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MALTESE STUDENTS
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Chief of Staff Office

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SEMINARIJ STATES THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THAT THE VENERABLE PONTIFICAL
ENGLISH COLLEGE WILL REOPEN AT PRESENT OWING TO LACK OF STAFF AND MEANS

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L.T. MONTANT
1st Lt. AGD.
ADJUTANT

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER ACC ROME

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 82/30

FROM: GOV MALTA

CLASSIFICATION:

REFERENCE No: GM143

PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: SEP 29

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: 6 OCT Recd

RESTRICTED. CANON LAWRENCE ZAMMIT HOLDER OF THEOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED AT MALTA UNIVERSITY WISHES TO PROCEED TO ROME IN TERMS OF SCHOLARSHIP TO TAKE 9 MONTHS COURSE IN THEOLOGY POSSIBLY COMMENCING OCTOBER AS FULL BOARDER AT THE VENERABLE PONTIFICAL ENGLISH COLLEGE ROME IN VIA MENSERRATO. GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD OBTAIN DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT INCLUSIVE FEES FOR COURSE AND IF YOU WOULD SAY WHETHER THERE IS ANY OBJECTION TO CANON ZAMMIT PROCEEDING TO ROME.

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Palazzo delle Congregazioni

Piazza Santa Maria in Portofino C.C.

DATE and Time of RECEIPT SET 010800A

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Card. Tizzardo

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HEADQUARTERS

1 OCT 1944

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
C. M. F.

Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 2404/22/COS.

6th October 1944.

SUBJECT: Maltese Students.

TO : Defence Security Office,
MALTA.
Attn: Lt.Col. G.L. Harrison.

1. The Acting Chief Commissioner has asked me to acknowledge and reply to your letter to him, Ref: PF777/1 of 18th September, 1944.

2. The question of permitting the two Maltese students to return to Italy to resume their studies has been reconsidered in light of what you say.

3. The additional reasons advanced by you while showing that these students have acted in a highly patriotic manner do not, however, warrant the reversal of the decision already made. I regret, therefore, that I cannot grant permission to the students to return to Italy at the present time.

M. S. LUSH

MSL/JG.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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• Everyone in Vatter from the Governor downwards has written to get these 2 Matten students back to Rome. The most recent letter is at 131 and a draft reply is submitted. I hope this will close the matter.

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TO: Col. Shipp

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Maltese Students MALTA - Folio 19

1. We have already refused to permit the Maltese students to return to Rome to study. Now the defence security Officer MALTA, has written direct to the Acting Chief Commissioner at the request of the Governor of Malta, putting up as a reason that these students had been of assistance to Security.
2. On the face of it the Lt. Governor of Malta does not wish to take a refusal.
3. As the letter folio 19 is a D.O. letter I feel it should be answered by a D.O. letter from the Acting Chief Commissioner.
4. Circumstances remain unaltered and I do not think we should reverse our former decision.

J. S. Peakes

J.S. PEAKES,
Major.

I agree with 4 above

Pl draft reply

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To Col Shipp 2460

*Draft reply
attached for
your approval*

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Defense Security Office,
MARTIN

Ref: EE 777/1.

13th September, 1944.

Captain Hilary W. STONE, USNR,
Acting Chief Commissioner,
HQ. ACC., RMVR.

HQ. ACC. APO 394

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By Sts

I am writing at the request of the Lieut-Governor Malta with reference to his letter dated 16th August, 1944 and your reply regarding permission for Samuel SAGAN and Richard SAGANOFF, Medical students, to proceed to CAMBRIDGE to continue their studies at the University there.

It is fully appreciated that it is undesirable normally to create a precedent for the return of students to Sicily at present, but what I wish to point out in this case is that these two men did give valuable assistance to our cause after their escape from Fascist Italy, in the form of information concerning certain disloyal Maltese whom we were anxious to run to earth.

