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NEW DEAL, APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS
JAN. 1945 - JAN. 1947

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85.

CCO to Comm.

Please see folio 87 for info.

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CCO to Comm.

Folio 89 in reply to folio 87 for info. per

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CCO to Comm.

Folio 92 and encls for info. per

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CSG. Dr. Lom... ~~87~~ 80 94
Tous 83 for info. max *auth 198*
TH 12/8 *It. 118*

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Chief Commissioner.

Approval
Attached is submitted for signature
information.

TM 15/17

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✓ Done
15/11. TMS

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Ex Comm. 7/64
Cso. 1) Ref minus 61 please see reply at me. 61.
2) Please see folio 8 for info. Aut 1/47
H. 147 45

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V.P. Ecan Sec.

For information 172/147

20 EC

Noted

can 11/15-1

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Ex Comm. 100 247 28.

Aut

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V.P. Eames

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Function: DR (1517)

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Push

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Ex Comm. MD 247 28.

1517

4's 74-77 for info. H.L. 2017

80.

Ex Comm

179 for info. H.L. 218

Decision now withdrawn

H.L. 318

-1517/218

Ex Comm.

2-59

458 for info. Note at the end states that you had conversation with Col Trinity on this matter. H.L. 517

D. W.

G.O.C. Land Force. S. G. Com.

I hope this recommendation will have your support: it appears justified. If not may

I discuss?

178/517

H. 61

Executive Commission At

I have gone into this matter and am assured that Col Thalgia will remain in office for at least another 3 or 4 months.

The War Ministry is now aware of his value to us and will see that, long before he is due to go, a replacement is fully in the

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Suffok: it at least justified. If so may

9 discuss?

BS/51

#61

Executive Commission Act

I have gone into this matter and am assured that Col. Theliger will remain in office for at least another 3 or 4 months.

The War Ministry is now aware of his value to us and will see that, long before he is due to go, a replacement is fully in the picture.

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I hope therefore Col. Denny will have

no cause to worry.

W. P. Denny

11 July 1946

for Col. L.F.S.C.

(in person's hands)

P.S. If Col. Denny would submit a favorable report on Theliger I will forward it to War Ministry with a view to postponing the exit day as long as possible

W.P.D.

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cc has indicated gnd of 52 SPD

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Chief Commissioner.

46 21st June 1946.

1. We shall soon be faced with the question of the Service Ministers. Our instructions at the moment are that we insist on Allied approval.

(a) We know that C-in-C MED is most anxious to retain DE COURCY.

(b) Major-General BROWNING is not anxious to retain BRADY who is considered too political and takes no interest in his Service.

(c) AVN. BROOME regards CIVILCOTC as a nuisance but it appears that he is a member of the new Government and may, therefore, retain his position.

2. Both the General and the Air Vice-Marshal would like to have a Service, that is to say, military, Minister.

3. I think it would be wise if you would let DE CASPERI know informally and quite unofficially our views on this matter, and perhaps ROSSINI could be the medium.

MSL/JC.

F.C.

MA 92 Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Not yet - until CCS replies
to STAFFORD's msg asking for C134
instructions.

(c) APM. BRODIE regards CEVILICTO as a nuisance but it appears that he is a member of the new Government and may, therefore, retain his position.

2. Both the General and the Air Vice-Marshal would like to have a Service, that is to say, military, Minister.

3. I think it would be wise if you would let DE GASPERI know informally and quite unofficially our views on this matter, and perhaps COMBASSEI could be the medium.

MSI/JC.

F.C.

(47)

MSI
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Not yet - until CCS replies
to STAGHED's msg asking for
instructions. C134

27/VI

MS CC

MS 28.

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Ex Comm.

See 4 48 for info. I am sending

(50) copies to Librarian, 3/10/52. J.S. 9/12

See note for file. TTM (H)

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Chief Commissioner.

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C.C. has seen.

Copies of telegrams to all seen in ^{HH.} Sub Com

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✓ And Dec

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Copies of telegrams to all Service Sub Com

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✓ GNDCC

6133

Ex-Com.

CSO - Feb. 23 f info

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Encl 25/10

~~True~~

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Spoke to Br. O'Connell's No. 2. He said want R

M/27/10

24/10

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Ex Com - Feb. 27 for info. The view of your
min. 25 this seems to have worked out
alright.

Encl 27/11

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Chief Commissioner

NOV 3 RECD
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Approved
Attached is submitted for your signature
information

We now await named successor
Noted by CC [Signature]

25/10

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Ex Comm.

C132

See 4's 30, 31 & 33 in reply to

24/10

min. as
alright.

Ernest 1/11

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Chief Commissioner

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Attached is submitted for your signature
information

We now await name of successor
Noted by CC [Signature]
JSS (3/12)

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Ex Comm.

C132

See 4's 30, 31 & 33 in reply to
your 4 28. H.S. 13/5

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Chief Commissioner

On Ht. 30, 31, 33 will be forward the views of the Service
Sub-Commissioners regarding your Telegram on 132 P.T.E.
Land Forces recommends discontinue the visit
Air & Navy " continue.

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37. H.S. 13/5.
No further action. H.S. 13/5

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Chief of Staff.

To see Folio 6.

(Sgd) L.W.S.

11.Feb.

8.

P. A.

General Browning was to have submitted his recommendations on the same subject. Will you obtain them and any comments of Naval Sub-Commission and then submit summarised to CO. See ⑩

12.Feb.

(Sgd) M.S.Dush.

12.

Chief of Staff.

1. ADM. Bowen-Buscarlet is away and I cannot find out his recommendations for imposing a line below which a veto on appointments need not be applied. But both General Browning and Commodore Zirolli state emphatically that they wish the veto to be applicable to any rank.

2. To summarise: All three Service Sub-Commissions wish their functions to be left unchanged.

15 Feb 45.

(Intd) P.M.G.R. 6131

13.

P.A. Remind me to include in my draft to AFHQ. (Intd) M.S.L. 14.Feb.
(Done - P.M.R. - 15.Feb).

No action necessary in regard to summary mentioned in Minute 8.

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Exec Cons

Please see folio 14.

Rob 21 Feb.

- Sam has Ex. Cons.

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ACTION ALCOM ROME

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SECRET

REFERENCE YOUR 6134 OF JAN. 25 - 1947.

ANY NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FORMED BETWEEN NOW AND R DAY WILL BE REQUIRED TO ADHERE TO THE ARMISTICE TERMS AND SACMEDS APPROVAL FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE HEADS OF THE ARMY SERVICE MINISTRIES AND PRINCIPAL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS IS STILL REQUIRED.

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AFHQ FOR SACRED GEORGE FIVE UNCLE SUGAR AND BRITISH POLICE

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MY TWO EIGHT SIX SEVEN OF FOUR MAY AND MAY ONE ONE FOUR ONE OF TWENTY THREE MAY REFER PD
PLEASE INSTRUCT WHETHER ON BEHALF OF SACRED I SHOULD INFORM PROVISIONAL HEAD OF STATE
DENICOLA THAT PAREN ALES PAREN ANY NEW GOVERNMENT FORMED BETWEEN NOW AND BOON DAY
WILL BE REQUIRED TO GIVE UNDERTAKING AS TO ADHERENCE TO AMISTICE TERMS AND THAT PAREN
BAKER PAREN SACRED CONTINUES TO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DISAPPROVE HEADS OF SERVICE
MINISTERS AND SENIOR SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

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See 4.89

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Cap K 222

ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

JOHN R. HAYES
MAJOR, ASD
ADJT

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23 December 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In reply to your letter of 19 December concerning the appointment of a new Army Chief of Staff, I have been authorized by Allied Forces Headquarters to inform you that the Supreme Allied Commander has no objection to the appointment of General Erisio Marras to succeed General Raffaele Cadorna.

