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CONFLICTING CLAIMS FOR ACCOMODATION, ITALIAN ARMY,
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Executive Commissioner.

East experience has shown that Italian Refugee Authorities tend to block Transit Camps with static refugees. Bologna No. 12 is a large Refugee Centre particularly suited for handling large numbers of transit refugees. It is considered essential that it be retained by this Sub-Commission.

10 September 1946

Tel. Ext. 392



E. HURDY
Lieut. Colonel,
Asst. Deputy Director.

64.

100. (1) Please see m. 62. Folio 57 & m. 58,

59, 60, 61 refer.

(2) Folio 63 for info.

10/9. 6/9. 10/9.

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B.P.R.S/C. ^{58.} May we please have your
 comments on folios 56-57.
 S. McMartin of Pond #15 3/8

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 refugees may submit, anwar Joudon
 it is essential to hold a dispersed
 camp in our hands.
 6012 Bologna is the only camp now
 available to us -

C.B.F.
 3.5.45 46.

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 Lto. Draft appropriate for approval please.
 Folio 57 & m. 58 & 59 refer.
 S. McMartin. 4/9. 10/5/49

61. 1252

Dispos.

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R.F./H 2.2.

W. TURNER C.B.F.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

Ex Comm. 48
 48. Folio 46 a Copy letter from
 MM 14 in reply to folio 45. Please
 make m. 46.

2/2/77
 G.M.C.M. 19/7 M. 19/7

So.

D.P.S.C. May we have your comments on
 folio 49 please. G.M.C.M. 22/7.

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Executive Commissioner.

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The Italian Authorities in the past have filled transit camps with statics. When such camps are needed for large numbers of refugees the Italian Camps are unable to handle them.

It is considered that the uncertain position in Venezia Giulia makes it essential to retain a large transit camp under Allied control at Bologna. The Italian Authorities should be pressed to dispose refugees in the Communes rather than hold them in large Refugee Centres.

24 July 1946

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C. FOTHERGILL 1251
 Lt. Colonel,
 Deputy Director DPRSC.

Ex Comm. 52. 2/2/77
 52. Ref. folio 49. Please see m. 51.
 I have asked Col. Fothergill to prepare

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Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director DPRSC.

Ex Comm. 52. 26/7
6/50. Ref. Latis 49. Please see m. 51.
I have asked Col. Fothergill to prepare his reply to 49 for C.C.'s signature with a copy to us.
G.M.C.M. 24/7. 28.7.46

Ex Comm. 52
Attached reply to Latis 49 forwarded herewith for your approval & C.C. signature.
3/7 *(H. H. 118)*

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D.P. 3/c.

41.

Confirming telephone conversations BYATT - Woodcock
Rivoli bks will be handed over to you on 26
June. NOVARA bks still under consideration

Notes.

26 June 66 J.P. 3/c.

42.

C.S.O. Ref your min 39 on folio 34. Please
see min no 41 above. *auth* 22/6

43.

C.S.O. Ref. m. 41 Rivoli Bks. have been handed
over. Novara is still under consideration
and Italian Government is being pressed
to hand over Novara or failing that offer
some other accommodation.

J. W.C.M. 1/7.

44.

J. Cond. h.c.m.

Please follow up the question of
NOVARA & let me know the position in
a week from now. *J.S.* 2/7

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45.

C.S.O. Ref. m. 43, 44 and folio 45. Disper are sending
Maj. Stewart up to Novara to sort out accommodation
problem & possibly find alternative accommodation.
Disper will inform us of results.

J. W.C.M. 12/7.

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35.
Land Jones Sp. (MIA)
Dutier

Ref to 34 para 5. Will this be arranged?

L.S. Hunt. Smith.
10-10-66

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36.

Yes. It is typed & handed over
Nora & Rivoli in very near future.

RAC

MIA

Q.

11 June.

37.

Ex Comm

Hope that MIA will give early decision. That
Nora & Rivoli Baruch are available. We have
discussed the matter with them and will state that
the use of these Baruch is a matter of considerable

urgent.

12 Jan.

(if)
D.P.R.S.C.

38.

Ex Comm.

See to 34 for info, also in 35, 36 & 37.

I will follow up with MIA.

H.S. 13/6.

K.L.

39.

Please keep me informed.

H.S. 14/6

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12 June.

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D.P.R.S.C.

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Ex Comm.

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H.S. 13/6.

39.

Please keep me informed.

H.S. 14/6

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To Land Forces p 40

Can you please give any idea of
the date upon which NORON & Rivoli Barracks
will be available to DISPOPS? QAG 12/6

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8 Apr. Agreed. Conf with D.P. was not held.
Some details are now available & possible
alternative seen. - D.P. are being approached
and joint representation will be made to
Exec. Com. in the course.

[Signature]
Land Forces
etc.

26.

Right - but until the whole matter has
been considered I doubt we can have
representations from either sub-committee

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27. Land Forces S/C. noted. D.P. Sec. AD. L.F. & C. 18 April
Driver S/C.
To note in 26 above. J.S. 17/4

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h.d. 18.
20/4/46.

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Ex Comm.
This so far info, please. I will follow it up.
J.S. 20/4/46

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and men
etc.

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Dispen S/C.

To note in 26 above, H.S. 17/4

28.

hdc - 13. 25/4/46.

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be comm.

29. 4/2/46 so far info, please. I will follow it up.

I don't quite like extension buildings in N of New Area

MV (2/5)

H.S. 30/4/46

30/4

209. 3
Lx Comm.

