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SIR GUSTAV HILL, FOREIGN OFFICE, LONDON.

MAY 31 1946

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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21th May 1946.

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Thank you for your letter of 23rd May which I have passed on to Colonel Hancock. I have also informed Cameron-Curry and Tooby, and will tell Horn.

I understand that the rates offered in para 3 are those of a Third Secretary in the Diplomatic Service and that Quintin Hill wishes to recruit men of university standard. I think you will not get them in this theatre at those rates but Hancock and I agree that we will find valuable men and women with experience and knowledge of this country, perhaps not necessarily of the academic standard required, but who would suit. I have advised Hancock to come to Rome as soon as possible to discuss with Cameron-Curry, Tooby, yourself and myself, and I am prepared to release him from his assignment in MILAN prior to his release from the Army in order that he can make the preliminary arrangements here.

My advice is not to engage Miss Harpison. Hancock does not know her. He is intelligent but I do not think she would quite fit into Quintin Hill's organisation.

M. S. LUSH

S. Simmonds, Esq.,
Commercial Counsellor,
British Embassy,
ROME.

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British Embassy,

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Rome.

23rd May, 1946.

To: Brigadier M.S.Lush, C.B., C.B.E., Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission H.Q., Rome.

From: Mr. Sidney Simmonds. Counsellor (Commercial).

My dear Lush,

On receipt of your telephone message on Monday, I cabled the Foreign Office as follows:-

"Hancock and Cameron-Curry accept offers as stated. Tooby also prepared to accept at same salary rates offered to Cameron-Curry".

We have now had the following reply from Personnel Department:-

"Excellent. Please inform Tooby that we regard offer of Cameron-Curry as having also been made to and accepted by him unless you telegraph to the contrary. We will now secure early releases and inform you.

"2. Horn will therefore not be required (see paragraph 5 of my telegram No.782). Please convey to him appropriate expression of regret and inform Lush. Hill will write direct to Grout.

"3. "We are now on the 2nd line staff numbering three who will work (2 gps. "undec.? to colonel)s. Treasury have approved for these SD scales on the following basis: £260 - £450 male and £260 - £425 female plus appropriate consolidation allowance. As indicated in F.O. telegram No.798 there will be living allowances also but these cannot be settled yet.

"4. No very strong candidates have appeared here and Hill thinks that if Hancock, Cameron-Curry or Tooby could suggest candidates, that is more likely to produce a happy office and to solve the accommodation difficulty than his bringing out a team of raw recruits mainly, if not all, women. Should really good candidate be suggested but salary scales in (3) above be unattractive to them we should be prepared to approach the Treasury again.

"5. Can you please put the above to Hancock in the first place. He may if he wishes consult Cameron-Curry and Tooby.

"6. Hill would also like opinion of Lush and Hancock on Miss Barbara Sampson who worked in Allied Commission. She made a good impression at

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"interview but has no paper qualifications such as university degree".

As I am not in touch with any of the persons concerned I should be very grateful if you would pass on this information to them, and ask them to let me have any suggested replies to paragraphs 3, 4 and 5.

Yours sincerely

Sidney Simmonds

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Tel.No. ROME, 189081, Ext. 510.From: Lt. Colonel K. WILKIN-JONES RA.
Executive Officer (Br),
Headquarters Allied Commission
C.M.F.Ref: G-13/EF/564/O.

23 May, 1946.

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In confirmation of Brigadier LUSH'S conversation with you, I am directed to state, on the authority of the British Embassy ROME, that the Treasury have agreed to the following offer being made to you on joining the Staff of the British Economic Adviser at ROME.

Salary: £1,200 a year taxable.

and a tax free allowance of £500 a year (Single)
or £800 a year married.

It may be necessary for technical reasons to increase the salary and decrease the allowance, but the net result would be maintained.

Will you please inform me in writing whether you are prepared to accept this offer, so that the British Embassy and the Foreign Office may, in turn, be notified.

Colonel. A.N. HANCOCK OBE.
C.L.O. LOMBARDIA LIAISON GROUP
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30/11/46 CDBritish Embassy,
Rome,

10th May, 1946

My dear Lush,

In confirmation of telephone conversation, we have been advised by the Foreign Office that the Treasury have agreed to the following offers:

Hancock: Salary £1,200 a year taxable.

Cameron-Curry: Salary £1,000 a year taxable.

In each case there would be a tax free allowance of £360 a year (single) or £200 a year (married).