Very sincerely yours

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide de Gasperi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome.

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ALCOM CITE ACSCC FROM ADMIRAL STONE

201015A DECEMBER 1946

AFHQ FOR ACTION CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INFO GEORGE FIVE

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PRIME MINISTER HAS INFORMED ME BY LETTER NINETEEN DECEMBER THAT GENERAL CADORNA HAS SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION AS ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF AND ALL FURTHER ACTIVE COMMAND IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF RETIREMENT PROVISIONS PD UNLESS ALLIED COMMISSION HAS OBJECTION CMA PRIME MINISTER PROPOSES TO DESIGNATE AS CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL EFISIO MAIRAS PRESENTLY MILITARY TERRITORIAL COMMANDER AT MILAN PD

PARA TWO PD THE PROBABILITY OF THIS CHANGE WAS KNOWN TO GENERAL GOULBURN AND ME BEFORE GENERAL GOULBURN'S DEPARTURE AND HE AND I AGREED THAT GENERAL MAIRAS IS ENTIRELY ACCEPTABLE PD

PARA THREE PD REQUEST AUTHORITY TO INFORM PRIME MINISTER THAT THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL MAIRAS AS RELIEF FOR GENERAL CADORNA PD

PARA FOUR PD GRATEFUL FOR URGENT REPLY

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MEM Chief Commissioner

ELIJAH W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

JOHN R. HAYES
MAJOR AGD
ADJT

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THIS IS NAF 1247 REF NAF 1182 PARA 6.
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED RESIGNATION OF ADMIRAL DE COURTEN
AS CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF.

I HAVE APPROVED APPOINTMENT REAR ADMIRAL FRANCESCO MAUGERI
AS CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF IN HIS PLACE AT REQUEST OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

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INFO ACT: NAVY

INFO: C. COMM.

RE. COMM.

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In Files 82, 79.

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Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
(M.B.I.A.)
ROME.

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8 August, 1946.

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O.C. Claims and Hirings,
ROME.

For the attention of Lt.Col.Dianey.

Reference conversation Dianey/Fidsley.

The question of Colonel Malasio's retirement has been again referred to the War Ministry, who, although unable to authorise his retention in the Army beyond the date on which he is normally due for release under Italian law, have agreed to his remaining in his present appointment until 30th September, 1946 in order that he may satisfactorily hand over his duties to his successor.

It is hoped that this will meet with your agreement and that the successor to Colonel Malasio will prove successful.

*7 58 refers
also m's 59.60.61.
John R.*
W. Parley

COLONEL A/C
M.B.I.A.

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COPY TO: Executive Commissioner, AC.

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BY FOUR FOUR TWO EIGHT OF ONE AUGUST PD
DEPARTMENT NOW ADVISES THAT PRIME MINISTER HAS PREVAILED UPON HIM TO REMAIN AS
NAVAL CHIEF OF STAFF UNTIL PEACE TREATY CONCLUDED PD HE IS SCHEDULED TO GO
WITH ITALIAN DELEGATION TO PARIS TO DEAL WITH NAVAL QUESTIONS

See 7.84

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ELBERT W. STARK
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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011215Z AUGUST 1946

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ADMIRAL DUCOURTIN INFORMED ADMIRAL HANSEN AND COMNAVIG STIMELY THIS MORNING THAT HE HAD RESIGNED AS NAVAL CHIEF OF STAFF AND THAT HIS RESIGNATION HAD BEEN ACCEPTED AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN PRESS FRIDAY AUGUST SECOND PD IDENTITY OF HIS SUCCESSOR NOT YET KNOWN PD

PARA TWO PD DUCOURTIN STATED THAT HAVING NOW SEEN A COPY OF THE NAVAL TERMS OF THE DRAFT TREATY IT WAS NOW QUITE IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO CARRY ON AND TO PERFORM HIS DUTIES PD HE STATED THAT THE ITALIAN NAVY HAD WORKED LOYALLY AND FAITHFULLY UNDER ALLIED ORDERS FOR ALMOST THREE YEARS AND HAD RECEIVED VIRTUALLY NO RECOGNITION IN THE TREATY PD

PARA THREE PD PASSING COPIES THIS SIGNAL TO AMERICAN AND BRITISH EMBASSIES WHICH WILL FORWARD TO RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS IN PARIS

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SIGNAL

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1820198 19 July 1946

FROM: SACRED CITE PHIBG

ACTION TO: AGWAR FOR CCS

INFORMATION TO:
CABINET OFFICES WHITEHALL FOR BOS
CINCMED - ALCON ROME -

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REF NR. FX 69362. REUR FAN 677 PD THIS IS NAF 1182 PD

PARA ONE PD FOLLOWING ARE SERVICE MINISTERS IN NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH WAS SWORN IN ON ONE FIVE JULY PD MARINE DASH GIUSEPPE MICHELI CMA CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT ; WAR - CIPRIANO FACCHINETTI CMA REPUBLICAN ; AIR - MARIO CINGOLANI CMA CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PD

PARA TWO PD I NOTIFIED MY APPROVAL OF ALL ABOVE APPOINTMENTS PD CINCMED AGREED THAT APPOINTMENT OF MICHELI WAS SUITABLE FROM ALLIED VIEWPOINT PD
PARA THREE PD PRIOR TO FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT CMA PRIME MINISTER DE GASPERI WAS TOLD INFORMALLY BY CHIEF COMMISSIONER CMA ALLIED COMMISSION CMA OF VIEWS EXPRESSED IN PARAGRAPH THREE OF YOUR SIGNAL PD PARA FOUR PD ADMIRAL DE COURTEN HOWEVER SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED CHIEF COMMISSIONER THAT HE HAD ALREADY NOTIFIED PRIME MINISTER THAT HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO CONTINUE AS MINISTER OF MARINE IN NEW GOVERNMENT PD PARA FIVE PD ADMIRAL DE COURTEN EXPLAINED THAT CMA WHILE HE APPRECIATED OUR ARGUMENTS IN FAVOUR OF HIS RETAINING HIS APPOINTMENT CMA HE FELT THAT PARIS DECISIONS WERE SO CONTRARY TO HOPES HE HAD INCUCCATED IN ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL IN HIS EFFORTS TO INSURE LOYALTY TO THE ALLIED CAUSE THAT HE CONSIDERED THAT HE IS NOW TOO DISCREDITED IN EYES OF NAVY TO DISCHARGE ROLE WHICH ALLIES WOULD DESIRE OF HIM PD

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Confidential **TOPSEC** ⁷⁶

PARA SIX PD I HAVE NOW BEEN INFORMED THAT ADMIRAL DE COURTEN HAS
CONSENTED TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF UNDER MINISTER
MICHELI FOR PRESENT BUT WILL GIVE NO GUARANTEE HOW LONG HE WILL
REMAIN PD ENDS

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18 July 1946.

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SUBJECT: LUIGI DE FILPO, Undersecretary for Posts and Telecommunications.

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512, US Army.

