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NEWCASTLES
ALLIED OFFICER COMMISSION
R.O. & M.O. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/163/100/CA

10 June 1944

SUBJECT: Accommodation Region II Hq. at Bari.
TO : Army Sub-Commission, Main Hq.

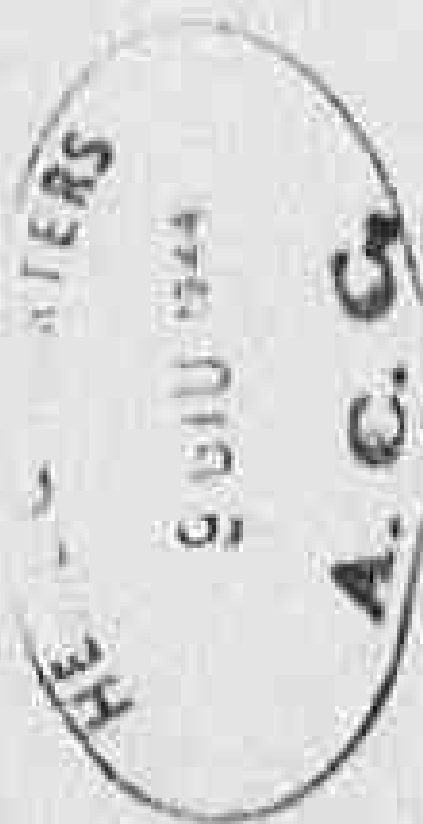
1. I refer to AG/12 of 7 June.
2. I have now heard from Hq. Region II that they expect to move into the premises now occupied by Displaced Persons Sub-Commission in Bari during the latter part of June.
3. The trouble you have taken in this matter is much appreciated.

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HE/JR

WORMAN H. PIERCE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Subject: Accommodation - IX Italian Corps Headquarters.



Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (AMIA)
L'ESQUILLE. (LECOE)
AG/12

7 June 44

HQ. A.C.C. (Civil Affairs Branch)

Reference 153/5/CA of 3 June 44.

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JUN 1944
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Major General.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Subject: Accommodation for HQ 2 Region AGC at Geni

Geni 1351A

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2. Being Saturday I could not get into some of the government and other offices, their occupants having retired for the weekend) but from such visits and contacts as I made I can offer the following suggestions in order of merit:

a) The HQ's Italian 15 Corps Territorial District and local garrison occupy three adjoining buildings opposite the Governor's Palace. They can and are willing to close up and release one block. This would be suitable for Region II offices, some accommodation and a mess and bedrooms for some officers. It would remain to select a house for the regional commander and his senior officers; the Town Major thinks this could be done.

b) The Provincia building has enough spare rooms for offices and living accommodation could be found (with some ruthlessness) in near by flats etc.

c) The Carabinieri barracks are not fully occupied but it would be a mistake to force an issue here unnecessarily.

d) The Annunziata Company's offices might be closed up considerably but as this building also houses District and A Mess and billets it would be better not to press this.

3. The problem is therefore not insuperable but I don't think I can do more than offer these suggestions for Col ZILBER to explore and make his own decision in consultation with Brig PARRIS on the spot.

(Sgd) W. Pidsley,

Col.

attd

M.H.I.A.

7 APR 44

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FROM HQ REGION 2 ACC

TO HQ C// ACC MAIN FOR HQ AND HQ SEC

INFO 315 PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION NO 2 DISTRICT

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ACTION COPY

CONFIDENTIAL STOP PRELIMINARY PLANS MADE THIS DATE

TO MOVE HEADQUARTES REGION TWO TO BARI INTO

ACCOMMODATION NOW OCCUPIED THERE BY DISPLACED

PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION STOP EXPECT MOVE TO

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
Civil Affairs Branch
APO 194

3 June 1944.

Ref/263/5/CA

MEMORANDUM TO: Army Sub-Commission.

1. The following is quoted from a memorandum dated 14 May 1944 from the Regional Commissioner, Region II, to the Executive Commissioner:

"4. In the opinion of HQ. District and Sub-Area, alone of all the units in Bari, the presence of the 9th Italian Army Corps Headquarters is quite redundant. From inquiries it would seem that this unit's furnished barracks, supported by sundry flats in which their officers live, would provide full accommodation for HQ., Region II. The only possible solution at present is to make an exchange for accommodations with the 9th Italian Army Corps. This proposal is very strongly opposed by the Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C., and the Italian War Ministry.

"5. In view of the above, I am compelled to report that I am unable to move this Headquarters to Bari at the present or in the near future, unless it can be arranged by higher authority to exchange accommodations with the 9th Italian Army Corps and some Italian personnel.

