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PRESS STATEMENTS BY VISITORS TO ITALY
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VISITORS TO ITALY

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Date: 6/12/74

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4.
Capt. W. J. ...
Ref 3.
Please prepare draft as outlined.
JH 5/12
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CSO
Draft at 5 is in response to 3.
7/12
JH
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CoS
Letter submitted for signature of C.C. is in accordance with draft already approved.

8/12
I think C.C. should sign this letter.
JH
PA. Submit accordingly Mr. [unclear]
10.
Signed
CC 11/16
DEC 11/16

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Ref: 9259/12/003

Tel: 478201

14 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Press Statements by Visitors to ITALY.

TO : G-5 AFHQ.

1. In reply to your letter G-5 000.7 dated 12 Dec 44, we sent you an answer to your 000.7 dated 27 Nov 44 on 8 December.

2. In case it did not reach you a copy is enclosed.

For the Chief Commissioner:

(SGD) G.W.I. SHIPP
LT COL
for Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Incl:
9259/6/003 dtd 8 Dec 44.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

14 DEC 1944

G-5 000.7

12 December 1944

SUBJECT: Press Statements by visitors to Italy

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(Attn: Chief Commissioner)
APO 394.

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Reference is made to this section's 000.7 of 27 November signed by General Spofford.

Your early comments would be appreciated in order that Combined Chiefs of Staff may be informed of the action proposed to be taken on the cable.

P.R. Hum

T. B. HEIN, Colonel,
Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

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Ref/9259/6/CGS.

8 December 1944

SUBJECT : Visitors to Italy.

TO : AMHQ G-5.

1. I am pleased to see from your letter G-5: 000.7 dated 27 Nov 44 that the question of important visitors to this theatre is engaging attention.
2. The procedure proposed in TAM 367 would, in my opinion, effect a considerable improvement over the somewhat haphazard methods hitherto adopted.
3. To make it operate satisfactorily however, it is essential that you give us ample warning of the arrival of visitors in Rome and the nature of their business. Whenever possible we would like them instructed to contact on arrival AG Public Relations Officer (telephone 478719). He in turn would pass them, in the first instance either to myself or to one of my deputies.
4. It is worth emphasizing that a number of visitors first visit AMHQ, where initial contacts may often be made. Then, armed with a certain amount of information and names of personalities, individuals tend to be more independent on arrival here. I should be grateful therefore if your staff would tell the visitors what to do and whom to see on arrival in Rome.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

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Copy to : PRO.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

2nd December, 1944.

5 DEC 1944

Chief Commissioner.

1. I think the suggested procedure is good. Naturally visitors will be sent to your deputies, viz., Chief of Staff and Deputy Chiefs of Staffs, according to their business. Those officers will then recommend whether you should see them or not. The trouble is, of course, that so many of these people arrive in Naples and go straight to G-5 where they do a great deal of initial business before they ever get near Rome.
2. It is essential that G-5 should give us ample warning of the arrival of these visitors in Rome and the nature of their business. PRO should be the office to be advised of their approach and to handle them on arrival. The hope expressed in para 3 is truly pious.
3. If you agree to the above I will draft on these lines to G-5.

MSL/JG.

MSL
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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1 Dec 44

To: Chief of Staff 1-2

I would be grateful for
your comments.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

27 November 1944

G-5: 000.7

SUBJECT: Press Statements by Visitors to Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attention: Chief Commissioner).

1. Attached is copy of TAM 367.

2. It is felt that while the suggestion has merit, its application would have to be tactfully handled and might well be inappropriate in certain cases. It would seem that any such procedure should be left to the full discretion of the Chief Commissioner or such members of his staff as he may designate.

3. Your comments are requested.

Charles M. Spofford

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CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Incl:
as above.

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FROM: AGWAR FROM CCS

TO : AFHQ TO WILSON, INFORMATION UK BASE SECTION FOR ECS,
AND TO COMZONE

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: WX-67938,

24 November 1944.

For FHGEG.

Cite CCAC.

TAM 367.

press statements by visitors to ITALY.

To avoid future trouble from embarrassing press statements by important visitors from any of the United Nations to ITALY, following orientation procedure suggested:

Immediately upon arrival, they should be received by the Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission or some competent and fully informed subordinate designated by him. He should tactfully enlist their help without implying anything in the nature of a "gag". It would be dangerous for a formal warning to be issued.

In the interview, full information should be given to the extent permitted by the requirements of military security of the particular troubles of the moment and the steps being taken to meet them. In doing so, opportunity could be taken to warn them of the difficulties caused by partial, and sometimes NOT disinterested, quotation of hastily formed opinions. The hope could be expressed that visitors will take plenty of time to study questions and to comment at leisure, bearing in mind the over-riding importance of NOT impeding the Allied war effort.

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State Department and Foreign Office will attempt to instruct all prospective visitors that immediately upon arrival, they should present themselves before the Chief Commissioner. It must be understood, however, that it is the responsibility of the Theater to be sure that visitors, upon arrival, are conducted to the Chief Commissioner or his designated representative at the earliest possible moment.

! // No security lectures will be read to prospective visitors in the country of origin. This might create the wrong impression before arrival in ITALY.

ACTION: G-5

INFORMATION: SGS
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G-3
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