Ref 200. I cannot trace any previous correspondence on this matter. J.H. 6/12

Chief Commissioner

The letter of protest speaks for itself. The matter has been brought to my attention by Bry Lao who has been a good friend in presenting

what you yourself have initiated. CONC is to Station Committee for Olympic Games. More like CONC. 12/17/54
MAR 4 1955
1010
12/17/54

C. 30. Lx. Com.

15.

16 for info. Dispers are checking the places mentioned to see if in fact the P.O. is lacking sense or not. When they let us know the result of their check will the P.O. is wrong, suppose we go on with the battle. 25/3.

FWZ
26/3.

Lx Comm.

20.

See 19. There appears to be a considerable difference of opinion between Land Forces S/C and 16. Dispers on this matter of accommodation. I think that it would be desirable to call a conference in order to reach a decision. J.H. 29/3

21.

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Bray Leo who has been a good friend in previous times

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D.O. Letter from Lt.Col. C.F. KOTTERGILL, Deputy Director, D.F.R.S.C.

DFR/91-1/Adm

9 September 1946

SEP 10 1946

Dear

1. I am sorry to hear that there are still difficulties regarding the administration of the BOLZANO Camp. A commitment which we had hoped to liquidate many months ago, but we seem no nearer a solution, though we are constantly pestering AFHQ.
2. With the closing down of your liaison Section, as regards executive duties in your province, faces us with continuing to advise and assist the Italians in their BOLZANO commitment. In the circumstances it is advisable that Capt. Dawson and Miss Romilly come directly under the orders of Major Stewart our Northern Italy Representative, naturally keeping you informed of what is going on.
3. So that continuity may exist it is considered advisable that we continue to help 217 Area in running their transit Camp. This also helps us, when you pull out, regarding rations, POL etc. EIU's can give little assistance.
4. Brenner Check Post. For the present it has been considered advisable to retain this Check Post, but the size and establishment of the post will be reduced so as to cater for 10 refugees.
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6. Rations on British Scale. To continue to be distributed at present against entitlement. Again B.L.U.'s can't help. 245
7. P.O.L. for Camp. To continue as at present, running of Transit Camp gives us facilities which otherwise not available. Current authority authorises.
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See M-64
Yours,

Col. S.W. MILLER
Allied Commission Liaison Officer
BOLZANO

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Copy to : Executive Commissioner. —

(Spencer)

September, 1946

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There appears to be a misunderstanding as regards the Refugee Camps in Udine and Trieste, as these Camps are under the command of the Allied Authority. The help of the local Italian Assistance Authorities is always welcomed in these Camps as in the case of Bologna No. 12.

Unfortunately Camp No. 11 Bologna is a very small Camp capable only of accommodating about 100 in transit in addition to those refugees of necessity resident there.

I feel and I am sure you will agree with me that it is essential still to maintain a large transit Camp at Bologna under the control of the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, which will always be able to deal with the dispersal of possibly a very large number of persons at such an important Centre.

Yours very truly,

27/10/20

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

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TRANSLATION

AUG 31 1946

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 26 August 1946.

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Dear Admiral,

Thanking you for the information kindly furnished in yours IPR/42/Q of 1 August 1946 with regard to my request for the return of Refugee Camp Nr 12 in Bologna to the assistential authorities of that city, I would be grateful if you would kindly request the competent Allied office to return upon this matter.

In fact, I would consider it useful that they examine more carefully the possibility of using only Camp #11 for refugees of foreign nationality, leaving Camp #12 to the Italian refugees, especially as Clearing Camp.

Should such a solution not be reached, as presently the assistential authorities of Bologna do not dispose of a large clearing camp, the Italian refugees arriving in said city would have to follow the following strange procedure:

A refugee from Venezia Giulia, for instance, reaching first a town having an Italian assistance Committee (Trieste, Udine or Venice) would receive a first help from them, then in Bologna would be accommodated in Camp #12 under Allied authorities and then cleared towards another locality where he would again receive the assistance of Italian authorities.

This would cause an interruption of continuity prejudicing the organization. Instead it would be necessary to separate distinctly the tasks of the Allied assistance offices, which should take care of foreign refugees exclusively, from those of Italian assistance offices, which should take care of Italian citizens only.

Therefore, while I agree with you upon the necessity that a railway center of the importance of Bologna be also a clearing center for refugees, I also consider necessary that there should be two transit camps, one exclusively for the foreigners and the other exclusively for the Italians. Otherwise the result is a situation like the one that has arisen now in Camp #12 of Bologna where, though for a short time, Yugoslav and Italian refugees from Venezia Giulia and Dalmazia were obliged to live together, with moral discomfort for both which determines continuous incidents.

According to letter 1465/a/6 of 1 August 1946 of the Committee for the assistance to Julian and Palestinian refugees in Bologna, the Allied authorities in charge of Camp #12 in repressing such incidents, show a partiality in favor of the Slavs.

Concluding these remarks, I should be grateful if you would kindly intervene once more so that the Refugee Camp #12 of Bologna be handed over to

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(y/c me)

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the Italian assistance authorities and, should this be absolutely impossible, that the Allied assistance office of said city cooperate with the Prefect in the research of a new Clearing Camp to be used for Italian refugees only under Italian management.

Believe me

Sincerely yours,

/s/ De Gasperi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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Exp. Com 54

Ref. : DFR/42/C

1 August 1946.

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I have considered your letter regarding your request for the return of Camp No. 12 at Bologna to the assistance authorities of Bologna.

