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NEUTRAL & ALLIED PROPERTY, ITAL GOV'T TERRITORY
OCT. 1944 - AUG. 1946

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For info of 28.

27/7/45

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For info of 30

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Ex Comm.

49.

Ref folios 45-47. Letter at folio 48 for signature plan

4/10/51
27/7/45

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Ex Comm.

Ref folio 48. Plan at folio 50. 27/7/45

Ex. 2

For decision as to sending letters as stated in para 2 of folio 11 regarding Allied property in AC territory.

7 Mar 45

D. 9/3.

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JCP

Major

But other in the Directive is Property mentioned.

M. 573

12 March 1945

Entire problem referred to CCS in a message of 11 March. Therefore, suggested these letters be held pending receipt of instructions

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J. J. Fowler

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CCS: For E. 4. Comm. to see minute 5, reference the sending 4273

Letter suggested in folio 11.

Minute 4 will be answered directly verily. JCP

no action for

13/3.

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folio 18

17 Mar 45.

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folios 18

JEP
Major

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17 Mar 45.

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Non' Fern
Tell Mr. Braun what we
have to work here to
the house here

defaced w. B by telephone - J. 18/7
said we'd let him know any further
developments - J. sent him copy of 18/26.
J. 18/7

8.N/COS

At 3 the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs wrote to the CC about the issuance of a decree for the desquestration of British and American assets in Italy. This decree was about to be issued when certain action taken by the French Authorities in Paris led the Italian Government to consider delaying its publication.

2. The matter was referred to Civ Aff Sec (fol 5) who stated that the decree had already been agreed and that the question raised regarding the action of the French was a political issue, and recommended that this be referred to Pol Sec.

3. This was done, and at 7 you will see that the Italian Government has been advised that the decree should be issued, but not extended to the French. Any differences between the French and Italians should be a matter for negotiation between their two Governments.

The CC may like to see this correspondence.

11 Nov 41.

W. Shipp 10/11
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff

13/11 CC to note. 7.

cc 873
18/11

16/11 Noted *DW7*

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4273

Col

You will wish to see this file.
First steps towards diplomatic relations.

TM (18/11)

18/11
Pa.

File

8 AUG 8 1961

Dear General Lusk,

Dear [unclear]
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[unclear] as I'm just-lea-

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See # 51

HR de Simon

[Signature]

(CAPT K)

[Signature]
P.A. 9/12/46

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Ref: 4754/48/EC.

31. July 1946

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46-45

I sent to Allied Force Headquarters the Grand Master's memorandum regarding your visit to RHODES and enclose the reply which you can use as authority in case of need. I am so glad that permission has been granted and hope that your mission will be successful.

M S LUSH

Comte Henri-Reynald de Simony,
c/o French Embassy,
Palazza Farinese,
ROME.

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[Handwritten signature]

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Ex Comm 47

Ref: G-5: 300.4-4

25 July 1946

JUL 26 1946

SUBJECT : Property belonging to Order of Malta on Island
of Rhodes.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794

Reference: 4754/EC, 16 July 46.

1. There is no objection on the part of this Headquarters for
Comte de Simony to travel to the Island of Rhodes for the purpose of
examining property of the Order of Malta.

2. In this connection, it is pointed out that the Allies can
not undertake any arrangements for the journey.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. Hamblen
A. L. HAMBLEN
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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Ref: 4754/KC.

16 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Property belonging to Order of
Malta on Island of RHODES.

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
Attention: G-5 Section.

1. I have received the attached memorandum from the Grand Master of the Order of Malta in which he requests permission to send a representative to consult with the local authorities in the Island of Rhodes and to examine the condition of the property owned by the Order in that Island, including the Church of S. to Marie de la Victoire, and to study in what measures the Order may participate in works of assistance.

2. It is the present intention of the Grand Master to send as representative Comte de Simony, whose qualifications are described in the adjoining note. Comte de Simony is well known to the Allied Commission and has worked in close cooperation with the late Monuments and Fine Arts Sub-Commission.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM

L'Ordre Souverain et Militaire de Malte possède à Rhodes une maison qui lui fut restituée par décret du 16 Mai 1928, par le gouvernement d'alors de l'Ile, pour l'employer aux fins que l'Ordre jugerait utiles, et qui, aux siècles où les Chevaliers de Saint Jean exerçaient le pouvoir à Rhodes, était l'Auberge d'Italie.