1. This will confirm two telephone conversations with General Hamblen on the subject of the appointment of Luigi DE FILPO as Undersecretary of Posts and Telecommunications. There is attached hereto his dossier as supplied by the U.S. Army SSU organization in Rome.
2. I reviewed the attached with the British Ambassador and my U.S. Political Advisor who shared my view that it was not sufficient to warrant the Allied Commission's disapproval of this appointment, although this post is one required for approval in the annex attached to the Macmillan Memorandum which implemented FAN 487. General Hamblen concurred in this view and I have informed the Prime Minister that if the Italian Government desires to appoint Signor De Filpo, the Allied Commission would not disapprove his appointment.
3. Moreover, there are certain ameliorating factors which affect this decision. In preceding governments, the post of Undersecretary for Telecommunications was created specially for Dr. Fano who has held this or similar posts in each Italian Government since the armistice. In recent governments, an additional Undersecretary for Posts has been appointed. The present position is not limited to telecommunications but is a general administrative position dependent from the Minister.
4. The Minister has advised the Prime Minister that he intends to bring into his ministerial "cabinetto" Professor Ferrari-Toniolo, who is Professor of Telecommunications of the Istituto G. Ferrari in Turin. Professor Ferrari-Toniolo is a man of high technical qualifications and it is expected that he will specialize on the telecommunications side of the Ministry, reporting directly to the Minister himself.
5. In these circumstances I am personally satisfied that, particularly now that hostilities are over, there is no valid basis for objection to the appointment of De Filpo.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Born at VIGIARELLA (Province of Potenza) 1898. Did not graduate. Hobby has been economics and finances. Entered Socialist Party when 24 years. Stated to have been in the NITTI circle. Very close friend of GULLO who lived near his birthplace. During Fascism lived at Potenza, Rome and Milan. Later departed to Paris and from there to Moscow where for seven years he was a member of the Political school. Returned to Italy just before the outbreak of war in '39 or '38. From the beginning was suspected of being sent back to Italy as a Russian agent though this could not be proven. Entered into active role of Communist Union organization. Became Secretary of Labor at Potenza where he successfully ran as Communist Deputy. Has the complete backing of the Party, however he is considered to be a moderate in the party but this opinion is tempered by his suspicious background and the attempt to uncover his contact with the Russian Intelligence service.

His succession to FANO is calculated by the Party as a strategic manoeuvre to unionize the employees in the Telephone and Telegraph system in the event all systems are taken over by the State.

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AFHQ FOR SACMED

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YOUR FOX SIX NINE TWO THREE SEVEN CITE PHOENIX REVIEWS PD
ACTION REQUESTED WAS TAKEN LAST WEEK

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Rear Admiral, USNR

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APHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGG
ALCOM ROME

JUL 18 1946

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The services of Ing. G. DI RAIMONDO, Director General Italian state railways have been most satisfactory and cooperative. It is hoped that he will be retained in his present position. Desire you make known this view to proper Italian authorities. Matter will not be pressed however.

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ACTION ECON SEC 2
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
TRANSPORTATION BR
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CC 225-8

16 July 1946.

JUL 17 1946

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Signed Commitment Received from the
President of the Council of Ministers.

TO : G-5, Allied Force Headquarters *68* 512.

1. Confirming my cable of this date, there is forwarded herewith the original letter from the President of the Council of Ministers accepting all obligations toward the Allies entered into by the former Italian Government since the conclusion of the armistice signed on 3 September 1943.

/s/ Elmer W. Stone

ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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IL PARLAMENTO
DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Rome, 15 July 1946

Rear Admiral Wilsey W. Stone, USN
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 394

On behalf of the Italian Government I accept all obligations towards the Allies entered into by the former Italian Governments since the conclusion of the Armistice signed on the 29th September, 1943. It is understood that the rights under the Armistice instrument with respect to control of the Italian Government will be held in reserve in the matter of day to day administration, subject to overriding military needs.

I declare that every member of the Government has acquainted himself personally with the terms of all such obligations including the terms of the Armistice signed on the 29th September 1943.

PREMIER OF THE COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS

(signed) De Gasperi

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY

J. C. Rivelly
Major, Inf.

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JUL 16 1946
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REFERENCE YOUR FOX MAY SIX EIGHT EIGHT FOUR SEVEN OF SIX JULY PD
I HAVE RECEIVED LETTER IN THE PRESCRIBED FORM DATED FIFTEEN JULY FROM PRIME
MINISTER DE GASPERI ACCEPTING ALL OBLIGATIONS TOWARD THE ALLIES UNDER THE
ARMISTICE PD AM FORWARDING THE ORIGINAL TO YOU IN ACCORDANCE WITH PAST
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MILBY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ECONOMIC SECTION

REF: EA/200

11 July 1946

SUBJECT: Director-General of Italian State Railways.

JUL 11 1946

TO : Executive Commissioner
Allied Commission

1. Problems Presented.

- (a) Does A.C. presently have the right to require prior approval on the appointment of the Director-General of Italian State Railways?
- (b) Do the Allies desire the retention of General Di Raimondo?

2. Fact⁵ Bearing on Problem (a).

The Chief Commissioner stated this morning that we still have the power of approval on this position. The MacMillan memorandum of 24 February, with Appendix "A" thereto, is the legal basis for this right. Operation and control of Italian railways became the complete responsibility of the Italian Government with the closing of the Allied Railway Board on 25 April 1946. This did not invalidate the provisions of the MacMillan memorandum.

3. Fact⁶ Bearing on Problem (b).

On all sides the Allied authorities are emphatically in favor of retention of General Di Raimondo. This statement is based on Lt. Colonel Street's interviews with:

Director of Transportation, Col. H. G. Pottle (B)
Director of Military Railway Service, Col. W. T. Kelly (A)
Regional Officer, Boito Roma, Brig. R. L. Fellows (B)
Q Movements Liaison, Lt. Col. M. P. Larusan (B).

Col. Kelly stated he was sure he expressed the views of P.B.S. There were suggestions that the Allied Commission should support the retention of General Di Raimondo. It was the view of Col. Pottle that we are no longer in a position to insist. However, it is felt that this view should be discounted.

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See m-84-65-67.

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4. Recommendation.

The Chief Commissioner having already stated that he will advance the matter to the Prime Minister, no further recommendation is submitted.

Charles W. Walch
CHARLES W. WALCH
Colonel, A.C.
Acting Vice President

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Subject: Colonel G. NELLI

1. We have learnt that Colonel G. NELLI, Head of the Allied Requisitions Control Office of the Engineer Section at the Italian War Ministry is due to be placed on the retired list at the end of July 1946.
2. This officer has been our contact with the Italian War Ministry and other Italian Government Departments since our arrival in Italy.
3. We have almost daily conferences with him on the numerous questions - often extremely complicated and urgent - arising out of our occupations in Italy.
4. Furthermore, it is to his service that our claims have or are being passed for consideration and payment in accordance with the various agreements entered into with the Italian Government on the subject.
5. Occupations are referred to in para. 5 of the British Civil & Military Affairs Agreement - now under discussion - and claims are referred to in para. 15 thereof.
6. Our total occupations number about 65,000 of which only approximately 30,000 have been sanctioned so far by Colonel NELLI's Service which is very much understaffed. Requisitions number about 4,000 leaving approximately 20,000 current occupations to be dealt with by us under the British Civil & Military Affairs Agreement.
7. About 6,000 claims have been transferred to Colonel NELLI's Service, not one of which has so far been sanctioned or paid. This is not Colonel NELLI's fault as he has taken all necessary precautions and made repeated requests for the necessary staff and transport to undertake the work. He is fully familiar with the situation and is ready to act as soon as he receives satisfaction.

