

Presumably you have no objection to 149

151
151/1

Office of Executive Commissioner

no objection to 149.

~~Director~~ ^{done}

Director, Finance SC
F.D. Col.

17/1/45

152.

cap

ref 149. Finance have no objection; may be
he gives? 151/1

153.

153

in pl.

154

157

250

Harvard draft forwarding 156 - is
this action approp. per. 158/1

Ex Comm.

158.

159. Finance have seen Col. Pennington

Ref 149- Finance have no objection, may be given?
RS 17/1

1405

153

you pl. *Amel*
.. *18/1*

157

C.S.O.

Herewith draft forwarding 156 - is
this action appd. per. *CSB 28/1*

158

Ex Comm.

Ref 156 As you have seen Col Pennington
recently I feel that he may have raised
this matter with you personally.
Do you approve of draft to 3 Dist.?
St. 28/1

Capt. Brankovics

142

Ref him 157 Letter at 161 drafted by LAC 1953
in case of letter submission at 157 seen
by C.S.O. *St. 31/1*

148
Col Jones.

Do you agree with reply
to Brit Low.?

See III
SP12

DS (7/20)

165

8/18

145

Entab. See
wed. Jan the good example to submit
draft up to 144.

~~1-001-5/2~~

9/4/1

total. See

was your too good example to submit

draft reply to 144

Final 5/12

144

was built before

See 6 1906

to letter of 10/10/10. The letter was
these circumstances but didn't take
to 10/10/10. The letter was 10/10/10, per
1. It was and put to immediately to submit
with all the things with a view to be submitted
all before the letter. I had a view in fact.
The letter was to submit. Why not submit?

2. Further, after obtaining the necessary
with a view to the things being and a view
maintaining the things being but the things
to submit. The things the things were on

Submission of a view and reduction in property then
the things being and making the things

1953

3. The things being and making the things
proportion. It proportion had the things and the
proportion. The proportion for making the things.
The things being the things (the things & things)
to be 10/10/10. The things being the things in 3 lots
and the things. The things being the things in
proportion under the things. The things being

See 144

134

CSO.

Ref. E/C's minute 133 and folio 127. Spoke Enab. Sect. who say that Col. Parkin is going to bring up at meeting tomorrow. A temporary local arrangement has been made for the Contingent to be put at the disposal of AMG officers - but it is not to be open to civilians - this to be effective as soon as the necessary admin. arrangements can be made.

A firm decision from AFHQ is still awaited.

30 July 45.

AT.

8.30p

see folio 135. 3K/8

PA

144

Examine

143 for decision. In view

of what En Parthi had me
I cannot believe a doubling
up in the situation.
in principle. 30/8

1934

pa ccc 10/10 3/8/80

Explain

144

143 for decision. In view
of what En P. H. had
learned before a working
up in production is
impossible. In 30/8

1981

145

Account of En P. H.'s return to them and him to
see En P. H.'s return. In 30/8

exp

146

Spoke with En P. H. who will try to
arrange a visit with En P. H. 24/10/83
which requires no more.

En 4/9 P/H

128

A/Ex Com?

you will be interested in 127. AK

2/7

2/7, name. 2.

129

Ex Com.

M See 127

See 24/7.

130

P.A. Pleam nry Brig Heen 132/24/7

131

S/D. to Brig Heen & explained. 132/24/7

132

C80

Explained to CS the urgency of the
Then Then promised

Attache.

19/ Dec 127

130
24/7

P.A. Please ring Brig Hearn DS/2017

131

Spoke to Brig Hearn & explained DS/2017

132

C80

I explained to C80 the urgency of their
business of letters in Milan They promised
to write it / C80 to write to Army discharge
them to attention when I return to Milan in
Milan I heard the body over to Brit in 1930

DS/2017

133

C80

Telephone to C80 Gen. De Gredes is returning
up personally & expects the body to be must
follow up tomorrow DS/2017/4

60

120

C S O

I refer to folio 119^A opposite and to para 1(c) of the Minutes of the Executive Commissioner's Meeting held 20 June 45.

At the above Meeting Katab Sec stated that the Colonna was to be derequisitioned and now CA Sec are stating the current position.

Only one of our employees resides at the Colonna - Emilia De Angelis. While she has not been there very long she is nevertheless in the same position as the others in that she was brought from Naples. (Several came from Salerno). She is employed as Interpreter and copy typist and has given of her best at all times. It may be that several are more skilled.

If turned out of the Colonna and left to find their own accommodation at say the rate of 3000 lire for a room alone as mentioned in folio 119, with the cost of living so high, these 'old faithfuls' may have no alternative but to return from whence they came.

To allow time to do so would appear to be ill reward for the services they have rendered being as they are the pioneer 'civilian' servants of the Commission.

I share the view, for what it may be worth, that the very least the Commission can do by way of reward for their services is to endeavour to overcome the alleged illegality of the Colonna requisition with a view to the retention of the services of the above employees until such time as the Headquarters is reduced in size and the services of certain civilian employees are unavoidably dispensed with.

Office, E.C.
21 June 45.

121

M. Nelson

The above Subject has discussed
the above Subject's meeting and

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Office, E.C.
21 June 45.

W. H. Miller

111

W. H. Miller

*The above Subject has declined
to accept the Commission's
offer to keep the
employees at the Colonna, whilst
it is decided to keep the
employees at the Colonna.*

Subj. 111.

21/6/45

W. H. Miller

111.

Please send me (a copy of which is being forwarded to our Bahia Region).

Wm. Woodworth
Capt. H. D.
for Cal. P. R.

Det. Lac
cl. house

112

Exp Section 1

Letter from Sam bardi Repin

St. Louis
Sept 108
Skill required
a reply.
East Section

Spencer Water.

CS. A. Schmitt

7/91

113.

Ex 3 candidate Commission order

As a temporary measure, until the Cuban situation has improved, it is proposed to issue the District at 112. Since this is rather swamping, and may well cause complaints from some of the Sub. Commissioners, may the

Ext Section

Letter from Lamberti Repeal

Ext 108 Still remains a rep.
Re Comm directed action by Ext Section

Wachtler

CSO & Salomon

16/6

113.
Executive Commission:

until the Cuban situation has improved, it is proposed to issue the directives as is. Since this is rather sweeping, and may well cause complaints from some of the Ext. Commissions, may the Commissions add on approval of Executive Commissions over them upon to get them pleased.

Ext Sec.

18 June

Wachtler & Capel
for Cal. U.P.

Executive Commission. 114.

An alternative draft to 114 is submitted at 115.

20 June 69.

for E.S.O.
111

Issue Mr. [unclear]

To Ex Am

~~#08~~ 109

COPY

This is of interest to billets

CMP
Col.

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Colonel Parkin,

1. The accommodation situation in Milan is bad and rapidly getting worse. The Diana Hotel, space in which, until now has been made available to visiting personnel of Hq AC has been taken over by the Fifth Army and a number of AC officers have been asked to move out by tomorrow. Milan is crowded and there are currently in Milan and occupying space the following units:

- (a) Hq 4th Corps
- (b) 59 Area
- (c) 5th Army (also operating Hotel Nord as a transit hotel)
- (d) No. 2 District (which will move in shortly)

2. Lombardia Region, who have undertaken the billeting of visiting AC personnel, have been extremely cooperative and have made available all possible space in the Savola which they occupy. However, as may be seen from the above, accommodations for visiting AC personnel are extremely limited. The situation is not aided, according to Lombardia Region, by visits, the purpose of which does not appear to be entirely official.