Should this constitute a further reason for permitting them to study with a view to becoming Doctors and thereby being of use to the war effort, it is felt that such a concession would be greatly appreciated by Malta Government and would be agreeable to this office.

27/12/44

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G. L. Harrison

(G. L. HARRISON)
Lt-Colonel.

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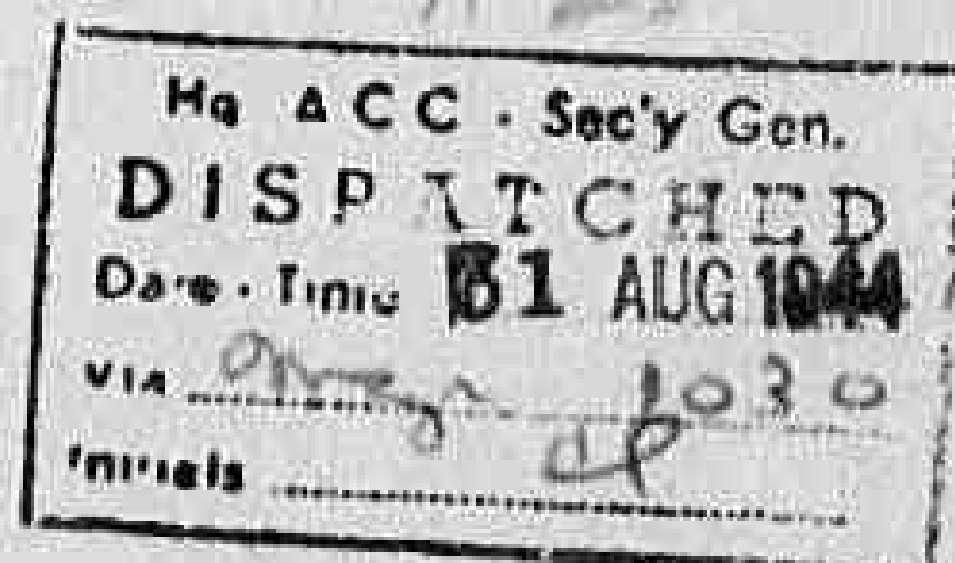
30th August, 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Students

TO : His Honour the Lieut. Governor of Malta

1. I regret that the notes which you forwarded with your letter regarding Richard Giacometti and General Caspar do not constitute a sufficiently strong case to justify a precedent. I am most reluctant to give a loop-hole to people to enter this country at this time unless their visit can be considered to be of direct benefit to the war effort.

2. I regret, therefore, that it will not be possible to allow these students to return to Italy at the present time to continue their studies.



HELEN V. JONES
Captain, RMN
Acting Chief Commissioner

Prepared by A.C. & M.C. SECTION

G. W. I. SHEPP
Lt. Colonel

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref 271/122/CA

26th August, 1944

SUBJECT: Return of Maltese Students
to Rome

TO : Colonel Shipp

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Folio 104 - Signal from the Governor of Malta requesting permission for 3 Maltese students to return to Rome to continue their studies.
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Folio 105 - Submitted to Education Sub-Commission who have no objection from an educational point of view.
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Folio 106 - Information passed to A.F. HQ asking for present policy with regard thereto.
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Folio 110 - Rome Region replied to our question by stating that there was no objection but that the courses at the University of Rome had been suspended until rehabilitation had progressed further.
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Folio 111 - A.F. HQ replied that they were opposed on principle to the students return and stated: "It is virtually certain that they were to some extent guests or proteges of the Italian Fascist authorities in 1936, 1937, and 1938, and that they must at least have professed Fascist sympathies at the time. It may be that they have now experienced a "change of heart", but even so it is not considered that they should be made the recipients of special favour."
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Folio 145 - The Governor of Malta, ^{was} informed inter alia: "It is felt however that to permit these students to return to Italy just now would create a precedent which we should like to avoid at this time. On the general question of allowing people to re-enter Italy while it is a theatre of operations A.F. HQ consider that this should only be permitted when it would be beneficial to the war effort."
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Folio 120 - The Governor of Malta in his letter of 16th August signed by himself, included two statements concerning two of the students who still wish to return and trusts that it will be possible for us to agree to this.

