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Cyc

(94)

On receipt of pg 3 the EC range of Ben Douglas
& as result directed issue of draft of possible — Issued
4199 see 94

MS/2/x.

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Key Comm.Dr

For info. file 81 - Admin Div. today has
issued Travel Order & Mr. Dr. Anderson. D.O.S.

Carroll
10/8

24/8 Mtd. 7.

86

Ex Com. I assume you will want to pass on
this. Do you want comments from any
division.

Suggest para. 1 discipline in matters
of administration be tied up with Food S/C. Food
one-time ago Min. of Alimentation and Food
S/C had a similar meeting with projects.

End 20/10 107.

(9)

Def XII Cops

Signal AFHQ, advise whether any objection
to P 17 visiting Admin & give list of para 2.

4198

Superior C.C.

W/307a.

(11)

Ex Com. In fol. 90 AFHQ approves Prime
minister's visit to China. I would
XIII Corp does not object. If no reply from XIII
Copy from Admin. He is due there 3 Nov
1944

copy noted. to

86

Ex Com. I assume you will want to pass on this. Do you want comments from any division.

Suggest para. 1 discipline in matters of alimentation be tied up with food S/C. Some time ago N. of Alimentation and food S/C had a similar meeting with projects.

Encl 2910 107.

(87)

Ref XIII Corps

Signal AFHQ, asking whether any objection

to P 17 visiting N. of Alimentation & give gift of para 2.

4198

Inform C.C.

W/357a.

(91)

Ex Com. In fol. 90 AFHQ approves Prime Ministers visit to China. Provided XIII Corps does not object. If no reply from XIII Corps by noon 29 Nov. He is due there 3 Nov. can we just tell the P.M. ~~extending~~ to go ahead & so signal XIII Corps otherwise there will be a lot of confusion and we will look foolish. A.D. ~~of~~ AFHQ approves may we not assume XIII Corps will too

Encl 1/11

1 2 4 7

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S.O. to C.C.

Ref 57, this perhaps arises from conversation C.C. has had with Bonomi.

I suggest it does not need a reply but would like your instructions.

24 Apr 45

E. H. Jordan

4. 6. 2.

Major Platen.

You minute above. No reply needed to 57.

J.A.O.
1. V.

74

hote

~~EA Sec~~

Ref 73. Letter sent to Emilia Region 9/6/45 turning down proposal for prefects to visit Rome.

Rome.

24 10/6/45

E. H. Jordan

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Examine

Letter 21 Sept. to the Italian

for 21 Sept 45 is submitted.

See file

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I suggest it does not need a reply but would like your instructions.

24 Apr 45

4. 62

Sharden ^{my}

Major Platen.

Your minute above. No reply needed to 57.

J.A.C.
1.5

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~~EA Sec~~

Ref 73. Letter sent to Emilia Region 9/6/45 turning down proposal for prefects to visit Rome.

Rome.

24 15/6/45

Sh ^{Pa}

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Examine

Letter to draft to the Italian

for to ref 500 75 is submitted.

2. 18/6.

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Major T. J. ...

Ref 25. de ...

At ... file ...

17/10

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CS / To See 29 ~ 30.

29/12. 11/1/25/12/1

34

dso the selection

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TO : Chief Commissioner (thru Executive Commissioner

2 March 1945

For signature leave.

I think this is the right way to handle this.

off.

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Major, Political Division, Office of the Executive Commissioner

Signed as requested p. 1/3.

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original cancelled and value 29

En. Com

to see p. 37. 9 Mar.

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CS/ To See 29-30

29/12. 11/2/21/21

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450 The sanction

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TO : Chief Commissioner (thru Executive Commissioner

2 March 1945

For signature, please.

I think this is the right way to handle this.

W.S.

4195

Major,
Political Division
Office of the Executive Commissioner

11/3

Signed as requested. 11/3.

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1. Minute cancelled 100
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Ex. Com. to see for 37. 9 Mar. PA [Signature]

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CSO

Ex Com's may be interested to see 40.

[Signature]

11/3/45

10/3/45

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(24)

Chief Commissioner:

As best I can remember the facts from my end were as follows:-

1. On Friday, 15 September, General Hume and General Clarke himself got on the phone to Captain Slaughter saying that they had just received an intimation that Bonomi proposed to visit Florence on the following day -- and what did it mean?
2. This was the first I had heard of the matter, but when I asked Captain Slaughter how this had occurred he said that several days previously he had phoned through to General Hume's office and, in the General's absence, had left a message for him. The message apparently was never delivered.
3. That evening it was impossible to get through to 5th Army on the phone and I therefore phoned through to Hq AAI, making all arrangements through them.
4. The above explains the shortness of notice in this particular case, but it does not explain lack of courtesy.

All visits of Ministers to forward areas are now handled by the Liaison Division, and adequate notice is assured.

J.A.Q.

18 November 1944

J.A.Q.

(25)

Q -
Pls prepare suitable reply
to Geo. Edma of PW B 4193
18
11
cc has decided that this
can be Q 18-21

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22.

TO: Acting Chief of Staff.

1. I rang Col. Michie in FLORENCE. He says that para 2 of 19 is NOT true.

2. He says:

(A) He did NOT do anything to prevent Bonomi coming and in fact had no notice of his arrival.

(B) He did NOT keep PWB purposely in the dark but merely omitted to tell them as he did not consider it an AG matter.

(C) He made no statement about not giving publicity to the visit.

3. Letter at page 13 (flagged) on attached file of Local Government S/C fully confirms Col. Michie statement that no effective notice was given of the visit.

15 Nov 44. 23

E. Talbot
E. Talbot,
Major.

15/11 CC as per your request on 20 7

cc - 908
16/11/44

4192

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Cpl.

See 25. He has a list of distribution (see 4) ?
I think it should be mentioned at TENA Conference
and I will arrange, if you agree.

I agree DS (27/10)

27/10

Capt. Warden

11

He arrange. 28/10

B/V 5/11

21.

Wing Talbot.

I spoke of 25. Will you be ring Col. Warden 15 find out if
19 is correct and get the letter about Bonomi's to airport
from somewhere to Florence from Col. Alcos will then
speak to C.C.

23/11

22

A/Cos

I saw Col. Hickey in Florence. He says
that para 2 of 19 is not true.

He says (A) He did not do anything to
meet Bonomi. Conings in fact
had no hope of his survival.
(B) He did NOT keep

purposely in the dark
but merely omitted to
tell them as he did not
consider it an AGC
matter

(C) He made no statement
in giving publicity

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average - 20 28/10

21.

Way Talbot.

1. Probe A/Cos. told you pl may be machine to find out if 19 in lined and get the letter about Bonomi's to airport from somewhere to Florence from C.A.S. A/Cos will be speak to C.E.

28 13/11

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A/Cos

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He says (A) He did NOT do anything to prevent Bonomi's coming in fact had no notice of his arrival.
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purposely in the dark but merely omitted to tell them as he did not consider it an A/Cos matter

(C) He made no statement about not joining publicity to the visit.

Letter at para 13 (flicked) an attached file of Local Fort 5/1 fully confirms Col Michie's statement that no effective notice was given of the visit.

2 Talbot May 15/11

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TO: Chief Staff Officer.

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1. Reference para. 5 of minutes of SITH conference of 12 Oct 44.
(a) Folio 4 is a draft prepared on Brigadier Upjohn's letter, Folio 3.
2. I understand, however, that to cause application to be made to Sub-Commissions every time an official has to visit IIT territory will result in an impossible restriction. One has in mind the constant visits of officials on public matters for instance whose duties are probably at their peak in IIT territory.
3. It is suggested that it is not a practical solution to demand application every time a visit has to be made. Therefore, I submit as an alternative draft at folio 6.

17 Oct 44.

10.

Shorden
Captain.

Col.

Ref minute at 9 - you seem to have covered the point with your letters at 7 and 8. You have not specifically covered the point made at folio 3 (para 4b) of Brig Upjohn's letter of getting ministers to sign a certificate that they would make no political speeches. Is it too late to include this?

No. Let us include - if A/Sec. has seen it 18/10
not signed draft. on 7 *DS/10/10*

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Capt Mather

To see 11 & 12

12/20/10

Sh
PA 24/10

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Exec Comm 101

Originator's Reference: PX 51635

Message Centre No: 3/2753

Date/Time of Origin: NOV 031015A

Date Time Rec'd: NOV 031015A

Precedence: URGENT

FROM: 12HQ STONE SACRED SITE PHOEN

NOV 3 1945

TO : ACTION ALCON HOME MAIN 13 CORPS

~~SECRET~~ CONFIDENTIAL

In para 2 of 13 CORPS 0.113 of 2nd Nov speech by PAKRI will not take place UDINS unless and until 13 CORPS agrees or failing agreement whole matter including precise terms of proposed speech has been considered here.

For 13 CORPS. Consider that PAKRI should be allowed to speak provided that speech does not contain matter which you think will directly jeopardize situation in VENEZIA GIULIA.

