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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff

Tel: No. 478001

18 December 1964

Ref: 808/20/COS

SUBJECT: Villa Teresa, Parco Grifco, Naples

TO : British Legation to the Holy See

This refers to your letter of 7 October 1964.

1. After a quite a period of time a report on the above mentioned Villa has been forwarded to this office from the office of the Regional Commissioner of the Southern Region.

2. You will find inclosed a copy of the report and inventory. We are sorry not to have been able to furnish this information earlier.

Col Brown
Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U. S. ARMY

R/2286

14 December 1944

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SUBJECT: Requisitioning of Villa Teresa - Parco Grifeo, Naples.

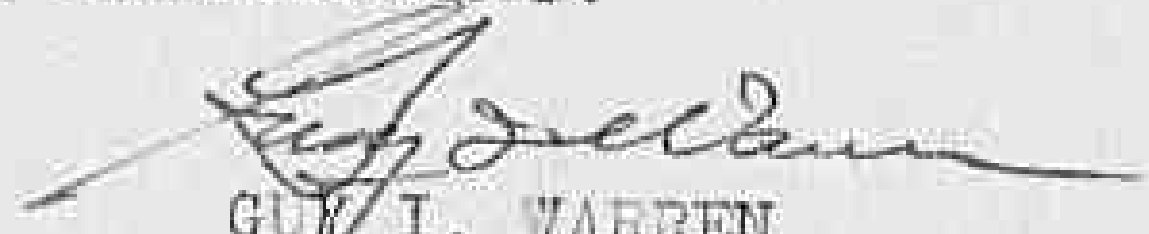
TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission

Reference your 808/10/COS dated 14 October 1944.

1. We forward, herewith, copy of NZ/7 dated 8 December 1944 covering the subject.

2. Later inquiry reveals the additional information that the Villa is now the residence of 43 Allied Officers and men from the rank of Brigadier down.

For the Regional Commissioner:


GUY I. WARREN
Lt. Col. Sp. Res. AUS
Executive Officer

Incl.

1 letter NZ/7 dated 8 December 1944.
Inventory of Furniture of Villa Teresa.

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ALLIED ~~COMMISSION~~ COMMISSION

NAPLES ZONE

(PROVINCES OF NAPLES, AVELLINO, BENEVENTO)

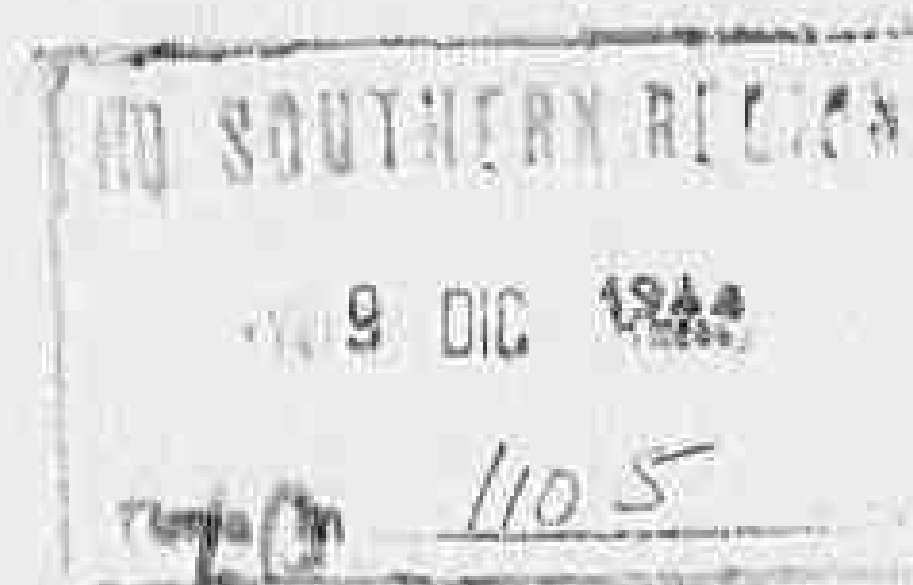
PREFETTURA, NAPLES

8 December, 1944.

File NZ / 7.

