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Please see ②, ③, ④, ⑤. Folio ⑤ does not reply to our letter at ② (para 2) satisfactorily. Would you please take the matter up.

D. M. Kelly
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Office of Exec.

Executive Commissioner:

To see ⑨, please.

W. Sec.
5 March

W. Thronton
Capt, 7613

CSO

Please see folios ②, ③ & ④ & reply from Capt Jones (8) at ②, ③, ④.

In my opinion Capt Jones' letter shows a certain irresponsibility & lack of appreciation. Unless his reply to ⑨ is more satisfactory

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Please See photos (2) & (3) & reply from Capt Jones (3) at 2215

In my opinion Capt Jones' letter shows a certain irresponsibility & lack of appreciation. Unless his reply to 2215 is more satisfactory more severe action might be taken.

[Signature]

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Will see
H. 613

6 hours

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Est. Section.

Ref 2215 (4) Has any reply to his letter please?

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Director Commission:

See our file 34/601, returned

has with,

Get me
27 March

[Signature]

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Tel: 478201

Ref: 2604/17/EG.

11 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Occupation of Flat at BARI.

TO : Liaison Officer, BARI.

1. Reference to your letter 18/10 dated 4 April 1945 it is felt that Capt. Jones' action in writing his letter of the 24th October was reprehensible, but it is accepted that undue emphasis has been placed on it by reason of an inaccurate translation. This office was not desirous of pursuing the matter further but another visit has been received today from Signor Nicola PALANCA, the brother of the owner of the flat, who has further explained that the occupant of the flat has a copy of the letter which Capt. Jones wrote and in face of which the Prefect is unwilling to take action to evict the occupant.
2. This Commission can have no possible interest in the premises and to adjust the matter will you please without delay write a letter withdrawing that written by Capt. Jones. Your letter should be addressed to Gina PALANCA, Via Castello 40, BARI, with a copy to Nicola PALANCA, at Via Malpighi 12, ROMA.

[Signature]
 Chief Staff Officer,
 to Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Establishment Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

34/70/EST

7 April 1945

APR - 7 1945

SUBJECT: Occupation of Flat, Bari
To : Executive Commissioner

1. Reference is made to your 2604/20/COS of 7 February.
2. Attention is invited to the attached letter from A. C. Liaison officer, Bari(Lt. Col. Turner-Coles).
3. This Section agrees with the opinions expressed in Lt. Col. Turner-Coles' report, and recommends that no further action be taken.

C. M. Parkin
C. M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Inf.,
Acting Vice President

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BARI

April 4, 1945

Subject: Occupation of Flat, Bari.

Ref.: LB/10

To: H.Q. Allied Commission

Attention: Establishment Section.

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1) Ref. Your 34/56/EST of 20 March 1945 passed to me via H.Q. Southern Region (now closed) I therefore reply direct.

In reply to your para 3 a:

2) This matter happened long before my appointment to Bari Zone but it appears that owing to the sympathy of the Regional Welfare Officer Maj. Mc Sweeney and Capt. Jones for an Italian Officer who had fought with the Allies against the Hun they interfered in a matter which in effect had nothing to do with A.C.C. administration.

Your para 3b:

The pressure shown in Capt. Jones' letter is obviously due to faulty translation and also the failure to have the full text written in English and Italian.

3) This matter appears to be trivial in the extreme as:

a) the flat was not requisitioned by the Allied Authorities.

Your para 3b:

The pressure shown in Capt. Jones' letter is obviously due to faulty translation and also the failure to have the full text written in English and Italian.

3) This matter appears to be trivial in the extreme as:

- a) the flat was not requisitioned by the Allied Authorities.
- b) Miss Falanga being unable to obtain possession used her influence and that of her brother who had been employed at the Ministry of Interior with the Italian Government Officials in Rome to try and force the hand of the local Officials.
- c) her complaint was then sent to A.C. H.Q. who acted on it in good faith.

4) The enclosed documents marked A and B are very involved but show a personal conflict between landlord and tenant which should never have become a matter for action by A.C.C.