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See 107

Action - Exec Comm 2
Info - Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
PRO
File

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: ~~SECRET~~ 0.113

Message Centre No: 5/2757

Date/Time of Origin: NOV 022005A

Date Time Rec'd: NOV 031315A

Precedence: OP PRIORITY

FROM: MAIN 13 CORPS

TO: ACTION AFHQ INFO ALCOM. SMO VENEZIA GIULIA

NOV 3 1945

~~SECRET~~

1. Ref your FX 51447 of 2nd November. Provincial Commissioner UDINE now reports that he was informed at 1300 hrs today by Prefect and Sindaco that Italian Prime Minister is arriving UDINE at 1630 hours tomorrow 3rd Nov when he will meet province officials and address them on subject of VENEZIA GIULIA which they say he will treat in conciliatory manner.

2. In view of your FX 51447 last para presumably this report is not correct but request urgent confirmation. 13 CORPS actions? are stated in stg 0.104 and 0.107 of 1st Nov. Apart from these it is pointed out that if Prime Minister speaks in UDINE tomorrow Prov Commissioner will have had less than 24 hours firm notice of arrival which is not considered sufficient to make necessary arrangements. We have no indication as to what Signora PARRI will say and consider if speech on VENEZIA GIULIA

Note. The second part of this message is to follow. It has not yet been recd. As soon as it is received it will be forwarded. The msg also contained corrupt groups which are marked.

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13 CORPS: AFTR, G-5: AMB VENEZUE REGION

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3 Nov 45

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REVER MY SEVEN NINE NINE THREE OF TWO NOVEMBER PD

PAREN TO THIRTEEN COMPS PERSONAL FOR GENERAL HARDING FROM ADMIRAL

STONE RPTD AFTR FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE SECTION RPTD AMB VENEZUE REGION FROM

IN ALCOM CITE ACXC PAREN

PRIME MINISTER HAS POSTPONED VISIT FOR ONE WEEK

Copy to: GA Sec

Ex. Com

M. S. LUSH

Brig.,

Ex. Commissioner

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13 CORPS : AFHQ : AMV VENEZIE REGION

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2 NOV 45

OF PRIORITY

~~SECRET~~ PD

FURTHER TO MY SEVEN NINE FIVE THREE OF TWO NOVEMBER PD

PAREN TO THIRTEEN CORPS PERSONAL FOR GENERAL HARDING FROM ADMIRAL

STONE RPTD AFHQ FORGEORGE DASH FIVE SECTION RPTD AMV VENEZIE REGION

FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACKIC PAREN

OWING TO PRESSURE OF BUSINESS IN ROME IT NOW APPEARS MOST

UNLIKELY THAT PRIME MINISTER WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT UDINE PD

WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED

Copy to: CA Section

Ex. Commissioner

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(Sgd) M. S. LUSH.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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See 99.104

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Q Comm (2)
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II COMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX51447

Message Centre No: G/2668

Date/Time of Origin: NOV 021036A

Date Time Rec'd: NOV 021605A

Precedence: OP PRIORITY

FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGG

NOV 2 1945

TO : 13 CORPS, ALCOM ROME

~~SECRET~~
96

Reference your 0104 dated 1st November. 90

Presume you had not seen our FX51267 when you dispatched your signal. View AFHQ is that as UDINE is not disputed area and as AMG being maintained only for operational reasons that any speech by PARRI there would be no more significant than if made in ROME or elsewhere. 96

For ALCOM. Please inform 13 CORPS direct as requested in his 0104. If 13 CORPS is unwilling to agree, speech decision here is that speech must be postponed until matter fully considered. You must appreciate that your warning was not given in sufficient time to assure proper co-ordination.

ACTION

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 0 104

Date/Time of Origin: NOV 011323A

800 *[initials]* Message Centre No: G/2641

Date Time Rec'd: NOV 021030A

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: MAIN 13 CORPS

TO : ACTION FREEDOM INFO ALCOM

Lo'd 2/NW.

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SECRET.

Reference ALCOM signal 7879 of 31 October.

Request urgently more details of what line Italian Prime Minister intends to take when addressing frontier population on Italo-Yugoslav relations as this is most likely to provoke some sort of counter measures by Yugoslavs. Such counter measures might well be more firm and less measured than those of Signor FARRI and liable to disturb present delicately poised tranquility here. We are especially anxious to avoid doing this during present critical shortage of key military govt officers and before new police force is firmly established.

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INFO-ACTION: Ex Commissioner 2
INFO: Chief Commissioner 2
CA Sec
PR Br

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HQ 13 CERS

RPT TO AFHQ FOR INFO, R.O. VERMILION REGION FOR INFO

7953 2 NOVEMBER 1945

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

SECRET PDREFERRAL TO GENERAL HARDING FROM ADMIRAL STUMM PD PARAN TO TULSACOMES RPT AFHQ INFO RPT ROGER CHATELLE VERMILION REGION INFO FROM HOW QUEEN (93)ALONG WITH AGING PAPER I DISCUSSED WITH ZERO CEM ZERO SAGAN OF NOVEMBERFIRST PARACHUTIST WITH CAPITAL MORGAN PD AS A RESULT I AM TALKING FIRSTMINISTER THAT THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO HIS VISITING UNDER HER TO BARBARATO TRALO VERMILION PLANTATIONS PROVIDED IT IS NOT EXCESSIVE PD KNOWINGPAPER I AM SURE THAT ONLY GOOD WILL COME OF HIS VISIT

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Executive Committee

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W. S. LUSH

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 0 107
Date/Time of Origin: NOV 012000A

Message Centre No: G/2619
Date Time Rec'd: NOV 020915A
Precedence: IMMEDIATE
NOV 2 1945

FROM: MAIN 13 CORPS
TO: ALCOM INFO FREEDOM, SCAO VENEZIA GIULIA

~~SECRET~~

Reference AFHQ signal FX 51267 of 1st November.

1. Statement by Italian Prime Minister on Italo-Yugoslav relations in firm tones, however measured, addressed to frontier population from UDINE, is likely to provoke Yugoslav counter measures. In prevailing conditions these may well disturb present easy (?) calm and lead to series of demonstrations if nothing more. We wish to avoid this and therefore consider undesirable that Prime Minister should raise VENEZIA GIULIA problem in frontier area.

2. We do not object to visit as such providing that it is confined to urging firm action in amassing and food control generally. But in view of difficulty of keeping within these limits if Prime Minister comes to UDINE and real danger that he may be manoeuvred into dealing with the VENEZIA GIULIA problem once here we would rather he did not come.

3. Conclusions. Would prefer visit did not take place. If it absolutely necessary consider that Prime Minister should not address frontier population on Yugoslav relations from UDINE at present time. Such a course is likely to disturb political situation here and prejudice internal security.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
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14 OCT 1965



RECEIVED ALONG SIGNAL SEVEN EIGHT FOUR ONE OF THIRTY
OCTOBER AND ALSO SIGNAL FOX XRAY FIVE ONE TWO SIX SEVEN SUBCOT
VISIT OF PRESS MINISTER TO UNITED STATES TO FROM DEATH THIRTEEN
COUNTS FROM HOW OULAN ALONG CITY. ABOVE PAPER PLEASE RUSH EARLY FOR
PRESS MINISTER MUST BE RECEIVED TWO NOVEMBER

(Sgd) W. B. H. H. H.
Executive Commissioner.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 51267
Date/Time of Origin: OCT

Message Center No: G/2584
Date Time Rec'd: NOV 011500A
Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGEZ
TO: 13 CORPS INFO ALCOM

NOV 1 1945

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Reference ALCOM signal 7879.

AFHQ has no objection to proposed visit. If you agree, confirm direct to
ALCOM copy AFHQ.

INFO - ACTION

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INFO-ACTION: Ex Commissioner 2
INFO: Chief Commissioner
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AND LIGURIA AND LOMBARDIA AND PIEDMONT AND VENETIA

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30 October 1945

PRIORITY
ROUTINE

NOV 1 1945

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PARA ONE PD ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR ALIMENTATION ARE VISITING
EMILIA AND
MILAN FIVE NOVEMBER TO HOLD MEETING WITH PREFECTS FROM LIGURIA AND LOMBARDIA AND
PIEDMONT AND VENETIA ON FOOD SUPPLY PROBLEMS PD

PAPER TO FOR ACTION AND LIGURIA AND LOMBARDIA AND PIEDMONT AND VENETIA
FROM HQ ALCON CITE ADJUT PARM

PARA TWO PD PERMISSION GIVEN BY THIS HEADQUARTERS TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO
TELEGRAPH PREFECTS DIRECT PD

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT S/O

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R/
(CAPT WHITE)

C. J. LEONE
CWO USA
Asst. Adjutant

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G-5, AFHQ RECD FOR INFO XIII CORPS

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31 October 45

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Eshefer

PRIME MINISTER DESIRES VISIT UNDER THREE NOVEMBER AS PART OF TOUR OF VENETO AND MILAN
HAPPEN TO AFFID FOR GEORGE FIVE RECD FOR INFO ONE THREE CORPS FROM HQ ALCOM SIGNED
STONE PAREN

TO URGE FIRMER ACTION BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES IN AMASSING AND FOOD CONTROL GENERALLY ID
HE STATES QUOTE I DEEM IT NOT ONLY ADVISABLE BUT ALSO NECESSARY TO INDICATE TO THE
POPULATION OF THE FRONTIER IN A MEASURED BUT FIRM WAY THE INTENTIONS OF THE ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT IN RELATION TO ITALO DASH YUGOSLAV RELATIONS UNQUOTE ID WE STRONGLY
RECOMMEND PERMISSION BE GRANTED ID DO YOU CONCUR

Internal Dist.

Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
CA Section
HRO

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

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Ext Com

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007-20-800

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Rome, 27 October 1945

OCT 30 1945

Dear Admiral,

I think it would be advisable for me to visit the Veneto (Venice, Padua, Treviso) and I intend to do so on November 4th and 5th, in connexion with a meeting that I am going to hold on Monday 5th, in Milan, to remind the prefects of Northern Italy of the need for greater discipline on matters of alimentation, which is essential to overcome winter difficulties.

On the occasion of such a visit, I intend to proceed as far as Udine, where I would be on the evening of Saturday 3rd, for I deem it not only advisable, but also necessary to indicate to the population of the frontier, in a measured, but firm way, the intentions of the Italian Government for what concerns Italo-Yugoslav relations,

As the Udine province is of particular interest for the Allied command, I thought it advisable to inform you in advance, asking you to let me know, whether you and the command have any objection to my visit.

Yours very truly,

S. Ferruccio Ferri

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

trans. e/c

KC DIST - 30 Oct

ACTION:- EXEC COMM R

INFO:- Chief Comm

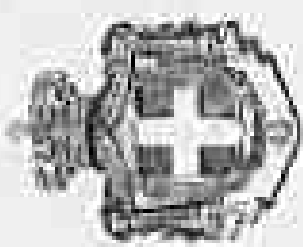
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(OFF WHITE)



*Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Roma, 27 ottobre 1945

Caro Ammiraglio,

penso opportuna una mia visita nel Veneto (Venezia, Padova, Treviso) che effettuerei nei giorni 4 e 5 novembre, in connessione con una riunione che terrei lunedì 5 a Milano per richiamare i Prefetti dell'Alta Italia alla necessità di una maggior disciplina alimentare, che è condizione necessaria per riuscire a superare le difficoltà dell'inverno.

Mi propongo, in occasione di questa visita, di spingermi sino ad Udine, dove sarei nella serata di sabato 3, poichè mi sembra, più che opportuno, necessario indicare a quelle popolazioni di confine, in modo misurato ma fermo, quali sono le direttive del Governo italiano nei riguardi delle relazioni italo-jugoslave.

Poichè la provincia di Udine è di speciale interesse per il Comando alleato, ho ritenuto opportuno informarla preventivamente, pregandola di farmi conoscere se Ella ed il Comando avessero eventualmente ragioni in contrario alla mia visita.

Sempre cordialmente

suo

*4171
Panni*

Ammiraglio ELLERY W. STONE
Commissario Capo della
Commissione Alleata

*Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

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Sempre cordialmente

suo

*4121
Pavani*

Ammiraglio ELLERY W. STONE
Commissario Capo della
Commissione Alleata

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*Office of the
Ex Comm*

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

3 October 1945

Adj: 300. 4

SUBJECT: Travel Orders

TO : All Concerned

1. The following named Italian civilians, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will proceed to Naples, Italy, on or about 4 October 1945 on temporary duty for a period of approximately one (1) day in connection with liaison duties between Allied Commission and Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Upon completion of temporary duty will return to this station.

Marchese Cittadini

Count Fabbricotti

2. Travel by government motor transport is authorized. (Car No Hq AC 236). Travel directed is necessary in the military service.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE

G. J. Lyons

G. J. LYONS
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

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FIVE
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: *EX 36697*

Message Centre No: *F/4546*

Date/Time of Origin: *AUG 191503*

Date Time Rec'd: *AUG 201200*

FROM: *SIGNED MCNARNEY CITE MAYL*

Precedence: *PRIORITY*

TO : *USFET REAR UKRAINE INFO ALCOM*

AUG 20 1945

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Mr ALBERT TARCHIANI, the Italian ambassador to UNITED STATES departing here about 22 August by air enroute to WASHINGTON, via LONDON. Due to see President TRUMAN before departure from US of American Delegation to LONDON. Request assistance in onward routing.

INFO-ACTION

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CG FIVEARMY FOR AMG BOLZANO PROVINCE FOR FELL

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18 JUNE 1945

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SUBJECT IS RETURN OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS PD

PAREN TO CG FIVEARMY FOR AMG BOLZANO PROVINCE FOR FELL FROM ALCON CITE
ACTIV PAREN

PARA ONE PD MAJOR GREENLEES AND PARTY LEFT THIS MORNING FOR BOLZANO BY
WILLIAM DOG TRANSPORT PD

PARA TWO PD ARRANGE TO USE THIS CAR PAREN DRIVER PRIORI PAREN FOR
RETURN FIVE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO ROME

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✓ Chief Commissioner
✓ Executive Commissioner
Economic Section (Brig. D.L. Anderson, CME)
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NICHOLAS PIGMEINO
CWO, USA
ASST. ADJUTANT

Major A. McNATHE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 700/79/EC

19 June 1945

SUBJECT: Visits to North by Italian Government Officials

TO : The Presidency of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government

1. With a view to securing the greatest freedom of movement between North and South, restrictions on travel, as you know, were recently removed (except in respect of the areas set out in my letter E/45/CA dated 27 May 1945). — 360/82/EC

2. You will, of course, appreciate that during the existence of Military Government in LIGURIA, PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA and VENEZIA the Regional Commissioners have the duty of coordinating activity in these areas. This task is rendered more difficult unless the Regional Commissioners can be made aware of the visits of Italian Government officials and the purpose of their mission.

3. I should be glad therefore if you would inform all concerned that it would be considered a courtesy, if not a duty, that officials intending to visit the North should give due warning to the appropriate Sub-Commission of this headquarters and pay a call on the Regional Commissioner concerned on arrival.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 800/79/EC.

19 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Visits to North by Italian Government Officials.

TO : The Presidency of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government.

1. With a view to securing the greatest freedom of movement between North and South, restrictions on travel, as you know, were recently removed (except in respect of the areas set out in my letter 6/45/CA dated 27 May 1945). — 82 of file 3610/EC.

2. You will, of course, appreciate that during the existence of Military Government in LIGURIA, PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA and VALLE D'AOSTA the Regional Commissioners have the duty of coordinating activity in these areas. This task is rendered more difficult unless the Regional Commissioners can be made aware of the visits of Italian Government officials and the purpose of their mission.

3. I should be glad therefore if you would inform all concerned that it would be considered a courtesy, if not a duty, that officials intending to visit the North should give due warning to the appropriate Sub-Commission of this Headquarters and pay a call on the Regional Commissioner concerned on arrival.

For the Chief Commissioner:

[Signature]
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 800/ /L

SUBJECT: Visits to North by Italian Government Officials.

TO : The Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Italian Government.

1. With a view to securing the greatest freedom of movement between North and South, restrictions on travel, as you know, were recently ~~removed~~ *minimized.* *(except for the one set out in my 6/4B/CA dated 27 May 45)*

2. ~~This has been most beneficial to the restoration of the~~ *of course,* economy of the country but at the same time you will appreciate that during the existence of Military Government in LIGURIA, PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA and VENEZIA the Regional Commissioners have the duty of coordinating activity in these areas. This task is rendered more difficult unless the Regional Commissioners ~~are~~ *can be* made aware of the visits of Italian Government officials and the purpose of their mission.

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From: CG 5 ARMY FOR AMG BOLZANO PROVINCE SIGNED FEIL CITE 566
To: HQ ALCON FOR INDUSTRY SUBCOMMISSION

JUN 18 1945

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Please send aircraft to BOLZANO to return 5 Italian Government officials to
ROME Tuesday morning 19 June. This is urgent.

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APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

16th June 1945.

JUN 17 1945

Chief Staff Officer.

1. RG, Lombardina is in difficult with the arrival of officials of the Italian Government who reach MIAM without any introduction or orders from the Allied Commission. I think it is essential that the Italian Government should be told that if they wish to send Italian officials to the North they must clear them with the Sub-Commissions of the AC concerned in order that the Regional Commissioner may know what their business is.

2. Otherwise the Regional Commissioner can only treat them as private persons who arrive in the North and can give them no official authority.

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MSL/30.

Mr. Haden.

A draft letter to cc to sign
to the Presidency of the Council
of Ministers. It will be signed
to all at HQ. 16/6

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

RIX/HQ/I/1/5

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10 June 1945

SUBJECT: Proposed Trip to Rome for the Prefects of
Emilia.

14 JUN 1945

TO : Colonel Norman E. Fiske
Deputy Executive Commissioner
Headquarters Allied Commission

1. On an early visit to Bologna you suggested that, after all the prefects of Emilia had been appointed, it might be helpful to fly them to Rome in a party to meet members of the Italian Government. I concurred.