3. It is suggested most strongly that action be taken without delay to exercise strict control over all future travel to Milan by some such means as requiring that appropriate travel orders not to be issued until and unless the personnel performing the travel have received assurance from Milan that accommodations are available to them.

15 June 1945

L.T. MONTANT, Jr.
Captain,
Establishment Section.

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Excerpt

Ref 106: Excellent idea - "Non-Voluntary" building.

8/16.

(See also letter from Brigadier Han
at Folio 105 in reply to your
letter at 103.

8/16.

8/16.

7/18/16.

See also letter from Brigadier Khan
at Folio 108 in reply to your
letter at 103.
J. 9/6.

Sp.

Mr (2/6)

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AMERICAN ACADEMY IN ROME

Rome, April 26, 1946

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

My dear Admiral Stone:

Count GASTANI D'ARAGONA, Director General of the Academies and libraries in the Ministry of Public Instruction, has written me a letter of which I enclose a translation, relative to the possibility of getting 3 or 4 rooms in the Allied Commission building for the ladies of the International Red Cross, who are being turned out of the palazzo Zuccari.

The palazzo Zuccari is being emptied to return to its former function as the home of the Hertziana Library recently returned to Rome from Germany. This library together with the Library of the German Archaeological Institute has been entrusted by the Italian Government and the Allied Commission to the temporary custody of the International Union of Academies in Rome, of which I am President, as representative of the American Academy. At the last meeting of the Union he was instructed to take measures to return the Hertziana Library to its original home in the palazzo Zuccari, and it is in pursuance of this that the palazzo Zuccari is being vacated now by the International Red Cross.

I believe that the rooms occupied formerly by the Subcommission of Monuments and Fine Arts in the Allied Commission building are being vacated by the Subcommission or will soon be empty and I am writing to ask if it would be possible for 3 or 4 of these rooms to be placed at the disposal of the International Red Cross, which has great need of them for storage of clothing and other supplies. This action would be a great convenience to both the International Red Cross and the International Union, and as you see from Count d'Aragona's letter, it is also earnestly desired by the Library Section of the Ministry of Public Instruction.

Sincerely yours,

C. R. Morey

C. R. Morey
President, International
Union of Academies in Rome

Enclosure:
Translation of letter
from Count d'Aragona.

See Min 199-200 9 202
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TRANSLATION

MINISTERO DELLA PUBBLICA ISTRUZIONE
Il Direttore Generale
Delle Accademie e Biblioteche

Rome, April 11, 1948

My dear Dr. Moray:

I am told that, due to the continual demobilization of the Allied Commission E.Q. Offices, a few premises are already available in the building of the former Ministero delle Corporazioni.

In order to facilitate a prompt settlement of the Bertsianna Library, I should be grateful to you if you would kindly apply to the competent Allied Authorities, in order that the two or three International Red Cross ladies who occupy a few rooms (three or four in all) formerly belonging to the Library, may soon find convenient space in the premises vacated by the A.C. E.Q. Offices. This way the problem of rationally arranging in their former place the important Bertsianna book collections - still encased, with possible prejudice to their safe-keeping - would be in the way of solution.

I thank you for the interest you will give, with your proved kindness, to this question.

Sincerely yours

/s/ G. Gaetani d'Aragona

Dr. C.R. Moray
Cultural Attache' U.S.A. Embassy
Acting Director American Academy
R o m e

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Ref. folio 196. These civilian employees
are to be settled in Alberg Colonna.
AB Commandant and CEM Branch have
matter in hand as regards rations
and accommodation.

Inf CEM 3/5

Brig Low informed.
J.L. 4/5.

Inf CEM
9/5

see 193

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1943

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A.P.O. 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

196
30 April 1946

SUBJECT: Requisition of Flat or Villa.

TO : Rome Area Allied Command,
Real Estate Section
(Attn. Maj. A. D. Gardner (A)).

1. It is requested that a Villa or large flat be made available as from 4 May 1946 for an indefinite period to accommodate 10 Civilian alien employees of Allied Commission.

Males

4 Germans
1 Italian
1 Czecho-Slovakian

Females

2 Italians
1 Estonian
1 Austrian

2. These civilians are engaged upon important technical investigations for Allied Commission and are at present located at Bolzano.

3. Your earnest attention to this matter is requested in order that staff, rations etc. can be arranged for their reception.

For the Chief Commissioner,

M. S. Lusk
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

1 Copy to: Headquarters Commandant.

Ex. Com

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File 195

Ref. : 550/195/10

10 April 1946.

ATTENTION: Colonel Hotel.

TO : By Correspondent
/C

193

Ref your letter of 17 April 46.

The Executive Committee has agreed to your recommendation and directs that the necessary action be taken.

A. W. Kinsely.

Chief Staff Officer
to Acting Chief Coordinator

[Handwritten mark]

1348 *[Handwritten signature]*

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

OFFICE OF THE HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT

APO 394

HCC 2/3

17 April 1946

SUBJECT : Colonna Hotel

TO : Executive Commissioner

The above Hotel was requisitioned through R.A.A.C. when A.C. arrived in Rome. This Hotel was to be used to house the Italian Staff who came from a distance with A.C.

About a month ago R.A.A.C. Real Estate asked about this if it was possible to de-requisition, the reply from A.C. was to the effect that as portion was being used as quarters for married (A) EM this was not possible. Now other arrangements have been made for the married EM and the position in the Colonna is as follows:

Beds	80	
ROOMS	53	
"	11	occupied by Hotel Staff
"	40	occupied by Italian employed by A.C.
Beds	29	Beds not in use.

All the Staff of A.C. have been employed for at least one year. They have no homes in Rome and if they had to get accomodation in Rome would be unable to live on the present salary paid by us.

Now that other arrangements have been made for the married (A) EM I would suggest the Hotel be de-requisition except the accomodation for the 40 employees of A.C. As many of these people are female employees to ask them to find accomodation outside I consider would be a great hardship.

This Hotel is used also by A.C. Italian personnel in Transit.

A.G. Graham Lt. Col.
A.G. GRAHAM, Lt. Col.
Hq. Commandant.

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Ref. : 594/80

2 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Insertion in Daily Bulletin.

TO : Adjutant.

Will you please arrange to have the following inserted in Daily Bulletin:

"ACCOMMODATION IN RAYDON"

HQ 3 District has informed this Headquarters that a certain amount of accommodation has been reserved at the Victoria Hotel, Raydon, for the use of officers of the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and above in transit, and that officers of the Allied Commission are eligible to use this.

Civilians, however, cannot be accepted at the VICTORIA Hotel.

B. SAMPSON

Chief Staff Officer
to the Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: File 594/80 — file

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref. : 550/190/AC ✓

March 1946.

SUBJECT: Excelsior Hotel.

TO : ACLO Naples.