S.A. le Prince Grand'Maître désire envoyer un Représentant pour entrer en rapport avec les Autorités Locales, voir sur place les conditions dans lesquelles se trouve cette propriété, ainsi que l'Eglise S.te Marie de la Victoire, édiflée par Villiers de l'Isle-Adam, étudier dans quelle mesure l'Ordre de Malte peut éventuellement participer aux oeuvres de bienfaisance, pour ne pas interrompre une séculaire tradition de charité et culture européennes, aux lieux mêmes qui en ont été le berceau. **4268**

See 116

Ludovico Chigi Albani
Ch. d'Em. H. de l'O. S. de Malte

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NOTE JOINTE

Pour le moment, S.A. le Prince Grand'Maître penserait à désigner comme Représentant, le Comte de Simony, Chevalier de Justice, relevant directement du Grand-Magistère, résidant alternativement en Grèce et en Italie depuis une quinzaine d'années, et ayant parcouru toute la Méditerranée à de nombreuses reprises, pour des travaux d'art et d'archéologie.

Membre de diverses Sociétés Internationales, fondateur en 1938 à Paris du Comité d'Accueil aux Réfugiés Autrichiens, auteur d'études historiques et helléniques, accrédité en 1944 membre de la Commission Alliée en Italie, et récemment chef-adjoint de la Mission d'Observation des Elections Grecques, propriétaire de la forteresse de Santorin, le Comte de Simony, compte de nombreux amis dans les milieux intellectuels et politiques d'Athènes.

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Ludovico Clivio Albani
P^e et G. M. de l'O. I. de Malte

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Ref. : 4794/42/EC

21 May 1946.

SUBJECT: De-requisitioning of villa of Swiss subject.

TO : C.L.G.
Naples.

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1. We enclose copy of letter received from the Minister of Switzerland in Rome, requesting the de-requisitioning of a villa, the property of a Swiss citizen.

2. Since the request is made in the name of the Swiss Government, it would be appreciated if you will communicate with the Town Major and urge that alternative accommodations be provided and the villa in question de-requisitioned.

3. An early report will be appreciated.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone:

DELOS DE JOHN

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Rem, May 15th 1946

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MAY 20 1946

Sir ,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that on October 29th, 1943, the villa Fiorita, Salita Scudillo 19, Napoli-Capodimonte, belonging to the Swiss citizen Mrs. Laura Meuricoffre, was requisitioned by the British Forces.

At present the villa is occupied by Palestinian nurses attached to the 92nd General British Hospital.

Mrs. Meuricoffre, the 88 years old widow of Mr. Meuricoffre, who for 40 years was Swiss Honorary Consul in Naples, returned from Switzerland on December 1st, 1945 and tried since then to have her villa derequisitioned. All efforts to that end have failed till now, the Town Major of Naples being of the opinion that for the present there was no possibility to quarter these nurses elsewhere.

The Swiss Government would appreciate it if ⁴²⁸⁵ in consideration of the age of Mrs. Meuricoffre and the eminent services her husband rendered to the Swiss Government during 40 years as well as the precarious way she is living in at present in a small annex to the villa, the Allied Authorities could see their way to derequisition the aforementioned Swiss property.

I am, Sir, with the highest consideration,

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Yours sincerely

His Excellency

Admiral Stone ,

President of the Allied Commission,

Rome.

Minister of Switzerland.

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P. Meuricoffre

SUBJECT:- Repairs and Maintenance -
Church of England Property.

HQ BTA
HQ 13 Corps
HQ 2 District
HQ 3 District
HQ Land Forces GREECE
OG Rome Area
HQ BINA.

C.H.Q., C.M.F.

6758/27/Q2

9 Jan 46

1. A War Office ruling has been received to the effect that the cost of repairs and/or maintenance to Church of England Churches, may not be accepted as charges against Army funds.

2. If, therefore, requests are received for such work, they should be referred to the nearest British Consul for such action as he sees fit.

3. If in any case the British Consul makes a special request for essential first aid repairs the work will be carried out as a repayment service as the Consul will be required to accept in writing, responsibility for all charges before the work is started.

