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" Letter at file 10 submitted for signature.
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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Ente Mostra Triennale Terre Italiane
d'Oltremare.

An early reply to this Ministry's
Memorandum n.6/541/182 of 1 February 1946
will be much appreciated.

The derequisition of the a/m building
seems all the more urgent as the American
Units, now in possession of it, are likely
to evacuate said premises in the near future,
thus increasing the danger of pillage and
robbery. A

Rome, March 21st, 1946



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Ref. 712/13/EC

25 March 1946

SUBJECT: Ente Mostre Triennale Ferro Italiano d'Oltremare.

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Reference your 6/541/188 of 1 February 1946.

1. In reply to your request for the eventual derquisition either total or partial of the Triennale premises N°., PBS (Southern District) wishes to inform you that it is not contemplated to derquisition any portion of subject property at the present time, as it is to be used as the billeting area for the Regnoli Railhead. The length of occupancy is of course undeterminable at this time.

2. In answer to your expressed desire to have immediate permission to make a detailed survey of the buildings and to obtain an inventory of the exhibits and fixtures therein Captain Richter, Real Estate Officer of the a/m headquarters, states that inventories on subject property exist and have been checked on several previous occasions by the Italian representatives and therefore no real need should exist at this time to take additional inventories. Captain Richter also states that on several occasions the Italians have withdrawn items listed on said inventories. If they so desire to make further withdrawals there will be no objections on our part.

3. The a/m headquarters is not favorable to the making of a detailed survey of the buildings and taking of additional inventories of the exhibits and fixtures at this time, due to the fact that it would definitely interfere with the security and operation of the area.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

VICTOR L. ODDI

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN DISTRICT
PININSULAR BASE SECTION
A. P. O. 782

AG 601 BSNG.

19 March 1946

SUBJECT: Ente Nazionale Triennale Terre Italiane d'Oltremare.

TO : Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army.

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1. In reference to part "B", paragraph #1, of attached correspondence from your headquarters, dated 9 February 1946, we wish to inform you/that it is not contemplated to derequisition any portion of subject property at the present time, as it is to be used as the billeting area for the Bagnoli Railhead. The length of occupancy is of course undeterminable at this time.

2. In reference to part "A", paragraph #1, Captain Richter, Real Estate Officer, states that inventories on subject property exist and have been checked on several previous occasions by the Italian representatives and therefore no real need should exist at this time to take additional inventories. Captain Richter also states that on several occasions the Italians have withdrawn items listed on said inventories. If they so desire to make further withdrawals there will be no objections on our part.

3. This headquarters is not favorable to the making of a detailed survey of the buildings and taking of additional inventories of the exhibits and fixtures at this time, due to the fact it would definitely interfere with the security and operation of the area.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl:
As above.

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ALBERT A. MAIZE
Capt., Infantry
Asst Adjutant

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Ref: 712/10/30

9 February 1946

SUBJECT: Expropriation of nte Nostra Triennale Terre Italiane
d'OltremareTO : Commanding General
Headquarters Peninsular Base Section, A.P.O. 702
Attn: Rear Estate Section

1. Reference the attached letter 6/341/182 dated February 1, 1946 the Italian Ministry kindly requests a satisfactory fulfilment of the following in respect to nte Nostra Triennale Terre Italiane d'Oltremare.

a) Immediate permission to make a detailed survey of the buildings and to obtain an inventory of the exhibits and fixtures therein.

b) Eventual expropriation either total or partial of the Triennale premises.

2. As the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has pressed for favorable consideration of the above in several communications since May 1945, this office forwards the matter with relevant correspondence for reconsideration on the basis of the recent information that many P.B.S. south installations will no longer remain at Naples.