1. Reference your ✓ 1943 of 25 January 1946.
2. Attached is a copy of letter D/C 217 of 14 March 1946 from Major General Glowno.
3. A notice is being put in the Daily Bulletin to the effect that the Vesuvio is a transit hotel for senior officers and can be used by AC.

M. J.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref. 550/489/80

189
186
13 March 1946

My dear

Thank you for your D/O 217 of 16 March 1946.

In Brigadier Lush's absence I am replying for him and would like to thank you for all the trouble you have taken over this matter.

If in the end the Excelsior becomes a transit hotel under your control, I would of course be most grateful if you could bear our plea in mind.

Yours *MC*

Major General H. Clowes, CBE, DSO, MC
General Officer Commanding
Headquarters
No. 3 District
CMF

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FROM: Major General N CLOWES.

S/O. 217

550 AD

186
HQ 3 DISTRICT
C.M.F.

14 March 1946.

MAR 14 1946

My Dear Maurice,

167
Your 550/167/EC dated 20 Feb 46.

I have made further inquiries into the question of transit accommodation at the Excelsior, and am sorry to say that the prospects of AC Officers, even of the rank of Colonel being accommodated there are not very bright.

As you know, the hotel has been earmarked by GHQ for the purpose of accommodating married families of that HQ, and they seem to think that very shortly the whole of the available accommodation will be required for that purpose. The allotment of accommodation is entirely in the hands of GHQ, and we have no voice in the matter.

What the situation will be when GHQ has gone I don't quite know, but the Excelsior may then become a transit hotel under our control, in which case the matter could be reconsidered.

In the meantime a certain amount of accommodation at the Venetia is reserved for the use of officers of the rank of Lt.Col. and above in transit, and officers of the A.C. are eligible to use this. I'm afraid, however, that we cannot take civilians there, and they will have to use the Patria.

Yours, *lwa*

Jim Clowes

Brigadier M. Lush, CB, CBE, MC.
H.Q. A.C.
ROME.

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(Miss S.)

See 189

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Ref: 550/195/HC.

8. March 1946.

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In reply to your letter DO/10 dated 28th
February 1946.

I agree that a requisition at this time would
provoke a hostile reaction and would be against the interests
of the Italian economy.

Please consider the matter closed, as we will
stay as we are.

R. B. LUSH

Brigadier Alban Low, CBE, MC,
Deputy Commander,
Headquarters,
Home Area Allied Command.

Copy to: Ex. Off (A)

1. 18. 46
P. 1. 3
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Headquarters,
Rome Area Allied Command.

28th February, 1946

MAR 1 1946

DC/10

Dear Marine

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In reply to your letter dated 21 Feb 46 about hotels.

It is a pity about the Boston; it is of course not a first class hotel and I knew that the kitchens, etc. were not in a very good state.

I am afraid there would be difficulty about either Quirinale or the Regina.

The former of course is I think far larger than could be justified by your requirements having about 230 rooms and 340 beds, and has recently been released.

The latter was released several months ago and is now in full civilian practice, making, as I am told, very lucrative profits.

I presume a requisition would in my opinion provoke a very hostile reaction. (Incidentally, it would spoil a record of which I am proud, but that is not a decisive consideration). I would be very reluctant to advise it.

It is a great pity that we did not know at the outset the real reason for your request for the Majestic, which, you will remember, was originally asked for on quite different grounds.

Will you let me know what you think?

Yours Ever

Alban

Brigadier M.S. Lush, CB, CBE, MC,
Executive Commissioner,
HQ Allied Commission.

*See him 180
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(cc)

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178.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 824
Office of the Executive Commissioner

21 February 1946

RE: Use of Hotel by the Allied Commission.

TO : Brigadier Albert Low, C.B.E., M.C.,
Deputy Comd. General, R.A.A.C.

170 + 171

I am most grateful to you for your offer of the
Boston Hotel by the Allied Commission.

Unfortunately, I am informed that certain repairs
to the Kitchen quarters are essential, involving a consider-
able amount of materials and expense, and must regretfully
decline a most generous offer.

We wonder however whether it would be possible
for you to offer the Quirinale or Regina instead.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,

Executive Commissioner.

Letter mailed 23 Feb. 1946

See 7-179

PA. 25/2

see 7177

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SKH
2/24/46

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DRAFT.

SUBJECT: Use of the ~~Boston~~ Hotel by the Allied Commission.

EBE

TO : Brigadier Alban Low, A.M.C.
Deputy Comdg. General R.A.A.C.

I am most grateful to you for your offer of the Boston Hotel
by the Allied Commission.

Unfortunately I am informed that certain repairs to the Kitchen
quarters are essential ~~and would~~ involving a considerable amount of
materials and expense. *I must regretfully decline a most*
generous offer
I should be grateful, therefore, if it were possible to have the
use of the Quirinale or the Regina Hotel, instead.

Be wonder however whether it would be
possible for you to offer the ~~Quirinale~~ ^{Regina} Hotel

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

DRAFT

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550 20
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OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
HEADQUARTERS
2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED COMMISSION
(OVERHEAD)
APO 394

HWS/ceg

6 Feb 1946

SUBJECT: Inspection of Hotel Boston.

TO : Assistant Headquarters Commandant, AC (OVhd) APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. Living Room. The living rooms are numerous, well furnished clean and adequate. Floors are either tile or wooden and in good condition.
2. Bar. The bar room is spacious, well furnished and clean. Facilities are adequate.
3. Bed rooms. There are 145 bed rooms all well furnished, neat and clean. They vary in size and contain from one to four persons at present. Thirty two of them have adjoining baths and many without baths have basins. Beds are generally single but a few double beds are available. There are a sufficient number of sheets to change the bedding weekly or for new occupancy. All have radiators that are functioning.
4. Bathing facilities. Thirty two rooms have adjoining baths that are very satisfactory. All contain a bath tub, sinks, and toilet. Hot water is available. The two lower floors each contain one community bath which consists of tub, sink and basin. The two top floors contain two community bath rooms on each floor. Two of the bath rooms were in need of slight repairing of the walls.
5. Dining room. The dining room is spacious and pleasing in appearance. Floors are wooden and well kept. Sufficient dishes and utensils are available. Tables are all covered by table cloths.
6. Kitchen. The kitchen is completely unsatisfactory. Floors and walls are in a very run down condition. The stoves are heated by an oil burning apparatus and fumes collect. No ventilation system is present. Washing facilities are inadequate and in need of considerable repair. Storage facilities are inadequate and need a great deal of reconstruction. Heating apparatuses for hot water are scattered around in various locations that communicate with the kitchen. Barrels of oil are stored in part of the kitchen where dishes are washed. Stoves are adequate but in need of cleaning, and new racks. All wooden tables and counters are inadequate and have to be replaced. The hotel officials offered to reconstruct the whole kitchen and basement. They have sufficient tile on hand to cover the floors and one half the walls of entire basement. They also offered to completely separate the kitchen from all other portions of the basement and install all new marble topped tables, and washing facilities, and storage construction. This could all be completed in thirty days from the date it is evacuated by the present inhabitants. The officials requested that we obtain cement, paint and sufficient transportation to haul sand and calcimine to the hotel. They would reimburse the army for the above supplies.