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The statements indicate that two of the students were repatriated in March 1943. One of them however was former official photographer at the Italian Consulate and both of them appear to have been granted ~~benefit~~ ^{benefit} by the Italian Government. It will therefore appear that the statement made in Folio 111 by A.S. HQ that these people must have professed Fascist sympathies has some foundation in fact.

Under ^{these} circumstances I ~~return~~ ^{have forwarded} the letter to the Governor of Malta explaining the ground on which we must refuse permission to return. It was indicated in Folio 113 that they would be permitted to return only if beneficial to the war effort. I do not consider these visits beneficial to the war effort but rather feel that the Governor of Malta is pressing the matter for some undisclosed reason.

If a draft letter does not meet with your approval, then I suggest that paras 1 and 2 should only be sent and para 3 being omitted altogether.

28 Aug¹ 44

John S. Reams Maj.

J. S. REAMS
Major

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & H.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/271/121/CA.

28 August 1944

SUBJECT: Maltese Students.

TO : His Honour the Lieut. Governor of Malta.

1. Your letter No. 625/44 of 16 August 1944 is acknowledged with relative enclosures.

2. As there is nothing further to show that it would be beneficial to the war effort for these students to return to Italy it is regretted but permission cannot be granted at present.

3. These students have already been repatriated from Italy and it is considered by AHCQ that they were to some extent guests or proteges of the Italian Fascist authorities in 1936, 1937 and 1938 and must at least have professed Fascist sympathies at the time. It may be that they have now experienced a "change of heart" but even so it is not considered that they should be made recipients of special favour.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For A/Chief Commissioner.

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LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

SECRET

No. 625/44.

MALTA. 16th August, 1944.

236/ Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter of the 25th July, 271/113/CA, regarding three Maltese students who are anxious to resume their studies in Rome or Catania.

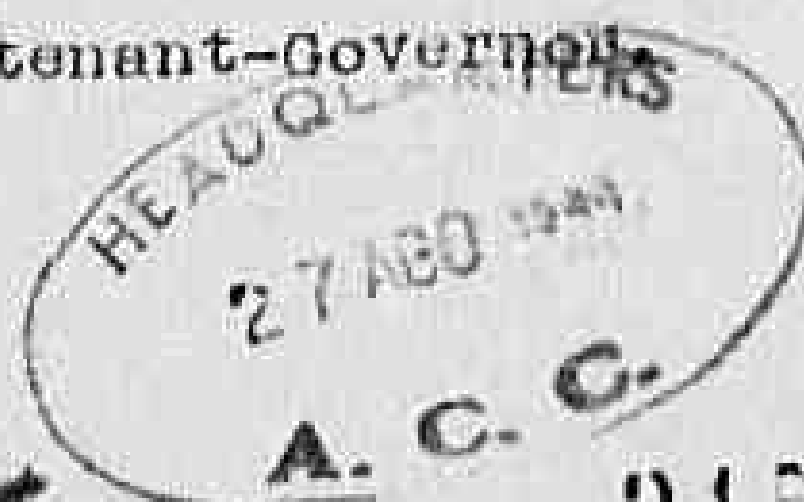
2. It is no longer the wish of this Government that Robert A. Twa, one of the students in question, should be granted such facilities. I enclose notes regarding Richard Giacomotto and Carmel Cassar. I trust that it will be possible for you to agree for these two students to proceed to Catania and continue their medical studies at the Catania University.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
Lieutenant-Governor

The Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
R.C. & M.G. Section.