2. All prefects are now installed, and when I mentioned your idea to them at a meeting held at my headquarters recently, there was a general favorable response. Most of the prefects indicated that they would like to see the plan carried out within the next week or ten days.

3. I suggest that the invitations for such a meeting should come from the central government and the airplane be furnished by A.C.

4. I discussed this with Captain Montant by telephone a week ago. He said that he would take it up with you or with Lt. Col. Bonham-Carter, and that I should receive a direct reply from one of you.

5. Thus far I have heard nothing, and take this means to bring the matter to your official attention.

ALFRED C. BOWMAN
COL. 0 320 345

Colonel, JAGD
Executive Commr Regional Commissioner
cc: Vice President, Civil Affairs Section, Hq AC 4161
CSO to VP, CA Section, Hq AC
Director, Local Govt S-C
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17 May 1945

MAY 18 1945

My dear Sir Noel:

I have received your letter of the 16th of May and Baron Malfatti has called in at this office.

See 70/71

We are arranging for him to fly to Milan on Saturday or Sunday and I am giving his letters to the Regional Commissioners in Milan and Turin telling them to give him all the help that he needs. I am sure that his journey north should be most useful.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Sir Noel Charles, Bt., K.C.M.G.
The British Ambassador
94 Via XX Settembre
Rome

cc: EAC.

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17 May 1945

My dear Colonel Marshall:

The bearer of this letter is Baron Malfatti, the Labor Attache at the Italian Embassy in London. He has just returned to Rome and is proceeding to Northern Italy to contact the political and Trades Union leaders up there.

Will you please give him any help that he needs (he may get stuck for transport and will need permission to travel in a military vehicle). His trip north should be valuable to us all at this juncture.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Colonel R. P. Marshall
Regional Commissioner
Piemonte Region
Turin

cc: Ex C.

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17 May 1945

Dear Charlie:

The bearer of this letter is Baron Malfatti, the Labor Attache at the Italian Embassy in London. He has just returned to Rome and is proceeding to Northern Italy to contact the political and Trades Union leaders up there.

Will you please give him any help that he needs (he may get stuck for transport and will need permission to travel in a military vehicle). His trip north should be valuable to us all at this juncture.

Sincerely,

/s/ Emory W. Stone

EMORY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Colonel Charles Poletti
Regional Commissioner
Lombardia Region
Milan

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The British Embassy,
ROME.

16th May, 1945.

My dear Admiral,

This is to inform you that Baron Malfatti, the Labour Attache at the Italian Embassy in London, has just returned to Rome and is anxious to proceed to Northern Italy. I should be very grateful if you would procure for him whatever facilities he may need.

For your own information I may say that, according to the Foreign Office, he has been much impressed with what he has seen of life in England, particularly in the social and political spheres and the Foreign Office believe that it would be of value to us all at this juncture if he were enabled to make contact with political and Trades Union leaders in North Italy.

Believe me, my dear Admiral,

Yours very sincerely

/s/ Noel Charles

Rear Admiral Henry W. Stone,
U.S.N.R.,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

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16 May 1945

The bearer of this letter is Dr. Giuseppe D'Anselmi,
police official on the personal staff of R.E. Sig. Bonomi,
Prime Minister of Italy. Any assistance which can be
rendered to him in his journey north to Mantua on urgent
Government business will be greatly appreciated.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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14 May 1945
MAY 15 Rec'd

TO: SO(M) Liaison Staff, c/o R.A.A.C., Rome (Attn: Maj Gibson)

In reply to your letter of the 14th of May, I attach copy of a letter which is being sent to the Italian Government Liaison Officer with the Allied Commission.

Will you now please dispatch a signal to your BLO along the following lines:

"Bonomi and members of his government should be in Milan towards the end of this week. Suggest Val d'Ostani representatives visit him there. Exact date of Bonomi's arrival Milan uncertain but possibly Thursday or Friday."

J. A. Quayle

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

Encl.

cc: Exec Comm'r, AC
Pol Ad (A), AC
Pol Ad (B), AC

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14 May 1945

My dear Marchese Cittedini:

I am directed by Admiral Stone to ask you to convey to the President of the Council of Ministers that two Val d'Aosta representatives are wishing to visit the Italian Government with the object of pressing for an early grant of regional autonomies to the Val d'Aosta. The names of these delegates are believed to be D'Entrevies (The Liberal Prefect of Aosta) and Elter (Communist works manager of the Cogne Steel Works). Would you please further inform the President that it is being suggested to these two that they visit not Rome but Milan at a time when the President himself will be there.



J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to GC

Marchese Cittedini-Cese
Italian Government Liaison Office
Hq A.C.

cc: Exec Comm'r
Political Adviser (A), Hq AC
Political Adviser (B), Hq AC

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(Mrs. MORDEN)

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7th May 1945.

Chief Commissioner.

1. The Allied Commission is receiving applications from various diplomatic and semi-diplomatic institutions to visit the North. The Delegate of the Representative of the USSR for the Repatriation of Soviet citizens has applied, General de Sevin is most anxious to go, the Greek representative and the Yugoslav Minister to the Holy See are all candidates.
2. Up to date we have allowed six French officers to go definitely attached to the Displaced Persons and Property Control Sub-Commissions with the full agreement of the Sub-Commissions. We have also allowed the Commercial Counsellors of the British and American Embassies to accompany Mr. Antolini.
3. I think our answer to the remainder should be in the negative and I think it would be advisable if a letter over your signature could be sent to all Embassies and diplomatic posts pointing out that at the present time it is impossible to give permission.

M.S. LUSH

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Commission Officers (Rus. Offr) should be allowed, but with small staffs. Greek or Y-S no. We discussed yesterday.

3613/EC *Permitto Movements*
 572/EC *French Mission*
 799/EC *Visits Soviet Reps*
 800/EC *Visits Italian Govt Officials*

(Sgd) E.W.S.

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7 May 1945

MAY 8 REC'D

I have received your personal note of May 3rd requesting permission to visit your parents in Verona. Believe me that I have every sympathy with your natural wish to go North, but unfortunately the orders of the Army Commander cannot permit it at this time. As soon as permission may be granted, I shall be happy to advise you.

In the meantime, I should be glad to ask my AMB officer at Verona by telegraph to make inquiries. If you will give me the address of your parents, it is possible that I may be able to get word of your relatives to you in a short time.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Antonio Rosenti,
Minister of Finance,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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cc: Exec. Commr.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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20-B/PMB

30 April 1945

My dear Avv. Libonati:

MAY 11 - REC'D

The Chief Commissioner has asked me to reply to your letter of 27 April asking for permission for a number of Italian officials to visit cities in the north.

I am very sorry to inform you that the military authorities will not grant permission for anyone to visit the territories in Army control unless the trip is directly associated with the military operations and would be beneficial to the war effort. Until such time as conditions improve and additional facilities are available it will not be possible for us to ask the military authorities to permit persons not associated with military operations to visit Army territories.

Yours very truly,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Avv. F. Libonati
Sottosegretariato per la Stampa
e le Informazioni
56 Via Veneto
Roma

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Ref: 800/61/80.

29 April 1945.

My Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I enclose a letter received from your Minister for Occupied Italy.

I would refer you to my letter of 23rd October 1944 in which I informed you that only in the most exceptional cases could permission be granted to Ministers of the Government to visit operational zones.

I should like to know that the proposed visit has your approval before I submit the request to the Commanding General, 15th Army Group.

The Minister for Occupied Italy is being informed that his application is being handled with the Office of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, according to established procedure.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

E.S. Ivanoe Bonomi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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Ref: 800/60/92.

20 April 1945.

MEMO TO: Marchese Citterini-Cesl.

I am directed to request that you intimate to the Minister for Occupied Italy that his letter dated 27th April 1945, in which he asks to be aided in his wish to circulate without restriction in the recently liberated territory under the jurisdiction of 15th Army Group, has been received at this Headquarters. This application is being handled, according to the established method of procedure, with the Office of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

/s/ J.A. QUAYLE,
Major, R.A.
Staff Officer to Chief Commissioner.

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY FOR OCCUPIED ITALY
The Minister

A/E - 133 Prot.

Rome, 27 April 1945

To: The Allied Commission, Rome

The torrential advance of the Allied troops and the splendid heroism of the Italian Patriots are now making possible the liberation of the territories of Northern Italy.

Consequent upon this liberation the complex tasks and duties of my position as Minister, a position in which are inherent the closest collaboration and cooperation with the Allied authorities for the solution of all problems involving the resumption of civilian life and the position of the Patriots, place me face to face with the absolute necessity of having the most ample freedom of movement in all the territory recently liberated and which is placed under the jurisdiction of the Allied 15th Army Group.

I therefore ask the Commission to be kind enough to take the necessary measures designed to give me this indispensable freedom of movement.