Subject: Villa Teresa - Parco Grifeo, Naples.
Property of the Duchess of Bovino.

To: Headquarters, Southern Region, A.C.



1. Since the receipt of HQ. A.C. 808/10/COS dated 14th of October, 1944, re. the derequisition of the above Villa, extensive enquiries have been made and the following facts elucidated.
 - (a) - The Duchess of Bovino has had several different Offices dealing with the matter, none of whom were aware of the other's activity. In actual fact she was dealing verbally with Major Huggins, Town Major of Naples, on whose records the requisition had originally been placed.
 - (b) - The Town Major told her that the Villa could not be derequisitioned as it was required by A.F.H.Q. - Welfare, who are the present occupants.
 - (c) - The Duchess, given the opportunity, removed the furniture she desired, after which the present occupants made an inventory, a copy of which is attached.
 - (d) - The original requisition was made on the 16th of October, 1943.
 - (e) - Owing to military requirements no date can be given when this property will be derequisitioned.
 - (f) - Acknowledgement is made of your two other letters on this subject, the first R/4182 dated 31st Oct. 44 and the second R/4314 dated 4th Dec. 44.

For the Zone Commissioner.

A. H. P. C. 1888 May. R.A.

A. McGAHAN
Major R.A.
Zone Officer.

*Missing 43
Resignation
11/12 from
Brigade down*

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VILLE TERESA

Inventory of furniture.

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PORCH.

Book case 1
Shelf case 1

ROOM 1.

Piano 1
Settee 3
Easy chairs 3
Chairs 4
Side table 1
Pictures 5.

ROOM 6.

Divan Bed 1
Mattress 1
Dressing table with mirror 1
Large wardrobe 1
Cabinet 1

ROOM 2. - Dining Room.

Dining tables 3
Chairs 15.
Playing piano 1
Side Table 1
Chest of drawers, 1.
Large clock 1
Wooden seats 2.

ROOM 7.

Chest of drawers 1
Large mirror 1
Dining table 1
Chairs 2
Small tables 2

ROOM 3.

Settee 1
Chairs 2.
Folding tables 2
Writing desk 1
Wardrobe
Screen 2
Standing lamp 1
Pictures 6.

ROOM 8.

Large chairs 3
Small chairs 3
Folding tables 3
Chest of drawers 1
Wardrobe 1
Small table 1

ROOM 4.

Glass case 1
Chest of drawers (marble top) 1
Cupboard 1
Wooden seat 1
Small chairs 2
Small table 1

ROOM 9.

Chest of drawers 1
Easy chair 1
Small table 1

FIRST FLOOR - TOP OF STAIRS.

Large clock.

ROOM 10.

Bed 1
Cabinet 1
Mirror 1
Side lamp 1
Easy chairs 1
Wardrobe 1

HALL.

Glass case (containing books) 3

ROOM 11.

Settees 2
Bed 1
Chairs 5
Chest of drawers 1
Mirror 1
400?

ROOM 5.

Wardrobe 1
Small wood cabinets 2
Gramophone 1
Easy chairs 1
Table 1
Mirrors 2
Ornaments 3
Standing lamp 1

KITCHEN.

Tables 4
Cupboards 4.

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VILLA TERESA

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Flat No.6 - INVENTORY OF FURNITURE.

ROOM 1.

Small table 1
Shelf case 1

ROOM 2.

Settee 1
Easy chair 1
Small chair 1
Cupboard 1
Small table 1
Chest of drawers 1

ROOM 3.

Locker 1
Small chair 1

ROOM 6.

Writing desk.
Locker 1
Easy chair 1
Shelf case 1

ROOM 7.

Cupboards 2
Tables 2
Chairs 2.

ROOM 3.