2. In view of the greater convenience and efficiency which would result from the removal of Headquarters Region II, to Bari, and the frequently-expressed desire of the Chief Commissioner that this move take place as soon as possible, will you please comment on the above quoted material, setting forth specific reasons why the proposed occupation of quarters and barracks occupied by 9th Italian Army Corps Headquarters is "very strongly opposed"?

3. It is appreciated that there may be and probably are, cogent reasons for your position, and the purpose of this memorandum is solely to obtain full information. No criticism is implied.

ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Lt. Col.
Assistant Director
Civil Affairs Branch.

ACB/ean

Ref/163/4/CA

3 June 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE.

I discussed this matter at length with Colonel Zellars at the Regional Commissioners' meeting on May 30 and 31st. He reported that there has been no substantial change in the situation; that The Regional Commissioner, Region II, the Commanding General, District 2, and all other parties concerned, are cooperating to the fullest possible extent in attempting to find accommodation for Headquarters Region II in Bari, but that such efforts remain unavailing for the reasons set forth in his communications of 14 and 27 May.

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Ref: A/10/25

163 MAY Recd HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMD
REGION 2

27 MAY 1944

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SUBJECT: - Accommodation - HQ. Region II - Bari

TO : - R.C. & M.G. Section
HQ. A.C.C. APO.394

Reference 163/90/CA of 24th May 1944 the possibilities mentioned in the enclosure there to have already been examined by this HQ., 2 District and 6 Base Sub-Area and in this connexion I attach for your information a copy of memo H^o A/10/22A dated 14 May 1944 the contents of which were conveyed verbally to the Chief Commissioner on the occasion of his recent visit to Bari.

I need hardly say that every effort has been and is still being made by this HQ. and all concerned to overcome the problem of moving the Region HQ. to Bari.

WCA Bowman.
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John T. Zellars
Col. Inf.
Regional Commissioner

HEADQUARTERS
30 MAY 1944
A. C. C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CORPS COMMISSION
REGION 2

Ref: A/10/224.

14 May 1944

SUBJECT: - MOVEMENT OF HEADQUARTERS, REGION II, TO BARI

TO : - Executive Commissioner, A.C.C. Headquarters.
(Please bring to personal attention of the
Chief Commissioner).

1. The possibility of accommodation at Bari for Headquarters Region II, has been further closely investigated in person by myself, in personal contact with the C.O. of 2 District, Major General Nares, Brigadier Palmer of Sub-Area 6 and Brigadier General Beverly of the 15th Air Force Service Command. The Regional Local Officer and the Regional Intelligence Officer have made a further intensive survey and reconnaissance in conjunction with the staffs of the General Officers mentioned above, the Provincial Commissioner, Bari, and the Prefect of Bari Province.

2. It is confirmed that Bari is crowded to the saturation point; Major General Nares says, "To the bursting point"; by military units which, from their very nature, must be stationed there. Further additional service units are urgently required by No 2 District if and as accommodations become available. There is at present no accommodation for priority one units in Bari. Region II Headquarters is 7th on the priority list of District 2 and Sub-Area 6.

3. The C.O., District 2, C.O. 15th Air Force Service Command, C.O. of Sub-Area 6 and myself are all in perfect agreement of the necessity for Region II Headquarters to be located in Bari for effective operation and proper coordination.

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5. An unsuccessful attempt has been made to arrange for an exchange of accommodations in Matera with a unit comparable in size to this HQ, now stationed in Bari.

6. The scheme of moving to Bari by infiltration, using initially a spearhead or advanced message center is not feasible, since such action would dissipate the efforts of the present comparatively small Regional Headquarters staff. This has already reached the stage in reduction where it is necessary to consolidate all Regional activities into eight sections.

7. Including clerks, interpreters, drivers, messing staff, 40 civilians are employed by Region II HQ. Owing to insoluble problems of pay accommodations and feeding, it is impossible to either bring a majority of this personnel to Bari or to replace them by local inhabitants

since such are not available. In common with the experience of other departments, the Legal Officer, Peri, for instance, has in four weeks failed to find one single clerk. It is understood that no additional SM/OR's are available.

8. In view of the above, I am compelled to report that I am unable to move this Headquarters to Peri at the present or in the near future, unless it can be arranged by higher authority to exchange accommodations with the 9th Italian Army Corps and some Italian personnel.

I shall continue to search for quarters in close personal contact with C.G., District 2. Myself and my staff will make every effort to keep in close touch with him and his staff in the interim.

JOHN S. WILLIAMS

Col. Inf.

Regional Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Consorzio Agrario at VASTO. 08746

HQ No 2 District CMP.
1268/5/02.