W. Turner-Coles
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W. Turner-Coles, Lt. Col.
Liaison Officer

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Bari 7/3/945

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - Zona di Bari-
(Capt. Jones)
R. PREFETTURA

B A R I

Alla signora Gina Falanga, convocata in quest'Ufficio, è stato fatto presente che la Commissione Alleata nell'azione svolta nei suoi confronti non ha fatto che intonarsi alle vigenti disposizioni prefettizie le quali vietano il rientro in città degli sfollati e che comunque la questione è di competenza della Autorità Civile italiana.-

L'UFFICIALE DI COLLEGAMENTO
(Magg. B. 1945)

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Mrs. Gina Falanga, summoned to this office, has been informed that what the Allied Commission did on this occasion is in full accordance with the existing laws which forbid the return of refugees to their towns and that anyway the matter concerns Italian Civilian Authorities.

Major Beniamino Pepe

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AL COMMISSIONER - ALLIED - MISSION

S A R I

La Signorina Gina Falanga fu Sabino di anni 62 nata a Bari e ivi domiciliata nella casa di sua proprietà, site in Via Roberto da Bari numero 126 piano primo, esone quanto annesso:

Nel 1943 fu obbligata, in seguito a disposizioni delle autorità locali a sfollare da Bari e rifugiarsi a Roma in casa del fratello Nicola Falanga, abitante in via Melnighi n° 12/a interno 3.-

La Falanga, partendo da Bari, chiuse il suo appartamento pienamente ammobiliato, e portò con se le chiavi e pochi effetti personali, sperando di potere fare presto ritorno nella sua casa dove è nata e cresciuta.-

A causa dei noti avvenimenti bellici, la Falanga rimase separata da Bari sino al settembre 1944, ignorando quello che era avvenuto della sua casa di abitazione.-

Ritornata a Bari e volendo rientrate nel suo appartamento, ebbe la dolorosa sorpresa di sapere che esso appartamento era occupato dai coniugi Anelli Mario e Antonietta Sbaraglino.-

Senne che tale appartamento sin dal novembre 1943 era stato ceduto in fitto da una nipote Signora Nina Milella ved. Borzillo, ai predetti coniugi Anelli con apposito contratto. In tale contratto era stipulato

ritornata a Bari e volendo rientrare nel suo appartamento, ebbe la dolorosa sorpresa di sapere che esso appartamento era occupato dai coniugi Anelli Mario e Antonietta Sberaglini.-

Benne che tale appartamento sin dal novembre 1943 era stato ceduto in affitto da una sua nipote Signora Nina Milella ved. Borzillo, ai predetti coniugi Anelli con apposito contratto. In tale contratto era stipulato l'eserlicito natio che ritornando la proprietaria da Bari, i coniugi Anelli dovevano senz'altro sgombrare nel termine di 15 giorni dall'arrivo della proprietaria.-

Se non che i coniugi Anelli all'invito della proprietaria di lasciare libero l'appartamento si sono decisamente rifiutati, e la Falanga a dovuto essere ospitata temporaneamente nell'abitazione della nipote Signora Nina Milella ved. Borzillo, *abitante in Bari. Prostr. Capello 42.*

Di fronte all'ingiusto e illegale rifiuto la Sig.na Falanga ha citato gli Anelli davanti al Magistrato per il rilascio della casa. In questo momento e precisamente il 24 ottobre 1944 da parte del Comando Alleato della zona di Bari le è stato inviato il seguente biglietto: -"Cant. G.S.

Jones Executive Officer -

La Commissione Alleata di controllo vi comunica che se continuerete ad insistere nel voler allontanare la famiglia Anelli dall'appartamento di via Roberto da Bari n° 126, *1° piano*, considererà questo vostro atteggiamento come ostile alla volontà di questo Comando. Vorrete perciò desistere da tale intento, allo scopo di non provocare ulteriormente al-

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trimenti il Comando Superiore sarà costretto ad intervenire in tale questione. - W.E. JONES Cart. Executive Officer."

La Signorina Falanga è rimasta dolorosamente sorpresa da tale ingiusto e arbitrario intervento del Comando alleato di Bari; più volte si è recata al Comando per spiegare la sua situazione ma non le è stato mai possibile notare parlare con il Capitano W.E. Jones, a causa della illegittima intrusione di un sotto-ufficiale di detto Comando che ora per una sua ora ora per l'altra ha imedito alla signorina Falanga di avere un colloquio col Comandante al fine di chiarire la sua giusta richiesta, e far comprendere che, trattandosi di una questione di carattere privato, la cui risoluzione è affidata al Magistrato Italiano, nessuna ingerenza poteva spiegare il Comando di zona di Bari.-