Chairs 3
Easy chairs 1
Divan bed 1
Side board 1
Wardrobe and locker 1
Small table 1
Bedside case 1

KITCHEN.

Odd parts of wooden bed.

ROOM 4.

Uprights for bed complete
Chairs 2.
Tables 1
Small shelf case 1

ROOM 5

Writing desk 1.
Chair 1

ROOM 6.

Table 1
Chair 1

Flat No. 5 Inventory of Furniture.

ROOM 1

Bed 1
Chairs 4
Kitchen cupboard 1
Stading lamp 1
Tables 1

ROOM 2.

Chairs 4.

ROOM 3.

Checked and handed over to

Sgt. P. Grafton Saunders
Major

1430 hrs - 23 June 1944.

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A. M. Cleburne Major R.A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMAND
APO 394
Idaho Division
Office of Chief of Staff

Tel: No. 473001

2 December 1944

Ref: 608/15/103

SUBJECT: Your P/3153 dated 2 November 44

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region

1. It will be appreciated if the report of the Commissioner of
Naples, referred to in your P/3153, could be forwarded to this office
as early as possible.

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Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

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R/3153

2 November 1944

3 NOV Recd

SUBJECT: Villa Teresa.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(Attention: Chief of Staff).

1. Reference your 808/11/COS dated 30 October 1944.
2. An immediate report has been requested from the Commissioner of Naples Zone and the information requested by you will be forwarded to you as soon as it is available.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Paul Revere
PAUL REVERE,
Major, A.G.D.,
Adjutant.



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HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION

APC 394
Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff

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Tel: No. 473001

3 November 1964

Ref: 808/13/COS

SUBJECT: Villa Teresa Paroo Griffo Napoli

TO: HQ AC Naples City

1. If your office will contact Lt Col CHIFFON of the Real Estate Section of P.B.S. it is certain that his office can inform you who requisitioned the above mentioned Villa.

2. As I remember all requisitioned property in Naples is listed in the Real Estate office of P.B.S. irrespective of what outfit requisitioned it. They either have or can inform you what office has the original records of the contents of the property and all necessary papers.

EDWIN BROWN
Lt. Col.

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Headquarters, Allied Commission, Naples City, 30 October 1944.

To: Headquarters, Allied Commission, Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff, APO 324.

2 NOV Recd

1. Reference your communication, 14 October 1944, 808/10/328, is it possible that we can get a copy of the requisition covering the Villa Teresa, Enzo Griffo, Napoli, owned by the Duchess of Savino?
2. There are quite a few requisitioning authorities in Naples city and we are as yet unable to locate the proper office.
3. If you can give us a copy of the requisition or advise us as to who did the requisitioning, it will simplify the matter and we will see what can be done to have the property de-requisitioned.

Harry G. Hershenson

HARRY G. HERSHENSON
Lt Col, A.U.S.
Commissioner, Naples City.



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Headquarters, Allied Commission, Naples city, 30 October 1944.

To: Headquarters, Allied Commission, Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff, APC 354.

2 NOV Recd

1. Reference your communication, 14 October 1944, 800/10/308, is it possible that we can get a copy of the requisition covering the Villa Isernia, Largo Grifco, Napoli, owned by the Duchess of Bovino?
2. There are quite a few requisitioning authorities in Naples city and we are as yet unable to locate the proper office.
3. If you can give us a copy of the requisition or advise us as to who did the requisitioning, it will simplify the matter and we will see what can be done to have the property re-requisitioned.

Mary G. Henson

MARY G. HENSON
Lt Col, A.G.C.
Commissioner, Naples city.



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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED COMMISSION
Maison Division
Office of Chief of Staff
APO 324

Ref: 808/1003

30 October 1944

SUBJECT: Ref to our 808/10/003 dated 14 October 1944.

TO: Regional Commissioner Southern Region

1. It will be appreciated if a report of the action taken in regards to the above mentioned communication could be forwarded as soon as possible.
2. The Secretariat of State of His Holiness could then be informed.