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RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMARKS.

1. The hotel facilities are adequate with the exception of the kitchen which is completely unacceptable.
2. If the kitchen and basement is remodelled as planned it should be acceptable; but before final approval is given the new facilities should be inspected.
3. If possible the requested cement, paint and transportation should be obtained for the hotel management.
4. Before occupancy each room and all furniture should be sprayed with D D T powder, the lavatories washed with a 3% cresol solution, and all bedding aired for two or three days.

Howel W. Slaughter
HOWEL W. SLAUGHTER
Capt., Medical Corps
Surgeon

Note:
Further, the Curator Director of the Boston Hotel estimates that it would cost 6,000,000 \$ to make the changes. He apparently agrees to foot the bill immediately.

1st Ind.

7 Feb., 1946

OFFICE, HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT, Allied Commission, APO 394

TO: C. O. 2875 Regt. Alcom (OVH3) APO 394, U. S. Army

1. Because of the length of time involved for the repairs and the insecurity of obtaining all of the necessary materials it is recommended that the Boston Hotel be not acceptable.

→ 2. The Albergo Quirinale or the Regina would be acceptable.

E. J. Beechins
E. J. Beechins
Lt. Col. Inf

ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of Chief Liaison Officer
BOLZANO

Bolzano, 19 Feb 1946.
SWK/gu.

TO : HQ Allied Commission,
Executive Officer. (2x)

Subj. Transit Accommodation for AC Personnel.

Ref. ACIO/BZ/8.

1. Ref. your G-12B/103/A of 12 Feb 1946. - Accommodation exists in the Transit Hotel Bolzano (Albergo Centrale) for all the classes mentioned in para. 2.
2. This Hotel has accommodation for about 60/70 officers and is usually booked up.
3. The Hotel has been transferred to 60 Sub-Area (vid. letter No. 550/154/EC of 19 Jan 46).
4. It is possible that 60 Sub-Area will leave Bolzano next month. This Hotel is halfway house between Italy and Austria and is of extreme value to travellers.
5. I recommend for consideration that on the departure of 60 Sub-Area the Hotel and its assets should be handed back to me and that Maj KINSFILL should be again appointed to run it.

S. W. Miller
S. W. MILLER, Colonel,
Chief Liaison Officer,
BOLZANO.

HQ Allied Commission, (21)
Executive Officer.

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W. W. Miller

W. W. MILLER, Colonel,
Chief Liaison Officer,
BOLZANO.

Copy to HQ 60 Sub-Area,
Bolzano.

Action 61(B) 1021

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Ref: 550/167/23

20 February 1946

Dear General.

Thank you so much for your letter DO 205 of 4 February and for the hopes you hold out of being able to help us.

There are one or two further points that I should like to put to you, if I may. It would be of great help to us if you would consider accommodating officers of the rank of Lt. Colonel and above and - this is always a considerable preoccupation for us - civilian State and Embassy visitors, and so on if they are of equivalent military status.

A very rough estimate of figures based on the above would result in about ten visitors each fortnight. At any one time it is improbable that there would be more than three or four and the average duration of their stay would be about three days.

I should really be most grateful if you find that you can agree to something on the above lines.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) M S LUSH

Major General N. Glasse, CBE, DSO, MC,
General Officer Commanding
Headquarters
No. 3 District,
G.M.F.

Copy to: AOCLO Naples

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550/80
FROM: Major General OWES.

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TO: DISTRICT
C.M.F.

D/O 205.

4 February, 1946.

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My Dear Maria,

Your 550/100/EC dated 31 Jan 46.

I shall certainly do my best to meet your wishes as regards accommodating senior officers in transit at the Excelsior.

As you are aware, however, this hotel is to be used primarily to accommodate married families, for whom alternative accommodation is now virtually impossible to find in Naples, and the amount of accommodation we are able to reserve for transit purposes will depend on the number of families to be accommodated - at present a very uncertain number.

Actually we have not yet taken over the hotel from the R.N. but expect to do so about the middle of the month.

In the meantime it would help us to know approximately what the commitment would amount to, i.e. how many officers would require accommodation at any one time and the average duration of their stay.

I suggest that only officers of the rank of Colonel and above should be considered.

Yours, ever

Wm. Crow 1927

Brigadier M. Lush, CB, CBE, MC,
H.Q. Allied Commission,
ROME.

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Ref: 550/160/83.

31 January 1946.

May I put in a plea for the officers of the Allied Commission and their accommodation in NAPLES. In the early days of occupation the Allied Commission found the Excelsior Hotel much damaged and uninhabitable. We spent a great deal of labour and money in getting it put right with the idea that our own officers would use it. It was finished only just before the occupation of ROSS and so we handed it over to the Royal Navy with the assurance that there would always be 10 rooms at our disposal for either permanent residents or visiting officers.

Under the most recent ruling I understand GHO require the hotel for families which is quite understandable. We have, however, been told that we may no longer use the rooms. We are not constant visitors but I should like to know that senior officers could have the advantage of transit accommodation in the Excelsior and I should be most grateful for anything you could do to help us.

Major General E. Clowes, CBE, DSO, MC,
General Officer Commanding,
Headquarters,
No. 5 District.

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Copy to: AG OLO, NAPLES (Reference your C/1945 of 22 Jan 1946).

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HEADQUARTERS
NAPLES LIAISON OFFICE
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO. 394.

C/1963

25 January, 1946

SUBJECT : Excelsior Hotel, Naples.

JAN 28 1946

TO : HQ. A.G. ✓

The attached copy of Q 502/126 of 22 January 1946 is forwarded in continuation of my C/1945 of 22 January 1946. I feel that the AMG claim to 10 rooms should be honoured in the same way as the Navy claims for accommodation.

J. A. G. Pennyquick

J. A. G. PENNYQUICK
Colonel
Chief Liaison Officer
Allied Commission.

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(H1355) *020301*

Subject:- Excelsior Hotel, NAPLES

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HQ Naples Area
BASEBALL 212
Q 502/126

AMG Naples

Jan 46

JAN 23 1946

Re: conversation Col Pennycuik - Maj Noble

1. Ref 1 Feb, the Excelsior Hotel, less rooms reserved by Royal Navy, is being taken over by GHQ for GHQ families, and not by this HQ as originally intended.
2. We are informed by GHQ that the accommodation at present reserved for AMG in the hotel will be required for families in due course, and that accommodation should be found for AMG officers in a central Mess and for AMG transit officers in one of the military transit hotels.
3. It is not intended by GHQ that AMG rooms should be taken over until the remainder of the accommodation is full, but in view of the lack of advance information as to ETA of married families we are unable to give any firm date.
4. If additional accommodation is required by you to set up a Mess for the 4 permanent officers at present in the Excelsior, we shall do all we can to assist.

In the Field

AYOL

Lt Col.
AA & QMG.

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HEADQUARTERS
NAPLES LIAISON OFF.
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO. 394.

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22 January, 1946

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SUBJECT : Excelsior Hotel.