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1. Richard GIACOMOTTO, aged about 25 years, of 696, St. Joseph Street, Hamrun, was granted bursaries to the value of 7,000 It. Lira during the period 1936-1939 to study Medicine at Rome University.
2. He was not eligible to attend the Malta University as he had failed to qualify in the Matriculation Examination.
3. He returned to Italy to continue his studies in September, 1939, and at the outbreak of hostilities was arrested and sent to a concentration camp as he refused to accept Italian nationality.
4. In March, 1943, he was repatriated via Egypt, under an exchange of civilian prisoners of war.
5. An application was made by Richard Giacomotto in June 1944 that he be allowed to go to Catania University to complete his medical course. The Council of Govt considered his application and advised that he be allowed to continue his studies in Catania provided no objection was raised from a security point of view. The Governor concurred.
6. No objection was raised by D.S.O.

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1. CARMELO CASSAR, aged about 26 years, is the son of Joseph Cassar of 233 High Street, Hamrun, who was formerly the official photographer at the Italian Consulate.
2. Carmel was awarded a 2,000 It. lira bursary by the Italian Government to study medicine and surgery at Rome University.
3. He was a fellow-student of Richard Giacomotto, and at the outbreak of hostilities with Italy was arrested and sent to a concentration camp as he ~~to~~declined to accept Italian nationality.
4. In March 1943 he was repatriated under an exchange of civilian prisoners of war.
5. He is not eligible academically to be admitted to the Malta University, and in October 1943 he sought permission from the Government to proceed to Catania University to complete his studies.
6. No objection was raised by D.S.O.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/271/113/OA

25 July 1944

SUBJECT: Maltese Students.

TO : His Honour the Lieut. Governor of Malta.

1. Reference is made to your Signal GW 86 of 29 June 44 regarding three Maltese students who are anxious to resume their studies in Rome.

2. The matter has been taken up with AFHQ and investigated and there is no objection to their resuming their studies from an educational point of view. A final decision cannot be given on security grounds without further personal information. It is felt however that to permit these students to return to Italy just now would create a precedent which we should like to avoid at this time. On the general question of allowing people to reenter Italy while it is a theatre of operations AFHQ consider that this should only be permitted when it would be beneficial to the war effort.

3. In the circumstances and unless further facts are brought forward we regret permission cannot be given.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner
For A/Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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14 July 1944

SUBJECT: Rome University - Students.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

Reference your 271/108/CA dated 4 July 44 in respect of three Maltese students resuming their studies at Rome University, attached is a copy of a letter from Office of A C S G-2, AFHQ, setting out the present policy in regard to this question.

Incl:
as above

HEADQUARTERS
22 AUG 1944

MIDDLETON
Colonel

Deputy Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

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9 July 1944

SUBJECT: Movement of Civilians to Rome -
University Students

TO : G-5, A.F.H.Q.

1. In reply to your 300.4.4 dated 7 July 1944.
2. A final decision on Security grounds cannot be given in respect of the three Maltese without reference to Malta for further personal information about them. Enquiries will be made if you wish, but this Section is opposed on principle to their returning to Italy. "It is virtually certain that they were to some extent guests or proteges of the Italian Fascist authorities in 1936, 1937, and 1938, and that they must at least have professed Fascist sympathies at the time. It may be that they have now experienced a "change of heart", but even so it is not considered that they should be made the recipients of special favour."
3. To admit individuals of this category without creating the precedent which you seek to avoid, would probably be difficult.
4. Regarding the general question of allowing students to enter or re-enter Italy, this Section is opposed to any travel into a country which is still the scene of operations except for purposes directly beneficial to the war effort.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

/s/ ?
for S. S. HILL-DILLON
Colonel, General Staff
G-2 (C.I.) Section

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in accordance with
Government, Malta*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ROME REGION
APO 394

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12 JUL Recd

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7 July 1944

SUBJECT: Maltese students

TO: Col. Piske

1. Reference is made to your letter of 1 July, Ref. 271/106/AC.
2. From the academic point of view there is no objection to the Maltese students in question frequenting any Italian University, provided they are properly qualified academically. They would, of course, be subject to the usual examinations, fees, etc.
3. Courses at the University of Rome have been suspended until the work of rehabilitation progresses further.