For the Chief Commissioner

Ernest Blum Lt Col
Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff
APO 394

Ref: 808/10/003

24 October 1944

SUBJECT: Request by the Duchess of Savoy that the
Villa Teresa, Parco Grifco, Napoli be
de-requisitioned

TO : Regional Commissioner
Southern Region

1. This Headquarters recently received a letter from Sir D'Arcy Osborne of the British Legation to the Holy See transmitting a request from the Secretariat of State of His Holiness. This request was for help for the Duke and Duchess of Savoy, and among other matters was the question of having the above mentioned Villa de-requisitioned. The Office of the Secretariat states that the case of the Duke and Duchess is indeed a sad one and hopes that some assistance can be given them.

2. Will you notify this office of any action so that it may inform Sir D'Arcy Osborne of the possibilities of the Villa being de-requisitioned.

(Sgd) Edwin Glenn

Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

There is enclosed herewith an aerial photograph of the house of Lovino and a copy of the covering communication with which it was transmitted to this location. This communication was accompanied by a very good spread to the minister which is being acknowledged with the information that the case has been submitted to the allied authorities. It will be noted that the aerial states that the value of the house has already notified Colonel Riste of certain commercial facilities desired by the Duke of Savoy. In her letter the Duchess states that British troops removed the heavy loads of furniture and objects of value from her villa at Naples. It is suggested that this accusation should be carefully investigated.

I attach the Duchess's letter to the...

His Britannic Majesty's Legation
J. G. O'Sullivan
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British Legation to the Holy See,
VATICAN CITY.

12/10/44

There is enclosed herewith an appeal from the
 Council of Bayamo and a copy of the covering communication
 with which it is transmitted to this location. This
 communication was accompanied by a national appeal to the
 Minister which is being acknowledged with the information
 that the case has been submitted to the allied authorities.
 It will be noted that the appeal states that the Duke of
 Acosta has already notified Colonel Pizarro of certain com-
 munal facilities desired by the Duke of Bayamo. In her
 letter the Duchess states that British troops removed two
 heavy loads of furniture and objects of value from her villa
 at Bayamo. It is suggested that this accusation should be
 carefully investigated.

I attach the Duchess's letter to her.



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British Legation to the Holy See,
 VATICAN CITY.

October 24th 1944

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SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
11 THE ARMY.

Mr. VERNON

October 3, 1944

No. 10000/44

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The Secretary of State of his address presents
its compliments to the British Legation and was the honour
to enclose herein a letter and a document it has received
from the Duchess of Savoy with the request that they be for-
warded to His Excellency Sir Francis D'Arcy Godefroy Osborne
for his kind consideration.

His Excellency will note that the Duchess of
Savoy's worthy family has suffered very considerable damage
in the war. Any attention and facilitation given to the
Duchess of Savoy's case will be thankfully appreciated.

Sent.

British Legation to the Holy See.

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PRO MEMORIA

The tragedy that has fallen upon the Duke and Duchess of Bovino in this war is truly of unusual gravity, especially when considered from the economic point of view.

In the province of Chieti their Castle of Grechic with its park has been completely destroyed. The pillage has been 30 beds and all hangings linen, house linen, all crochery, kitchen utensils, plate, pictures, furniture, ancient furniture (one recalls amongst other things the much admired majolica in Chieti Exhibition of 1905) collections of precious miniatures, Dukara carpets and magnificent mink fur coat etc. Nothing has remained untouched, everything has disappeared.

The same fate has befallen the Villa at Pescara where there were also thirty beds with everything necessary, personal outfits. Only the spot will it be possible to calculate the damage.

It should be specially noticed that in the places where the war has passed and ruined vineyards, orchards, olive plantations, and killed the castle, there are still many mines scattered by the enemy- a condition which makes any local examination very difficult unless mine specialists are sent to remove them.

The damage in these two provinces amount at the very least to 25 million liras.