12 May 44.

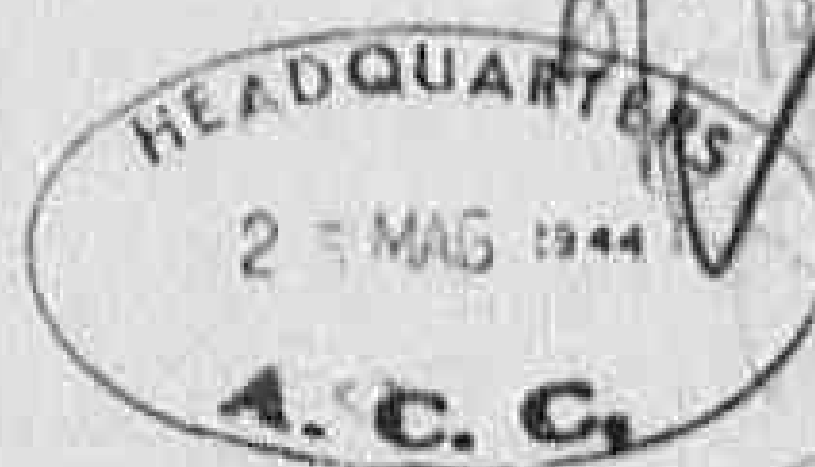
HQ AAC
HQ & MG Section
APO 394.

Ref your 163/80/CA dated 17 May.

1. It is regretted that it is not possible to relinquish the Consorzio Agrario at VASTO, as this building will be required for its present purpose for some considerable time.
become available
2. Suitable accommodation may, however, be found near CASAL-BORDINO. You are requested to arrange for a reconnaissance of this area in conjunction with HQ 60 Sub Area and make further recommendations to this HQ.

Confidential
Colonel 5981
Col i/c Adm.

Copy to: 60 Sub Area
AMC Eighth Army
Regional Commissioner,
AMC VRegion.



Spoke to Capt Benson
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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 163/90/CA.

24th May 1944.

SUBJECT: Accommodation - HQ Region II - BARI.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Region II.

1. I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to enclose herewith copy of a report received regarding accommodation for the Headquarters of your Region at BARI.

2. The Executive Commissioner would like you to examine the possibilities contained in the report and, if possible, to move to BARI at the earliest opportunity.

AJR/30.

PA to Executive Commissioner.

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SUBJECT: Accommodation for H.S. 2 Region A.C.C. at BARI.

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Comd MMIA

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W. P. Kelly

Col
attd MMIA

7 APR 44

Ref: 163/83/0A.

24th May 1944

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I refer to your letter of 19th May enclosing copy of letter from the Grand Prior of Naples and Sicily of the Sovereign Order of Malta dated 9th May, 1944, and whilst acknowledging the prerogatives of the Sovereign Military Order I must point out that few buildings are suitable for use as hospitals and the exigencies of the moment demanded that we take over for the British 92nd General Hospital the property owned by the Order. As you know it has even been found necessary from time to time to utilize seminaries and other similar buildings for the care of the wounded.

Whilst I regret that it was found necessary to use property belonging to the Order, the building was properly requisitioned on 11th October, 1943, and you will no doubt assure the Grand Prior that when it is no longer required any damage which has occurred will be repaired.

(Sgd)

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NIEL MARSH MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant General,
Chief Commissioner.

G. E. Marshal Pietro Badoglio,
Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri.

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LIAISON DIVISION - Hq. ACC, APO 394, U.S. Army

MEMO TO: Brigadier Lush.

Lt. Janny of Real Estate Section PBS - Met Area reports that this hospital was requisitioned thru channels on Oct. 11, 1943. G-4 OK'd the requisition.

EB/ac

Enoch Brown
ENOCH BROWN,
Maj., C.M.P.

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TRANSLATION

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Salerno, 15 May 1944

File No. 1474

Dear General,

I transmit copy of a protest which came to me from the Grand Prior of Naples and Sicily of the Sovereign Order of Malta.

I thank you for what you shall do and I salute you cordially.

/s/ BADOGLIO

COPY

Grand Prior of Naples and Sicily of the
Sovereign Order of Malta

Naples, 9 May 1944

The Grand Prior

To His Excellency Marshal of Italy, Pietro Badoglio
Chief of the Government and Minister of Foreign Affairs
Salerno.

In my capacity as Grand Prior of Naples and Sicily and with the powers vested in me for being the only representative of His Very Eminent Highness, The Prince, Grand Master of the Sovereign Military Order of St. John of Jerusalem, said of Malta, in the region of Liberated Italy under control and in that still occupied by the Anglo-American troops, I raise formal protest against the Allied Military Government for the occupation of part of the war hospital which the Italian Knights of the Sovereign Order have in Naples in the Hospital set-up "A. Cardarelli."