The present position is that Camp No. 11 Bologna, capacity 400, is used for Yugoslavs and limited transit accommodation for UNRRA eligibles.

Camp No. 12 Bologna, capacity 3,000 under transit conditions, is used as a Sorting Camp for refugees Italian and others, entering Italy. It is also held to handle any large move which may occur without warning.

In the past I have had occasion to urge Ministero Assistenza Post-Bellica to keep Transit Camps under their care as empty as possible, but todays dispersal from centres such as Padova has not been carried out.

I consider and I am sure you will agree with me that it is essential to retain a large Transit Camp under the control of the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission to deal with the dispersal of possible large numbers of persons at the important railway centre of Bologna. In the circumstances I consider it inadvisable to hand-over Camp No. 12 to the local authorities of Bologna for the present.

Yours very truly,

Ts/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

Copy to: C. Com.
L. Com. ✓

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(for me) L. Com.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

DPR/42/Q

Tel. 489081 Ext. 434

27 July 1946

SUBJECT : Accommodation - Camps.

JUL 29 1946

TO : Office of Executive Commissioner.

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Reference your memo 635/EC dated 27 July 1946.

1. Your attention is invited to minute number 51 dated 27 July 1946, on your file 635/EC.

For the Director:

C. Fothergill

C. F. FOTHERGILL,
Lieut. Colonel,
Deputy Director.

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TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

File 2280

Rome, 17 July 1946.

JUL 19 1946

Dear Admiral,

The situation of the refugees has considerably worsened in the various collection centers owing to the constant flow.

Particularly serious are the conditions in Bologna inasmuch as its two largest camps (No 11 and No 12) are occupied by the Allied Military Command for the collection and distribution of foreign refugees.

I have just been informed now that the Allied Military Command could hand over Camp No 12 (once Barracks of the 3rd Field Artillery Regiment) via d'Azeglio) to the Provincial Office of Post-War Assistance in Bologna without causing any prejudice to its organization since the few foreign refugees still living in that camp could be accommodated in Camp No 11 (once Communal Dormitory) which is large and well equipped.

Thus the Provincial Post-War Assistance Office of Bologna, with camp No 12 at its disposal, could accommodate more than two thousand people and solve its most urgent problems.

I shall therefore be grateful to you if, in consideration of the necessity of solving the problem of the refugees from Venezia Giulia, You will request the Allied Command in Bologna to put Camp No 12 at the disposal of the assistance authorities of that city.

Believe me

cordially yours,

/s/ De Gasperi

See n. 50, 51, 52, 53

Note on copy to CD Sec

Brig Gen

For personal follow through

23/7 EWS

initialed M.C.

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ACTION - DISPER (c)

INFO - EC

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Subject : Accommodation - Displaced Persons.LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
AC (M.M.I.A.)

Q.001

July 1946.

TO : HQ A.C. (for DP & Repatriation S/C (5))

Reference your DPR/42/Q of 5 July 46.

1. Your anxiety to reach a final solution to this problem and hand over suitable accommodation to UNRRA is appreciated.

Unfortunately the transfer of PASSALACQUE Barracks to the Italian Army was completed by 59 Area notwithstanding GHQ letter 6261/7/Q2 of 4 June 46 and MMIA Liaison Unit authorised to confirm Italian Military possession before it was possible for our instructions to reach them.

2. The Territorial Command Turin have a comprehensive accommodation plan approved by the War Ministry and an arbitrary decision to reimpose Allied Control over these barracks would be resented and resisted.

3. However Liaison Unit and the War Ministry have been notified that some alternative accommodation must be found to off set your release of MODENA Barracks and to meet your real and pressing needs. As arranged, our representatives will meet in Turin and put up an alternative solution which it is hoped will be mutually agreed between War Ministry, Land Forces Sub Commission and yourselves.

4. Sufficient copies are enclosed for distribution to all concerned.

(Sgd) ?????

R.A. CURTIES Lt.Col.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Copy to: 1 BIU (your Q of 22 June 46 refers)
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

DPR/42/Q

Tel. 489081, Ext. 392

5 July 1946

SUBJECT : Accommodation - Displaced Persons.

JUL 6 1946

TO : M.M.I.A.

N.R.

Reference your letter Q 001 dated 27 June 1946.

1. On the basis of para. 5 of GHQ letter 6261/7/Q2 dated 4 June 1946 and in consideration of this Sub-Commission having vacated Modena Barracks it was quite clearly understood that Rivoli Barracks and one of the two Barracks at Novara would be released to accommodate Displaced Persons.

2. U.N.R.R.A. Camps are more than filled to capacity and more refugees are coming in daily as the withdrawal of out of camp assistance takes effect.

3. The alternative accommodation offered by the Ministry of War is unsuitable and it is not understood why the question of the release of Passalacqua Barracks Novara is still under consideration.

4. It is requested that a firm date be now given for the handing over of Passalacqua Barracks.

For the Director :

C.F. POTHERGILL

C.F. POTHERGILL
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Director.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner AC.—
UNRRA Italian Mission,
Camps Division.
File DPR/1-8/Adm.

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C.O.C., C.O.P.

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JUN 7 1948

SUBJECT: Accommodation.

TO : HQ 5 District.

1. It has now been ruled that the majority of accommodation in the HAN area, provisionally earmarked for the possible accommodation of AMHQ and its associated HQ may now be released.