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6. Our total occupations number about 65,000 of which only approximately 20,000 have been assessed so far by Colonel MALINIA's Service, which is very much understated. Relinquishments number about 15,000 leaving approximately 20,000 current occupations to be dealt with by us under the British Civil & Military Affairs Agreement.
7. About 6,000 claims have been transferred to Colonel MALINIA's Service, not one of which has so far been assessed or paid. This is not Colonel MALINIA's fault as he has taken all necessary precautions and made repeated requests for the necessary staffs and transport to undertake the work. He is fully familiar with the situation and is ready to act as soon as he receives satisfaction. Strong pressure is being brought to bear on the Italian Government at the present with a view to obtaining that they carry out without delay their obligations in regard to claims and set up the necessary machinery to deal with them.
8. Colonel G. MALINIA is the "key man" on the Italian side in regard to both hirings and claims. He cannot speak too highly of his services. He has proved most helpful and co-operative. Furthermore, his knowledge of Italian Government machinery and policy and of our own problems is very extensive. He is an extremely active and undeniably influential officer and the numerous questions we take up with him are dealt with in a most comprehensive manner and invariably receive immediate attention. He obtains results where others fail and we have no hesitation whatever in stating that his departure at the present juncture would be nothing short of a catastrophe and contrary to the interests of the Service.

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See M-59-61:1

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9. We understand that Colonel MALINIA would be willing to defer his retirement if called upon to do so.

10. We appreciate the fact that the policy at the present in the Italian Army is to retire the older officers to make room for the younger ones but we venture to urge most strongly that an exception be made in this case and that the Italian Government be approached with a view to their maintaining Colonel MALINIA in his present appointment.

11. He has not approached us on the subject and we are writing on our own initiative - convinced that the measure we suggest is in the interest of the British Forces generally.

12. We have had an informal conversation with Colonel MALINIA's commanding officer, General CAVANO, and ascertained that he is anxious to retain this officer's services.

L. S. Riney
V.P.C.O. & D. of HIRING & FINANCE,
U.S. ARMY.

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Tel: 6030.

Sigs. address: SO. 2 Claims & HIRING,
ROME.

Copy to: H.A. Allied Commission. (For the attention of Brigadier MALIN, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., our conversation of 29 Jun 46 refers)

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WARREN ON JUNE TWENTY NINTH I CONFIRMED INFORMALLY TO PRIME MINISTER THE ANGLO AMERICAN
DESIRE TO SEE ADMIRAL DECOURTEN RETAINED AS MINISTER ON MARINE AND CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF
IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT OF YOUR SIGNAL PD I PASSED SIMILAR WORD INFORMALLY TO ADMIRAL
DECOURTEN PD

PARA TWO PD ADMIRAL DECOURTEN HAS CONVEYED HIS REACTION TO ME AS FOLLOWS COLON
SUEPARA ABLE PD HE HAS ALREADY WRITTEN DEGAFFERI THAT HE MUST DECLINE TO CONTINUE
IN HIS PRESENT POSITION IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT PD HE POINTED OUT THAT HE IS A MEMBER
OF NO POLITICAL PARTY AND IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE CONSTITUENTE AS ARE VIRTUALLY ALL
OTHER MINISTERS PD HE IS THEREFORE WITHOUT POLITICAL BACKING AND STATURE IN COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS DELIBERATIONS DASH A HANDICAP WHICH HE HAS FELT CONSIDERABLY SINCE
THE FORMATION OF THE FIRST BONOMI GOVERNMENT BUT MORE SO NOW THAT THERE IS AN ELECTED
ASSEMBLY PD

SUEPARA BAKER PD HE IS VERY DISTURBED IF NOT BITTER OVER THE DECISIONS REPORTED TO
HAVE BEEN TAKEN AT PARIS CMA BOTH GENERALLY AND WITH REGARD TO THE NAVY PD HE
FEELS THAT HIS OFFICERS CONSIDER THAT HE HAS EITHER MISLED THEM OR BEEN UNABLE TO

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PROTECT THEM AS TO THE TREATMENT WHICH THE ITALIAN NAVY WOULD RECEIVE FROM THE ALLIES IN RETURN FOR THE COLLABORATION OF THE ITALIAN NAVY WITH THE ALLIED COMMAND PURSUANT TO THE CUMINGHAM DECOMMITMENT AGREEMENT AND IN CONSEQUENCE OF ITALY'S DECLARATION OF WAR IN ONE NINE FOUR THREE PD

SUSPANA CHARLIN PD IN VIEW OF THE ITALIAN NAVY'S COLLABORATION AND THE SPIRIT OF THE CUMINGHAM DECOMMITMENT AGREEMENT HE IS MOST DISTRESSED OVER THE SKEWED CHARACTERIZATION OF THE ITALIAN FLEET AS QUOTE WAS BASTY UNQUOTE BASH A FLEET WHICH HE STATES FUGHT UNDER HIS OFFICERS AND MEN WILLINGLY AT THE SIDE OF THE ALLIES PD SUSPANA DOG PD HE SKETCHES CLEARLY WHY HE BELIEVES HIS REINTERVIEW PAREN ACTUALLY IN TERMS ALMOST IDENTICAL WITH ARGUMENTS ADVANCED BY CUMINGHAM AT YOUR CONFERENCE ON JULY FIFTH PAREN BUT STATES THE NAVAL DECISIONS TAKEN AT PARIS ARE SO CONTRAST TO THE HOPES HE HAD INCUICATED IN ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL BY HIS EFFORTS TO ENSURE COMPLETE LOYALTY TO THE ALLIED CAUSE SINCE SEPTEMBER ONE NINE FOUR THREE THAT HE FEELS HE IS NOW TOO DISCREDITED IN THE EYES OF THE NAVY TO DISCHARGE THE ROLE WHICH THE ALLIES DESIRE OF HIM PD HE FEELS THAT ACTUALLY ALLIED INTERESTS WOULD BE BETTER SERVED BY HIS REPLACEMENT PD

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HE HAS LEARNED IT FROM PARIS WILL REQUEST HIM TO RETIRE APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THE OFFICERS AND PETTY OFFICERS OF THE CORREAS NAVI WHO SERVED ON THE ALLIED SIDE UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP. PD HE DOES NOT FEEL THAT HE SHOULD BE THE MAN TO EXECUTE THEIR DEFACTION FROM THE SERVICE. PD

MESSAGE PARA THREE PD WHILE THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF HIS DEEP CONCERN IN HIS RECENT MEETING WITH ADMIRAL WARREN CMA HE WAS EITHER LESS FRANK WITH ADMIRAL WARREN OR HIS VIEWS HAVE CHANGED AS A RESULT OF THE NEWS FROM PARIS SINCE JUNE TWENTY FIFTH PARTICULARLY AS TO THE TUNISIA ARMY AND AIRCRAFT DECISIONS. PD

PARA FOUR PD IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING CMA I REQUESTED THAT WE LEAVE THE MATTER IN DEGAUSTE'S HANDS. PD IF DEGAUSTE IS UNABLE TO FORM A GOVERNMENT CMA I WILL

MAKE SUGGESTION TO ANY PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE. PARA FIVE PD I AM FURNISHING COPIES OF THIS SIGNAL TO THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH

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Chief Commissioner

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ALBERT S. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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INCOMING MESSAGE

ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 68847

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 062330Z

Message Centre No: H/4463

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 070930

Precedence: CP BRIGNEY

FROM: SIGNED SACRED CITY PHRG

TO: AICOM ROME

INFO: C IN C MED

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT N677. REUR 2867 OF 4 MAY AND NAF 1141 OF 23 MAY.

1. WITH REFERENCE TO NAF 1141. THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF TRANSMIT FOR YOUR COMPLIANCE THE VIEWS OF HM GOVERNMENT AND US GOVERNMENT. YOUR VIEWS IN NAF 1141 PARA 3 ARE APPROVED. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE REALIZED THAT THIS AN INTERIM SAFE GUARD PENDING THE CONCLUSION OF THE AGREEMENT MODIFYING THE AMISTICE.