The occupation was effected by the 92nd English General Hospital with authorization from the Allied Command.

There is no need for me to recall that the associations of the Knights of Malta enjoy the same prerogatives of the International Red Cross Associations, according to convention, and that the Sovereign Military Order has all the prerogatives of sovereignty.

I beg of Your Excellency to transmit to the appropriate authorities this protest which I raise in the name of and on behalf of His Very Eminent Highness the Prince Grand Master of the Sovereign Order for the occupation which is in conflict with the Geneva Convention carried out by the Allied Military Authorities to the damage of the hospital of the order.

I extend to Your Excellency my homage.

/s/ Ball Gr. Cr. Carlo Marasca
Gran Priore di Napoli e Sicilia
del Sovr. Mil. Ord. di Malta.

→ Brig Lush

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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO
DEI MINISTRI

N° 1474 prot.

HQ ACC, APO 394
Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 16 May 14/10
By *AF*

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SALERNO 15 MAGGIO 1944.-

CARO GENERALE,

LE TRASMETTO COPIA DI UNA PROTESTA PERVENU-
TAMI DAL GRAN PRIORATO DI NAPOLI E SICILIA DEL SOVRA
NO ORDINE DI MALTA.

LA RINGRAZIO PER QUANTO POTRÀ FARE E LA SA-
LUTO CORDIALMENTE.-

Barlas

AL SIGNOR GENERALE

NOEL MAC FARLANE

CAPO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

N A P O L I

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GRAN PRIORATO DI NAPOLI E SICILIA
DEL SOVRANO BROINE DI MALTA

IL GRAN PRIORE

NAPOLI, 9 MAGGIO 1944. -

A.S.E. IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA PIETRO BADOLIO
CAPO DEL GOVERNO E MINISTRO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

W. O. R. W. A. C.

1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

NELLA VIA QUALITÀ DI GRAN PRIORE DI NAPOLI E SICILIA
E CON I POTERI CHE MI VENGONO DALL'ESSERE UNICO RAPPRESENTANTE
DI SUA ALTEZZA EMINENTISSIMA IL PRINCIPE GRAN MAESTRO DEL SOVRA-
NO MILITARE ORDINE DI S. GIOVANNI DI GERUSALEMME, DETTO DI MALTA,
NELLA REGIONE D'ITALIA LIBERATA SOTTO CONTROLLO ED IN QUELLA ANCO-
RA OCCUPATA DALLE TRUPPE ANGOLO - AMERICANE, ELEVO FORMULA PROTESTA
VERSO IL GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO PER LA OCCUPAZIONE DA PARTE DEL
L'OSPEDALE DI GUERRA CHE I CAVALIERI ITALIANI DEL SOVRANO
ORDINE HANNO IN NAPOLI NEL COMPLESSO "OSPEDALIERO" A. CARDARELLI".

L'OCCUPAZIONE È STATA ESEGUITA DAL 920 OSPEDALE GENERALE INGLESE CON L'AUTORIZZAZIONE DEL COMANDO ALLEATO.

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PREGO L'ECCCELLENZA VOSTRA DI VOLER TRASMETTERE A CHI DI DOVERE LA PRESENTE PROTESTA CHE ELEVO A NOME E VOCE DI SUA ALTEZZA EMINENTISSIMA IL PRINCIPE GRAN MAESTRO DEL SOVRANO ORDINE PER LA OCCUPAZIONE CONTRARIA ALLA CONVENZIONE DI GINEVRA DA PARTE DELL'AUTORITÀ MILITARE ALLEATA A DANNO DI UN OSPEDALE DELL'ORDINE.

PERGO A V.E. I MITI OMAGGI, -

Cairo: BALI, GRIGORIO CARLO, MARESCA

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A S.E. IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA PIETRO BADOGLIO
CAPO DEL GOVERNO E MINISTRO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

SALERNO

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FORGO A V.E. I MIEI OMAGGI.-

F/TO: BALI GR. GR. CARLO MARESCA
GRAN PRIORE DI NAPOLI E SICILIA
DEL SOVR. MIL. ORD. DI MALTA

HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
INFORMATION DIVISION

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2118/INFO
23 May 1944

SUBJECT: Report on Property, SALERNO

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner

In reference to the requisitioning of properties at Salerno for the Soviet Representative the u/m report is submitted, as requested.