2. In general, accommodation should only be retained to meet:

- (a) Local British requirements.
- (b) Requirements of HQ AMHQ for the operation of Swiss and Polish forces.

3. With regard to the requirements for Swiss forces, HQ AMHQ will arrange for a representative of the Swiss Forces organization to contact HQ Area and arrange details of accommodation required. In this connection, it is hoped, that in order to secure the maximum release of accommodation, it will be possible to convert some suitable hotel in HAN as an Allied Hotel on the same lines as the HAN in HAN. This has been agreed in principle by HQ AMHQ and HQ AMHQ and details could be agreed between HQ 59 Area and the representative of US Swiss Forces. Final proposals will be submitted to this Headquarters for approval.

4. When considering British Army requirements will you please ensure that provision is made for a continuing British Transit commitment in connection with No. 19 Veh Park HAN.

5. It is noted that HQ Allied Commission and the HAN will be able to arrange for some of the Barrack accommodation which will now be vacated to be allocated for the accommodation of displaced persons. It is understood that the Barracks at HANARA would be particularly suitable for this purpose.

/s/ C.O.C. SHARP

C.O.C. SHARP, D. 1238,
for 19 June 1948

Copy to:

- HQ 59 Area
- HQ Allied Commission
- AMHQ
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(b) Requirements of HQ JARVNA for the operation of Swiss and Paris Tours.

3. With regard to the requirements for Swiss Tours, HQ JARVNA will arrange for a representative of the Swiss Tours organization to contact HQ Area and arrange details of accommodation required. In this connection, it is hoped, that in order to secure the maximum release of accommodation, it will be possible to operate some suitable hotel in JARVNA as an Allied hotel on the same lines as the EXETER in JARVNA. This has been agreed in principle by CHQ C-3 and HQ JARVNA and details should be agreed between HQ 59 Area and the representative of US Swiss Tours. Final proposals will be submitted to this Headquarters for approval.

4. When considering British Army requirements will you please ensure that provision is made for a continuing British Transit commitment in conjunction with No. 49 Veh Park HQZ4.

5. It is hoped that HQ Allied Commission and the JARVNA will be able to arrange for some of the Barrack accommodation which will now be vacated to be allocated for the accommodation of Displaced Persons. It is understood that the Barracks at NOVAE would be particularly suitable for this purpose.

/s/ M.C.M. SHARP

M.C.M. SHARP, Major
For HQ JARVNA
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Copy to: HQ 59 Area

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INFO: 59 AREA DISPLACED PERSONS, - ALCOM

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SUBJECT. ACC. FOR DISPLACED PERSONS NW ITALY. ALCOM HAVE ASKED FOR RELEASE OF FOLLOWING BARRACKS. RIVOLI AT TURIN. NOVARA AND LEGNANO AT MILAN. HAVE STATED THAT NOVARA AND LEGNANO NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESENT BUT NO AFHQ REQUIREMENT FOR RIVOLI. SUBJECT TO DISTRICT AND AREA APPROVAL LATTER CAN BE RELEASED.

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ACTION: RMIA

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

EXEC COMMISSIONER

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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DISPLACED PERSONS AND INTERNATIONAL MIS-CONDUCT

MEMO/1-3/AMH

29 APRIL 1946

APR 30 1946

SUBJECT: Accommodation - Displaced Persons in the Naples Area.

TO : G-5 AFHQ. (2)

NPR

Reference your C-5: 630.3 of 11 April 1946.

1. M.M.I.A. and the Italian Ministry of War require the vacation of certain Displaced Persons accommodation by 1st June 1946.

I consider that this is a reasonable request, as this accommodation has always been the main young Italian Officers Training School.

2. M.M.I.A. have assisted by endeavouring to find alternative suitable Displaced Persons accommodation in Northern Italy - as anticipated this has been unsuccessful.

3. Other Areas have also been searched for Displaced Persons accommodation without success except the Naples Area - where suitable accommodation (vide Appendix 'X') has been found. The authorization concerned have been approached to secure the accommodation, pending general approval from AFHQ. The intention is to occupy forthwith the accommodation at NOLAN which is available now. It may be possible later to obtain more suitable accommodation in place of some of the other accommodation listed.

4. The numbers requiring to be accommodated are estimated as under :-

(a) AREA and Area	2,000	Immediately
(b) Other Displaced Persons from UNRRA Camps who have been released as outside UNRRA's Charter.	2,000	early June
(c) Displaced Persons, mainly Yugoslavs, at present employed with Allied Forces some 4,000, of whom it is estimated some 2,000 will eventually require accommodation.	2,000	June - August

5. In view of your letter reference G-5: 092.3-2 dated 19 April 1946 in which you state the Italian Peace Treaty will include a clause defining the financial obligations of the Italian Government for Displaced Persons, it would appear unnecessary to obtain the Italian Government's agreement to feed displaced persons in the Naples Area after the last D.L.R. has been moved - nevertheless I have approached the Italian Government and have received a letter saying they will assist in the "greatest possible way".

6. I should be glad if general approval could be given forthwith. It will be essential to start working stores etc. from NAPLES prior to the 10th of May to ensure handling over to M.M.I.A. by the 1st June 1946.

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TO : G-5 AMM. (2)

Reference your G-5: 630.3 of 11 April 1946.

1. M.M.I.A. and the Italian Ministry of War require the vacation of WREDA Displaced Persons accommodation by 1st June 1946.

I consider that this is a reasonable request, as this accommodation has always been the main young Italian Officers Training School.