I further take the liberty of calling the attention of the Commission to the fact that this request of mine is not to be considered in the same light as other analogous requests which might be forwarded by other members of the Government. This relates to the special work with which I am charged, so that it is to be considered that a refusal would make it impossible for me to discharge the tasks involved in the very job in which I am responsible to the Allied authorities and to my country, as well as to the Government of which I am a member.

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Certain that the Allied Commission will be kind enough to consider the above with most careful attention, I await the decisions which the Commission will be good enough to make known to me.

THE MINISTER

/s/ Scoccimarro

Trans - LWS/lws

Rome, 27 April 1945

W/S - 13 Prot.

To: The Allied Commission, Rome

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THE MINISTER

/s/ Scoccimarro

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Ref: 500/20.

28 April 1945.

Subject: Visits to the North.

To: Director, Land Forces Sub Commission (1871A)
" Navy Sub Commission
" Air Forces Sub Commission

1. It is anticipated that considerable pressure will be exerted by Italian Ministers, Government officials and other civilians to obtain permission to go to newly liberated territory in the North. I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to say that no visits to the North will be allowed except in very exceptional circumstances for which permission will be given only by the Chief Commissioner himself.

2. This instruction was given at the Executive Commissioner's Meeting of 27 April, and VPs of Civil Affairs and Economic Sections are so informing their Sub Commissions.

Major E. Pribot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: VP Civil Affairs Section
VP Economic Section
Communications Sub Commission
War Materials Disposal & Italian PW Sub Commission.

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

APR 23 1945

APR 24 RECD

Your arrival,

According to your suggestions, I made arrangements for the Ministers and Undersecretaries to go frequently to Sicily to show the interest of the State for Sicilian problems, and to tie from the links between the island and the mainland.

I am glad to tell you that Minister Crouchi has lately been in Sicily, where he dealt with economic problems, and the day before yesterday, Minister Casparotto went to Catania for a local assembly, and to visit the seats of the veteran Association.

The visit of the two Ministers will be followed by many others.

Yours very truly,

B. A. Lombardi

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Admiral Hilary N. Stone
Chief Commissioner
United Commission
R. S. M. U.

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Roma, 11 23 aprile 1945

*Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

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Caro Ammiraglio,

Aderendo ai suoi suggerimenti io ho disposto che in Sicilia vadano frequentemente Ministri e Sottosegretari per dimostrare l'interessamento dello Stato per i problemi siciliani e per tenere i più stretti collegamenti fra l'isola e il Continente.

Sono lieto di avvertirla che proprio in questi giorni è stato in Sicilia il ministro Gronchi che si è occupato di problemi economici, e avanti ieri è andato a Catania il ministro Gasparotto per una cerimonia di carattere locale e per visitare le sedi delle Associazioni combattentistiche.

Alla visita dei due ministri ne seguiranno altre.
Con i migliori saluti.

Al Sig. Ammiraglio
Ellery W. Stone
Capo della Commissione Alleata

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AT THE PRESENT TIME IN YOUR HANDS

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R.R. CRUTCH Col.

NICHILAS PLOMBING
C/O USA
Ass Adjutant

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NICHILAS PICHARINO
C/O USA
Ass Adjutant

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2. Proposed Visits to Army Areas. The question of visits to Army areas by members of the Italian Government was raised - in particular, the case of Scoccamarro. Pol Advisor thought that such visits should be discouraged and A/E: C stated that Army Commanders were not in favour of them.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. 800/53/BC

2 April 1945

SUBJECT: Signor PALERMO, Italian Government Undersecretary of State
for War

TO : G-5, AFHQ

1. Reference is letter, this Headquarters, 800/BC, dated
26 March 45, subject as above.

2. It is desired to elaborate on paragraph 6 thereof. The
processing of trip requests for Italian officials as mentioned
therein is confined solely to the movements of Ministers in army
areas. The Civil Affairs Section, this Headquarters, which is
responsible for this, has now under consideration a plan for
tighter control. It is a revision of our Executive Memorandum No.
77 and will be submitted to you as soon as completed.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Colonel

Acting Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub-Comm (MILA)
Air Forces Sub-Comm
Liaison Division

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ext ; 525

9/15.1/CA

30 Mar 45

MAP 30 1945

SUBJECT : Signor PALEFMO, Italian Govt Under-Secretary
of State for War.

TO : Executive Commissioner ✓

Reference para 6 of your 800/EC of 26 Mar to G-5 AFHQ.

- 1 It is pointed out that Civil Affairs Section has not prepared or submitted to AFHQ any plan for processing trip requests by Italian Officials desiring to proceed overseas. It has not been concerned with any such requests. The Sections which have been mostly concerned with such visits are the Political and Economic Sections. The Liaison Divn is now responsible for arranging such matters so far as diplomatic matters are concerned and it is believed that each Sub-Commission of Econ Section which has been interested in proposed journeys over seas have cleared them themselves and that there is no coordinating body.
- 2 It is possible that this question has been confused with the control for security reasons of the movements of Ministers in Army Areas for which CA is responsible and as to which a revision of Exec Memo 77 is under discussion.
- 3 Will not this para have to be corrected to AFHQ.

G.R. UPJOHN Brig.
VP CA Section

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EB/15.15

29 March 1945

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SUBJECT: Visit of Italian Public Works
Engineer to U.S.A.

TO : AFPA, G-5

1. The Inter-ministerial Committee for Reconstruction has requested authority to send a public works engineer to the U.S.A. for the purpose of studying building methods and building materials. The matter of having an Italian make such a study was discussed in Rome last December with Mr. Jacob Crane of the National Housing Agency; by a representative of the Economic Section. Mr. Crane was of the opinion that the study would be of value.

2. The Committee desires to send Mr. Pasquale Proxiano, General Inspector of the Genio Civile, and to have him accompany the Joint Program Mission.

3. It is recommended that the request of the Inter-ministerial Committee be approved.

/s/ Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

APPROVED:

A. M. ANTOLINI
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

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Ref. 800/30

26 March 1945

SUBJECT: Signor PALERMO, Italian Government Under-Secretary of State for War

TO : G-5, AFHQ

Ref. AFHQ letter file G-5: 300.4-4, dated 21 March 45, subject as above.

1. In so far as this Headquarters is concerned, the matter of Palermo's unauthorized visit to Albania has been thoroughly investigated. In brief, there is no record of any specific authority ever having been given by this Headquarters for such a visit. Originally, an Air Forces Subcommittee operational report disclosed that such a trip had been made. Accordingly, a full investigation was immediately instituted.

2. On 22 February 45 the former Political Section received a memorandum from the Minister of Foreign Affairs stating that within the next few days it was expected Signor Palermo would ask MMIA for permission, etc., for a brief journey to Tirana (see incl #1). The Political Section referred the memorandum to Land Forces Subcommittee, MMIA, and it was agreed that any expression of opinion on the proposed trip would be reserved until such time as the Minister of War directly approached MMIA (see incl #2). However, no such formal request was ever received by MMIA from the Minister of War and thus the matter was allowed to stand with no further following-up.

3. Meanwhile, however, Air Forces Subcommittee on 4 March 45 had received directly from the Italian Air Ministry a request for air transport facilities to be extended to Palermo in order that he might undertake an important Tirana trip (see incl #3). Believing that official permission for the trip had been settled on a much higher level, Air Forces Subcommittee arranged to facilitate the passage. The request was accordingly referred to the Balkan Air Forces Movement Section (see incl #4), where, eventually, aircraft was provided for the trip.

4. It has been reported that, in accounting for his actions to the Prime Minister, Palermo stated permission had been obtained from the Air Forces Subcommittee, AC. The Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscalet, AC, states that at no time was permission or any specific authorization given to Palermo for such a journey by Air Forces Subcommittee. Your attention is further invited to the statement (see incl #5) made by Squadron Leader Bradshaw of Air Forces Subcommittee, who handled the original

Ref. 800/20

26 March 1945

SUBJECT: Signor PALERMO, Italian Government Under-Secretary of State for War

TO : O-5, AFHQ

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Ref. 800/MC, 26/3/5
To: G-5, AMHQ
Sub: Signor PALERMO

inquiry.

5. It is understood that during his visit to MMIA (General Browning) on 25 March 45, Palermo was to give an explanation of his visit to Albania; however, the Minutes of this meeting do not disclose that any such explanation was given. Apropos of this, MMIA has this date (26 March) received from the Minister of War a proposed plan for repatriating Italian military and civilian personnel now residing in Albania. This plan, it is understood, was worked out by Palermo and Colonel General Hoxha, of the Albanian Government, during the recent Albanian trip. Action in regard to this plan is being held up pending the return of Major General Browning the latter part of this week.

6. In order to help prevent recurrence of similar incidents, the Civil Affairs Section, this Headquarters, has prepared and submitted to your Section a plan for processing trip requests of Italian officials.

For the Chief Commissioner:

(Sgd) Norman L. Giese,
Colonel
Acting Executive Commissioner

5 Incls.
as above

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Air Incls S/C
Liaison Div

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G-5: 100.444 f 21. Mar. 45.

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MAR 21 1800A

FROM: TROOPERS

TO: ACTION FREEDOM INFO ROME AREA AICOM

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Ref your FX 46188 19 March. Subject under discussion with home office. Reply reach you soonest.