1. (i) The TORTORELLA property would appear to be suitable and the easiest to requisition.
(ii) One observation - there are no windows or doors
(iii) This villa is at present occupied by the CRE as HQ, Officers and OIA messes and billets
2. (i) The properties Nos 30 34 38 40 and 42 Via Pio would no doubt be equally suitable.
(ii) The windows and doors do exist in these villas.
(iii) All properties are at present occupied by civilians with one exception - No 30 is the HQ of the EPI. No 40 is the best building and well appointed - it is understood that Colonel DENSMORE and Capt. DRAGE of ACC are billeted at this Villa.
(iv) It would seem that quite a problem would arise to find alternative accommodation and carry out the removal of the families in occupation.
3. (i) It is suggested that it would be easier to find alternative accommodation for the CRE.
(ii) Capt. DRAGE is in a strong liaison position with the Town Major (Major HEWITT) and with the Sub Area HQ and it is suggested that it is quite possible that he may be able to obtain agreement, if desired.

F.E. GILLETT
Capt. 5 Innis D.G.
Deputy Director,
Information Division

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Civil Affairs Branch 22 May 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Colonel Fiske.

1. District 3 Headquarters today offered the villas located at numbers 30, 34, 38, 40 and 42 Via Pio, Salerno, or such of them as might be adequate and suitable for the purpose, as alternatives to the Tortorella buildings at Via Donato Soma requested by Marshal Badoglio in his personal letter of 8 May to the Chief Commissioner as accommodation for the Soviet Representative. Of the villas offered, the one at #30 is occupied by British officers and the one at #40 by A.C.C. officers (presumably mixed British and Americans).

2. As insurance against the contingency that the villas offered might be so unsatisfactory that even suggesting them to the Marshal would in fact constitute an affront to either the Italian or Soviet Governments, or both, I have requested Captain Gillett, who will attend the meeting of the Administrative Section in Salerno tomorrow, to inspect both the villa requested and those offered and report to you as to the relative desirability.

3. I have prepared the attached letter to the Marshal for the Chief Commissioner's signature. I suggest that this not be used until you have received Captain Gillett's report. You may, in any event, wish to handle the matter in some other way, and I am therefore returning the file and papers.

4. If further action by me is desired please let me know.

A.C.B.
A.C.B.

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27 May 44

*Capt Orange reports that
the Russians have agreed
to alternative accom.*

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Not sent

[Handwritten signature]

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Ref/163/81/CA

23 May 1944

SUBJECT: Accommodation at Salerno.

TO : S. Excellency Marshal Pietro Badoglio,
Capo del Governo,
SALERNO.

1. Your request that the Tortorella property, Via Donato Scoppa, be placed at the disposal of the Italian Government as accommodation for the representative of the U.S.S.R., has been forcefully presented to the Commanding General, District 3.

2. The General is unwilling to surrender these specific buildings, which he says are urgently required by his headquarters. He has, however, offered such portions as may be necessary of the villas at numbers 30, 34, 38, 40 and 42 Via Pio. Of these, the villa at #30 is occupied by District 3 officers, and that at #40, by A.C.C. officers.

3. I would request that you cause your representatives, and those of Mr. Kostylev, to inspect these villas, and then advise us as to which of them will be needed and satisfactory for the proposed purposes.

NOEL MASON MACPARKLAND, 5971
Lieutenant General,
Chief Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.G. & H.G. SECTION
APO 594

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Ref/263/80/CA

17 May 1944

SUBJECT: Concorsie Agrario at VASTO.

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TO : No. 2 District.

1. AMB Eighth Army are again requesting the release of the Concorsie Agrario in VASTO, or failing this, some other suitable alternative accommodation.

2. With the near approach of the harvesting season it is essential that some storage and office accommodation for the collection of the coming harvest should be made available in VASTO. The importance of the collection of every ton of wheat from this year's crops cannot be over-estimated.

3. On the occasion of previous requests for this building it was understood that it was impossible at that time to release accommodation, but that if applications were forwarded at a later date every effort would be made to meet our wishes. Can this now be done?

Executive Commissioner

H. S. LONE
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner

Copy to:

R.G. Region II
AMB 8th Army

Draft return 5976

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Main H.Q., A.M.C.
Eighth Army.

2 Day. 1st.

Dear Shipp.

A little time ago you said you were hopeful of getting the Consorsio buildings at Vasto released for A.M.C. Have you had any success yet in your efforts? These buildings are still urgently required.

Hope you had a good trip down South.

Yours are
Frederick

Lt-Col. G. Shipp,
Civil Affairs Branch,
Main H.Q., A.C.C.
A.P.O. 394.

See following notes

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Ref: 163/72/ea.

11th May 1944

Subject: Accommodation at Salerno.

To : S. Excellency Marshal Pietro Badoglio,
Capo del Governo,
SALERNO.

1. I have given sympathetic consideration to your letter of 8th May in which you ask that certain buildings in Salerno should be placed at the disposal of the Italian Government in order that accommodation may be provided for the representative of the U.S.S.R.