This is not all. News came after the liberation of Rome that an oil-mill, the property of the Duke of Bovino at Corigliano Calabro, has been occupied, and that English troops have occupied their last remaining home in Naples, Villa Teresa- Parco Grifeo. This house too has been plundered and the furniture very much damaged, one beautiful pianola of a well known maker broken to pieces. This alone could have been sold for 150,000 a sum that would have been most opportune under present circumstances.

We beg the Deputy Vicar of His Eminency the Cardinal Ascalesi Archbishop of

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Property of immense value entrusted to the Duchess in Abruzzi by the Prince of Piedmont was saved by her at the risk of her own life and with many personal sacrifices. And here too the Holy Father gave proof of his great benevolence by allowing this property to be placed under his cure for several months. This is the unusual or rather unique case of a noble family which has greatly suffered and in a moment has lost three magnificent dwellings and which, of the

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the 75 beds with which it was provided does not today possess even one, so that at Rome it enjoys the hospitality of friend and in Naples the exquisite kindness of His Eminence Cardinal Ascalesi., a special case for which is sought special consideration and special aid.

The protection of the Holy Father and the good will of all the members of the royal family may merit for them a particular attention.

The Duke and Duchess desired:

1. The first thing would be to ask the English Command to leave at their disposal the house at Naples, requisitioned as above noted, so that they may have at least a roof of their own, which means that the necessary repairs must be paid for to make the house habitable.

Here follows a list of the proposal which if put into practice would relieve for the moment their painful and anxious situation.

2. At Greccio the Germans stole a lorry and a motor-car, if these could be given back to the Duke and Duchess in partial payment of damage, with the necessary definitive permission they could go to the Abruzzo to save whatever may remain to be saved or to Naples or to the South of Italy where this noble unfortunate family have many interest.

3. Since, despite their social and family position, the Duke and Duchess were not idle, but concerned in the export trade and still wish, and are prepared to continue their activities, they ask to have preference given them before all others, but it is to be noticed that without the permission for the lorry and the motor car, as above, any authorisation would be useless as they would not be able to move.

The Duke of Aosta has already noticed Colonels Evans and Fisk about the activities

of the Duke of Bovino, and these two officers have promised their help. The duke intends making an application to the Regional Authorities for permission to sell oranges, wine, cattle on the hoof, cheese to be used for exportation into England, or for the food supply in Italy. (The regional applications must be approved afterwards by the central authority in Rome.) that is necessary in that application should be considered at once to avoid loss of time.

At the same time these should be obtained the restoration of lycorice factory, since it was lost through the crooked dealings of the fascist and bank difficulties. This lycorice brands "Favella" and "Conte di Alife" were sold in England. One of the lycorice brands "Favella" ^{So far as} was well known in England and figured in the British Pharmacopea. The Duke ^{can not be} ~~was~~ disposed of these brands because they correspond to surname and family names.

They ask the help of the allies and their support to enable them to get back their factory a proper compensation for everything they have been through. All this might really become important because the Duke has at his disposal Corporative of transportation, and docking facilities for small tonnage, (Sardinia) able to carry out any transportation necessary necessary from Sardinia and other islands, and this activity, would enable the family to supply its urgent necessities by its own work.

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Oct. 5
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Excellence -

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur

Il m'est très douloureux de venir
vous ennuier. Mais malgré toute
ma bonne volonté il m'est impossible
de ne pas attirer votre attention sur
le cas de notre pauvre malheureuse fa-
mille peut-être dans toute l'Éthio-
pie la plus éprouvée par la guerre -
sans vous faire une histoire longue
qui n'en finirait jamais sur notre cas -
je vous prie seulement si vous en
avez le temps de lire le Pro Memoria
que nous avons passé au Vatican en pré-
sant l'aide du Souverain Pontife
toujours prêt à faire du bien, et à nous
en particulier étant donné "l'ose la dire"

que de longue date, il connaît les sentiments qui nous lient au trône et à la chair de Saint Pierre.