YOUR VIEWS IN NAF 1141, PARA 4 ARE APPROVED. IN PARTICULAR RETENTION OF ADMIRAL COURTEN BOTH AS MINISTER OF MARINE AND CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF IS MOST DESIRABLE, AND IF YOU HAVE GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT HIS NAME WILL NOT BE SUBMITTED AS THE NEW MINISTER, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED INFORMALLY SO TO INFORM THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

SHOULD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SHOW DISPOSITION ON CONSTITUTIONAL GROUNDS TO APPOINT A CIVILIAN MINISTER OF MARINE YOU SHOULD NOT MAKE AN ISSUE OF THE MATTER.

2. WILL YOU PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS INDICATED.

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ACTION: REEC COMMISSIONER

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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ACTION: REEC COMMISSIONER

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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CA Pascoe said:

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- 1 Reply from CCS to NAT 1141 has been received. (Serbia Minister)
- 2 CCS affirms our para 3 & para 4.
- 3 They add that retention of de Coaster is most desirable & if we have good reason to believe that he will not be included we can inform the Italian Govt that Allies think his inclusion desirable.
- 4 If however it appears probable that I. Galt wish to appoint a civilian to the post we are not to raise the issue.

CA P. & I think that 3 & 4 mean that if any other naval man is to be appointed we are to raise the issue but if the question is one of principle - civilian & service minister - we are not to raise it

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INCOMING MESSAGE

ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 68576

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 011500E

Message Centre No: H/4344

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 021500

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Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHOEG

TO: ACHAR WASHINGTON FOR CCS (CCT)

INFO: CABINET OFFICES WHITEHALL FOR BCS+ ALCOM ROME AND C IN C MED.

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THIS IS NAF 117L. NAF 1141 REFERS.

1. AS IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE SITUATION ENVISAGED IN REFERENCE SIGNAL WILL ARISE WITHIN THE WEEK REQUEST URGENT CONFIRMATION MY PROPOSED ACTION. IN THIS CONNECTION SEE BCS SIGNAL TO JSM WASHINGTON CBS (W) 307 DATED 1 JUNE 46.

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ACTION: EXEC COMMISSIONER

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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INFO: CABINET OFFICES WHITEHALL FOR BCS; ALCOM HOME AND C IN C MED.

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INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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POLAD (B) *LONDON FORCES /c*
FILE *AIR FORCE: /c*
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I understand that Cerullo only got in by the skin of his teeth on the National list, and in fact he was the last MP to be elected in Italy, and it was only by virtue of the fact that Mole, Minister of Public Works resigned his seat that Cerullo made the grade.

As I have said before each political party in the Cabinet hope to have control over one or more Ministries, and since the Labour Democrats of which Cerullo is one, are a small party they hope to retain control of a small Ministry i.e. Air Ministry, and I have been warned that they may keep our mutual friend in office. Perhaps you may wish to take the matter up with Higher Authority.

As per J.S.O.

June 19th 1946

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Ex. Comm.

Plans as above. Went over for a long time. If there is anything that can be done to prevent the 'Angels' from Dr. Cerullo, from remaining in office as Air Ministry, we will be as grateful as will be the Italian Air Force.

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As per J
S.C.

June 19th 1946

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Ex. Comm.

Please see above. Won't run for a long time. If there is anything that can be done to prevent the 'Anglo-Saxon' Dr. Cavellito, from remaining in office as Air Ministry, will be as grateful as will be the Station Air Force.

We don't want Gen. Noble either (if he gets into the Constituents). If we must have one of the above I think Cavellito will be the best of the two evils!

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Gen. S. P. Dunder
A.F.S.C. Mtr.

See to 26.47

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Ref: 2810/44/23.

6 June 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Service Ministry Appointments.

TO : Director,
Navy Sub-Commission
Land Forces Sub-Commission
Air Forces Sub-Commission

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Copies of the under-mentioned signals, subject as above, are forwarded for your information:

No. 2867 dated 4. May 46	-	AICOM to AFHQ	(32)
No. FX 66651 dated 25. May	-	AFHQ to A. WAR rptd AICOM	(19)
No. FX 66651 dated 25. May	-	AFHQ to AICOM	(40)
No. FX 67071 dated 3. June	-	AFHQ to AICOM	(42)

AL W. BIND-SMITH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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INCORPORATING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

EX-184412

Originator's Reference: EX 67071

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Message Centre No: 4/2555

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 021400Z

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 030900Z

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: AFHQ, STAMBOUL, SACRED CITY, YUGOS

TO: ALGERIA, ROME

JUN 3 1946

INFO: C-144-C-144

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HEREWITH IS TEXT OF SIGNAL FROM BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF NO J 2 M WASHINGTON FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY. YOU WILL TAKE NO ACTION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

*REFERENCE MAY 1141.

1. WE AGREE WITH SACRED'S VIEW.

2. IN PARTICULAR WE CONSIDER INTENTION OF ADMIRAL DE COURTES BOTH AS MINISTER OF MARINE AND CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF VERY DESIRABLE. OTHER PHASES BEEN AGREEMENT OF U.S. CHIEFS OF STAFF TO DESPATCH OF FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO SACRED. FOREIGN OFFICE CONCUR QUOTE YOUR VIEWS IN MAY 1141 AND APPROVED. IN PARTICULAR RETENTION OF ADMIRAL DE COURTES BOTH AS MINISTER OF MARINE AND CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF IS MOST DESIRABLE AND IF HIS NAME IS NOT SUBMITTED TO YOU AS THE NEW MINISTER YOU ARE AUTHORIZED SO TO INFORM ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

3. SHOULD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SHOW DISPOSITION ON COMBINATION SECURES TO APPOINT A CIVILIAN MINISTER OF MARINE YOU SHOULD INFORM THEM OF OUR VIEWS THAT RETENTION OF ADMIRAL DE COURTES IN BOTH CAPACITIES AT LEAST UNTIL RATIFICATION OF TREATY WOULD BE IN BEST INTERESTS OF ITALIAN NATION AND ITALIAN NAVY.

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ACTION: INFO COMMISSIONER 2

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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TO : ALCOA BURE

INFO: C. IN C. AND

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HERBERT IS THAT OF MARSHAL FROM BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF TO J S M WASHINGTON FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY. YOU WILL MAKE NO ACTION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

*ALLEGEDLY MAY 1941.

1. WE AGREE WITH SACRED VIEWS.

2. IN PARTICULAR WE CONSIDER REFORMATION OF ADMIRAL DE COURTEN BOTH AS MINISTER OF MARINE AND CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF VERY DESIRABLE. WHEN FILMS BECOME AGREEMENT OF U.S. CHIEFS OF STAFF TO DISPATCH OF FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO SACRED. FOREIGN OFFICE COULD QUOTE YOUR VIEWS IN MAY 1941 AND APPROVED. IN PARTICULAR REFORMATION OF ADMIRAL DE COURTEN BOTH AS MINISTER OF MARINE AND CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF IS MOST DESIRABLE AND IF HIS NAME IS NOT SUBMITTED TO YOU AS THE NEW MINISTER YOU ARE AUTHORIZED SO TO INFORM ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

3. SHOULD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SHOW DISPOSITION OF CONSENTATION SHOULD TO ATTEND A CIVILIAN MINISTER OF MARINE YOU SHOULD INFORM THEM OF OUR VIEWS THAT REFORMATION OF ADMIRAL DE COURTEN IN SUCH CAPACITIES AT LEAST UNTIL RATIFICATION OF TREATY WOULD BE IN BEST INTEREST OF ITALIAN NATION AND ITALIAN NAVY."

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ACTION: DEPT COMMISSIONER 2
INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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REUR 2867 OF 4 MAY REFERENCE OUR MAF 1141. UNLESS YOU RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO
THE CONTRARY FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS NO CHANGE WILL BE MADE IN THE EXISTING
PROCEDURE IN REGARD TO EITHER OF THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY YOU.