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FROM: TROOPERS

TO: ACTION FREEDOM INFO ROUTE AREA ALCOM

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, AC. Rome.

To : Executive Commissioner, AC.

Date : 23rd March 1945

Ref. : AFSC/354/6/ORG.

VISIT TO ALBANIA OF H.E. PALERMO

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Information regarding the above matter is enclosed with this letter in the following appendices:

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- Appendix a Copy of letter from Minister of Air to
- Air Forces Sub Commission.
 - b Copy of letter to B.A.F. Movements from
- Air Forces Sub Commission.
 - c Statement of S/Ldr Bradshaw, S/Ldr Org.
- Air Forces Sub Commission.

F.L. Bradshaw
F.L. BRADSHAW S/LDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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MOST URGENT CONFIDENTIAL

From : Italian Air Ministry, Cabinet of the Minister.

To : Air Forces Sub Commission.

Date : 4th March 1945

Ref. : 6328/2063/Coll.

REQUEST FOR AIR PASSAGE

H.E. Palermo, Undersecretary of State for War, requested urgently an air passage to Tirana, in order to go there to deal with an extremely important matter: he will attempt to save the lives of several Officials of the Azienda Petroli Albanesi who have been sentenced to death.

Your Sub Commission is kindly requested to grant the authorisation for the above mentioned air passage.

THE MINISTER
Gasparotto (sgd)

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, AC. Rome.

To : B.A.F. Movements (S/Ldr Woolf)

Date : 4th March 1945

Ref. : AFSC/354/6/ORG.

REQUEST FOR AIR PASSAGE

An urgent request has been received from the Italian Air Ministry for the urgent transporting of His Excellence Palermo, Under Secretary of State for War to Tirana, Albania, in order to attempt to save the lives of several condemned men.

2. We know it will be greatly appreciated if all possible can be done to help.

Signed .

F.L. BRADSHAW S/LDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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To : Executive Commissioner, AC.

From: S/Ldr F.L. Bradshaw, 90982, Air Forces Sub Commission, AC.

Date: 23rd March 1945

STATEMENT

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I have no further knowledge of the matter nor any further, nor previous correspondence.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

F.L. Bradshaw

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R. Bradshaw Sp.

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G-5 Section
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G-5: 300.4-4

21 March 1945

MAR 24 1945

SUBJECT: Signor PALEMO, Italian Govt. Under Secretary of State for War.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. G-2 inform this Section that notice has been brought to the attention of that Section that Signor PALEMO, Italian Under Secretary of State for War, has recently visited Albania. He was not in possession of a Military Travel Authorisation such as is issued by G-2 to all Italian subjects who desire to leave Italy. It appears probable that Signor PALEMO left in an Italian plane from an Italian controlled air field and therefore did not pass through Allied security controls.

2. It is requested that an inquiry be made into this case and a report rendered to this Section in order that G-2 may be advised.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

Julius Byler
JULIUS BYLER
Major, F.A.

Copy to:- G-2
G-5, Plans & Ops (Balkans)



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MAR 20 1945

From: AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER SITE FUGING

To : TROOPERS FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, INFO: ALCOB ROAD.

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Subject is suggested visit of Italian police experts to ENGLAND.
Request reply to our memorandum no reference of 11th February signed
ROBERTSON as soon as possible.

See file 43

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

JAQ/hjp

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19 March 1945

TO: Liaison Division, HQ A.C.
(Attention: Capt. Ranfurly)

Would you please give me a report as to how Sig. Palermo,
Minister for War, came to visit Albania. Did he have any permission
whatsoever for going? This information is required urgently.

J.A.Q.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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May Quayle
Letter from Sig. Palermo to Chief Commissioner
1. He does not believe Palermo
actually visited Albania but
proceeded to a point in Italy &
met troops coming from Albania
"Montenegro" will inform
checking - will inform
some time Today
Albanian

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SUBJECT: Signor Palermo's Journey to Tirana

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
INT/101
19 March 45

TO : Office of the Executive Commissioner
Liaison Div

Ref your 505/PA/EC(L) dated 16 March 45.

1. It was agreed over the phone (Lt Col Ingledew - Maj Quayle speaking) that Land Forces Sub Com. (M.M.I.A.) would express an opinion "when approached by Ministry of War". See second line your P/505/PA of 24 Feb.
2. No such request has ever been submitted to this H.Q.

cgl.

L. Browning
Major General
R.M.I.A.

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Office of the Executive Commissioner
Liaison Division

SUBJECT: Signor Palermo's Journey to Tirana

FILE No. 505/PA/EC(L)

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MLA)

16 March 1945

It is requested that this office be informed why no reply was received to our P/505/PA of 24 February 1945.

R.
Officer-in-Charge
Liaison Division

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the A/President.

10th March 1945.

Private and Personal.

MAR 10 1945

Dear Signor Seale,

With reference to your call here this morning, I find that Signor Togliatti wrote on March 1st to Admiral Stone asking permission to go to Florence between the 9th and the 12th of March to deal with questions concerning his party.

Brigadier Lush, on behalf of Admiral Stone, replied on the 2nd March calling Signor Togliatti's attention to Admiral Stone's letter of the 23rd of October to the Prime Minister respecting visits of Ministers of the Government to areas still in the military operational zone.

I regret that I cannot advise the Chief Commissioner that the attendance of a meeting of party organisers should be regarded as constituting a reason for making an exception to this general rule.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) Harold Macmillan.

Signor Seale,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Executive Commissioner:

MAR 9 1945

BONCHI, CASATI and followers on are leaving for Front tomorrow at 0730 hours by plane. IMIA have made all arrangements, and Army permission has been obtained.

9 March 1945.

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FROM: MAIN 8TH ARMY
TO: ALCOM FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER, INFO 15 ARMY GROUP

MAR 9 1945

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Army Commander delighted Prime Minister BONOMI and party visit Italian
Combat Groups as proposed. Army representative will meet FORLI airfield
1000 hours 10th March. CREMONA warned to expect party 10th March and FRIULI
either afternoon 10th or morning 11th March.

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LIAISON DIVISION.

ACTION: Executive Commissioner
INFO: A/President
Chief Commissioner
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ROUTINE

FROM: G-5 SECTION HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
TO: MAIN STN ARMY, INFO: ALSO FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER

MAR 3 1945

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Prime Minister BONOMI requests permission for himself and following members of his Government and Staff to visit Italian combat groups.

1. Minister of War CASARTELLI.
2. He SCIALOJA on personal staff.
3. Private Secretary to BONOMI.
4. 2 Italian Army Officers.

Propose arrive FORLI airfield 1000 hrs 10 March. Return ROME 11 March. Accommodation, transport and messing not required.

Ex under Secretary of State VENOSTA wishes accompany party on compassionate grounds to visit RAVENNA brother recently died.

Please reply by signal to ALCOM for Chief Commissioner for action rptd to HQ 15 ARMY GROUP.

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Action: LIAISON DIV
Info: A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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Ref: P/505/TO

2 March 1945

MAR 8 - 1945

My dear Mr. Togliatti:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st of March 1945 requesting necessary passes for you and your wife to travel to Florence.

In reply, I would state that on the 23rd of October 1944 I wrote to the Prime Minister stating that Field Marshal Alexander, Supreme Allied Commander, considered that visits of Ministers of the Government to areas still in the military operational zone, that is to say, in the Army Areas, were undesirable and further that only in the most exceptional cases can permission be granted to Ministers of the Government to visit such operational areas.

You do not state in your letter the reason for your visit and whether it can be considered a most exceptional case and I would ask you, therefore, to submit your request for obtaining the necessary passes, through your Prime Minister, to the Allied Commission in the normal way.

Yours very truly,

M. S. LUSH

Brig.

for ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

H. E. Palmiro Togliatti,
Vice President of the Council
of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome, Italy

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Translation

Council of Ministers
The Vice-President

Rome, 1 March 1945

MAR 2-1945

Dear Admiral,

I ought to go to Florence between the 9th and 12th of this month for questions concerning my party; as I have difficulties in getting the necessary pass through another channel, I apply directly to you, asking you to get this pass for myself (identity card C.I. 8259704 - Naples) and for my wife, Mrs Rita Montagnana (identity card C.I. 8273446 - Naples). This journey will not give cause for any public manifestation.

I beg your pardon for bothering you, and I remain,

Truly yours,

S. Palmiro Togliatti

e.c.

EC List - 2 MAR 45

Action: Pol. Sec.

INFO: CHIEF COMM

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
Political Section

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SUBJECT: Signor Palermo's Journey to Tirana

FILE No. P/505/PA

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (LMIA)

24 February 1945

1. It is understood from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the Ministry of War will approach you regarding necessary facilities for a brief journey to Tirana of the Italian Under Secretary of State for War. It is understood that the Albanian Authorities have raised no objection. The visit of Signor Palermo to Tirana has only a purely technical character and does in no way imply the recognition of the present Albanian Government. It is understood that the object of Signor Palermo's journey is to examine the question of the repatriation of Italian soldiers from Albania.