JALF/FR

Copies to:- HM Embassy, Rome
HQ Allied Commission, ITALY
HQ Allied Commission, AUSTRIA (Br Element)

DCG

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Engrs (B)

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War Diary (2)

J. J. FIELD, Lieut-Colonel,
for Major General,

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 HQ Land Forces GAECE
 CG Rome Area
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JLJF/PR

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J. J. FIELD, Lieut-Colonel,
 for Major General,

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11 JAN 1946

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 HQ Allied Commission, Italy
 HQ Allied Commission, Austria (Br Element)
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JULY 28/0900Z
ROUTINE
JUL 28 1945

From: TROOPERS

10: AMHQ FOR PHOEN FOR GRANTLEY SMITH INFO: ALCOH ROME**SECRET.**

Reference EX 27193 23 July de-sequestration decree. Foreign office have already authorized Embassy ROME in 285 saving(?) 21 July to proceed with negotiations revise decree in conjunction US Embassy. Hope therefore you can arrange action your para 3 should not now be taken

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(CAP. ARNOLDY)

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JULY 23 1945

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JULY 24 1945

ROUTINE

From: FREEDOM TIONED ALEXANDER CITE PHGEO
 To: ACTION TROOPERS INFO ALCON ROME

JUL 2nd 1945

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From GRAFFETY-SMITH.

Desequestration Decree. ^{N/RCC}

1. Ref my letter 23 June with enclosure letter 21 June to
 British Embassy ROME.

2. Allied property in Italian Govt territory is controlled by
 neither Allies nor Italian Govt, because of (A) Terms PAN 487 and lack
 of personnel (B) Lack of decision by LONDON on decree of desequestration,
 which has been approved by WASHINGTON.

3. A.C. Property Control Division proposes recommend U.S. Embassy
 ROME that U.S. Govt should act unilaterally to protect interests U.S.
 nationals which are being imperilled by delays.

4. Transfer of northern territories to Italian Govt is imminent
 and terms PAN 487 and steady reduction personnel makes decision impe-
 rative. Action per para 3 being postponed for few days pending reply
 this signal.

5. Grateful you inform interested departments.

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Info - Chief Commissioner

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Exec Sec

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JUL 1945

(CAR ARNOLD)

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Ref: 4754/26/PC.

18 July 45.

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Reference your letter 14/08/45 of 6 July 45.
I attach a copy of a memorandum from the Director of the Labour Sub-Commission on the subject of the property of the Scots College at Grottaferrata. He informs me that he has made arrangements for a representative of the Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro (Sig. VINCIGUAGLIA) to discuss with the administrator of the property and a member of the Labour Sub-Commission the question of the engagement of surplus labour at the vineyard and villa. He suggests that the administrator should be prepared to state to what extent he can assist in relieving local unemployment by engaging some additional workers.

When agreement has been reached regarding the numbers that can be properly employed arrangements can be made for the removal of any surplus.

Perhaps you would pass this information on to the Secretariat of State and to Monsignor Augusto Pizzardi.

/S/ E. TALBOT
LT Col

Sir D'Arcy Osborne, K.C.M.G.,
His Britannic Majesty's Minister to the Holy See,
11, via del Parlamento,
Rome.

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Encl - 1.

Copy to Mr BRAINE, Labour Sec.

See M. 27.
M. 18/7

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION
ALO 594

Ref: LSC/203

17 July, 1945.

Subject: Scots College, Grotto Ferrata.

JUL 17 1945

To: Lt. Col. Evan-Talbot,
Office of the Executive Commissioner.

1. Reference is made to the above subject on which a separate memorandum was sent yesterday. I have now arranged with the Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro that they shall send a representative (Sig. Vidinore) with one of the Labour Sub-Commission officers to discuss the question of the engagement of surplus labour at the vineyard and villa belonging to Scots College at Grotto Ferrata. I suggest that the administrator of the property should be advised accordingly; and that he should be prepared to say to what extent he can assist in relieving local unemployment by engaging some additional workers. When agreement has been reached regarding the numbers that can be properly employed I think we can arrange for the removal of any surplus and this is, I understand, what the administrators desire.