JAN 23 1946

TO : HQ. A. C. ✓

1. The position as regards accommodation in Naples requires clarifying and unless A.C.HQ can take action it will not be possible for accommodation to be reserved for senior officers after the first of February.
2. At present the Excelsior Hotel is an R.N. Mess and by arrangement, on account of funds provided by the Allied Commission, 10 rooms (18 beds) are reserved for the use of A.C. personnel. Allowing for Senior UNRRA personnel 6 of these rooms are now taken up leaving 4 for emergencies and officers in transit.
3. From the first of February it appears the Navy will only require one floor of the hotel and are surrendering the remainder, and 56 Area have obtained a ruling that all the remainder of the hotel is at their disposal.
4. We were not informed that this ruling was being discussed, but the position is that after the first of February, we shall no longer be able to arrange accommodation for senior visiting officers. Unless the ruling can be modified, this should, therefore, be made widely known as there is a constant stream of visitors passing through and no certain alternative accommodation.
5. I understand from 56 Area that the accommodation in the Excelsior is to be used for married families and that until they arrive and fill the place up the A.C. officers now living permanently in the Excelsior will not be turned out. I repeat that I was

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not kept in touch with developments that led up to the cancellation of the A.C. claim to 10 rooms and only found about it asking for information at the routine meeting of the Accommodation Committee on the 21st of January.

J. A. C. Pennyquick

J. A. C. PENNYQUICK
Colonel
Chief Liaison Officer
Allied Commission.

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Ref: 550/154/23

19 January 1946

SUBJECT: Transfer of AMG Transit Hotel,
Bolsano (Albergo Centrale).

TO : Chief Liaison Officer
Venetia Region (Treviso).

1. Reference your RXII/PI/664 of 10 January 1946.
2. Authority is hereby granted for the transfer to 60 Sub-Area of the above-mentioned hotel, including the assets as at 31 December 1945.

B. SAMPSON

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Chief Liaison Officer, Bolsano.

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HEADQUARTERS
VENETIAN REGION
Allied Military Government
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TO : Chief Commissioner
HQ. AG.

10 JAN 18 1946

SUBJECT : Transfer of AMG Transit Hotel, Bolzano
(Albergo Centrale)

FILE No : BXII/PI/661

1. With the closing down of AMG in Bolzano, it is proposed to transfer the AMG Transit Hotel, Bolzano to 60 Sub-Area.
2. As most of the Profit was made through the officer of 60 Sub-Area and not through AMG officers, may authority be granted, please, to carry out the transfer including the assets as at 31 December 45.
3. The assets including (Cash in bank Lire 15.010.- and stocks of wine Lire 76.632.-) amount to the total of Lire 92.642.-

15 JAN 1946

Regional Commissioner

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PERSONAL.

Ref: 550/147/80.

8 December 1945.

My dear Alban:

Thank you for bringing to my attention the question of hotels in your DO/REQ/353 of 3 Dec 45.

My Billetting Officer explains that he was endeavouring to carry out RAAG orders on the consolidation and consequent release of requisitioned real estate issued in September and hoped that by consolidating into one hotel and releasing two, he was being helpful.

As, however, I have pointed out to him, the real point is to consider what the Italians would prefer to be derequisitioned to them. His answer to that query is undoubtedly the Majestic. On these grounds I agree with you that we should retain the two Pensiones (The Bella Vista and the California) and release the Majestic and have given orders that this will be done.

Yours sincerely

(Sgt) Maurice Lusk

Brigadier Alban Low, MC.
Headquarters,
Rome Area Allied Command.

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Roman Area Allied Command.

3rd December 1945.

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I am very sorry to worry you personally with a trifling question of accommodation and hope it will not cause you too much waste of time.

We have received from your Billeting Officer a request for the Majestic Hotel to be allotted to your Headquarters. In return it is apparently proposed that two Pensioners (The Bella Vista and the California) shall be surrendered.

This will give you an appreciable, though not very considerable, increase in the number of beds, but it will give you a very much better class of accommodation.

Do you think this justifiable? After all, you have managed to get along tolerably well with these two Pensioners for a good many months, and it is normally contrary to principle to allow people to exchange accommodation which has proved satisfactory simply because a better class of hotel is available for release to civilian needs. As you know, we have been for some time past under a barrage of criticism for holding all the best hotel accommodation, and are were intending to release this good class hotel along with others.

I will be glad of your recommendations which, ^{to} will be very carefully considered.

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Adm

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I will be glad of your recommendations which will be very carefully considered.

Yours

Emm
Alban

Brigadier M.S. LUSH, C.B., C.E.S., M.C.,
Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

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TO : HQ. A.C.
Attn: Executive Commissioner ✓

6 Nov 45

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SUBJECT : Accomodation Padova

FILE NO : RXII/386.83

1. As a matter of interest, I have to report that the transit hotel at Padova having closed down, we have agreed to accept transient officer visitors.

2. The arrangements has been made on full agreement with 217 Area and the services of a British NCO are being secured to deal with the transit side of the work.


Regional Commissioner

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Tel: 735

Ref: 550/141/90.

7 September 1945.

SUBJECT: Accommodation, Military Mission Italian Army.

TO : Establishment Section.

The attached correspondence, reference Q/12/4 dated 29 August and 1 September 1945, subject as above, received from Land Forces Sub-Commission, is passed to you for your action.

M. Frost
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
as above

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission (SEIA),
(Please note change of action)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 2319
Date/Time of Origin: AUG 29 1150Z

Message Centre No: F/5788
Date Time Rec'd: AUG 29 2000Z
Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: DISTONE
TO: HQ ALCOM INFO DISTWO

AUG 29 1945

CONFIDENTIAL

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For Admiral STONE from Major General REYDEMAN.

Your 4400 dated 28 August 1945 most perturbing as 2 DISTRICT communications will be impossible from MONZA once rains commence. Earnestly request you ask AC to share MONTECATINI building with AME even ^(if) this causes slight inconvenience.

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ACTION: Ex Commissioner 2
INFO: Chief Commissioner
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WITNESS RPTD DLTWO

4400

28 Aug 45

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CONFIDENTIAL PD

I UNDERSTAND THAT LUSH GAVE YOU THE IMPRESSION THAT THE ALLIED COMMISSION STAFF NOW IN OLD FOUR CORPS HEADQUARTERS MILAN COULD BE MOVED AT SHORT NOTICE TO MAKE ROOM FOR YOUR HEADQUARTERS PD

PARSH TO WITNESS PERSONAL FOR GENERAL REYDEMAN REED FOR INFO DLTWO FROM HQ ALCON SIGNED ADMIRAL STONE PARSH

I AM AFRAID I AM NOT SO HOPEFUL PD THEIR WORK IS SO IMPORTANT TO THE ECONOMY OF ITALY THAT I SHOULD BE AVERSE TO MOVING THEM UNTIL ADEQUATE ACCOMMODATION CAN BE FOUND IN MINISTRIUM BUILDING PD THIS WILL PROBABLY NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL ONE MONTH AFTER THE TURN OVER OF THE NORTHERN REGIONS TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OR A DATE WHICH IS AT PRESENT UNKNOWN PD I WILL DO MY BEST TO HELP BUT FEEL THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW OF MY ATTITUDE NOW

Copy to: ESTAB Sec

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Office of Executive Commissioner.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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No I

TO : ~~No~~ DISTRICT PERSONAL FRM GENERAL HEYDEMAN FROM
ADMIRAL STONE.