As I have already informed you it is necessary for military reasons to maintain a large number of Allied troops in the Salerno area, a larger number now than was originally contemplated. It is the constant hope of the Allied military authorities that these troops will be reduced in the near future but no definite date can be given. I would therefore ask you not to press for an immediate decision upon the matter raised in your letter which I will take up as soon as I learn of any probable reduction in the number of troops in the area.

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ROSL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant General,
Chief Commissioner.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

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Gen Collie ←

DISTRICT III HQS

LONG DISTANCE

CASTELAMARE

BANCA

COL. WARNER

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TRANSLATION

NO. 100, 100, 100

Transl. Rec'd 9 May 1944
By *AKB*

Salerno, 8 May 1944

CHIEF OF THE GOVERNMENT

Dear General:

The pressing exigencies relative to an adequate arrangement of the State Departments and the agencies which must be in contact with the Royal Government induce me to bring to your attention personally the necessity to depend upon a better understanding on the part of the Allied Authorities in the matter of occupying public and private buildings in Salerno.

Salerno and the surrounding communes last January had very little to offer in the matter of lodging and my government has met with many difficulties in setting up the offices of the various Ministries with serious sacrifices for the functionaries and for the people of Salerno.

The city is now literally overcrowded and I must appeal to your kindness to obtain the collaboration of the English Armed Forces to render available in Salerno a modest villa and two small adjacent buildings.

The Representative of the U.R.S.S., Mr. Kostylev, has in fact informed me that it is the desire of his government that the Soviet representatives in Italy reside in Salerno, at least as long as the city shall remain the seat of the Italian Administration.

From a survey made of the buildings which might serve the purpose, it appears that the only ones which meet with the requirements are the three properties owned by Portorella located at Via Donato Sonzina.

However, at the present time, they are occupied by British units. In particular, the largest of these is being used by the Third A.C.G. Command while in the other two there are lodged groups of Palestinian drivers.

In view of the impossibility to find in Salerno any other building which could be used for the purpose and whose proprietor is in position to effect restoration and repair, I beg of you to ask the English Command of the troops who are presently occupying the buildings in question to offer their kind collaboration in order to permit my Government to fulfill the desire expressed by the Government of the U.R.S.S. placing the buildings in question at the disposal of the representative of Soviet Russia.

I would be grateful to you, dear General, if you would kindly reply promptly as to your decision in the matter which I hope will be favorable certain of your understanding.

I take this occasion, dear General, to renew the expression of my high esteem.

/s/ Badoglio

Lieutenant General
Sir Noel F. M. Mason MacFarlane
Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission
NAPLES

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*Executive Commission
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10/10/44*



IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

Salerno, 8 maggio 1944

Signor Generale,

le pressanti esigenze relative ad una adeguata sistemazione dei Dipartimenti statali e degli enti che debbono essere in contatto con il R. Governo mi inducono a prospettarle personalmente la necessità di dover fare affidamento sulla maggiore comprensione delle autorità alleate in materia di occupazione di edifici pubblici e privati in Salerno.

Salerno ed i comuni circoscriventi offrivano il gennaio scorso ben poche disponibilità di alloggio ed il mio governo ha incontrato molte difficoltà nel sistemare gli uffici dei vari Ministeri non senza seri sacrifici e per i funzionari e per i salernitani.

La città è ora letteralmente satura ed io debbo rivolgermi alla Sua cortesia per ottenere la collaborazione delle forze armate inglesi nel rendere disponibili in Salerno una modesta villa e due piccoli edifici adiacenti.

Lieutenant General
Sir Noel F.N. Mason MAC FARLANE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission
NAPLES

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IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

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Il Rappresentante dell'U.R.S.S. sig. Kostylev mi ha, infatti, testè informato che è desiderio del suo Governo che la rappresentanza Sovietica in Italia risieda in Salerno, almeno fino a che questa città rimarrà sede dell'Amministrazione Italiana.

Da un esame degli edifici che potrebbero servire all'uopo è risultato che gli unici che posseggono i requisiti richiesti sono i tre immobili di proprietà Tortorella siti in via Donato Sonna.

Essi, tuttavia, sono attualmente occupati da reparti britannici. In particolare nel più grande di essi ha trovato sistemazione il Comando del 3° A.C.G. mentre negli altri due alloggiano alcuni nuclei di autieri palestinesi.

Data l'impossibilità di trovare a Salerno un qualsiasi altro edificio che possa essere adatto all'uopo ed il cui proprietario sia in grado di provvedere anche ai restauri ed all'arredamento, La pregherei di voler chiedere al Comando delle truppe inglesi, che attualmente occupano gli edifici in parola, di voler offrire la loro cortese collaborazione per permettere al mio Governo di venire incontro al desiderio espresso dal governo dell'U.R.S.S. mettendo gli edifici di cui trattasi a disposizione del Rappresentante della Russia Sovietica.