N. W. HIND SMITH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

note: 6/341/182 ltr dtd 1 Feb 46 fr IMA

6/1418/634 ltr dtd 19 May 45 fr IMA

C/1091 ltr dtd 29 June 45 fr CG AG Naples

6/297/1371 ltr dtd 25 Aug 45 fr IMA

20034/5/1946A ltr dtd 4 Sept 45 to X COI (1)

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

FEB 4 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSIONSubject: Ente Mostra Triennale Terre Italiane
d'Oltremare. *S see 10*

1. Reference is made to Allied Commission's note 870/EC(L) dated 6 September 1945 and to previous correspondence.

2. The highly unsatisfactory situation from the point of view of safeguarding whatever exhibits may still be stored in the buildings of the Triennale and of preventing the falling of the latter into a state of complete disrepair, has apparently not improved in the interim. *H*

3. The arrangements for an inventory to be taken by Prof. Romanelli (see A.C.'s note 871/EC(L) of July 3rd, 1945) have evidently fallen through, leaving the Italian Authorities completely in the dark.

4. An early derequisition of the Triennale premises lies moreover very much at heart to the Italian Government. *322*

5. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs should consequently be very indebted to the Allied Commission if they would kindly impress upon the

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competent local Allied Authorities the advisability of:

- a) allowing a detailed survey of the buildings and the taking~~an~~ inventory of the exhibits and fixtures on the part of Italian personnel to be specially deputed to that task;
- b) ~~not~~ enacting a total or at least partial derequisition of the Triennale premises. A

Rome, February 1st, 1946



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Ref: 870/30(L)

6 September 1945

SUBJECT: Ente Nostra Triennale Terre Italiane D'Oltremare

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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1. Reference is made to the Ministry's memo no. 6/2974/1371 of 25 August and preceding correspondence in regards the above subject.

2. The attached copy of a report, just received, is forwarded for your information.

Officer-in-Charge
Liaison Division

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Encl:Copy of report No. 20034/5/1/PAA of 4 September 45

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts & Archives
(Tel. 489081, ext. 442 & 254; 475480)

20034/5/MFAA

WTN/f1

4 September 45

SUBJECT: Mostra triennale d'Oltremare.

TO : Officer in charge, Liaison Division, HQ AC. (2) ✓

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1. Ref your 870/BC(L) of 30 AUG and memorandum 6/2974/1371 from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dated 25 August, attached thereto.

2. The subject is one that has long had the attention of this Subcommission, in close liaison with the Direction General for Antiquities and Fine Arts, Ministry of Public Instruction. They are fully informed and have copies of five separate reports, prepared by Lt Col J.B. Ward Perkins, then Deputy Director of this Subcommission.

3. On 8 Aug 45, VP Civil Affairs Section wrote (20034/5/MFAA) to Comune Commission, NAPLES, requesting that Avv. Francesco MAGLIETTA, Commissario for the Mostra d'Oltremare, be authorized to collect and store separately, within the grounds of the Exhibition, the few remains that survive on the site. This had been requested by the Direction General.

4. The fact that losses had occurred from the exhibition, both before and after Allied capture of Naples, has been known to both the Direction General and the MFAA Subcommission. Joint study is still in progress.

5. It is on the schedule of MFAA Subcommission to send an officer to Naples, as soon as pressure of work and shortage of personnel permit. The Direction General was informed on 6 Aug that this officer would include the Mostra d'Oltremare on his agenda.

For the Director:

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NOELIAN T. NEWTON

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TO : Officer in Charge, Liaison Division, HQ AS. (2) 5

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For the Director:

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NORMAN T. NEWTON
Major, Air Corps,
A/Deputy Director.

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Ref: 870/EC(L)

30 August 1945

SUBJECT: "Expo Mostra Triennale Terre Italiane d'Oltremare"
TO : Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Sub-Commission

1. Enclosed herewith is 25 August memorandum no. 6/2974/1371 from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, requesting investigation on alleged disappearance from premises of the Mostra Triennale in Naples of specified historical exhibits and paintings.
2. May this matter be recommended to your attention.