No II Dist info

I understand that LUSH gave you the impression that the AC staff now in old IV Corps HQ MILAN could be moved at short notice to make room for your HQ. I am afraid I am not so hopeful. Their work is so important to the economy of ITALY that I should be averse to moving them until adequate accommodation can be found in MONTICATINI building. This will probably not be possible until one month after the turn over of the Northern Regions to the Italian Government, a date which is at present nebulous. I will do my best to help but feel that you should ^{know} ~~have warning~~ of my attitude now.

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Ex. Com.

Ref: 74.2/IST

9 August 1945

AUG 10 1945

I have just seen a copy of the Chief Administrative Officer's signal about the Continentale and Diana Hotels in Milan, which solves a very difficult problem for us most satisfactorily.

I realize that your energetic support is largely responsible for this decision, and I should like to express my appreciation of your help.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier General A.L. Hamblen,
G-5 Section
Allied Force Headquarters.

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(S/CDR P) 10/8

Ref: 74.2/SSY

9 August 1945

AUG 10 1945

I have just seen a copy of your signal to District
Two and Fifth Army about the Continentale and Diana Hotels.

I must say that I am more than grateful to you for
your very effective help in this matter. Without your
assistance in putting forward our claim, I am afraid we should
have been in a most difficult position in Milan. As it is,
and thanks to you, our accommodation problem is very much eased.

M. S. LUSH

Major General Carter B. Magruder,
G-4 Section
Allied Force Headquarters.

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AUG 021530
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AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE PHCAO
DISTWO 5TH ARMY ALCOM

AUG 3 1945

RESTRICTED.

Subject is hotels in MILAN. CONTINENTAL Hotel will be turned over to ALCOM at earliest possible date. DIANA MAJESTIC Hotel will be turned over to DISTRICT NO 2 by 5TH ARMY not later than 15 August 45.

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ACTION EST SEC 2
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
FILE 2
FLOAT

*Estab Sec are preparing a letter
of thanks to Gen. Goutheron
per EX COMAR instrs.*

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DISTWO FROM GNN HAHEN

HQ AC FOR BRIG LUSH AFHQ FOR G1 INFO AFHQ FOR G5
FOR COL PIERRE HQ 59 AREA

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Ref 2081 of 181625B cite ACENT.

1. CONTINENTAL Hotel was promised to DISTWO by ON IV COMPS on release by them as British officers leave hotel and officers club for which there is urgent need in MILAN and no suitable accommodation available except in high class hotel. Appreciate that there is also need for high class hotel for visiting officials and that CONTINENTAL is most suitable. I am prepared to give up 3 aim on CONTINENTAL provided DIAMAN MAJESTIC Hotel now taken over by 5 ARMY from AC for 5 ARMY officers leave hotel is made available 2 DISTRICT as officers club and leave hotel.

2. For AFHQ G1. Request conflicting bids for hotels in MILAN be decided earliest but must press my claim for either MILAN MAJESTIC or CONTINENTAL as officers leave and club hotel. See A/544 (20) of 17 July to you and HQ AC message 2081 of 181625B copy to AFHQ G5.

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FOR COL PICKS NO 59 AREA

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Ref 2081 of 1816258 at the library.

1. CONTINENTAL Hotel was promised to DISTRICT by ON IV COMPS on release by them as British officers leave hotel and officers club for which there is urgent need in MILAN and no suitable accommodation available except in high class hotel. Appreciate that there is also need for high class hotel for visiting officials and that CONTINENTAL is most suitable. I am prepared to give up 6000 on CONTINENTAL provided DIAMANT HOTEL not taken over by 5 ARMY from AC for 5 ARMY officers leave hotel is made available 2 DISTRICT as officers club and leave hotel.

2. Per APOC 61. Request conflicting bids for hotels in Manila be decided earliest but must press my claim for either NICKA MANABTIC or CONTINENTAL as officers leave and club hotel. See A/644 (18) of 17 July to you and HQ AC message 2081 of 1815253 copy to APOC 65.

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18 July 1945

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PARA ONE PD YOUR FOX TWO FOUR ZERO SIX SEVEN OF ONE SEVEN JULY PD
PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE FROM HQ ALCON CITE ACST PAREN
FROM LUSH

PARA TWO PD POINT IS AS EXPLAINED TO BRIGADIER HEND THAT DISTRO
REQUIRE CONTINENTAL HOTEL AS OFFICERS CLUB. SEE MY TWO ZERO EIGHT
OF EREN DATE PD

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*Copy to Mr. C. C. ...
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L.T. MONTANT, Jr.,
Capt., AGD

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(Mr. Anderson)

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ACTION: DISTRO RPTD AFHQ FOR G-5 (INFO) AND LOMBARDIA REGION
FOR COLONEL FISKE (INFO)

2081

18 July 1945

PRIORITY

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IN CLEAR

PARA ONE PD YOU WILL HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY COLONEL FISKE WITH
REQUEST THAT CONTINENTAL HOTEL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO AMG FOR ACCOM-
MODATION VISITING OFFICERS ALLIED COMMISSION WHOSE NUMBERS WILL
INCREASE AND FOR CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF ITALIAN OFFICIALS WHOSE
PRESENCE IN NORTHERN ITALY IS ESSENTIAL TO INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL
REHABILITATION PD

PAREN TO DISTRO FOR ACTION RPTD AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FOR INFO AND
LOMBARDIA REGION FOR COLONEL FISKE FOR INFO FROM HQ ALCON CITE

FROM LUSH

ACEST PAREN

PARA TWO PD I HOPE THAT YOU WILL ACCEDE TO THIS REQUEST PD

Copy for [unclear]
(you to [unclear] 13 July 1945)

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EST. SEC.

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(Det. Account)

L.T. MONTANT, Jr.,
Capt., AGD

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18th July 1945.

MEMO TO: Establishment Section.

SUBJECT: Continental Hotel.

Reference AFHQ Cable F 24067 of 17 Jul 45. The Executive Commissioner wishes action to be taken on this signal in accordance with the attached drafts. Please issue these signals from your Section, sending a copy to this office for information.

/s/ *W. B. T.*

Lt. Col,
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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Signal received from HME that IV CORPS releases Continental Hotel MILAN on or about 20 July.

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INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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Extract of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting - 10 July 45

Accommodation in Milan.

A/Ex C stated that the forward echelons of Industry and Commerce S/Cs had practically filled the small building allocated for AC and that he was going to ask for the IV Corps HQ building to be made available.

To solve the billeting problem, a telegram was being sent to-day asking that the Continental Hotel be reserved for AC when IV Corps moved out: he proposed that the Continental be run on similar lines to the Grand Hotel in Rome, i.e. for the use of AC and Italian civilians. Pol Adviser (B) strongly supported this. There would have to be double feeding arrangements, as in the Grand.

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Extract of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting held on 15 June 1945.

Accommodation in Milan.