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ACTION : CHIEF COMMISSIONER 2

INFO : EX COMMISSIONER 2

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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Originator's Reference: IX 66651
Date/Time of Origin: 230215

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Message Centre No: 4/2305

Date Time Rec'd: MAY 25 2445

Precedence: **VERY IMPORTANT**

FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED SIGNED ONA RIGES

TO: ACTION AGAIN WASHINGTON

INFO: CABINET OFFICE

MAY 27 1946

25 MAY 1946

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1. THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS 2 JUNE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RESULT IN AT LEAST A MAJOR REVERSAL OF ITALIAN CONCESSIONS, (ADRIAN WASHINGTON FOR CCS AND TO CABINET OFFICE WHITEHALL FOR DCS, ALCOHOL, C IN C MED. THIS IS 1141).

2. IN SUCH EVENT, THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WILL ARISE;

A. SHOULD NEW ITALIAN PRIME MINISTERS BE REQUIRED AS IN PAST TO SIGN A SPECIFIC QUOTE UNDERTAKING ON BEHALF MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO AFFECT THAT THEY ACCEPT TO THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE AMISTICE AND ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF THE AMISTICE QUERY

3. SHOULD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CONTINUE TO BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO TRIALLIED COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 2 (D) OF PAN 487 CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS OF SERVICE MINISTERS AND ALL? OTHER MILITARY APPOINTMENTS AS I MAY DETERMINE QUERY.

5. IN REGARD TO QUESTION (A) AS LONG AS THE PRESENT AMISTICE REMAINS ENFORCE I SEE NO REASON FOR DISCONTINUING THE CURRENT PRACTICE.

4. IN REGARD QUESTION (B) I CONSIDER THAT IN VIEW PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION REGARDING THE 43 FLEET NO RELAXATION IN CONTROL NOW ENGINEERED OVER APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS OF MARINE AND IN THE NAVY CAN BE MADE. I FEEL LESS SURPRISALY ON THE SUBJECT OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE OTHER SERVICE MINISTERS AND ARMED FORCES BUT CONSIDER THAT IT WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE TO TREAT THEM DIFFERENT FROM THE MINISTRY OF MARINE AND

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25 MAY 1946

REF: CABINET OFFICE WHITEPAPER ALGER 1946

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B. SHOULD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT COME TO BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO PRELIMINARY COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 2 (D) OF PAR 487 CHARTERS IN APPOINTMENTS OF SERVICE MEMBERS AND ALL? OTHER MILITARY APPOINTMENTS AS I MAY DETERMINE QUOTE.

3. IN REGARD TO QUESTION (A) AS LONG AS THE PRESENT ARMISTICE REMAINS INTACT I SEE NO REASON FOR DISCONTINUING THE CURRENT PRACTICE.

4. IN REGARD QUESTION (B) I CONSIDER THAT IN VIEW PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION REGARDING THE 43 FIRST NO RELAXATION IN CONTROL NOW ENGAGED OVER APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF MARINE AND IN THE NAVY CAN BE MADE. I FEEL LESS STRONGLY ON THE SUBJECT OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE OTHER SERVICE MEMBERS AND ARMED FORCES BUT CONSIDER THAT IT WOULD BE UNDERSIZABLE TO TREAT THEM DIFFERENT FROM THE MINISTRY OF MARINE AND NAVY. 38 THEREFORE CONSIDER IT NECESSARY THAT PRESENT PRACTICE OF APPOINTMENTS BEING SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL SHOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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Ref: 10493/307

// May 1946

SUBJECT: Approval of Appointments.

TO : G-5 Section,
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Refer to conversation (Lt. Col. White - Mr. Blackwell speak-
ing).

The "current practice" referred to in Appendix "A" of Aids
Memore dated 14 February 1946 is defined by Land Forces Sub-Commission
as follows.

"G-5, A.S.L.A., is consulted over all general appointments and
advice. Also, official advice on any junior or 'special' ap-
pointments. No question of veto has arisen".

Both Naval and Air Forces Sub-Commissions agree this principle
but the Naval Sub-Commission agrees appointments of the rank of Captain
and certain Specialists and have an absolute vetoed appointments, and Air
Forces Sub-Commission agrees appointments of Lt. Col. and above.

For the Chief Commissioners

A. W. Knisely.

Brigadier,
Executive Commission.

Copy to- Land Forces Sub-Commission.
Naval Forces Sub-Commission.
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

Confidential NSC/5000.
7th May, 1946.
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From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Executive Commissioner, Hq., Allied Commission.

Subject: Approval of Appointments - Italian Armed Services

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With reference to your No. 2810/28/EC of 30th April, 1946 it is considered desirable, at least until the Peace Treaty is signed for the Supreme Allied Commander to retain the right to approve the nomination of Service Ministers and Service Chiefs of the Italian Royal Navy.

Chambers

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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Chief Commissioner

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FROM :- AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C. 3032.

TO :- OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER
HEADQUARTERS, ARMED COMMISSION, ROME.

DATE :- 3rd MAY, 1946.

REF. :- AFSC/360/6/003.

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APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS
ITALIAN ARMED SERVICES.

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With reference to your communication 2810/28/EC dated 30th April 1946, the question whether the Supreme Allied Commander should continue to retain the right to approve the nomination of the Air Ministers and the Air Force Chiefs was discussed with Brigadier General LBS and this Headquarters recommends that the right should be discontinued.

L.E. Jarman

L.E. JARMAN C/OPF.
AIR VICE MARSHAL
DIRECTOR
AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION.

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See hw 35.36.37

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SUBJECT : Approval of Appointments - ITALIAN Armed Services

LAND FORCES STAFF COR, A.C. (LFCIA)

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6/6/46

2 May 46

TO : HQ A.C. (for Executive Commissioner)

MAY 3 1946

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Ref your 2810/25/EC dated 30 Apr 46:-

1. I feel that the right should be discontinued.
2. From the armistice aspect, I am doubtful if relinquishment of the right would have much effect. Doubtless the new P.M. would consult the Chief Commissioner about his new Cabinet and would not wish to do anything flagrantly contrary to ALLIED wishes as expressed by the Chief Commissioner. We thus, in fact, though not officially, would still be controlling the nominations.
3. From the political point of view, the elections represent a further step forward in the evolution of ITALY towards becoming once more a sovereign power. Retention of our right to approve ministers might well cause dissatisfaction to the properly elected representatives of the will of the ITALIAN people. Liberal treatment of the matter would, I suggest, be a good political move from the ANGLO-AMERICAN point of view.

L. Browning

Major General
H M I A

LB/cc

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Ref: 2910/29/EC

2 April 1944

SUBJECT: Approval of Appointments -
Italian Armed Services.

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TO : Director,
Navy Sub-Commission,
Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Air Force Sub-Commission.

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1. The question will arise after the election of the Constituent and the formation of the new Government as to whether the Supreme Allied Commander should continue to retain the right to approve the nomination of the Service Ministers and Service Chiefs, or whether, in view of the cessation of hostilities and the political developments of the country, this right should be discontinued.

2. I should be most grateful to have your views on this matter before making recommendations to the Chief Commissioner.

M. S. LUSH

M.L./JG.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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See 7-30

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

Rome, 30 October 1945

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My dear Admiral,

I received your letter of the 24th of October, regarding Gen. Di Raimondo, Director General of the State Railways.

I must tell you that myself and the Minister of Transport fully share the great appreciation of the allied authorities for his work. His activity and ability in reorganizing the railway net rendered first rate services to the Government and Italian state.

Because of his specific capacity, the Government thinks of sending him to the United States with a few other experts, considering that among other technicians he is the most qualified to supervise the purchase of such a market of railway materials which are of vital interest for the re-organization of our railway net.