Le sarei grato, sig. Generale, se volesse farmi conoscere, con cortese urgenza, la Sua decisione al riguardo, che mi auguro favorevole, sicuro della Sua comprensione.

Colgo l'occasione per rinnovarle, Signor Generale, i sensi della mia alta stima.

Salerno

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394
Regional Control and Military Government Section.

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Ref: 161/71/CA.

26th May 1944.

SUBJECT: Billeting of Allied Troops in Salerno Province.

TO : Chief Commissioner.
Deputy Chief Commissioner.

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In attach copies of correspondence relating to Marshal Badoglio's request for a reduction in the number of Allied troops stationed in Salerno Province, for your information.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

See
any further action
9/6/44
by PA 6/10/44

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MAY Recd A 163 CA 131
Subject: Billeting of Allied Troops
in Salerno Province.

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3 District.
Tel Ext 10.
108 Q. *72*

5 May 44.
Executive Commissioner,
Regional Control & Military Government Section,
HQ Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

I have received your letter 163/CA dated 1 May, and note the request of the Italian Government, conveyed through the Chief Commissioner, that no more Allied troops should be stationed in the SALERNO Province.

There are at present far more troops than I should like, not only in the SALERNO Province but also throughout the whole District and especially in the Province of NAPLES. This is due to the military situation.

I have every hope that when the military situation changes it will be possible to effect a reduction in the number of troops in and around NAPLES and SALERNO, but until the military situation changes, I can only say that any decrease in the number of troops stationed in the SALERNO Province must depend upon:-

- (a) What further troops, if any, HQ AAI may find it necessary to accommodate in this temporarily overcrowded District, and
- (b) The most appropriate location for any such troops, having regard to the military function they are required to perform.

Exec. Comm.

Reply to T1 - 16 May 45.

A. Allen

Maj Gen.
Comd.

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 163/ WCA.

1st May 1944.

SUBJECT: Billetting of Allied Troops in Salerno Province.

TO : General Officer Commanding,
No. 3 District,
C. M. F.

1. I am instructed by the Chief Commissioner to state that he has been approached by the Italian Government with a request that no more Allied troops should be stationed in Salerno Province. Marshal Badoglio, whilst appreciating the need for rest camps and areas for troops, for which Salerno Province is especially suited, considers that the Province has reached saturation point. He further points out that when Salerno was selected as the seat of the Italian Government it was agreed that the number of Allied troops in the town and neighbourhood would be reduced to a minimum.

2. The Chief Commissioner directs me to bring this representation to your notice and to ask that everything should be done, especially in Salerno town and neighbourhood, to meet reasonable wishes of the Italian Government.

WEL/JG.

M. S. [Signature]
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Lt Col [Signature]
W. sec [Signature] 2/1

[Signature]
Bu 8/5 [Signature]

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DATE:

CIRCULATION SLIP
Please pass file quickly

FROM	OFFICER	TO
	Brig. M. S. Lush	✓
	Col. H. Z. Fiske	
	Ut. Col. G. V. T. Ripp	
	Major R. D. Field-White	
	Capt. Talbot	
	Capt. Peyton	
	Capt. Stewart	
	LT. Petrillo	
	Registry	

✓ ALFRED C. BOWMAN
LT. COL. 0 320 34

REMARKS
Initial here and follow up

FOR INFORMATION

Col. Fiske is taking
this up at a higher
level, and I shall
follow up

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HEADQUARTERS, METROPOLITAN AREA, FBS, APO 782, U.S. Army.

HSG/as
24 April 1944

TO: Commanding Officer, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. The situation regarding the Villa Giulia has not changed and regret that it cannot be assigned as a transient accommodation at this time. This is due to the very crowded condition here, and the urgent need for this type of accommodation.

2. Your request will be reconsidered and assignment made as soon as the present condition is relieved, and these accommodations become available.

For the Commanding General:

LEONARD C. JONES,
Lt. Colonel, AGC,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & W.O. SECTION
Liaison Division
APO 394

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Liaison Division
APO 394

18 April 1944.

TO : Commanding General, Metropolitan Area,
Peninsular Base Section.

SUBJECT: Villa Giulia.

1. This will serve as a memorandum of our talk today concerning the suggestion of the Executive Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, that the Commission be permitted to retain the Villa Giulia (recently vacated by the Chief Commissioner) as transient accommodation for regional commissioners and other overflow senior officers who would be the house guests of Lt. Gen. MacFarlane and Brigadier Lush if their personal quarters were sufficiently commodious for the purpose.