La Signorina Falanga è una sfoliata che rientra nella sua città dopo oltre 15 mesi di forzato allontanamento e chiede di poter riprendere la sua casa mai fittata ad alcuno, dove ha tutti i suoi mobili, vestiti, utensili ecc, casa in cui sono morti i suoi genitori e sorelle e dove rimetesi non è entrato mai alcuno estraneo alla famiglia.-

Non si comprende quindi l'intrusione del Comando di Zona di Bari, che vuol favorire una famiglia che non è di Bari, il cui marito Anelli Mario, è un ex militare dimesso dall'Autorità Militare, a carico del quale è in corso un procedimento penale, per non aver usato da buon padre di famiglia dell'appartamento da lui ora abusivamente occupato.-

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La signorina Palanga chiede al "superiore Comando che la venga resa giusta, ripristinando l'impegno della legge col restituire alla legittima proprietaria la sua casa.-

Chiede che la questione sia al più presto definita non potendo più oltre continuare ad essere ospitata in casa di altri.-

In tale fiduciosa attesa ringrazia.-

-e- Gina Palanga il Fratello

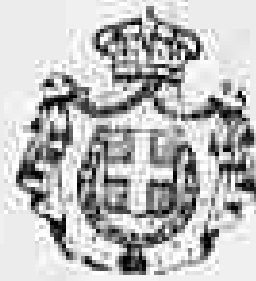
- Niccolò Palanga -

Palanga

Roma, 9 gennaio 1945

Via Meltrighi n° 12/a tel. 840336

*La signorina Palanga attualmente dimora presso
la signorina Maria vedova Bonifazi in P.zza
Castello 42 -*

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
OPERA NAZIONALE PER GLI ORFANI DI GUERRA

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

Roma, 5 gennaio 1945

ILL.mo SIG. LT. COL. S. G. GREGGOD

B A R I

Presentatomi alla Commissione Superiore Alleata per consegnare un ricorso contro la Commissione di Bari, del Signor Major John Mc Sweeney mi è stato consigliato di trasmettere direttamente a Lei Sig. Colonnello, altro esemplare del ricorso per i provvedimenti di sua competenza.-

Il Signor Maggiore mi ha autorizzato di scrivere a Lei, richiamando la sua attenzione su quanto in esso ricorso è esposto, al fine di far cessare al più presto un sovrappeso che si vorrebbe ancora protrarre ai danni di mia sorella Gina Palanga.-

Lo stesso Signor Maggiore mi ha assicurato che fra non molto Le telefonerà o scriverà per sapere il risultato delle sue indagini ed i provvedimenti presi.-

Mi scusi, Signor Colonnello, se mi sono preso la libertà di scrivere a Lei personalmente e mi creda suo
(Gina Palanga)

P.S. Crederei opportuno che ella mandasse a c. 1553 e
sentire di persona mia sorella Gina Palanga, dimorante

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ora per risorlamente presso la Signora Nina Milella
vedova Borzillo in Piazza Castello 42 - Bari.-

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Major J. Mc Sweeney, at the HQ Alcom, where I went to claim against the Bari Allied Commission, advised me to forward to you copy of my claim for any action possible.

The Major authorized me to apply to you, recalling ~~to~~ your attention on what is said in the claim in order to put an end to the troubles which are being caused to my sister Gina Falanga.

Moreover Major Mc Sweeney told me he would immediately have a telephone talk with you, or write to you to know the result of your investigations and what you are going to do.

I think it might be good ~~you~~ if you summoned my sister to your office and hear directly from her some more details on the situation.

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SECRETALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SOUTHERN REGION
BARI ZONE

BZ/

24, October 1944

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/: sig.na Palanca Gine
Piazza Castello 49B A R I

Dal

/:capt. W.E. Jones
Executive Officer

La Commissione Alleata di controllo vi comunica che se continuerete ad insistere nel voler allontanare la famiglia Anelli dall'appartamento di Via Roberto da Bari 126, primo piano, considererà questo vostro atteggiamento come ostile alla volontà di questo Comando.- Votrete perciò desistere da tale intento, allo scopo di non provocare ulteriormente, altrimenti il Comando Superiore sarà costretto ad intervenire in tale questione.-

W.E. Jones, capt
Executive Officer

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The Allied Control Commission informs you that if you continue insisting to evict family Anelli from the flat at 126 Via Roberto da Bari, 1st floor, your attitude will be considered as hostile to the will of this Office. Therefore you will please desist from this not to provoke us any longer, otherwise the HQ will be obliged to intervene in this matter.