Persecutés de toutes les façons par les allemands - surtout pour avoir reçu dans nos châteaux les souverains d'Adalia dans ^(Prince de Parme et tous les membres de la famille royale) notre chateau de Breccia, dans les premiers mois de la guerre a duré pendant des mois nous avons tout perdu pour une valeur de 25 à 30 millions de lire - De 75 lits je n'en ai plus un de ma propriété - après le passage des souverains à l'armistice rien ne nous a été épargné, même le Campo di concentramento di Chiasso nous a reçu d'une façon inimaginable - Le fameux Garuso nous a suivi à Rome - et nous avons été sauvés de sa haine par la bonté du Souverain Pontife - Si l'armistice des armes l'espérance qui remplissait nos cœurs a été déçue car notre villa de Naples a été occupée par des anglais et on la troupe anglaise a em-

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porte deux canons de membres et
 d'objets précieux - et malgré mes prières
 qui durent depuis trois mois je n'ai
 pu obtenir qu'on me donne au moins
 des chambres pour mon mari et moi
 qui déjà âgés, sommes maintenant (après
 avoir changé cha fait) les hôtes d'une
 amie qui à son tour rentrant prochainement
 d'Arbino nous fera recueillir
 des "Surna letto" encore une fois -
 Monsieur l'ambassadeur - demander des
 informations sur notre maison contrôlée
 si ce que je vous dis est vrai - demander
 quelles ruines sont recloses du chateau
 et accueillir ma prière en regardant
 mon cas. Dans toute sa douleur "un exchaon
 Amary eade" Comme nous sommes des tra-
 vailleurs nous avons demandé de l'exporta-
 tion comme il est dit dans notre ^{edg 5} ~~edg 5~~
 Mais jusqu'à présent rien rien rien
 Je vous demande de toute mon âme

de nous faire savoir quelques chambres
de la villa Veresa al Parco Lirico "Naples"
si toute la villa ne peut pas être rendue
et en même temps une somme d'argent
pour me permettre et d'acheter tout
ce qu'on m'a pris et remettre un peu les
terres pour vivre. Vous qui grâce à Dieu
voez dans vos ailes vous vous rendez compte
comme la vie est dure quand d'une aide
complète on se trouve sans draps sans
linge sans rien - Avec votre change les
hivers s'éternisent vous semblent peu de chose
et pour nous c'est la vie -

Demandez à Badoglio qui a été mon hôte le
9 septembre s'il croit qu'on pourrait faire une
exception pour nous - avant nous travaillons
avec l'Angleterre notre marque Solardi (regille)
était inscrite à la pharmacopée anglaise - le
général l'a emportée - Monsieur l'Ambassadeur
pardonnez moi - je n'ai pas voulu vous ennuier pen-
sément. Ecoutez moi à travers le Vatican - Je vous
remercie avec mes sentiments les meilleurs et
donnez sûre de votre complaisance.

Roma 27 Sept. 1944 Duchesse de Borino et de Laormina
Viale Parich 12 Dame de Palais de S.M. la Reine d'Italie

P.S. Pour rendre plus clairs quelques
détails de ma lettre
le chateau de Breccia (destruit)
la villa de Pescara saccagée et enfon-
cée

faisaient partie de la Province des
Abruzzi où la guerre s'est arrêtée
pendant neuf mois - et surtout
dans la localité du fleuve Nero
dont le chateau de Breccia faisait
partie et où la guerre a été la plus
féroce -

Les deux maisons avaient reçu en
avril 1926 le Prince de Piémont à sa
visite officielle, en 1932 et 1933. Prince
et Princesse de Piémont, et le 9 septembre 43
les souverains d'Éthiopie, le Prince de 4864
Piémont S. B. Dadochio et dont le gouvernement
s'en sans doute, seulement pour vous dire
l'importance de ce que nous avons perdu