W.H. Braine

W.H. BRAINE

Director,
Labour Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
LABOUR SUBCOMMISSION
APO 394

WHB/sc

Tel: 204

16 July 1945

Ref: LSC/203

JUL 17 1945

SUBJECT: Scots College - Employment of Labour

TO : Lt. Col. E. Talbot
Office of Executive Commissioner

1. Reference is made to Col. Talbot's memorandum, Ref: 4754/21/EC of 9 July 1945.

2. ~~His~~ His Inquiries show that there is considerable unemployment in the area of Grottaferrata and that the Camera del Lavoro has been persuading employers in the district to engage as many of the unemployed as possible in order to relieve the situation. It is naturally desirable that no opportunity of employment of surplus labour on useful works should be missed, and it is assumed that the authorities concerned are prepared to engage as much labour as is possible. If more labour is being sent than is required, the question will be discussed with the Italian General Federation of Labour and the Camera del Lavoro with a view of discharging all the redundant men. Before discussion on these items can take place, however, it would be useful to know how many permanent employees there are in the vineyards and at ~~Bravella~~ Bravella, how many additional workers can be properly engaged to do useful work and to relieve unemployment, and how many surplus workers have been taken on under pressure from the Camera del Lavoro. With this information, it should be possible to arrive at an acceptable solution.

3. It would also be useful to have confirmation that Scots College and the adjacent vineyard is in fact British property. It is alleged that the responsible authorities leased the property to the Germans at a substantial rent during the German occupation. Some comments on this aspect would be useful.

W. H. Braine

W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labour Sub-Commission

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Ref: 4754/22/EO.

11th July 45.

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Thank you for your letter of 8 July on the subject of the property of the Scots College between Grottaferata and Marino.

The Director of the Labour Sub-Commission is taking the matter up with the Italian General Federation of Labour and I will let you know the terms of their reply as soon as possible.

L Talbot

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Sir D'Arcy Osborne, K.C.M.G.,
His Britannic Majesty's Minister to the Holy See,
Via del Parlamento,
Rome.

BU 17/7. Noted

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Ref : 4754/21/EC

9 July 45

Subject : Property of Scots College.

To : Director,
Labour Sub-Commission.

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Attached please find a copy of a letter which I have received from the British Legation to the Holy See.

I should be most grateful if you would take this matter up when next you visit the Italian General Federation of Labour and if you would let me know the terms of their reply.

Encl.

Lieut. Col.

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BRITISH LEGATION
TO THE HOLY SEE.~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
ROME (5)14 Via del Parlamento,
Rome.

14/82/45

July 6th, 1945.

JUL 11 1945

Dear Colonel Talbot,

The Secretariat of State have sent me a Note requesting that protection be afforded the summer villa of the Scots College and its adjacent vineyard, which are situated between Grottaferrata and Marino. This property belongs to the Scots College in Rome and the Administrator, in the present absence of the staff and students, is Monsignor Augusto Fidecicchi.

2. It is stated that the Camera del Lavoro at Grottaferrata for some time past has been sending labourers to work in the Villa in question, without any authorization on the part of the Administration of the College. The lawyer to whom the care of the College has been entrusted, made protests to the Italian General Federation of Labour and to the Head of the Camera del Lavoro at Grottaferrata, who agreed to stop these abuses. No action, however, has been taken in the matter, but larger groups of workers continue to be sent to work in the vineyard. These labourers threaten to beat the custodians of the Villa when they protest against their presence on the property. On the other hand there is said to be no need for this work, which imposes a costly and unnecessary burden upon the Administration.

3. Do you think you could perhaps have the matter brought to the knowledge of the Italian General Federation of Labour and urge them to instruct the Camera del Lavoro at Grottaferrata to take appropriate action for the protection of this British property?

Yours sincerely,

D. G. Osborne

Colonel Talbot,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE PHOEN

TO: AGMAR FOR CCS FOR CAC RPTD INFO AMSSO FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF
AND HQ COMZONE MAIN ETUDES AND HQ ALCOM

MAR 16 1945

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This is MAT 590.

Final para MAT 554 not MAT 557 is message meant.

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MAR 15 1945

TO: ACHAS FOR CCS FOR CAC R. TD LPO AMSD FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

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MARCH 14/1753

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FIDEG

TO: AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC

MAIN, AND HQ ALCOM, MAIN STOWA

INFO: AMSSO FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF, HQ COMZONE

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MARCH 15/0920

MAR 15 1945

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This is MAT 587.

Desecration of UNITED NATIONS Property in ITALY is subject.

1. In October after considerable discussion, AC and Italian Government reached agreement on decree of desecration of UNITED NATIONS Property. Decree was approved by Council of Ministers of 24 January and published in official gazette on 27 February, 1945. Copies of decree have been transmitted to LONDON and WASHINGTON by UK and US Embassies in ROME, and publication of supplemental decree by which application becomes effective was delayed with thought that views of 2 governments might be received.