Capt. W.E. Jones

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Before arriving to Bari, I have lost about one thousand men: 300 on the Campo dei Capuccini at Spalato, on the 15th September and the remainder, the morning of the 14th September, in the waters of Lissa, consequently to a Stukas' attack, and the wrecking of the vessel.

My family has joined Bari, from Fano (March) on the 24th November 1943, after the requisition of my house by the Allied Forces and I have met with my family only by chance. My house was well furnished and consisted of 2 room and 7 beds.

When my family arrived to Bari, I was living in an apartment at Ponte Allighieri Street No 71; after a few days, a relative of the landlord, Giovanni Bernillo, called me a letter apartment belonging to two uncles who were, at that date, in Rome, and it was for this reason that, against my will, I was transferred to Via Rubato No 126, in the apartment of time before the war, near the station, the other one being still in Rome. In spite of all the dispositions issued, the proprietor has returned from Rome, accompanied by a brother who is now resident at the Ministry of Home Affairs, Rome.

This letter can come to Bari with two influential recommendations, one from his Excellency Flores of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and the other from a representative of the High Court.

Backed up by these recommendations, he is working hard to every day. First of all, he has denounced and accused me to have stolen money left in two rooms which was seized and have always remained there, without succeeding to prove in spite of producing three witnesses, whom I have never seen or known; and he has even dared to tell that at the requisition of a piano by the English Authorities, I have contracted a payment of Lire 500,= per day.

...of these etc/communications. He is worried - how is every way.
First of all, he has denounced and served me to have stolen dresses left
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seen or known; and he has even dared to tell that at the requisition of a
piano by the English Authorities, I have contracted a payment of Lire 500,=
per day.

I have answered to the magistracy fully for the first item and for the
second one, I have reserves to pursue by law the said Palanga and his
relatives for the first and for the second accusations, as soon as I
receive the answer of the English Command concerned.

In the meantime, during a few days, I have been subject of four
perquisitiones which Palanga has succeeded to have it done accompanied by
the Italian Police, without any regular order of the King's Procurator.

The intention of Palanga was evidently to get me arrested, and at this
aim also the Prefect of Bari had moved, but the Magistracy having received
many pressions, has been convinced of the contrary and that the accusation
of the theft and the arrestation had only one purpose: that of having
restituted the apartment which, according the disposition of the Prefect
dated 24 August 1944 N° 3085 I must not restitute as the Decree in question
states precisely: "It is suspended the execution of any sentence of dismissal
of the houses for civilian dwelling etc".

The Prefect of Bari with whom I spoke on the 28th sept. has justified
himself by telling that Palanga was backed up by a recommendation of His
Excellency Flores and that consequently he had to satisfy him, and he
dropped the conversation on the lame excuse that he was sorry to leave me,
having to go to greet some relatives just arrived!

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The Chief of Police of the Section of Via Argiro street, told me that I must absolutely leave the house as Palanga is in service of the General Direction of the Italian Police.

Fortunately it is only the Magistracy that has done nothing against me.

Some friends of mine told me that I must absolutely go away, as I have been accused also to be a Fascist and officer of Fascist Milice, as if the Prefect Antonucci was not a Fascist some months ago when he was Prefect of Terni and Palanga at the Ministry of Home Affairs also after the Armistice.

I have been advised that should I don't go away, I should have been thrown out by force and in fact, it seems that this is the treating reserved to me, as they intend to satisfy the Palanga who had lost nothing on account of the war and are in Bari owning several houses and a villa in the neighbourhood of Casmette and a premise in Rome.

The apartment occupied by me has only one bed room and one dining room with a Kitchen and is lodging 5 persons: my wife, my two sons and my ex-attendant, has to be lived by a woman only; and this is the intention of the Prefect. In other words, to throw out five persons for one woman.

This morning I have been called by the Secretary General of this Comune, Mr. Loizzi who advised me to go away from the house, and that a house had been requisitioned for me in Via Roberto da Bari No 117 III^e floor near the family Pato.

As I did not wish in anticipation to contrast what the Comune had disposed, I went to see what it has been disinterestedly (as they said) done in my favor and I have seen that the said apartment consisting of three rooms was already occupied by six persons, to whom I was to join with a family of 5 persons; and in this way, we had to live in three rooms eleven persons who don't know even each other! I wish to add that I have also a daughter sixteen years old.