2. M.M.I.A. have assisted by endeavouring to find alternative suitable Displaced Persons accommodation in Northern Italy - as anticipated this has been unsuccessful.

3. Other Areas have also been searched for Displaced Persons accommodation without success except the Naples Area - where suitable accommodation (vide Appendix 'X') has been found. The authorities concerned have been approached to secure the accommodation, pending general approval from A.M.I. The intention is to occupy forthwith the accommodation at WREDA which is available now. It may be possible later to obtain more suitable accommodation in place of some of the other accommodation listed.

4. The numbers requiring to be accommodated are estimated as under :-

(a) WREDA and Area	2,000	Immediately
(b) Other Displaced Persons from WREDA Camps who have been concerned as outlined WREDA's Charter.	2,000	early June
(c) Displaced Persons, mainly Yugoslavs, at present employed with Allied Forces some 4,000, of whom it is estimated some 2,000 will eventually require accommodation.	2,000	June - August

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6. I should be glad if general approval could be given forthwith. It will be essential to start moving stores etc. from WREDA prior to the 10th of May to ensure handing over to M.M.I.A. by the 1st June 1946.

Cogg to:- Major Romano, M.M.I.
Executive Commissioner, A.C.
M.M.I.A.

C.B.L.S.
G.D. VERNY
Colonel,
Director.

Undertaken by WREDA. See M 31/4/46
Approved by WREDA. See M 31/4/46

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APPENDIX 'A'

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<u>Name of place</u>	<u>Formerly occupied by</u>	<u>Estimated capacity</u>	<u>Available</u>
NOIERA	British General Hospital	2,000	Immediately
CARUA	S.M.E.	? 800	End of June
CARUA	"9 Vehicle Park" Hutted Personnel Camp.	2,000	?
	<u>Reserve</u>		
MAZZE	Istituto Costanzo Giano	2,000 more later	Italian authority - accommodation in very bad order.

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Subject: Accommodation - Indian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.I.I.A.)
R O F
Q.219

8 April 46.

To: M.I.I.A.

APR 9 1946

1. Ref your HQ 500 of 30 Mar 46.
2. The following accommodation is required to be handed over to Indian Army under the terms of HQ letter 528/46 of 27 Mar 46:
 - a) The BUGH D'AGRA Bks of CIVILIAN QUARTERS.
 - b) The A.A. Training Site at SAN SEVERA
 - c) The Villa at SAN SEVERA (formerly used as the Officers' Mess for the A.A. wing of the British School of Artillery).
3. Please confirm that the property to be released under your authority HQS 50/B of 3 April 46 refers to a) and 2b) above.

[Signature]
Major General,
M.I.I.A.

Copy to:- HQ Allied Commission
War Ministry
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238 Town Major
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APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 635/24/EC.

8 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning.

TO : Brig. A. Low, MC.
RAAC.

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I am directed by Brig. Lush to send you the attached copy of letter 10024.9.3.2.5. dated 20 March 46 from the Italian Prime Minister to Admiral Stone.

M. W. HIND-SMITH
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/1-8/ADM

Tel. 489081 Ext. 392

26 March 1946

MAR 27 1946

SUBJECT : Accommodation.

TO : Executive Commissioner, A.C.

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1. Reference M.M.I.A. letter Q.212 dated 22 March 1946.

2. (a) The list of Italian Military Accommodation used by this Sub-Commission and UNRRA is as stated with the addition at MODENA of the MONTECUCOLI Barracks.

(b) Italian Military Barracks used by the Assistenza Post Bellica is not known by this Sub-Commission. It should be ascertained by the Ministry of War from Assistenza Post Bellica.

3. It is essential that details of suitable alternative accommodation be submitted by the War Ministry at a very early date. This will allow this Sub-Commission to view the alternatives offered. It is not essential that the alternatives be the property of the War Ministry.

4. (a) With the probability of all present accommodation being needed it is not possible to release any of the accommodation listed without exchange for other premises.

AFHQ have ruled in Instruction AG.383.7 CEG-O dated 25 February 1946 that Allied Commission will retain and operate such Camps, with adequate reserve capacity, as are necessary to accommodate those persons in Displaced Persons Camps who are not eligible for UNRRA care.

Such Barracks as this Sub-Commission have put into repair give the best control of refugees and are the most economical to administer.

(b) It is considered that if the Italian Government is in support of the return of premises to the War Ministry they should offer reasonable alternatives. The onus rests with the Italian Government.

5. It is difficult to reconcile the statement that the efficiency of the Italian Army and the execution of training policy demand the early release of the Barracks at MODENA for the Military Academy with the statement in para 2 that all accommodation listed in Appendix 'A' is required at the earliest possible date. The request for the return of all Barracks held by this Sub-Commission seems to indicate a complete lack of any planning and the only criterion appears to be that premises held by us are in good condition.

In the past when M.M.I.A. have asked for the return of barracks, alternative accommodation has been offered in barracks where no attempt has been made to put the premises in order. It is considered that the Italian Army should rehabilitate premises which are available for their use rather than attempt to obtain premises where the initiative for reconstruction has been taken by another organisation.

6. The request for the return of the BARLETTA and TRANI Camps would be sent to the South.

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7. In conclusion it is recommended :-

- (i) That list of alternative accommodation be submitted to this Sub-Commission by 31st March. Conference with M.N.I.A. on 1st March has given ample time for this.
- (ii) That after alternative premises have been viewed that a Conference be held.
- (iii) That an interim letter be sent to AFHQ requesting that a ruling be given protecting the tenure by Allied Commission and UNRRA of the barracks.