May I please have you view a brief matter.

Vice President, Political Section

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.

In the next few days the Ministry of War will ask the M.M.I. to afford the necessary facilities for a brief journey to Tirana, on board an Allied plane, of the Italian Undersecretary of State for War, Signor Palumbo.

Object of Signor Palumbo's journey is that of examining, in agreement with the Albanian authorities, the question of the repatriation of Italian soldiers from Albania, the implementing of which is now meeting some difficulties.

The Albanian Authorities have already given their consent to the voyage and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, on their part, would be very grateful if the Allied Commission would favourably consider the Ministry of War's request.

Signor Palumbo's visit to Tirana has a merely technical character and does not necessarily imply the recognition of the present Albanian Government.

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PALERMO



Rome, 22nd. February, 1945

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PALERMO



Rome, 22nd. February, 1945

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Ref: 4/15.2/2a.

28 December 1961.

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My dear Prime Minister,

My Regional Commissioner in Sardinia has drawn my attention to a difficulty of administration that is arising there by reason of the prolonged absence in Rome of high officials.

I appreciate the desirability of frequent and close liaison between the central government and its representatives in the island but I suggest that the duration of visits could, in some instances, be curtailed, as frequently officials are absent for periods of upwards of two weeks. You might consider that in some cases Sardinian officials could, with advantage, visit the island rather than the Sardinian officials should always go to Rome.

I am convinced that such good would be done and the prestige of the Government enhanced by an exchange of visits, as the inhabitants then receive real proof of the interest of the Government in their problems.

Yours sincerely,

1/2 Ellery W Stone

ELDER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

H. Z.
Ivanoe Bonomi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

Copy to: Regional Commissioner, Sardinia Region.

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Ref: 4/15.2/Ch.

25 December 1944.

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Chief Commissioner

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President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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PAREN TO AFHQ FOR SACRED FROM HQ ALCOM FROM STONE PAREN

ROMMI STATES THAT HE HAD NOT AND WOULD NOT CALL PRINCE MARCEL DEL DRAGO TO
ROME

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J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER

ACTION: ALCOM FOR INFO: SHAEF MAIN CITE FHGBI FOR POLITICAL SECTION,
STRONG FOR SHEEN.

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1. PRINCE DEL DRAGO, MARCEL. Italian now in Switzerland states
that BONOMI has called him to ROME. Please forward any comment by
BONOMI including opinion of urgency of mission if any. Would appreciate
also any information available on subject.

For SHAEF only. This is interim action on your s71648 of
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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

With further reference to your letter of 30 September and mine of 1 October on the subject of early visits of high Italian Officials to Northern Areas promptly after their liberation, I should like to reaffirm my statement that early preparation for such visits on the part of the Italian Government, is a foresighted act.

However, I must also repeat that the decision as to how soon such officials can be admitted into Milan or other similar areas, is a military one and must be guided by the circumstances prevailing at the time visits are contemplated. The opinion of the Allied Command is in agreement with this point of view and it is felt that present action can best be limited to the preparation of information which will be useful when the military situation permits. The visit of commissioners, and the establishment of any definite schedule of time for their movement is not possible at this time.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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Tel: 388

Ref: 388/008

19 November 1944 (Plot 18)

SUBJECT: Holding of Political Meeting at Siena.

TO : 388 to 388.

1. Continuing telephone conversation (Majora Gayle-Talbot) was informed over the telephone this morning by 388 that S.A. Alberto Giacco, Minister without Portfolio, has permission to hold a political meeting at Siena.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Copy to: Tel 388

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ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO 20

From: Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: Report on Prime Minister's Visit to
Florence

FILE No. 215/CC

TO: Chief of Staff

13 November 1944

With reference to the attached copy of a letter from PWB
can you please inform me if the recital of events set forth therein
is accurate, together with any other comments that appear pertinent.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore
Chief Commissioner

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Minute 25826

cc: DCOS, CA Section
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1 Incl: Ltr 40/XVII/MLW, 3 Nov 44, fr PWB Unit No. 14

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INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

PWB UNIT No. 14, USA, APO 512

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Mr. John Rayner, D.P.W.O.,
Mr. George Edman, A.D.P.W.O.
Mr. Lanham Titchener.

General policy is to build up the Italian Government.

On September 16th, the Prime Minister, Bonomi, and a party came to Florence. We heard of the visit after their departure, and Ferris of the News Division, who has been liaising closely with A.M.G. on all news stories, approached the City Commissioner, Lt. Col. Michie, for an explanation of why we had been given no notice of the visit.

Col. Michie replied that we had purposely been kept in the dark, and that everything possible had been done to prevent Bonomi from coming to Florence, and that he did not wish Bonomi's stay to have any publicity.

The Provincial Commissioner, A.M.G., Lt. Col. Rolph, informs me that shortly before the Prime Minister's arrival, he, Rolph, telephoned General Hume to find out what arrangements had been made for the visit, and was told that the Prime Minister's own people must look after him.

One of the Prime Minister's party saw Col. Rolph and asked him where the party might lunch, as no rations had been brought up. Col. Rolph approached the Officers' Club where he was told that the Prime Minister was "just like any other Itie", and finally, after Bonomi had been kept waiting for 15 minutes in the lobby of the Excelsior Hotel, he was served with a scratch lunch.

Yesterday, Brig. Upjohn, A.C. requested that we play up the Prefect of Florence to try and give him some sort of standing here. Naturally we shall do our best, but such things are rather difficult when the Prime Minister is known to have received the treatment described above.

/s/ G. M. Sinclair Noble

G. M. SINCLAIR NOBLE
Major, The Buffs
OE P.W.B. Unit No.14

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff.

Tel : 735.

Ref. 300/47/006.

4th November, 1944.

SUBJECT : Visits of Ministers to Army Areas.

TO : Economic Section.

1. Reference is made to 300/44/000 dated 23 October addressed to the Prime Minister, copy to you.
2. If you have not already done so will you please ensure that each Sub-Commission has a copy of the letter.
3. Any application received from a Minister to visit an Army area will, if recommended, be sent to Lt. Col. E. Brown, Liaison Division, HQ.A.C.

[Signature]
Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Copy to : (for action para 3)

Establishment Section
Political Section
Communications S/O
Land Forces AG (MHA)
Navy S/O
Air Forces S/O
HQ
War Material & Italian PW S/O
Civil Affairs Section, HQ. AAF.

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Ref 800/11/008.

23 October 1944.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister :

Recent incidents arising out of the visits of certain Ministers of the Italian Government to areas in liberated Italy still in the military operational zone, that is to say, in the Army areas, have led General Alexander to the conclusion that it is undesirable that such visits should be repeated.

I do not deny the value, both to the population and the Ministers themselves, of such visits but my duty is to ensure that nothing should occur in these operational zones which may cause anxiety to the Military Commanders, a duty which I am sure you will help me to perform.

I would ask you, therefore, to note that only in the most exceptional cases can permission be granted to Ministers of the Government to visit such a critical area.

There will be no objection to Ministers and Undersecretaries of State visiting territories under the administration of AMG South of the Army areas. In such cases permission should be sought from this Headquarters and Ministers and officials should visit the Provincial Commissioner or the nearest Provincial Officer in the area which they are visiting.

Yours very truly,

HUBERT W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner.

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government.
Rome.

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Army Sub-Communication
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Air Force Sub-Commission
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War Material and Italian P.W. Sub-Commission
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
GCP
Office of the Chief of Staff

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Ref 800/12/008.

19th October, 1944

SUBJECT: Visits to the Army Areas.

TO : Liaison Division
Attention: Lt. Col. Brown.

1. I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from the A/CC.

2. You will notice that "only in the most exceptional cases and permission be granted to Ministers of the Government to visit operational areas". The drill for this is that when you receive an application from a Minister to enter the Army area you will submit such application to the A/CC for his decision through Major Quyle. *after checking with Pol Secy.*

Chief Staff Officer,
to the Chief of Staff.

Copy to Major Quyle

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Ref 500/11/008.

23 October 1944

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ELMER W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner.

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government.
ROME.

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Chief of Staff.

Visits of Italian Ministers to
Forward Areas.
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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17 October 1944.

At the recent conference at Siena it was generally agreed that visits of Ministers of the Italian Government to Army areas should be prohibited. Only in exceptional cases would permission be sought and they would then be referred to the Office of the Chief of Staff by the relevant DCG. It was agreed that Ministers and Under Secretaries should be permitted to visit MSI territory South of the Army area but would be instructed to report first to the nearest Provincial Officer.

I attach draft letter to the Prime Minister covering these points.

MSL/JG.

M S. LUSH
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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DRAFT LETTER to H.E. Ivanoe Bonomi.

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ELLERY W. STONE,
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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DRAFT

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

At a conference of Regional Commissioners in forward areas held recently in SIENA the question of upholding the authority of the Prefects was discussed at length as the result of one or two incidents which have occurred lately and which might tend to undermine their influence, and I share the strong views expressed by Regional Commissioners on the actions of certain of your Ministers when visiting AMG territory. An example of what I mean is to be found in an article by H.E. Togliatti in "L'UNITA" dated 11 October. Previously, of course, there was the very unfortunate incident of H.E. Tupplini at ANCONA.