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I wish further state that as I had the house completely requisitioned is has not been possible to my family to carry with me any commodity so that here in Bari we have are deprived of all, no beds no dresses and underwearings, and actually we sleep in two small beds joined together which we have found at home, plus my camp bed of officer and two small wooden brands offered to us for charity sake from E. C. A.

I receive no payment for my house and have no receipt for same, whilst the proprietor of my apartment has always received from me L. 600,- monthly, and has a regular receipt of what I use.

It is has been told me that at any cost, I shall have to ~~restitute~~ ^{restitute} the house to Palanga and in case they do not succeed to force me to restitute, they will try to requisition through an Italian Office, and in case they do not succeed, they will try through the Allied Command.

I must add a very important detail from December 1943 to may 1944, my house has been notified to the Allied Command and in the meantime have come so many English and American officers to take possession of my house; but I have to tell, for justice sake, that all these officers who came for requisitioning, have seen my position and they have renounced to the requisition.

My case is unique in Bari; to day there are so many empty apartments which supposed to be occupied and I have been informed too that Palanga in order to give lodging to his sister in the villa near Casermette has an apartment free and not occupied, and as conclusion, the second floor

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where I live, there is a furnished apartment hired to an Ingenier who since two years is in Rome; and this apartment figures as occupied by a man who very rarely comes to sleep therein.

At the first floor there is a business office. When the proprietors want to upset the lodgers boast to have a fascist prefect brother; and that they have the courage to accuse me as fascist, when I have never had any assignment from the Fascist Party or from the Fascist Regime, nor covered any political charge.

The above exposed facts prove what is complotted monstrously against me by unscrupulous people, and lead to think that the mischiefs of the Fascism were only a pale idea in comparison with those done to-day in liberty regime!

Bari 7 October 1944. *Luigi Lanza*

Bari li 26 marzo 1945.

Per la rivista sono dire, che appena le autorità italiane
 ed inglesi si sono riunite nella rivista si è
 in la rivista, non sono state più seccate.
 In cosa ~~seccate~~ segue il mio conto

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ha cosa ~~no~~ ~~senti~~ sapere il suo conto
avrebbe la sua potestà ordinaria ~~ista~~ ~~lucras~~
~~lucras~~

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Bari Ist Aprile 1945.

I must tell truly that as soon as the Italian Authorities as well as the British Authorities have ascertained the truth of what I have written, I have not worried me up to this moment.

The matter follows its course before the Italian ordinary Magistrature.

On the 12 October 1944 Bari.

Mr.,

somebody has to me, as it was impossible for me to ascertain the truth of this my assertion, that in

93 PRINCIPALE AMEDEO STREET - 2nd floor

there is an untenanted apartment, belonging to my landlady

Every morning the apartment is opened and every day the balconies are put in a different position, but I am not able to see in it one person only from too much mouths

In other words there is a simulation of appartement's occupation. The first floor lodger every day puts the windows and the shutters in a different position for account of the house's owner.

If I declare this to the town those to whom is made the declaration, they would go very soon to advice the landlady, who, before, the arriving of the control agents, would occupy the apartment.

Nothing there is to do but to call for an English or American Police visit and to requisition the appartement for account of some poor men who come from the front or in the interest of the Allied Head quarters.

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Bari 1st aprile 1945.

On the 5th January 1945 two italian families (Del Vecchio and Cutrignelli, presumably refugees from Africa) have occupied the apartment denounced by me, with the grave disappointment of Miss Gina Falanga who has much protested without however succeeding to send away the occupiers.

If Falanga on her return from Rome, has really in need of a apartment, he could have occupied her own apartment which is vacant and situated Via Principe Amedeo street n.93 second floor.

Luigi Luni.

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The Command of the 127th Pioners Corps requisitioned last year a piano propriety of my landlord which was in my apartment.

The piano which has been ~~always punctually returned~~ taken for the performances for the Allied Forces has been always punctually returned.

My landlord with a view of damaging me, has told that I have hired the said piano to the above mentioned Commandat the price of Lires 500,= per day. As this does not answer to the truth, I wish to have a declaration from the 127th Pioners Corps attesting that the piano has been taken and returned to me without any charge or payment.

The above which may seem a nonsense, has its great importance as the question is already in the hands of Justice and also for the reason that I must defend my good reputation.

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Bari 1st aprile 1945.

The Command of the 127th Pioners Corps has answered me confirming the requisition of the floor without passing me any compensation.

The original document of reply is in the hands of the Italian Magistrature.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

34/56/EST.