C. A. S. R. L.
C. S. R. L. FINLAY
Colonel,
Director.

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File is also referred.

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Subject: Accommodation.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC
(M.H.I.A.)

Q.212

22 March 1946

TO : AC
For Executive Commissioner

Reference your 635/30 dated 2 March 1946.

1. Attached at Appendix "A" is a list of Italian Military Barracks at present in possession of Displaced Persons Sub Commission.

Very early confirmation is requested that this list is complete and that no other Italian Military accommodation is claimed for either:-

(a) Displaced Persons (including UNRRA)

or (b) Refugees.

2. The War Ministry have been instructed to prepare details of any suitable alternative accommodation they may be in a position to offer. They wish to claim, under the terms of AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No 48 of 2 November 1945, the return of all accommodation shown at Appendix "A" at the earliest possible date.

3. It is requested that the Sub Commission concerned be required to examine as a matter of urgency

(a) the possibility of releasing part at least of the accommodation listed without exchange for other military barracks.

(b) alternative accommodation other than Italian Military barracks.

For example it has been suggested that AFHQ may be in a position to offer the Royal Palace at Caserta.

4. The efficiency of the Italian Army and the execution of training policy approved by AFHQ demand the early release of the barracks at Modena for the Military Academy.

It is therefore requested that a conference be convened by you not later than 5 April at which the future of Modena can be decided and a broader issue discussed. It is further requested that pending a decision the Modena barracks are not occupied unless such a step is unavoidable.

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for Executive Commissioner

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R.A. GERRIES Lt Col.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: Displaced Persons Sub Commission.

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Appendix "A" 2.212 of 19 March 1946

A)	Military Academy	-	MODENA
B)	Casa Balilla	-	REGGIO EMILIA
C)	Artillery Bks	-	REGGIO EMILIA
D)	D'Azeglio Bks	-	BOLOGNA
E)	Pagliari Bks	-	CREMONA
F)	Bks	-	BARLETTA
G)	Bks	-	TRANI.

*In addition many Banachs are at disposal
of Italian Refugees.*

TRANSLATION

10024.9.3.2.5.

MAR 25 1946

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 20 March, 1946.

Dear Admiral,

This is in reply to your letter dated 4 March, 1946, No. 635/5/EO, regarding buildings derequisitioned by the Allied Authorities, and utilized by the Italian Administration.

1) When the Italian Government was informed that the Allied Military Authorities had in mind the derequisitioning of the National Stadium, they examined the possibility of turning it into a shelter for bombed-out, homeless refugees, and especially for children, whom the Ministry of Post War Assistance had pointed out the necessity of providing for promptly. But after an inspection made by technical experts of said Ministry, the premises turned out to be wholly inadequate for the above-mentioned purpose. They are built on the concrete stairs, on the ground itself, and are exposed to the penetrating dampness of the drains; they are lacking of real partition walls, and the windows are deprived of shutters; there are 14 entrances, consisting of gates, which holds the place open to draughts. These deficiencies render the building uninhabitable, and the rules of Italian Sanitary Laws, as well as the rules of natural prudence, suggest that it would be highly inadvisable to adapt such premises as shelters for people, and more especially for children, who, owing to undernourishment and suffering, must have suitable dwellings.

Having excluded the possibility of turning the Stadium into a shelter for refugees, the Italian Administration has decided to return it to its legitimate owner, the C.O.N.I., who propose to carry out a program of moral and physical education of the Italian Youth, so much damaged by the events of war.

2) In regards to the Regina Margherita Barracks, the Allied Authorities decided to derequisition it following request of the Military Administration in letter dated 31 October 1945, R.E./823 to R.A.A.C.-Real Estate Board, stating that the Italian Military Authorities wished to be given an opportunity of improving the well-known precarious situation of finding suitable quarters for Troops dislocated in the Capital. At the moment the barracks is being fully utilized by the Companies and Departments listed in enclosure No. 1.

3) The utilization of the premises of Cecchiagnola was agreed on by the S.M.R.E. and the Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C., for the establishment of the Motoring School and the Engineering Detachments. At present these buildings are occupied by the permanent Staff of the Schools and by several hundred soldiers who are taking the courses. They will be more fully utilized when the new recruits joining up for military service have completed their preliminary

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training at the C.A.R. The enclosed letter (enclosure 2), dated 20 February, 1946, 2c/219, shows the interest which M.M.J.A. has taken to ensure that these premises be used for Military purposes.

4) As regards the premises of the Exhibition Grounds, we cannot ignore the fact that they would be damaged by the people who might eventually occupy them. For this reason we have not thought it advisable to turn them over to the refugees, who usually have a great disregard for the premises which they occupy.

We had instead contemplated the possibility of turning them over to Companies and Institutions who would have sufficient sense of responsibility to maintain their upkeep, but the remarkable distance from the housing area has constituted a serious obstacle to Administrations such as the Italian Delegation of U.N.N.R.A., the Italian Red Cross, and the Ministry of Transport, etc., who were duly questioned on the matter.

The Offices of the Presidency, and the Commissioner of the Exhibition are now examining to what other suitable use the above-mentioned premises may be put, and we hope to reach a definite conclusion as soon as possible.

I hope that this detailed account will persuade you of the deep interest taken by the Italian Administration, that buildings derequisitioned by the Allied Authorities be put to proper use, and that you are satisfied of the results to date.