2. On 3 March War Office advised this headquarters that decree of 24 January was considered seriously prejudicial British interests and requested suspension of publication of supplemental decree until considered comments could be forwarded. In view of FAN 487 the AC did not request the Italian Government to suspend publication of the supplemental decree, but the British Embassy, on the basis of a request it had received from the FOREIGN OFFICE, did arrange for suspension.

3. It is understood that the substance of the UK Government's objections to the decree of 24 January is that article 8 and certain other passages appear to prejudice the terms of final settlement between the UNITED NATIONS and ITALY and that pending such final settlement all ordinary expenses of UNITED NATIONS property in ITALY should be

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INFO: AMSSO FOR BRITISHERS OF STAFF, HQ COMZONE

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per 4 Feb 1945

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15 MAR 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

6 March 1945

FILE : 13074/F

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SUBJECT: Future Care of Allied Property in AC Territory.

TO : Chief Commissioner. ✓

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1. Reference is made to the new directive reinstating normal diplomatic relations between Italy and the various countries represented by diplomats accredited to the Quirinal, and to our discussion concerning the administration of a French estate and assistance to a Belgian-owned street railway company in Naples.

2. Attached is a draft of a letter for your signature implementing the new directive. I would suggest that the same ^{type} letter should be sent to the United States Ambassador, the British Ambassador, the French Ambassador, the Russian Ambassador, the Greek Ambassador, the Jugo-Slav Ambassador and the Brazilian Ambassador.

J. J. Lawler
Chief U.S.C.G.R.

Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission

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The new directive of the combined Chiefs of Staff to the Allied Commission contemplates that normal diplomatic processes shall be employed for the protection of property of foreign nationals located in Italian Government territory.

There is a total of 795 parcels of property owned by nationals of the United States located in that part of Italy which has been restored to the Italian Government. These consist of 496 parcels of real estate, 45 industrial or commercial enterprises and 254 parcels of securities, accounts, and other miscellaneous items. Since the landing in Sicily, these properties have been under the protection of the Property Control Division of the Finance Sub-Commission whose files will be freely available to assist your staff in their new duties.

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9 November 1944

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Memorandum to: Office of the Chief of Staff
Allied Commission

From : Political Section, Allied Commission

In accordance with the instructions of the Acting Chief Commissioner, a representative of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs was informed verbally today that in the opinion of the Political Section the Decree for the desequestration of British and American assets in Italy should be issued with a clause extending it to all the United Nations. It was pointed out that France was not technically one of the United Nations and that if the French authorities enquired whether the Decree was applicable to French property their attention might be drawn to the action of the French Provisional Government in regard to Italian property in French territory with the suggestion that informal negotiations should be entered into with a view to reciprocal treatment being accorded in the two countries.

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Acting Vice President, Political Section

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Office of the Chief of Staff.

Letter from Ministry of Foreign Affairs

2616/6/008

Political Section.

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02955/8 20 Oct

1. The attached letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated 20 October 44 is sent to you for such action as is considered necessary.
2. It was originally passed to Civil Affairs Section and a letter from the DCOS is also attached.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Office of the Chief of Staff.

Tel: 735

SUBJECT: Letter from Ministry of Foreign Affairs
TO: Political Section.

FILE No. 2616/6/COS

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
C.M.P.
Civil Affairs Section

Ref:- ACC/17/9/CA

28 Oct '44.

SUBJECT:- Decree on sequestration.

TO:- C.O.S. ✓

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1. I enclose papers dealing with the a/m subject matter. You will observe that I am directed to take the necessary action, but I regret that I am at present not in a position to do so.

2. So far as the decree is concerned it has been agreed, I am informed, between the Chief of Property Control Division, the Finance sub-commission and the Italian Government in accordance with policy approved by the A/CO some time ago.

3. It is a matter of indifference to the Finance sub-commission and to this section as to whether or not France is included in the decree. If France is included her nationals will have the benefit of having their property administered by Italian agencies with Allied supervision. If she is not included the property of her nationals will be administered by Italian agencies without such supervision.

4. The question is one which is entirely political as it depends solely upon the relationship between the Italians and the French, and until the Chief Commissioner has decided what attitude he proposes to adopt from the political point of view I am unable to take any action.