Officer-in-Charge
Intelligence Division

1 Encl: As per para 1 above

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Ministro degli Affari Esteri

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: "Ente Mostre Triennale Terre Italiane d'Oltremare". /H

1. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs thank the Allied Commission for their communication n. 871/EC(L), dated 3 July 1945, and wishes to point out that the request intended to secure the de-requisition of the premises of the "Mostre Triennale delle Terre d'Oltremare" in Naples, was only caused by the necessity of safeguarding the very valuable property of the exhibition and to return to their rightful owners those items belonging to private persons and institutions.

2. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs wish to inform the Allied Commission that the Exhibition Commissioner, in taking an inventory of the objects in custody in the abovementioned premises, found that materials belonging to the following institutions were missing and could not be traced:

- a) Historical Museum of the "Fr. Cerabinieri" of Roma;
- (15 cases containing a collection of ancient arms);
- b) Museum of Bologna;
- c) Franciscan Missions of Milan;
- d) Foreign Missions of Parma;
- e) Italian Geographical Society;
- f) Naval Museum of La Spezia;
- g) Museum at Perugia;
- h) National Museum of Anthropology and Ethnology of Florence.

3. Furthermore all of the exhibition installations had been removed and destroyed, and paintings by Cecconi, Nettl, Pasini etc. were also missing.

4. In view of the above the Ministry for Foreign Affairs will be very grateful if the Allied Commission will take the necessary steps in order to cause an investigation to be made in the matter and proper measures to be taken.

5. At the same time the Ministry for Foreign Affairs will greatly appreciate it if the Allied Commission could interest the proper Allied Authorities in order that what is left

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: "Ente Mostra Triennale Terre Italiane d'Oltremare". H

1. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs thank the Allied Commission for their communication n.871/EC(L), dated 3 July 1945, and wishes to point out that the request intended to secure the de-requisition of the premises of the "Mostra Triennale delle Terre d'Oltremare" in Naples, was only caused by the necessity of safeguarding the very valuable property of the exhibition and to return to their rightful owners those items belonging to private persons and institutions.
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in the Exhibition's premises - and which has no connection whatever with the purpose of the requisition - be returned to the Italian Authorities.

6. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs thank the Allied Commission for an early reply on this subject. *J.W.*

Rome, August 25th, 1945.

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Ref: 871/EC(L)

3 July 1945

SUBJECT: "Ente Mostra Triennale Terre Italiane d'Oltremare".

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1. Reference is made to your 6/14/48/634 of 19 May, concerning the above premises.

2. Upon inquiry to the appropriate authorities the following information was received:-

"It is necessary that the property in question be retained under requisition for an indefinite period."

3. In reference to para 4 of the above referred, it is reported that the necessary arrangements were made on 30 May for Prof. Romanielli to obtain access to these premises for the purpose of taking an inventory.

Officer in Charge
Liaison Division

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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29 June, 1945.

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SUBJECT : Derequisition of "Ente Mostra Triennale Terre Italiane
d'Oltremare.
TO : "Q. A. C. ✓

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1. Reference your 871/EC(L) of 31st May 1945, this request was referred by P.B.S. to HQ Replacement and Training Command MTOUSA, who replied:
"It is necessary that the property in question be retained under requisition for an indefinite period".
2. Regarding para 1(3), arrangements were made on 30th May 1945, in accordance with Civil Affairs Section letter 20094/5/MFAA of 26th May 1945, for Professore Romanelli to obtain access to these premises for the purpose of taking an inventory.

J. A. C. PENNYCUICK

Colonel
Commissioner.

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Ref: 871/30(L)

31 May 1945

SUBJECT: Deregquisitioning of "Iste Mostra Triennale Terre Italiane d'Oltremare" - Naples

TO : A.M.C. Commissioner - Naples Commune

1. By memorandum 6/1418/634 of 19 May the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (copy enclosed) seeks:-

- 1) to institute steps for restitution of the a/m property as soon as vacated by Allied Forces;
- 2) to be informed when building will be available;
- 3) to request access to premises for purpose of taking an inventory of valuable objects held there in custody.

2. Kindly advise what reply may be given to the Ministry.

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Officer in Charge
Liaison Division

Encl: Memorandum 6/1418/634 dtd 19 May 45

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