20 March 1945

SUBJECT : Occupation of Flat, Bari.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region. 16

1. Reference is made to your R/2390 of 17 March 1945.
2. This office agrees with the opinion expressed in para 2 of your letter, that the explanation offered by the officer concerned was not satisfactory. 3
3. Attention is invited to para 3 of our 34/50/EST of 5 March, and to para 2 of 2604/20/COS, of 7 February, transmitted to you under cover of our 34/EST of 7 February. These two letters request : 9
 - a. A full report of the circumstances surrounding the writing of the letter of 24 October by Capt. Jones, and
 - b. The withdrawal of any pressure brought to bear on the owner of the flat in question. 24
4. It is requested that the action outlined in para 3, above, be taken without delay.

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NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

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

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R/2390

17 March 1945.

SUBJECT : Occupation of Flat, Bari.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Attention of Establishment Section)

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1. In reference to your letter 34/50/EST dated 5 March 1945 regarding a report furnished by Captain W.E. JONES under date of 14 February 1945, please be advised that this was again referred to Captain Jones requesting a full report of the circumstances surrounding the writing of the letter of 24 March 1944, and we enclose you, herewith, his letter of 14 March 1945.

2. In our opinion this is not a satisfactory explanation, and we are referring it to you with the request that you advise the action you desire taken, particularly in view of the fact that Captain Jones is evidently slated for Austria having been at the Portici School for the past week.

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For the Regional Commissioner :

EDMUND O. HOWELL
Colonel, Inf.
Actg Executive Officer.

Incl .

1 letter from Captain W.R. Jones on the above subject.

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Subject : Flat ; Bari.

Southern Region

Bari Area.

14 March 1945.

To : Lt. Col. Howell.
Executive Officer.
H.Q. Southern Region.

Ref. 34/40/est.

1. The following is the explanation of the letter written from my office dated 24th Oct. 44 :

1. The letter was drafted by me in English and handed to the typist for translation and typing in Italian.
2. Having very little knowledge of Italian, I was not able to insure that a correct translation of my draft had been made.
3. I made no reference to Supreme Command but made it clear that any further proceedings by the lady in question would be contrary to the wishes of both the Town Major and the Italian Requisitioning Officer, whom I considered the higher authority.

W.R. Jones, Capt.
Executive Officer.
Bari Area.

A S.S. L'AMMIRAGLIO STONE

CAPO COMMISSIONE SUPERIORE ALLEATA

R C M A

Sono obbligato a rivolgermi direttamente a V.E. perchè sia fatto cessare un grave abuso che si è commesso, e si continua ancora a commettere, dal Capitano W.E. Jones dell'Allied Commission Southern Region Bari Zone, ai danni di una mia sorella - Gina Falanga - attualmente ospitata in casa della Signora Nina Mielella vedova Borzillo in Piazza Castello N. 40.-

La signora Gina Falanga nel maggio 1943 fu costretta in seguito ad ordini dati dalle locali Autorità di sfollare da Bari e si rifugiò presso di me, suo fratello Dr. Nicola Falanga, in Roma Via Marcello Malpighi N. 12-A int.3.-

Partendo da Bari la signora Gina Falanga chiuse la sua casa di abitazione di sua proprietà e portò con sé le chiavi sperando di potere al più presto rientrare nel suo appartamento.-

Senonchè, avvenuti i fatti del settembre 1943, rimase tagliata fuori da Bari e nell'impossibilità di farvi ritorno. Finalmente riseppe le comunicazioni con Bari la Sig. Falanga Gina ritornò nella sua città, e quale non fu la sua dolorosa sorpresa nel vedere la sua casa, di sua proprietà, con tutti i mobili e arredi di subbugliamento ecc., occupata da estranei, tali Mario Anelli e Antonietta Sbaraglino, i quali per entrare in tale appartamento dovettero forzare una finestra dall'interno di esso, perchè le chiavi, come si è detto, le aveva la proprietaria.-

Invitati Gli Anelli a lasciare la casa la proprietaria si ebbe un netto rifiuto, tanto che dovette edire l'autorità giudiziaria per sfrattare gli illegittimi occupatori.-

A questo punto alla Sig. Gina Falanga, e precisamente il 24 Ottobre 1944, e

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la Sig. Farange una ritorno nella sua città, e quale non fu la sua dolorosa sorpresa nel vedere la sua casa, di sue proprietà, con tutti i mobili e arredi di abbigliamento ecc., occupata da estranei, tali Mario Anelli e Antonietta Spargolini, i quali per entrare in tale appartamento dovettero forzare una finestra dall'interno di esso, perchè le chiavi, come si è detto, le aveva la proprietaria.