It may be necessary for technical reasons to increase the salaries and decrease allowances mentioned above but the net results would be maintained.

Foreign Office ask us to convey these offers and inform them of the replies. They say that Tooby asked for a higher rate of emoluments which they cannot offer, but that if he wishes to reconsider the position he should be told that his job would carry the rates set out above for Cameron-Curry. The telegram continues:

"Other candidates still under consideration ^{are} Horn and an Air Force Officer named Grout in Naples. Economic Adviser would like to hold them in reserve until his arrival, so that if Executive Commissioner can arrange for ~~Hancock~~ not to be posted elsewhere for some weeks Hill would be very grateful".

N.B. Telegram says H. which may mean Hancock or Horn.

Brigadier M. B. Lush,
Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission H.
Rome.

Yours ever

Sidney Simms 1946

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*To Brigadier Lush
12/12/46
(Note appended)*

NOTE I.

WORK OF BRITISH ECONOMIC ADVISER AT ROME.

(Note by Sir Quintin Hill.)

1. The Foreign Office minute of 27th March, 1946, states that the long-term advisory functions of the Economic Section of the Allied Commission should be transferred to the Economic Advisers attached to the American and British Embassies. The functions of these advisers would be purely advisory, and they would work closely together and in close co-operation, not only with the Italian Government but also with UNRRA. The British Economic Adviser is also specifically required to maintain contact with the Italian Government on matters of financial policy, Bretton Woods etc., keeping H.M. Treasury informed of Italian developments in such matters, and, where necessary, assisting H.M. Ambassador in representing the views of H.M. Government to the Italian Government.
(Note: The American Economic Adviser has not yet been appointed, but the American Embassy has a Financial Adviser, Dr. Henry Tasker, who deals with American financial interests only.)

The Foreign Office minute also suggested that I should pay a preliminary visit to Rome to ascertain details of my future work as British Economic Adviser and form a preliminary estimate of staff. Names of candidates for employment, now working in Italy, were given to me. On staff questions I am reporting separately. The object of the present Note is to define, more precisely than could be done in London, the nature and scope of the work.

2. After discussions with H.M. Ambassador, and members of the Embassy, I called on the Acting Chief Commissioner (Brigadier Maurice S. Lush, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.) of the Allied Commission. It became clear that knowledge of the Commission's past and present work, of the responsibilities likely to be transferred to my American colleague (when appointed) and myself, and of candidates for employment, could best be obtained in the Commission's offices. With the Acting Chief Commissioner's consent, I therefore worked in the Commission's offices, where I was provided with a room, access to files, and other facilities, including attendance at meetings. I desire to express my sincere thanks to Brigadier Lush and the staff of the Commission for these facilities and for their courteous help throughout my visit.

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3. Briefly, the work of the Allied Commission is to enforce and execute the instrument of surrender, to ensure that the conduct of the Italian Government should conform to the requirements of an Allied base of operations, and to be the organ through which the policy of the United Nations is expressed to the Italian Government. These wide functions have involved work ranging from supplying, administering, and reconstructing areas just outside the battle zone (but still remaining military areas) to instructing and, later, advising the Italian Authorities on matters of general policy such as currency, taxation, borrowing, imports and exports and so on.

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Planning the economic and reconstruction work is the purely service work of the Navy, Land Forces, Air Forces, War Material Disposal, and Italian P.C.W. Sub-Commissions. At the height of its development the staff of the Commission numbered 8,500 officers. As, however, the various portions of Italy were handed back to the Italian Government, the powers and executive functions of the Commission were withdrawn. At the present moment (end of April 1946) the Commission retains executive powers and responsibilities in Venezia Giulia and Udine. The Supply Group (Branches for Price Control, Captured Enemy Materials, Program Co-ordination, Requisitions, and Surplus and Special Materials) and the Sub-Commissions for Food and Agriculture, Industry and Utilities, Transportation and Shipping, Commerce (Foreign Trade), Labour, Finance, and Administration and Personnel, were abolished on 1st March 1946, and replaced by Branches with a new "Economic Section". The Section includes a Branch dealing with the supply of Venezia Giulia and Udine (which are still under Allied Military Control), and with this the Embassies will not be concerned. They will, however, be concerned with the residuary work of the remaining branches (the present staff of which numbers 38 officers, 14 other ranks, and 43 Italian civilians), viz:-

Captured Enemy Materials Branch
Food and Agriculture Branch
Industry and Utilities Branch
Transportation and Shipping Branch
Commerce Branch
Finance Branch.