Pol Adviser (B) reported that the Diana Hotel had been taken over by Fifth Army as a rest house. There was thus no accommodation for Italian Government officials visiting Milan and very limited accommodation for visiting AG officers: the P. Luigi e Savoia being now the only hotel available. Ex. C said the time had passed when accommodation for troops had first priority and directed Asst Sec to telephone 2010 Fifth Army with a view to the retention of the Hotel Diana as an AG hotel. If this failed Ex. C would ask CC to take the matter up himself.

Ex. C had received a letter from Lombardia Region asking for a ruling on the reception and billeting of the many Italian officials, AG officers and secretaries who were visiting Milan. Ex. C would pass the letter to Asst Sec for action.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 550/119/EC.

23 June 45.

Subject: Travel to Northern Towns -
Amendment No: 1.

To: See distribution below.

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Reference 550/118/EC of 21 June 45.
BOLOGNA for VENICE in para 3.

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Amended 8/1 24/6

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref:

3/3 B/CA

20 Jun 45

SUBJECT: Colonna Hotel.

JUN 21 1945

TO: VP Establishment Section.

- file non plus*
- 1 I regret to have to bother you again on the subject of the above hotel but I do so in response to very strong pressure from the Directors of several Sub-Commissions.
 - 2 It seems that the arrangements which the employees living in the Colonna Hotel were attempting to make on their own initiative have now fallen through and as the owner is attempting to charge some 3,000 lire a month for the room alone a deadlock has been reached.
 - 3 Heads of Sub-Commissions are concerned not only from the feeling that this Commission has an obligation to the employees but also because if, as seems likely, certain employees have no alternative but to leave, the Sub-Commissions will be losing personnel whom they cannot spare.
 - 4 I must, therefore, request that this matter be again approached and would suggest that even though an illegality exists it might well be allowed to continue until such time as Sub-Commissions can start to reduce.

DB
G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.,
VP CA Section.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner.

See M 1204/121
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Ref: 550/118/50.

21 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Travel to Northern Towns.

NO : See Distribution below.

The extreme shortage of accommodation in the large northern cities has made it necessary to restrict the issue of Travel Orders as indicated below.

a) To Italian Civilian Personnel.

Orders will be issued only to Italian officials travelling by AC courier plane and will bear the endorsement:-

"The procurement of billet and messing facilities in the city of is the responsibility of the traveller, and Allied Commission/AC assumes no liability in connection therewith."

b) To Allied Civilian Personnel.

As a general rule no orders will be issued to Allied civilian personnel not having assimilated commissioned ranks indicated on their ID, AC Form 65-8/Identity Card. It is not anticipated that the need will exist for the services of female civilian employees on such journeys, but in the event of it being necessary such cases will be considered on its own merits.

All requests for Travel Orders should contain a clear description of the mission to be performed - such notations as "AC activities" being unacceptable.

The above applies to travel orders for the following cities:-

BERLIN, PARIS, BRUSSELS, LONDON, GENEVA, MILAN, ROME, NAPLES, TRIESTE, VENICE, BOLOGNA - 5th AF

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All requests for Travel Orders should contain a clear description of the mission to be performed - such notations as "AC activities" being unacceptable.

3. The above applies to travel orders for the following cities:-

Bologna - San US
MILAN, PAVIA, VERONA, TURIN, GENOA,

and will come into force v.o.f. the date of this memorandum.

4. In no circumstances will orders be issued for leave or recreational purposes.

[Signature]
Brigadier,
Executive Commission.

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Subject: Travel to Northern Towns.

To: See distribution below.

1.

The extreme shortage of accommodation in the large northern cities has made it necessary to restrict the issue of Travel Orders as indicated below.

a) To Italian Civilian Personnel:

Orders will be issued only to Italian officials travelling by AC courier ^{plane} and will bear the endorsement:-

"The procurement of billet and messing facilities in the city of is the responsibility of the traveller, and Allied Commission/AMC assumes no liability in connection therewith."

b) To Allied Civilian Personnel:

As a general rule no orders will be issued to Allied civilian personnel not having associated commissioned commissioned ranks indicated on their ID, AGO Form 63-3 Identity Card. It is not anticipated that the need will exist for the services of female civilian employees on such journeys, but in the event of it being necessary each case will be considered on its own merits.

c) In no circumstances will orders be issued for leave or

travelling by AC courier ~~and~~ and will bear the endorsement :-

"The procurement of billet and messing facilities in the city of is the responsibility of the traveller, and Allied Commission/AMC assumes no liability in connection therewith."

b) To Allied Civilian Personnel.

As a General rule no orders will be issued to Allied civilian personnel not having assimilated commissioned commissioned ranks indicated on their ID, AGO Forms 65-8 Identity Cards. It is not anticipated that the need will exist for the services of female civilian employees on such journeys, but in the event of it being necessary each case will be considered on its own merits.

c) In no circumstances will orders be issued for leave or recreational purposes.

3. The above applies to travel orders for the following cities :-

MILAN, PARIS, VENICE, TORIN, GENOA

and will come into force w.e.f. the date of this notification.

2. All requests for Travel Orders should contain a clear description of the mission to be performed - such notations as "AG activities" being unacceptable.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION,
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Ref: 570/30.

17th June 1945.

MEMO TO: Colonel Norman E. Fiske.

1. Will you please take up the matter of the Diana Hotel with 4 Corps and 5 Army. It is essential that there should be sufficient good hotel accommodation in MILAN for AEC and for the very many visitors from AEC. It is unreasonable for us to expect Lombardia Region to put up AEC visitors, missions from the War Dept and War Office, etc., unless they have proper hotel accommodation.

2. I think this is a case where military necessity must become military convenience and where the AEC necessity must have priority.

3. Will you also ensure that when the PWB leave the Diana Hotel is made available for visiting Italian officials. The administration will be a matter for Lombardia Region but 4 Corps make the allocation.

4. I have already spoken to Colonel Ladd on both these matters but pressure from you would be most valuable. *Col. Sutherland*

M. S. SUTHERLAND

MEL/JO.

Copy to: HQ, Lombardia Region.
Establishment Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

All Large (and N.)
Milan
Genoa

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120 May - June 1945

Subject : Travel to Milan

To : See Distribution

1. Due to the extreme shortage of accommodations in Milan, effective immediately travel orders to that city will be issued for Allied Military personnel, and for Italian personnel, only as indicated below:

2. Orders will not be issued

a. To Italian civilian personnel, except in case of Italian officials travelling by AC carrier plane, whose orders will bear the indorsement: "The procurement of billet and messing facilities in the city of Milan is the responsibility of the traveller, and Allied Commission/Allied Military Government assumes no liability in connection therewith."

b. To Allied Civilian personnel, with the exception of those having assimilated commissioned ranks indicated on their WD, AGO Forms 65-3 (Identification Card). (It is not anticipated that need will exist for the services of female civilian employees on such journeys, and no orders will be issued for the travel of female civilian employees, Allied or Italian, to the City of Milan.)

c. Under no circumstances, will orders be issued for travel to Milan for leave or recreational purposes.

3. All requests for orders to Milan will contain a clear description of the mission to be performed there; such notations as "AC activities" will NOT be accepted.