Henry T. Rowell
HENRY T. ROWELL

Lt. Col. C.M.P.

EDUCATION OFFICER.

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Capt Mueller

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Henry J. Powell

HENRY J. POWELL

Lt. Col. C.M.P.

EDUCATION OFFICER.

*Capt Mullen*²¹⁴³

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394.

Ref/271/108/CA.

4 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Rome University - Students.

TO : G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q.

1. The Governor, Malta, informed this HQ that three Maltese students are anxious to resume their studies at Rome University. They are Richard Giacometto, Robert A Twa and Carmel Cassar. They had studied medicine in 1936, 1937 and 1938. We have no objection provided passages can be arranged by Malta.
2. The University is now in process of defascistization and is prepared to receive these Maltese Students. The University should be in full operation this autumn and there will be some scholastic activity going on through the summer.
3. It may be considered that it is too early yet to allow students to return to Rome University and covers a wider issue than that of students, i.e. movement of civilians etc. Please say what the present policy is.

JBR/RAC.

J.K.
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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For Chief Commissioner.

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[Signature]

271-3 JUL 1944

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Education Subcommittee

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2 July 1944

SUBJECT: Rome University -- Students.

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner.

1. Reference your 271/102/CA, dated 30 June 1944.
2. The University of Rome is now in process of defascistization, and is prepared to receive Maltese students.
3. The University should be in full operation this autumn, and will indeed have some scholastic activity going on through the summer.

T. V. Smith
T. V. SMITH
Lt. Col., AUS
Director of Education



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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/271/106/CA

1 July 1944

SUBJECT: Students - Rome University.

TO : Rome Region.

1. The following cablegram has been received from the Governor of Malta.

"Three Maltese students whose university studies in Rome were interrupted by the outbreak of war with Italy are anxious to resume them. Their names are Richard Giammarino Robert A Tui and Carmel Cassar. They had joined the course of medicine in 1936 1937 and 1938 respectively. Grateful for information whether there is any objection to these students being allowed to resume studies in Rome or complete them at Catania."

Will you please let me know if there is any objection to the reception of these students at the present time.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to:
Adv. Hq. ACC

ESM/JR

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- 1 JUL 1944

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
EDUCATION SUB-COMMISSION

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REF : ED/3.17 30 June, 1944
TO : Civil Affairs Branch, HQ. ACC
SUBJECT : ^{my}Resumption of studies in Italy for Maltese Students.

1. Reference attached telegram GN 86. *13*
2. This Subcommittee sees no objection to aforementioned Maltese students resuming their studies either at Rome or Catania - - no objection, that is, from the "educational" point of view.

T. V. Smith

for T.V. SMITH
Lt. Col., A.U.S.
Director of Education

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER ACC ITALY

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N48/30

FROM: GOVERNOR MALTA

CLASSIFICATION: NONE

REFERENCE No: GN86

PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUNE 29 1455 OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

THREE MALTESE STUDENTS WHOSE UNIVERSITY STUDIES IN ROME WERE INTERRUPTED BY THE OUTBREAK OF WAR WITH ITALY ARE ANXIOUS TO RESUME THEM. THEIR NAMES ARE RICHARD GIACOMOTTO RUBERT A TUA AND CARMEL CASSAR. THEY HAD JOINED THE COURSE OF MEDICINE IN 1936 1937 AND 1938 RESPECTIVELY. GRATEFUL FOR INFORMATION WHETHER THERE IS ANY OBJECTION TO THESE STUDENTS BEING ALLOWED TO RESUME STUDIES IN ROME OR COMPLETE THEM AT CATANIA.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/271/102/CA

30 June 1944

SUBJECT: Rome University - Students.

TO : Admin. Sect. (Education Sub-Comm.)

1. I have received a request that three Maltese whose studies at Rome University were interrupted on outbreak of war with Italy, should be allowed to rejoin to resume their studies.

2. Will you please let me know if facilities for studying at the University exist for Maltese at the present time.

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Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner
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