Invitati gli Anelli a lasciare la casa la proprietaria si ebbe un netto rifiuto, tanto che dovette coire l'autorità giudiziaria per sirtutare gli illegittimi occupatori.

A questo punto alla Sig. Gina Felanga, e precisamente il 24 Ottobre 1944, a firma del su nominato U.M. Jones Capit. Esecutivi Officer di Bari, viene comunicata la seguente lettera: "La Commissione Alleata di Controllo vi comunica che se continuerete ad insistere nel voler allontanare la famiglia Anelli dall'appartamento in Via Roberto de Bari 126, primo piano, considererà questo vostro atteggiamento come ostile alla volontà di questo Comando. Vorrete perciò cessare da tale intento, allo scopo di non provocare ulteriormente all'insubordinazione del Comando Superiore che è costretto ad intervenire in tale questione."

Non occorrono molte parole per dimostrare l'arbitrarietà e la illecita intromissione del Comando di Bari in una questione di carattere esclusivamente privato, la cui risoluzione è stata affidata al Magistrato Italiano.

Intanto gli Anelli, facendosi rilasciare compiutamente copia di detta lettera dal Comando Alleato, fa nostra di tale documento per impedire che il corso della giustizia italiana abbia il suo normale svolgimento.

A nulla sono valse le rimostranze fatte da me da qui con un lungo esposto, e da mia sorella in Bari, giacchè a me non è stata data alcuna risposta, e mia sorella non ha potuto mai parlare con il Capitano Jones, perchè mai fatta ricevere. Tutto ciò si spiega perchè presso gli Anelli sta continuamente un sotto ufficiale del Comando che dirige le alla per impedire alla legittima proprietaria di potere rientrare nel suo alloggio, mentre essa si trova ancora ospitata con le valigie in casa di altri.

Accellente, io invoco il personale e autorizzava intervento dell'E.R. perché questa brutta commedia abbia termine, che si diano precisi ordini al Comando di Bari di estranearsi dalla questione, revocando con altra lettera, diretta a mia sorella Cino Felanga l'ammonimento fatto alla stessa il 24 Ottobre 1944, in modo che essa lettera possa essere presentata alle Autorità Italiane, e che il giudizio iniziato possa avere il suo normale svolgimento.

Devo aggiungere che l'Anelli, che si dichiara un ufficiale italiano congedato, sembra sia un epurato e ex console della milizia, per il quale non si dovrebbero avere tanti riguardi.

Confido nella giustizia di V.D. per ottenere un rapido e coscienzioso provvedimento che metta in grado mia sorella di potere rientrare nella sua casa dove è nata ed allevata, casa mai contaminata da altri.

Roma 9 Marzo 1945

Via Malpighi N. 12-A Int. 3
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- DR. NICOLA BALANCA -

Dr. Malpighi

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APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

5 March, 1945

34/50/EST

SUBJECT: Occupation of Flat, Bari
TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.

1. Reference is made to your R/2332 of 16 February and inclosed report from Bari Zone (copy attached).
2. Attention is also invited to original request for report (copy attached) from office of Executive Commissioner.
3. The explanation requested has not been satisfactorily given by the report, and it is requested that the matter be taken up without delay with the officer concerned, and that a full report of the circumstances surrounding the writing of attached letter of 24 October 1944 by Captain Jones be made.

Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

cc: executive Commissioner

- 3 Incls: copy letter, Capt. Jones,
24 October, 1944
copy letter, 2604/20/COS,
7 February, 1945
copy letter, BZ/CH/2/1,
14 February, 1945

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

~~ESTABLISHED SECTION~~

SUBJECT: Occupation of Flat, Bari

FILE No. 34/EST

TO : Executive Commissioner

28 February 1945

1. Reference is made to your 2602/20/003.
2. Attention is invited to attached reply.

for instant file
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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

R/2332

16 February 1945

SUBJECT: Occupation of Flat, Bari

FEB 17 1945

TO : Establishment Section
Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Attention of Deputy Chief of Staff)

1. Reference your 34/EST and 2604/20/COS dated 7 February 1945.

2. Attached, herewith, find report from Bari Zone concerning the explanation of the above subject flat.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Edmund O. Howell
EDMUND O. HOWELL
Colonel, Inf.
Actg. Executive Officer

Incl.