5. The papers are therefore resubmitted with the recommendation that the matter be handled by the Political Section.

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G.R. LUPTON, Brig.
VP CA Sec.
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Office of Chief of Staff.

26 OCT. 1944

SUBJECT:

FILE No. 998/003

TO: ✓ DCOS Civil Affairs Section.

25 Oct 1944

The A/CC directs that you take any necessary action and reply on his
to the attached letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated 20 Oct 44. *W. H. H.*

E. Horder 4247
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Chief of Staff.

Copy to: Political Sec.

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AFFARI ESTERI

N. 02968/8

ROMAN TRANSMISSION

Rome, 20th October, 1944.

Dear Admiral,

I believe you personally interested in the question of the issuance of the decree relative to the de-sequestration of British and American assets in Italy, and I am therefore glad to be able to inform you that the decree, from the formal standpoint, has already been elaborated.

It was our intention to issue the decree in question in the course of the present week extending the provisions therein contained to all the United Nations, France included, and in this sense the decree had been drawn up.

However, just within the last few days, we have learnt that one of the first acts of the Provisional French Government, after its installation in Paris, was that of sequestering all Italian assets in France, considering them as enemy assets on the same plane as the German assets. Not only, but an even graver provision appears to have been adopted in Tunisia where Italian State property has been confiscated outright.

This information has painfully surprised us; the measures appear to be utterly arbitrary and unjustified both in respect of Italy's juridical position vis-à-vis the United Nations, which for over one year has been that of a co-belligerent and not of an enemy country, and in consideration of our desire, many times expressed to the qualified Representatives of the French Government, to reach a sincere clarification and normalization of Franco-Italian relations.

The question is at present under consideration, with the unfortunate consequence of a postponement, which I trust will be brief, of the issue of the decree in question, and for this reason I hasten to inform you accordingly.

I take this opportunity to inform you that I have just been in acquainting Ambassadors Kirk and Charles with the coming issue of the Decree concerning the de-sequestration of Allied assets in Italy, expressed the hope that a similar initiative might be taken by the Allied Governments in respect of Italian assets in the United States and in Great Britain.

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Yours sincerely,

sgt. G. VISCONTI VINCSTA

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.;
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
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Il Segretario di Stato
per gli Affari Esteri

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Roma, li 20 OTT. 1944

Caro Ammiraglio,

essendosi Ella, a quanto mi consta, personalmente interessata alla questione relativa alla emanazione del decreto di dissequestro dei beni britannici e statunitensi in Italia, mi è gradito informarla che il decreto medesimo, dal punto di vista formale, è già stato predisposto.

Era nostra intenzione emanare il decreto suddetto nel corso della presente settimana estendendo le disposizioni in esso contenute a tutte le Nazioni Unite ivi compresa la Francia; in tal senso infatti il decreto è stato redatto.

Senonché, proprio in questi giorni, ci è pervenuta notizia che uno dei primi atti compiuti dal Governo Provvisorio francese, dopo il suo insediamento a Parigi, è consistito nel porre il sequestro a tutti i beni italiani in Francia considerandoli beni nemici alla stessa stregua di quelli tedeschi; non solo, ma un provvedimento ancor più grave sembra essere stato adottato in Tunisia dove i beni demaniali italiani avrebbero stati addirittura confiscati.

Queste notizie ci hanno dolorosamente sorprese: esse appaiono del tutto arbitrarie e ingiustificate sia per il riguardo della posizione giuridica dell'Italia, rispetto alle Nazioni Unite, posizione che da oltre un anno è quella di Paese cobelligerante e non di Paese nemico, sia in considerazione del desiderio da parte nostra più volte manifestato e rappresentato qualificati del Governo Francese, di voler addivenire ad una sincera chiarificazione e normalizzazione dei rapporti italo-francesi.

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Con l'occasione Le comunico che il Ministro
Bonomi, nel render noto agli Ambasciatori Kink e Charles la proce-
dura emanazione del decreto del dissequestro dei beni alleati in

Admiral Ellery Stone
Acting Chief Commissioner
the Allied Commission

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*Il Segretario di Stato
per gli Affari Esteri*

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Italia, ha espresso il desiderio che una analoga iniziativa venga assunta dai Governi Alleati per i beni italiani negli Stati Uniti e in Gran Bretagna.

Mi creda, caro Ammiraglio, coi più cordiali saluti

G. Niswonger

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