4. Orders specifying travel in North Italy generally will be worded to include the statement "excluding the city of Milan", unless specific request is made for orders authorizing entry into Milan. Such requests will comply with the provisions set forth above, and the orders will then include the additional statement, "including the city of Milan."

(Draft)
C. M. PARKER,
Col, Inf,
Executive Officer

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ALLIED COMMISSION
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GMP/rjp

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16 June 1945

SUBJECT: Accommodations-Milan

TO : S.C.A.O. 5th Army

1. The attention of this Headquarters has been invited to the fact that the Diana Hotel, in Milan, hitherto occupied by AG/AMG personnel of Lombardia Region, and used as a transient hotel for visiting AG officials, has been taken over by Fifth Army, who propose to use it as a Rest Center.

2. As you are no doubt aware, one of Allied Commission's most difficult tasks is the reuniting of North and South Italy. To this end, it has been necessary to provide travelling facilities and accommodations for both a number of AG personnel and various officials of the Italian Government. In connection with this, it is vitally important that adequate accommodations be available, that this work may proceed without hitch.

3. It is understood that Fifth Army has already extensive rest centre facilities in the Lago Di Como area, and it is a source of some surprise that a rest centre should be set up in Milan, already crowded and notoriously the hottest city in Italy, in the summer months.

4. It is requested that urgent and strong representations be made to the Commanding General, Fifth Army, that the Hotel Diana, or alternatively, an equivalent amount of space, be made available to Allied Military Government, Lombardia Region, for the accommodation of AG officials on temporary duty in Milan, and for the accommodation of high officials of the Italian Government, travelling to Milan at Allied Commission's request, or at the request of their own government.

G.M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Infantry,
Executive Officer (US)

Copy to S. G. G. G.

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JUN 21 1945

Extract of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting held on 12 June 1945.

Closing of Hotel Colonna.

1st Sec reported that there were 34 Italian civilians in this hotel. They were eating British rations and HQ Commandant now wanted to close the hotel and stop the issue of rations. Mr C agreed but directed that the occupants should be given notice that this would take place on 1 July.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
APO 304

R/2121

11 June 1945

1 JUN 1945

SUBJECT: Billets.

TO : Brigadier M. S. Lush, Executive Commissioner, Hq AC.

1. Milan is still being invaded by Italian officials who are coming up under authority of Sub-Commissions of Hq AC. With all hotels of any size requisitioned, this uncoordinated influx of Italian officials presents an insoluble problem to the billeting office of the Prefettura which attempts to handle such cases. For example, yesterday 18 civilian engineers arrived from Naples on the authorization of AMG Naples. They are here to purchase materials, but the purpose of these purchases is unclear. Could we have some relief? *

2. Allied officers from Hq AC are arriving with secretaries. On the admission of officers themselves, the secretaries go off on tours of the lakes. These secretaries, when Allied, usually do not have officer status, and we have difficulty in billeting them. When these secretaries are Italian, we cannot billet them at all, and the officers become displeased. Could this practice be stopped?

3. For Allied personnel who have assimilated rank and who can show documents to that effect, there are no difficulties. Am I to accept as valid assimilated rank when vouched for only by Sub-Commissions with no other documents available?

Maurice F. Neufeld
MAURICE F. NEUFELD
Captain, QMC
Executive Officer

I have seen your letter of 7 June on subject (Ref: 559/104/EC)
We can't billet or draw rations for even Italian
Officials of special importance. If they come, they'll
have to take chance of being stranded.

B. L. Smith
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FROM: LOMBARDIA REGION FROM LISH SIGNED HATCHER
To: HQ ALCOM FOR STONE

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1. Personal subject is location Col FISKE's office.
2. Recommend MONTECATINI building when accommodation and services available and not in separate building.

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INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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FROM: Brigadier T. R. Henn

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

7 June 1945

My dear *Maurice*:

Thank you for your letter 550/EC of 5th June enclosing J. E. Dunlop's letter. I have gone into the matter at this end, but I do not wish to bring it before the CMO until we have rather more definite information.

G-1 tell me that if any building is occupied to an extent far below its capacity, it is impossible to make a case for retaining it. Thus if the Storione Hotel held 120 and there were only 60 AME officers in it, I do not think we have a case. If, on the other hand, it holds 60 and there were 60 in it, then it is quite clear to me we can stop any attempt at infiltration.

Will you be good enough to let me have more definite details if and when Sub-Area goes any further.

Yours sincerely,

T. R. Henn

Brigadier Maurice S. Lash, CB, CBE, MC
Executive Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Commission
A.P.O. 394

Copy to:

Brigadier J. E. Dunlop
Regional Commissioner
AME Hq, Venezia Region
A.P.O. 394

See Minute 107

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel: 735

7 June 1945.

Ref: 550/104/EC.

SUBJECT: Visitors to Northern Regions.

TO : Distribution below.

1. Embarrassment is being caused to Regional Commissioners in the North by the large number of Italian civilians and others of non Allied nationality who are sent to them by Sub-Commissions for accommodation and messing.
2. It is not the desire of Regional Commissioners to refuse hospitality but Directors of Sub-Commissions must realise that accommodation is often stretched to the utmost and rations cannot be drawn for other than Allied military personnel. Therefore, it must be borne in mind that only persons of the category mentioned above who are of special importance should be offered JAG accommodation.
3. Naturally, Regional Commissioners must always be consulted in advance as to the availability of accommodation.

[Signature]
Brigadier, *[Signature]*
Executive Commissioner.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 550/EC.✓

5th June 1945.

I enclose letter from the Regional Commissioner,
Venetia Region.

It is quite fantastic that AMG should now take
second place to accommodation of troops. My reasons are
that (a) operations are over and the whole of Italy is at the
disposal of troops; (b) the summer is upon us.

Would you take the matter up personally with the
Chief Administrative Officer and let Dunlop and myself have an
assurance that this nonsense does not persist.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier T.R. Henn,
Deputy Asst. Chief of Staff,
G-5 Section,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

- Copy to: RC, Venetia Region.

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10/6/45
Noted
[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS
VENETIAN REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

1 June, 1945.

From: Brigadier J.K. Dunlop.

JUN 5 1945

My dear Francis

I may need your help on a high level. I heard this afternoon that Colonel Percy Jones, Commander EIO Sub Area, incidentally without any previous notice, was in the Storione Hotel looking over accommodations. I got him on the telephone and asked him what it was all about. He said that there was very heavy pressure from lots of formations, etc., etc.

I said that I felt bound to make the point at once, on behalf of the Allied Commission, that we were in the Hotel, had been in the Hotel for nearly a month, and that the Storione was known by this time not only in Padova but pretty widely in Northeast Italy as the home of A.M.G.

If, therefore, we were forced to move out of this accommodation in favour of any military formation - short of course of A.F.H.Q. itself - the result on the prestige of AC/AMG would be quite deplorable, and I could not agree to any such step without direct reference to my H.Q.

Fortunately you, Tom Henn, Gerald Upjohn, Antonini and many others know the whole situation and I am confident of your help if the emergency does arise.

Yours ever
[Signature]

Brigadier M.S. Lush, CB, CBE
Office of the Executive Commissioner
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