Visits by your officials to AMG territory which are likely to develop a political aspect can only be an embarrassment to the Civil Administration at a difficult time. I find it necessary, therefore, to consider what means we have at our disposal to prevent the recurrence of this kind of thing and I request the withdrawal at once of all semi-permanent passes (three-monthly passes which have been issued to Italian officials) which may not yet have expired. I will cause to be issued in their place another form of pass into AMG territory which will be issued on request to the Directors of the Sub-Commission concerned, on the back of which will be a statement that the applicant undertakes not to hold any meeting or engage in any work of a political nature, but will confine himself solely to the technical affairs on which his assistance is required. The applicant will be required to sign this statement. On no other condition will a Minister be permitted to visit AMG territory and on arrival at his destination he will be required to report to the nearest AMG Provincial Officer.

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I regret very much that it should be necessary ^{to} impose ~~restrictions~~ of the character indicated above, as it is far from my wish to hinder rehabilitation by restricting the movement of officials on legitimate technical and administrative business. Every effort as in the past will be made to avoid

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placing obstacles in the way of those who would visit AMG territory with this end in view.

I must emphasize that what I have said above applies only to an official wanting to enter AMG territory south of the Army Security Control Line. Leave to cross north of this line, i.e. into the territory administered by the Army, cannot normally be granted to any of your officials.

Very truly yours,

ELERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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DRAFT

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Visits by your Ministers to A.M.G. territory which are likely to develop a political aspect can only be an embarrassment to the civilian administration at a difficult time. I propose, therefore, to prohibit entirely visits of your Ministers and ~~Under~~Secretaries to the Army area and to allow visits to A.M.G. territory subject to compliance with the following:

(a) No member of the Government will be permitted to visit A.M.G. territory except on official business connected with the administration of the territory.

(b) Any official desiring to visit A.M.G. territory will make application to the Director of a Sub Commission at the same time giving a written undertaking that he will not hold any meetings or undertake any work of a political nature but will confine himself solely to the technical affairs on which his assistance is required. The Director of the Sub Commission concerned will also be required to certify that the visit is necessary in connection with the affairs dealt with by that

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I appreciate that the foregoing will preclude the visits of yourself and Ministers without Portfolios, but reference can be made to me at any time should you desire to visit A.M.G. territory.

I am aware that these proposals will entail some alteration to existing procedure and that the three monthly passes to circulate in A.M.G. territory, which have been granted to some, will be rendered

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFC 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

Ref: 9/4.B/CA.

13 Oct '44

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SUBJECT:- Visits by Government Officials to AEC territory.TO:- C.C.S.

1. I attach for your information the translation of an important article by Togliatti in the issue of the 11 October of "Unita", dealing with the functions of the Committee of Liberation in general & in Florence in particular.
2. You are well aware of the difficulties we are having with the administration in Florence, and although proof may be lacking ~~we~~ I cannot help concluding after reading the above article that Togliatti's recent visit to Florence has been a contributory cause to the difficulties which have arisen there.

Nor need I remind you of the trouble caused by Tuppini's visit to Ancona.

3. I am of the opinion that visits by Italian Government officials to AEC territory in the future are likely to increase substantially our difficulties in civilian administration, and I think that we should adopt a much stricter policy in regard to giving permission for Government officials to visit such territory.

4. I recommend:-
 - a) That no member of the Government be permitted to visit AEC territory except on official business connected with the administration of the territory. For this purpose any official desiring to visit Government territory should be required to obtain from the Director of the sub-commission a certificate that his business in AEC territory is necessary in connection with the affairs dealt with by that sub-commission. I am aware that this would preclude the Ministers without Portfolio from visiting AEC territory, and possibly an exception should be made in favour of the Prime Minister himself.
 - b) When a Minister is permitted to visit AEC territory and has obtained a certificate as suggested above, he should be required to give a written undertaking that he will not hold any meetings, or undertake any work of a political ~~409~~ nature, but will confine himself solely to the technical affairs on which his assistance is required.

G. R. Upjohn

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.

VP CA Sec.

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Copy to Pol. Sec.

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From "L'UNITA" - 11 Oct 44 -

From Florence up - by Togliatti.

In the atmosphere of antifascist unity and profound aspirations to renewed democracy of the country which I described in my previous article on Florentine impressions, the problem which arises in a new way, and an acute one, is that of the National Liberation Committees, of their functions and of their recognition by Italian and Allied authorities. The problem is far from simple, not in itself, but because pressure is being put on from many sides to prevent the recognition of these functions. It is therefore necessary that we should all think very seriously of all this, because it is just on these grounds it will be necessary to move when Northern Italy has been liberated, and a normal democratic political situation will have to be created as quickly as possible.

It has been said that the Committees of Liberation were in a large part Committees of "After liberation". That is true only in the southern provinces and the islands, but not for all. Let us admit however that in the South and the Islands the Committees of Liberation mostly arose after occupation by the Allies, and in general, did not have a hand in the organization of a direct struggle, with and without arms, against the German invaders and the fascist traitors. Having admitted this fact, it would however be a very great mistake to come to the conclusion that south of the Garigliano the Committees of Liberation are and must be of little account, that they are a "voluntary organization" in which the authorities need take no interest (as it seems to be the case in Naples for the choice of a Sindaco in that great city). To begin with, one must give credit, even in the South, to the Committees of Liberation, for being the only serious centers of political organization. In a moment when every thing was broken up and disorganized, the population found in Committees the only Italian authority worthy of respect. Secondly, it is the Committees of Liberation in the South that have led the political battle for months and months, which had an international echo in the rebirth of Italian democracy. And finally, who can imagine it is possible to rule a country in a different way in its different halves? Only a very shortsighted bureaucracy.

But to look forward, from the South towards the North. In Rome the situation was already different, because Rome had a Committee of Liberation which had had an active national function of direction of the resistance and the struggle against the Germans in all the occupied regions. Nobody thought of ignoring this fact, which had made the Committee of Rome a regional authority. In fact it was with this Committee that General MacFarlane discussed the appointment of the new Government, and the Committee itself, with a few changes, became the Government of Italy. Its President is the actual Prime Minister. If one were to proceed on the same lines, in every province the President of the Committee of Liberation should become the Prefect. This has been done, with excellent results, in only one province. In the others, the Committees have had divers fates, according to the arrangements of the Allied Commanders and the intelligence of the Prefect. But as this (I speak of political intelligence) is hardly ever up to the mark of the situations, which are varied and changing, the result is that from the Garigliano up, until Florence, the situation is very confused and full of pitfalls. The tendency which is starting to show itself, is to ignore the Committees of Liberation, not to ask their help, nor their advice, nor their organized assistance in the indispensable work of demoralization in the regions which are liberated. As, at the same time, the population sees that in the provinces emigration has not even started, and that the fascists are therefore lifting up their heads, whilst certain prefects not only take no notice, but

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What has happened in Florence? The Committee of Liberation, which directed the Command of the partisan groups, had the power in its hands for a few days. When the Allied troops arrived, the power passed into their hands, as was right. However the Committee helped the Allied Authorities

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efficiently and intelligently. It helped to maintain public order, and to resolve the more serious problems of the city; it organized the police; it started the work of epuration, so necessary in the town that was called "most fascist"; it appointed commissioners and commissars, and so on. It did, in fact, in a certain measure, that which is actually being done in the north, in the regions held by the partisans, by tens of Committees of Liberation, and which they will do to-morrow in a much bigger way in all the big cities of the North. And it would be absurd to say that it will be sufficient to avoid this in order to solve the problem. This action of the Committees of Liberation, in fact, is the organized form of the national revolt against the Germans and is, after the arrival of the Allied troops, the only one which can guarantee the adhesion of the popular masses to the powers of the State and therefore ensure order and quiet. To imagine that in Milan, Bologna or Genoa, fascists could remain in their places or return to bullying without provoking an explosion of popular wrath, would be absurd; it is absurd to think that the population of the North will tolerate the drop by drop epuration which some would wish for. The recognition of a definite function of the Committees of Liberation beside the other government authorities will therefore be an absolute necessity the more one reaches the regions where the people has really fought and suffered, and knows that in so doing has conquered the right to govern itself, through the units of its' big political parties. And any effort to eliminate the Committees of Liberation from political activities, as some are trying to do in Florence, would be disastrous to our country.

The actual Prefect of Florence - I was told by a member of the CLN with whom I was discussing these problems - may perhaps be an intelligent man, but he certainly does not understand anything about our present critical situation, in the resolving of which the old methods of "routine" and bureaucratic pedantry are wholly inadequate. And this opinion is probably right.

We need men who are not tied to the past in any way at the head of our administrations, and who know how to understand the aspirations of the people, who know how to work in strict collaboration with the political organizations of the people, to satisfy them.

And let us get it well into our heads, from Florence up, this necessity that, will always become more urgent.