If the Government has been taking in consideration his replacement as General Manager of the Railways, it isn't because it intends to do without his collaboration, which is highly appreciated, but because it wants to carry out a plan for the organization of the Railway Management which from a state of war and emergency must pass to a stable peace time organization.

I keep in mind that, according to the Macmillan memorandum, its replacement is subordinated to the approval of the Allied Commission, to which I shall submit as soon as possible the names of the possible successors.

Truly yours,

S. Ferruccio Farri

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

24 October 1945.

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have received a letter, of which the attached is a copy, from the Central Committee of the National Union of Railway Men.

I need not point out to you, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, the high opinion which the Allied Commission and the Supreme Allied Commander have always held of General Di Raimondo. His service to us in meeting the military needs of transportation have been invaluable.

I am sure that you have no intention of replacing him in his post, but if the question is under consideration, I do take the liberty of calling your attention to the fact that the position of Director General of Railways is one of those posts the appointments to which still require prior approval by the Allied Commission, in accordance with the Macmillan Memorandum of 24 February 1945 and Appendix "A" thereto.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEWY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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(22)

24 October 1945

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of 22
October 1945, file No. 146/V/F, I am forwarding
herewith a copy of my letter of this date to
the President of the Council of Ministers.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Central Committee,
National Union of Railway Men,
Rome.

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Translation

National Union of Railway Men

Rome, 22 October 1943

n. 146/4/3

Subject: Post of General Manager of the State Railways

To : Admiral Stone, Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission

Rome

We have been informed that elements from the north of Italy are taking action to have the present General Manager of the State Railways discharged from the post that was assigned to him.

The merits and competence of Ing. Giovanni DI RAIMONDO are a guarantee for the Administration.

We ask for your intervention for such a case to be avoided, for it would be most prejudicial to the management, its moral and material reconstruction and also to all the staff that is following DI RAIMONDO in a spirit of self-denial and patriotism.

Sincerely yours,

S. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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Letter reference 281Q/20/EC dated 8 March 45.

re appointment of General Sogno as General Cmdg CG. RR.

TRANSFERRED TO FILE 2804/EC. folio 54.

CC: [Signature]
[Signature]
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Extract from Aide Memoire communicated to the
Italian Government by the Acting President on
24th February 1945.

" 7. It will no longer be necessary for the Italian Government to obtain approval of the Allied Commission for Italian appointments, whether to national or local offices, in territory under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government except with regard to the attached list (Appendix "A") of positions have military significance. The Italian Government will have the right to alter appointments made previously by ASD authorities."

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(Seen by Mrs. Strauss & Co.
Melbourne 19)

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APPENDIX "A".

List of Italian Government appointments requiring
prior approval by the Allied Commission

Minister of War

Minister of Marine

Minister of Air

Any other Minister of Armed Forces
who may be created

Under Secretary for Telecommunications

Director of Railroads

Director General of Publica Sicurezza

Commanding General, CC.RR

Chief of Staff, CC.RR

Commanding General, CC.FF.

Appointments in the Army, Navy, and Air Force
in accordance with current practice.

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Army / Gen MORA is considered as an official representative / adviser,
also unofficially acting as such, former as "special"
representative. No question of vote has arisen.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 281C/17/EC.

21 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Approval of Italian Naval Appointments.

TO : Navy Sub-Commission.

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I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to forward
for your information copy of letter received from G-5, APHQ, Ref:
G-5: 091.1 Italy of 2 February 1945, on the above subject.

P. R. RUSSELL

/JG.

PA to Executive
Commissioner.

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Extract from letter 4001/EC of 19.Feb.45 to
G-5 AFHQ setting out the action which it was
proposed to take by AC in implementation of
PAN 487

- (d) Para 2(D). The transfer of territory documents (Document "A") will now have to be amended in order to enable the Italian Government to remove officials previously nominated by AMG officials without reference to the Allied Commission. This will be taken up under separate cover. All Service Sub-Commissions desire to retain the right of vetoing military appointments. The technical posts of Directors of Telecommunications and Railroads will be considered as military appointments hitherto."

19 February 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

(14)
Tel. Ext. 525

Ref : 4/32A/CA.

SUBJECT : PAN 487.

TO : Chief of Staff.

15 Feb 45.

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Reference para 2(d) of PAN 487 :

1. It is requested that the following be put on the list of personnel whose appointment requires the approval of AC :-

- a. Director General of Pubblica Sicurezza.
- b. Commanding General CC.RR.
- c. Chief of Staff, CC.RR.
- d. Commanding General GG.FF.

2. It is felt essential having regard to the vital importance of maintaining public order and to the necessity for maintaining the closest relationship with the above officers in connection with police affairs in AMG territories that their appointment should be subject to approval by AC.

G. R. Upjohn
G. R. UPJOHN, Brig.,
VP CA Section,
DCOS AC.

Copy to :- Public Safety Sub-Comn.
CA file 9/1A/CA.

(Signed in absence of Chief)

See Min **(16)**

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EXTRACT from Navy Sub-Commission letter NSC/1656 of 14 February 1945 addressed to Chief, Navy Sub-Commission on the subject of FAN 487.

"3. The following comments are submitted with reference to the respective paragraphs in enclosure (A):

- 2(d) This paragraph relates to appointments in Italian Government territory only. It is considered essential that control over appointments and removals from office of Italian Navy personnel should be maintained irrespective of Italian government jurisdiction over the territory involved while no express power over appointments is stated, it is fully implied in Article 22 of the Armistice Terms, Paragraph 2 of the Cunningham Agreement and paragraphs 7 and 8 of CCS 515/1 of 19 March 1944.

The present practice is for the Naval Allied Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean, through the Flag Officer Liaison Italy, instead of Navy Sub-Commission, A.C., to approve the appointment of all Italian Flag officers and Commanders of important independent units. It is considered that this practice should continue."

Subject: Italian Army

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File No. G/6

6 Feb 45

AFHQ for Chief of Staff
" Chief Administrative Officer.

Reference now Directive DM 457 from C.C.S. on the Allied Commission, I have the following observations to make :-

1. Land Forces Sub-Commission AG (MFA) has two separate functions and methods of procedure in its capacity of :-
 - (a) Land Forces Sub-Commission AG.
 - (b) M.F.L.

See your AG. 091.142/077 GCT-0 of 25 Oct 1944.

2. (a) It has also been the policy of this Sub-Commission to give as much responsibility as possible to the Italian Army in order to :-

- (1) Build Allied strength.
- (2) Build Italian morale.
- (3) Gradually enable the new Italian Army to stand on its own feet.

In this connection, see my AG/7 of 6 Feb 45 re proposed reduction of British Cadres with Italian Post Cys.

- (b) (i) On the other hand, there is unfortunately still a considerable amount of inefficiency in the Italian Army, from the Ministry of War downwards. The Italians lack initiative, organizing ability and sense of urgency. There also is an undercurrent of moaning and demoralization to remove inefficient officers. It is not enough for MFA to order something to be done; in many cases we have to tell the Italians how to do it and watch to see that it is done.

1. Land Forces Sub-Commission AC (LMSA) has two separate functions and methods of procedure in its capacity of :-
(a) Land Forces Sub-Commission AC.
(b) H.M.S.

See your AC. 091.112/273 GCT-0 of 25 Oct 1944.

2. (a) It has always been the policy of this Sub-Commission to give as much responsibility as possible to the Italian Army in order to :-

- (1) Have Allied support.
(ii) Reduce Italian morale.
(iii) Eventually enable the new Italian Army to stand on its own feet.