I remain,

Yours truly,

(s) De Gasperi.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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(MB)

EC DIST - 25 Mar.

ACTION - EX COMM.

INFO - LAND FORCES S/C

- DISPLACED PERSONS.

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Enclosure 2.

LANDFORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA)
ROME - Q/213 - 20 February, 1946.

TO THE MINISTRY OF WAR

e.p.cp : 8 B.L.U.

Subject: Rome - Housing for families.

1. There is difficulty in housing officers and families of Military personnel assigned to Cecchignola.
2. We beg you to inform this Headquarters of measures taken by the Ministry of War to obtain the removal of refugees from the premises in Cecchignola, so that the Military personnel and their families may be suitably housed.

p. IL MAGGIORE GENERALE MMIA
(s) Lt. Col. R.A.CURTIES.p.c.c.
IL CAPO UFFICIO 11
(Lt. Col. Fausto Monaco)
(s) F. Monaco.

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7.7.46*Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Roma, 20 marzo 1946

MAR 25 1946

Mio caro Ammiraglio,

mi riferisco alla Sua lettera del 4 corrente, n.635/5/EC, relativa alla utilizzazione da parte dell'Amministrazione Italiana di alcuni edifici derequisiti dalle Autorità Alleate in Roma.

1) Allorchè gli organi del Governo italiano vennero a conoscenza che le Autorità Militari Alleate avevano progettato di derequisire lo Stadio Nazionale, fu esaminata la possibilità di adibirlo a ricovero degli sfollati e, soprattutto, dei bambini, per i quali il Ministero per l'Assistenza Post-Bellica aveva segnalato la necessità di provvedere con particolare sollecitudine. Senonchè, da un'apposita ispezione eseguita dagli organi tecnici di detto Ministero risultò l'assoluta inidoneità dei locali allo scopo ora menzionato. Essi, infatti, sono ricavati dallo spazio sottoposto all'armatura di cemento delle gradinate; poggiano direttamente sul nudo terreno, esposti all'umidità filtrante dai drenaggi del prato; sono sforniti di veri muri divisorii, avendo soltanto leggeri tramezzi che separano i vari ambienti; presentano finestre del tutto mancanti di imposte; hanno quattordici

All'Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE
Commissario Capo
della Commissione Alleata

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*Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

ingressi muniti di soli cancelli, aperti a tutte le correnti d'aria. Le esposte deficienze rendono inabitabile l'edificio non solo a norma delle leggi sanitarie italiane, ma anche in base a quelle ordinarie regole di prudenza che sconsigliano di adibire siffatti locali a ricovero di persone - e, in particolare, di bambini - che, per la loro denutrizione e per le gravi sofferenze patite, hanno bisogno di abitazioni meno disagiate.

Esclusa in base alle esposte ragioni, la possibilità di destinare l'edificio dello Stadio a ricovero degli sfollati, la Amministrazione Italiana ha ritenuto doveroso restituirlo al suo legittimo possessore il C.O.N.I. che, attraverso le 26 federazioni dei vari sport, si propone di svolgere una nobile opera di educazione fisica e morale della gioventù, oggi tanto travisata dalle vicende della guerra.

2) Quanto alla Caserma Regina Margherita, la sua restituzione da parte delle Autorità Alleate fu disposta in seguito alla richiesta dell'Amministrazione Militare, come risulta dalla lettera R.E./823 in data 31 ottobre 1945 del Rome Area Allied Command - Real Estate Board, per dare modo alle Autorità Militari Italiane di migliorare la nota precaria situazione degli alloggiamenti delle truppe dislocate nella Capitale. Attualmente, la caserma è interamente utilizzata con gli enti e re-



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*Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

parti di cui all'all.1.

3) Anche la utilizzazione degli edifici della Cecchignola fu concordata fra lo S.M.R.E. e la Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. per la sistemazione della Scuola di motorizzazione e di quella dei collegamenti del genio. Al presente, i suddetti edifici sono occupati dal personale stabile delle scuole e da varie centinaia di militari che vi frequentano i corsi; saranno, poi, interamente utilizzati appena le reclute del contingente di nuova chiamata al servizio militare abbiano compiuto l'addestramento preliminare ai C.A.R. La lettera qui allegata sotto il n.2 del 20 febbraio u.s. 2c/219 dimostra l'interesse della M.M.I.A. alla utilizzazione dei ridetti edifici ad usi militari.

4) Quanto infine agli immobili della zona dell'Esposizione, la loro utilizzazione non può andare disgiunta dalle necessarie cautele dirette ad evitare che essi siano danneggiati da coloro che andrebbero ad occuparli. Per questo motivo si è ritenuto inopportuno di destinarli agli sfollati, dei quali è purtroppo ben nota la mancanza di cura per la tutela dei locali da essi occupati. Si è invece esaminata la possibi-



*Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

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tà di attribuirli in uso ad enti ed istituzioni che avessero un sufficiente senso di responsabilità per la loro manutenzione, ma disgraziatamente la notevole lontananza dal centro abitato ha costituito un serio ostacolo per la utilizzazione di detti locali da parte di varie Amministrazioni, quali la Delegazione Italiana dell' U.N.R.R.A., la Croce Rossa Italiana, il Ministero dei Trasporti etc. all'uopo appositamente interpellati.