4. Captured Enemy Materials Branch. The files in possession of this Branch relate to transactions of R.U.K. in Italy, and may therefore disclose title to goods which would be Allied war booty.

The question of disposal of these files is being discussed between the Allied Commission and A.F.R.Q.; but the Embassies may become concerned in due course.

Food and Agriculture Branch. All executive work has been transferred to UNRRA, and at present the Branch is engaged in keeping in touch with the food and agriculture position in Italy, for the information, when necessary, of SACRED. The Branch still performs a certain amount of advisory work to the Italian Government, e.g. on fertilisers, farm machinery, seeds, and the stimulation of exports.

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Industry and Utilities Branch. This Branch is closing down rapidly and is now mainly concerned with de-requisitioning of factories and premises requisitioned by the Allied Forces. /The

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The work is only military and will have to be finished by the Allied Commission. The Embassies will not be directly involved, although special points will no doubt be thrown up from time to time.

The Allied Commission continues to participate in discussions with electric power bodies in Italy as to rationing programs, transfers of power to deficit areas, and is currently concerning itself with the French-Italian power contract. The electric power contract interests the Commission because of its previous concern in these matters, but will probably not involve special interest on the part of the Embassies.

There is a Coal and POL Section which concerns itself with allocations of coal and POL. The Executive functions have been taken over by UNRRA, as well as much of the staff. But major questions of policy will no doubt arise effecting relations between Governments, and moreover, UNRRA is leaving in ~~seventy~~ ^{eight} months.

On the general questions of (a) the industrial supplies necessary to rehabilitate Italy over and above the supplies being provided by UNRRA, and (b) what happens after UNRRA goes - these are issues of first-class importance and will certainly require activity on the part of the Embassies. The work would not, however, call for specialist industrial knowledge.

Transportation and Shipping Branch. This Branch has the responsibility of keeping informed as to the status of transportation, including line capacity, rolling stock, fuel supply, and traffic carried. The Branch maintains contact with ECITO or its local offices. In ocean and coast-wise transportation it is the responsibility of the Branch to advise and inform the Italian Government on availability of vessels and to obtain their reactions. The Transportation Branch keeps informed as to vessels in the Allied pools.

The functions of the Branch are declining and there is no great activity in any of the above lines. But the Embassies must be prepared to handle questions of Italian needs for overseas transport if put to them by the Italian Government.

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The Branch is the point of contact between the Italian Government and Allied Military Governments of other areas, such as Tripolitania and US/UK Zones in Austria and Germany. These last functions would probably devolve on the Embassies, the US Embassy having been interested already in certain of them. /As

As regards other functions, the Embassies will undoubtedly be interested in Italian international commercial relations and treaties and will require to follow these, particularly in the light of the general international economic set-up.

There is, moreover, a further function, not so far performed by the Commerce Branch, namely stimulating the Italian Government to shape its economic policy consistently with international arrangements such as Bretton Woods, and the International Trade Organisation. In fact, the Embassies will not only inherit a certain responsibility but will have to develop it.

Finance Branch. Much has been done by the Finance Branch in high level advice to the Italian Government in both the internal and external fields. In the internal field, when CCS directives and personnel permitted, such action involved considerable advice, both technical and policy, on the reform of the Italian Government's revenue system and the control and proper budgeting of their expenditures. This work has largely lapsed because CCS directives have instructed the Allied Commission to advise the Italian Government in these fields only when such advice is specifically requested, and also because the trained personnel dealing with budget and revenue matters has been released.

In the external field the Finance Branch has, in the past, worked with the Italian Treasury and the Banca d'Italia in establishing an adequate exchange control and in reconstituting the exchange position. This has included pressure to mobilize all possible foreign exchange assets in the European and South American neutral countries, advice in opening a remittance system between US/British Empire on the one hand and Italy on the other, assistance in crediting to the proper dollar and sterling accounts the proceeds of Italian exports to the US, British Empire and France, and working out the arrangements whereby other credits were made available to Italy, e.g. the US Net Troop Expenditure Dollar Account.

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/General

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General Conclusion. It is clear that in aiding and helping the economic renovation of Italy the Embassies will inherit responsibilities which, while they are difficult to define precisely in advance, can with certainty be described as considerable.