In this connection see my SU/3 of 6 Feb 45 re proposed reduction of British Cadres with Italian Part Coy's.

- (b) (i) On the other hand, there is unfortunately still a considerable amount of inefficiency in the Italian Army, even the Ministry of War demands. The Italians lack initiative, organizing ability and a sense of urgency. There also is an undercurrent of conviction and determination to remove inefficient officers. It is not enough for MLI to order something to be done; in many cases we have to tell the Italians how to do it and watch to see that it is done.

- (ii) Unless we retain the right of veto and "Super-approval" of appointments, promotions, dismissals ... of Italian Army personnel of all ranks (see para 4(c) of your AC. 091.111/169 GCT-0 of 16 Nov 44) I consider that we cannot effectively control the Italian Army and that the result will be a lessening of the direct Italian Military aid to the Allied war effort. The same applies as regards the efficient working of the supply line.

- (iii) I therefore recommend that no change be made in your AC. 091.111/169 GCT-0 of 16 Nov 44. "Command and Administration" of the Italian Army; or of your AC. 091.112/273 GCT-0 of 25 Oct 44.

- (c) The above is in particular reference to para. 2(d) of para 127.

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3. The other main aspects of EXN 487 with which my Sub-Commission is concerned are :-

para 2(h) I have already submitted to AG my views as to the future status of "cooperators" - see I.W. Sub-Commission AC file 1PW/36.

para 7(b) I am working in cooperation with Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission AC over this. Briefly, the Italian Army has enough stocks to maintain the service units and Internal Security Divisions working for the Allies. The Combat Groups are armed and equipped with British Equipment. Depending on such factors as the possibility and advisability of importing material, machinery etc, to restart factories "to further the military effort in other theatres"; the urgent necessity to turn production into civil rehabilitation channels; the post war set up and function of the Italian Army etc, - there appears to be no need to apply Italian industrial facilities to the production of lethal munitions of war.

J. B. Brown

Major General
(M.M.I.A.)

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d. Browning

Major General
(M.M. I.A.)

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ^{ALL} ⁸²⁰¹ ^{of} ^{the} ^{Staff}
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME. (6)

TO: CHIEF OF STAFF, ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

COPY TO: NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION.
" " LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION.

DATE: 8TH FEBRUARY, 1945.

REF: AFSC/318/ORG.

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With reference to the new Directive FAN.487 from C.C.S. on the Allied Commission, I wish to make the following remarks from the point of view of this Sub-Commission.

2. It is considered that it is most important that this Sub-Commission retains the right of general supervision within the Italian Air Ministry and Air Force, and in particular the right of veto and the supervision of appointments, promotions and dismissals, particularly of senior officers.
3. The most important part of our directive is the organisation, maintenance, supply, training and equipment of the Italian Air Force Operational Squadrons, which are working in active aid of the Allied war effort.
4. Unfortunately there is still a considerable amount of inefficiency in the Italian Air Force, from the Air Ministry downwards, and not only is the closest supervision necessary, but it is usually necessary to give an order and see that it is carried out.
5. A certain number of Italian aircraft remain in service, and to maintain these a few civilian firms are still employed in the overhaul of engines and airframes. If our operational effort is to be sustained, we must continue to employ these.

W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet

W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

See Min 7

W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet
~~29/10/45~~

Extract from Chief of Staff's comments on PAN 487

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"Para 2(D). The Service Sub-Commissions should be required to submit their views on this and I understand Land Forces Sub-Commission are already doing this."

6.Feb.45.

Extract from Minutes of CC's Meeting held to discuss PAN 487 on 6 February 1945.

"Para 2(D). It was agreed that the technical posts of Directors for Communications and Railroads should be considered as military appointments "under the terms of the clause".

Admiral Stone directed that the attention of AMHQ be drawn to the necessity of amending "Transfer of Territory Documents" so as to enable the Italian Government to remove appointees previously made by AMG officials without reference to the Allied Commission."

6.Feb.45.

Extract from Acting President's Comments on PAN 487.

"Para 2(D). I agree to the suggestions made last night regarding (a) Directors of Communications and Railways being regarded as military; (b) arrangements for the amendment of the formal transfer documents."

7.Feb.45

Originals of all the above documents are on File 4001/EC.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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2 February 1945

G-5: 091.1 Italy

SUBJECT: Allied Policy towards Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

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1. Reference is made to paragraph 2(d) of FAN 487 a copy of which was sent to you by hand yesterday.

2. Information has been received through Inter Service and Political Secretariat this HQ that G-in-C Med desires it to be ensured that the present arrangement is perpetuated whereby he is kept informed of certain Italian Naval appointments. The relevant documents relating to the present arrangement are as follows. It is stated by IS&PS that the Acting President was advised of the arrangement in connection with the preparation of his paper on Allied Policy towards Italy (reference HQ. Alcom 4601/COS of 5 January)

- (1) The Cunningham-De Courten Agreement (paragraph (D), 2 and 4)
- (2) The minutes of a meeting between Admirals Cunningham and De Courten on 18th May, 1944, item 9 of which reads as follows:-

"With regard to paragraph 1(a), the Commander-in-Chief stated that he regarded the entire Mediterranean as being under Allied Military Control. It is, therefore, essential for all changes in appointment of Italian officers in command to be referred to him, through the Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison, Italy, for approval. It was agreed that the Minister of Marine should refer all changes in appointment of officers of the rank of Captain and above to the Commander-in-Chief, through the Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison, Italy"

3. It is requested that as and when the Italian Government are informed of the purport of FAN 487 that it be made clear that the above procedure concerning Italian Naval appointments is still to be followed.



T.R. Henn

T. R. HENN
Colonel

Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

Copy to:- IS & PS (your memo of 1 Feb. under SGS log number 9010 refers).

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Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the President

APO 394

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3rd February 1945.

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TO:

Colonel J. H. Lascelles,
Inter-Service and Political Secretariat,
A.F.H.Q.,

SUBJECT:

Allied Policy towards ITALY.

W (7)

Thank you for your minute of 31st January addressed to Mr Macmillan, which I shall lay before the Acting President on his return to Rome.

In the meantime you will, no doubt, have read paragraph 2(D) of FAN 487:-

" The Allied Commission shall abandon the practice of approving any Italian appointments in territory under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government except in regard to Service Ministers and such military appointments as you may determine."

(SIGNED) JOHN WYNDHAM

Personal Assistant.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Inter-Service and Political Secretariat

31st January 1945.

TO: H. Macmillan, Esq.,
Acting President, Allied Commission for Italy

SUBJECT: Allied Policy towards ITALY.

With reference to Part II, Section III, of your paper on Allied policy towards ITALY, circulated as paper No. SAC(P)(45)2.

Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, desires to retain the present arrangement whereby he is informed of certain Italian appointments. He observes that relevant documents in this connection are:-

- (1) The Cunningham-De Courten Agreement (paragraphs (D), 2 and 4)
- (2) The minutes of a meeting between Admirals Cunningham and De Courten on 18th May, 1944, item 9 of which reads as follows:-

"With regard to paragraph 1(a), the Commander-in-Chief stated that he regarded the entire Mediterranean as being under Allied Military Control. It is, therefore, essential for all changes in appointment of Italian officers in command to be referred to him, through the Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison, Italy, for approval. It was agreed that the Minister of Marine should refer all changes in appointment of officers of the rank of Captain and above to the Commander-in-Chief, through the Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison, Italy."

(SIGNED) J.H. LASCKLERS,
COLONEL.

COPY TO: Chief of Staff to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

See (3)

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Following is PARA 2(D) of FAN 487:

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- 2(D). The Allied Commission shall abandon the practice of approving any Italian appointments in territory under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government except in regard to Service Ministers and such military appointments as you may determine.

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