E' tuttora in corso peraltro sia presso gli uffici della Presidenza del Consiglio che presso quelli del Commissario dell'Esposizione lo studio di un'utile destinazione degli edifici in parola, e si spera di poter giungere quanto prima, anche per essi, a un concreto risultato.

Vivamente confido, caro Ammiraglio, che i dettagliati elementi di fatto fornitile con la presente varranno a persuaderla del profondo e continuo interessamento dell'Amministrazione Italiana per un razionale impiego degli edifici pubblici mano a mano che essi vengono derequisiti dalle Autorità Alleate e del soddisfacente risultato finora ottenuto in questo campo.

Voglia gradire, caro Ammiraglio, i miei cordiali saluti.

Regina
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reparti ed enti dislocati nella caserma Regina
Margherita.-

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA)
 ROMA = Q/219 = 20 febbraio 1946

O G G E T T O: Roma - Alloggiamenti per famiglie.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

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1. Risulta che ci siano difficoltà nel trovare alloggi id
 nei per gli ufficiali con sede fissa e per le famiglie
 dei militari a CECCHIGNOLA.-
2. Si prega informare questo Comando dei provvedimenti pre
 si da codesto Ministero per ottenere a tal fine lo sgom
 bero dei locali a CECCHIGNOLA attualmente occupati dalle
 famiglie di profughi.-

P. IL MAGGIORE GENERALE MMIA
 F.to Ten. Col. R.A. CURTIES

P.c.c.
 IL CAPO UFFICIO II
 (Ten. Col. Fausto Monaco)

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

From time to time I have been pressed by your predecessors and yourself to urge Rome Allied Area Command to release accommodation in ROME suitable for refugees, in order that schools may be made available for the children.

Rome Area Allied Command have been most helpful in this matter and recently released the Stadio Nazionale, a building which would be most suitable for refugees. You can imagine my astonishment when I heard that the Stadio Nazionale was not to be used for refugees but was to be handed over to C.O.M.I. in connection with preparation for the Olympic Games in LONDON in 1948. If this report is true I must warn you of the unhappy impression such a deplorable decision would have on the Allied authorities who have done their best to help you in this matter.

I would also refer to the Caserma Regina Margherita which was also released on the grounds that it was needed for refugees. In this case the barracks have not been used for refugees but for the Italian Army who themselves do not use it to full capacity.

Again, I am advised by Rome Area Allied Command that there is a great deal of accommodation recently released and standing empty both in the Exhibition Grounds and at CECCHIGNOLA. It belongs, of course, to the War Ministry but I would suggest that if schools in ROME are still occupied by refugees, this accommodation be used and be not allowed to remain empty.

Very truly yours,

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide de Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

Copy to: Brig. A. Low, HQ 1217
(Ref your ltr DC/10 of 25 Feb)
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Thank you for your letter DG/40 of 25th February. I feel as strongly as you and will see that the matter goes to the Prime Minister. I am told, however, that Caserma R.M. is now full to capacity.

(Sgd) Lt. S. Lush

Brigadier A. Low, CBE,
Deputy Commander,
Headquarters,
Rome Area Allied Command.

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Headquarters,
Rome Area Allied Command.

25th February, 1946

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Dear Maurice

I have spoken to you on the telephone several times about the Stadio Nazionale and you have interested yourself in the matter. I heard last night from Prince Doria that this Stadium is to be returned to the C.O.N.I. and not to be used for the accommodation of refugees. I understood from Prince Doria that the grounds given were that too much damage was likely to be done by the refugees. I think this decision deplorable.

You may recall that several months ago Admiral Stone asked for the release of several barracks on behalf of the same purpose. Of those for which he asked we were able to release one at once - The Caserma Regina Margherita. This barracks was not, however, used for that purpose but was re-appropriated by the Italian Army who are not, I believe, using it to capacity.

There is a great deal of accommodation standing empty at CECCHIGNOLA, all of it of course belonging to the War Ministry. They may have plans for its future use, but the fact remains that at present it is standing empty.

Large buildings in the Exhibition Grounds have been released and are standing empty.

I wish I were able to deduce from all this that the Government has solved the problem of housing of refugees, but am afraid that this is not the case, and I must conclude that they are failing to tackle the problem with the gravity which it merits.

I think you know that we have made real attempts to make a contribution to the solution of the problem, but it is difficult to go on doing this when it appears that the Italian Government itself treats it so frivolously.

I am writing you this line to record my feelings on the subject, though I know you feel much as I do about it.

*Yours Ever**Albanus*

Brigadier M.S. Lush, CB, CBE, MC,
Executive Commissioner,
HQ ALLIED COMMISSION.

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2. March 1946.

SUBJECT: Claims for Accommodation -
Displaced Persons & Italian Army.

TO : GOC, Land Forces Sub-Com (MIA).

1. We discussed (Colonel Pidsley - Lt. Col. Pothergill - Brigadier Lush) the question of accommodation in MODENA where there is conflicting claims between the Italian Army and Displaced Persons over the Monticucoli barracks. These barracks are earmarked by Displaced Persons for the accommodation of residual refugees for whom UNRRA cannot be responsible. No decision on this point will be made, probably for a month. We agreed, therefore, that the battalion of the Italian Army should move into these barracks forthwith on the condition that they will quit the barracks on 1st April, or any time after at a week's notice being given by Displaced Persons.

2. It was also agreed that the question of conflicting claims of the Ministry of War and Displaced Persons should be considered at once and a general plan submitted.

WSI/JG.

M. S. Lush
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Displaced Persons &
Repatriation Sub-Com.

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