The obligation to obtain and present, in brief and comprehensible form, statistics of and developments in the agricultural and food situation, industry, exports and imports, and finance, must involve activity and staff.

The presence of Allied Forces in Italy will also no doubt throw up economic problems of importance involving consultation between the Embassies and the Forces and the Embassies and the Foreign Office and State Department.

The watching of commercial relations between Italy and foreign countries - as international trade opens up - and the giving of advice and assistance to the Italian Government to ensure that Italian policy is consistent with the general economic policy of the United Nations will ~~not~~ require consistent effort.

Finally the three major problems confronting Italy in the economic field (the maintenance of a stable price level, the development of foreign exchange assets, and the provision of other means to meet the country's needs in food and raw materials) are of such importance and urgency that economic advisers attached to the Embassies are likely to have their hands very full if they are to brief their Governments adequately. In the short period still remaining before decisions will have to be taken.

What complications the Peace Treaty may introduce into the situation cannot as yet be predicted.

April 23rd, 1946.

T. St. Q. H.

British Embassy,
Rome.

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LIST OF CANDIDATES WHOSE NAMES WERE
SUBMITTED BY BRIGADIER LUSH.

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Colonel A.N. HANCOCK (150912) - Int. Corps.

Age 47; married; Educated at Derby School and Dresden.
Home Address: 11, Devonshire Avenue, Allentree, Derby.
Assistant to Commercial Counsellor, British Embassy, ROME.

Speaks Italian, French and German.

Comment by Brigadier Lush: Very good and conscientious,
much experience in Italy. Further comment can be given by
Sir Richard Nosworthy.

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Lieut.Col. F.W. TOOBY (50455) - R.A.

Age 39; married; Address: 61, Selcroft Avenue, Purley, Surrey.
Dartford Grammar School and City of London College. Matriculation
and Higher School Examinations with distinctions in Applied and
Higher Mathematics.

Civilian Profession: Industrial Accountant specialising in
conversion of cost and financial accountancy systems from manual
to mechanical book-keeping methods.

Assistant Accountant to Mining Companies in Burma and Malaya
1927-1933, Accountant to Building and State Development Companies
1933-1939.

Comments by Brigadier Lush: Considers him very good. He got
out the 1946 supply plan for UNRRA.

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Lt.Col. V.R.A. CONNER (116713) - RAOC.

Age 44; married; Address: June Garden, Boucher Road, Dulleigh
Salterton. Educated Brighton College and in France and Spain.
Civilian occupation: Managing Director of firm of quilt manu-
facturers. Travelled in US and Far East and Europe.

Languages:

Comment by Brigadier Lush: Energetic with knowledge of food
supply problems in Italy and a capacity for gathering and sorting
information.

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Lt.Col. R.E.H. HORN (18518) - General List.

Age 45; married; Address: 9, Glasney Road, Falmouth, Cornwall.

Educated Cheltenham College and R.M.C.

Civilian profession: Experience motor trade, Managing Director of garage and service station, sales manager for Equipments Ltd. and Mills Ltd.

Indian Army and RAF until 1927.

Comment by Brigadier Lush: A good operator with drive and organising ability with a good knowledge of Italian supply system.

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2Lt.Col. J.H. CAMERON-CURRY (354453) - General List.

Age 39; married, Address: 26, Denmark Avenue, Wimbledon, SW.
Educated Franco and Collier's, Norsham.

Civilian profession: Merchant in Italy, managing director of
engineering firm in France. Director Pluto Publishing Coy,
London 1935-1939. Principal in M&W since September 1939.

Specially commissioned in September 1944, local rank Lt.Col.
Economic Adviser GSI No.2 District from February 1943-44; Press
Attache in French West Africa.

Comment by Brigadier LUSH: Only just joined but appears a
first class officer with plenty of drive, imagination and
intelligence.

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Captain T.G. ELLIOTT (291805) - Gen. List.

Age 37; married; Address: 1, Kingsley Road, Kingsbridge,
South Devon.

Educated King Edward VIIth School, Sheffield. Engineering
course, Sheffield University, member of Institute of Civil
Engineers.

Civilian employment: Works pupil at Vickers Armstrong, Assistant
Manager at Hadfield's Ltd., Sheffield, technical assistant War
Office 1935 on re-armament programme, chief technical assistant
Ministry of Supply 1940, assistant Director Ammunitions Production
1942.

Comment by Brigadier Lush: A good staff officer with
considerable experience in Economic Section.

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