1 letter from Bari Zone BZ/CH/2/1 dated 14 February 1945.
1 letter from Capt. W.E. Jones
Reports from Nicola Falanga

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ALLIED COMMISSION
SOUTHERN REGION
BARI ZONE

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SUBJECT : Occupation of flat premises, Bari. 14 Feb 45

REF : BZ/CH/2/1.

TO : Executive Officer
HQ. AC. APO 394.

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Ref. yours R/2321 dated 10 Feb 45.

Explanation of our policy in writing letter dated 24

Oct. 44.

A. Case was taken up at the Town Major Conference whose members include the civilian billeting authority and requisitioning.

B. Points brought to their notice were refusal of this lady to accept invitation to come to this office for us to hear her side of story, we had heard Col. Anelli story. Prefect had had circulated through the press appeals for people not to return to Bari, those who had left just prior to Allied occupation were asked to stay away especially if they had home in Rome.

C. The lady's remarks to messenger who carried the letter to her were alleged, who is this Capt. Jones and we do not want anything to do with the Allied Control Commission:

D. Her whole case seemed to us as of continuous persecution

C. The Lady's remarks to messenger who carried the letter to her were alleged, who is this Capt. Jones and we do not want anything to do with the Allied Control Commission.

D. Her whole case seemed to us as of continuous persecution and leaned towards fascist methods.

This Lady has never written to this office neither has anyone seen her here, as for being refused we have never been guilty of this action.

We have had dozen of cases such as this which we have been able to end amicably to both sides. In this case we did not get a chance.

Col. Anelli according to his documents was of very great assistance to Allied Cause and deserved some assistance from us. Both he and his regiment were badly knocked about when he turned against Germans after armistice.

We have heard nothing further about this case until now, but had it gone on we thought it definately a case for H.Q.

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W.E. Jones

W.E. JONES, Capt.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

7 February 1945

34/EST

SUBJECT: Occupation of Flat, Bari

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.

FEB 8 1945

1. Attention is invited to attached 2604/20/008, and enclosures therewith.
2. May steps be taken, please, to secure the explanation requested in the communication cited above.
3. Request attached correspondence be returned with a/m report.

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for Mount of Capo
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff

copy to: Chief of Staff

Incl: Letter, 2604/20/008, 7 Feb. 45

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Tel: 735

Ref: 2604/20/008

7 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Occupation of Flat.

TO : Establishment Section

See (11)

1. An individual endeavoured to obtain an interview with the Chief Commissioner today concerning the occupation of a flat in Via Roberto 126, 1st floor, BARI. The flat was rented to a family named ANELLI some time ago and on taking steps through Italian legal channels for the eviction of this family in order to regain possession, the attached letter dated 24 Oct 44, signed by Capt. W.E. Jones, was received by the interested party.

2. We are not concerned in any way with the legal processes involved but it is desired that you obtain an explanation from Southern Region of the action of Capt. W. E. Jones in writing the above mentioned letter. Any pressure which has been brought to bear on the Italian authorities or on the owner of the flat must of course be withdrawn immediately.

Capt. E S Morden

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Incl:
as above

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Translation

COPY

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

SOUTHERN REGION

BZ/

BARI AREA

24 October 1944

To: Sig. in Falanga Gina
Piazza Castello, 40

BARI

From: Capt. W.R. Jones
Executive Officer

The Allied Control Commission communicates that if you insist in trying to evict the Anelli family from the flat in Via Roberto da Bari, 126, 1st floor, it will consider your attitude as hostile to the will of the Command. Will you please stop such proceedings and abstain from further provocations, otherwise, the Supreme Command will have to take action in this matter.

W. R. Jones, Capt.
Executive Officer

S.C.

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Signorina Gina PALANGA, owner of a house in via Roberto da Bari, n. 126, was 'sfollata' from Bari in 1943.

While she was away, her niece let her flat to Mr. and Mrs. Anelli, on the condition that if the owner came back to Bari, Mr. and Mrs. Anelli were to leave the flat within 15 days.

On Miss Palanga's return, the tenants refused to leave. Miss Palanga then took legal action against them, and received the enclosed letter from the Allied Commission.

Miss Palanga wanted to state her case either to Capt. Jones or to Col. Orwood, but on some pretence, she was always refused admittance.

Miss Palanga wants to be able to state her case personally to Col. Orwood, for the letters she sent to the Allied Commission remained unanswered.

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