2. It is literally true that this headquarters has no facilities at the present time for the temporary quartering of senior officers. Neither the Albergo Toledo nor the Albergo Volturno is suitable for the purpose. Officers formerly quartered at the Albergo Parco have been evacuated as rapidly as circumstances would permit, and a very strict policy as to requests for accommodation at that hotel is being pursued, at the request of the Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section.

3. If the situation outlined by you should change sufficiently to permit allocation of this or any other villa to this headquarters for the indicated purpose, it would be appreciated if our request might be regarded as continuing, and favorable action would be greatly appreciated.

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ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Lt. Col.
ACC-PBS Liaison Officer.
Vapor 168.

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SECRET 67

Subject: ACCOMMODATION - VASTO 50 GEN HOSP.

3.2
15 Apr 44.

No. 2 District.

1. It is expected that 50 General Hospital will move to VASTO shortly.
2. A detailed recon of the allotted accommodation has been made by the DDMS 5 Corps and the O.C. of the hospital. The whole of the proposed layout has been gone into very thoroughly and it is considered that the accommodation at present occupied by a portion of the AME Staff at VASTO and such local administrative offices as are functioning there will be essential for the efficient working of this hospital. The accommodation referred to is the ground floor of the large block of building on the East side of the main street in VASTO and is known as the Municipio. The importance of this accommodation being made available is stressed as, in the only satisfactory layout, the rooms comprising the accommodation referred will be used as operating theatres. It is understood from the DDMS that if this additional accommodation is not made available it will be impracticable to make a suitable hospital layout in VASTO since no suitable alternative accommodation is available.
3. The matter has been discussed with 60 Sub-Area who have requested that all the circumstances be forwarded to you.
4. Great importance is being attached to the establishing of this hospital as in the event of further operations it will be the only hospital in the Corps area to which casualties can be evacuated.
5. It is requested that other accommodation be made available in VASTO for the AME and municipal offices, either in buildings or if essential in huts.

FKR/RS.

Copies to: AME Main 8th Army.
P.O. Chieti Prov.

/s/
for Lieutenant-General
Commander, 5 Corps.

Ex. Comm

ADC LCAO rang
me up to say that
he had just heard that
Gen. Wares' original
at Town Hall, Vasto.
Gen. Wares' is that
the ACC version was
never the truth. Gen
Robertson is taking the
matter up when he visits
~~Bari~~ Vasto
You are seeing him
tomorrow at 3.30.

Seen
He will take up
personally

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J. J. J.
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Extract from D/O letter from Major General Robertson, CAO, HQ, AAI.,
5001/9 CAO dated 16.Apr.

TOWN HALL, VASTO.

Please give my apologies to General Mason MacFarlane for the fact that I was unable to attend your "Parliament". General Lemnitzer tells me that the question of the requisitioning of the Town Hall at VASTO was raised. He must have misunderstood what was said, because he told me that it was now being requisitioned by 60 Sub Area, whereas EIGHTH ARMY had not needed it when they were in VASTO. The following is a copy of the telegram which I have now received from Nares on this subject:-

"Your CAO 169 of 15, Case has been incorrectly represented. City Hall has been used military purposes since Dec when requisitioned by EIGHTH ARMY. Podesta suitably housed in VASTO. Col. Holmes, AMG agreed with Grant City Hall could be retained without prejudice to Municipal Govt. Building not occupied by Grant's HQ."

Will you please let me know what the trouble is?

Files which refer are -

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

Ref/163/65/C.

18 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Municipio VASTO.

TO : S.C.A.O. Ninth Army.

1. The question of requisitioning of Municipal buildings was taken up generally on the highest level by Col. Pike with General Lemitzer. It is understood that a verbal undertaking was given on the latter's suggestion by General Robertson that requisitioning of such buildings would only be resorted to in cases of the most stringent military necessity.

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NORMAN E. PIERCE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Reply to 51

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5th April 1944

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SUBJECT: Municipio Building, VASTO.

TO : Colonel Fiske.

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1. SCAD, AMC, 8 Army has asked us to intervene on the highest level over the attempted requisitioning of the Municipio in VASTO. He says that No. 2 District wish to take over this building now but that during the whole time that Hq. 8 Army was in VASTO, they never asked for it and therefore cannot see why it should be required at present.

2. Telegram from 5 Corps, in whose area VASTO is, seems to indicate that the matter is in abeyance but if you are in BARI perhaps a word with the Commander No. 2 District might straighten things out.

2 Dist. are pressing for Municipio.
Col Fiske is talking up with
Gen. Kuntze to try and stop
it.

W. Lipp Lt Col
C.F.I. SHIPP,
Lieut. Colonel.

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CH13/JC. Discussed with Gen. Kuntze who has reported back that requisition will be made only under important military necessity. 7

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & H.C. Section
APO 594

Ref/163/63/CA.

14 April 1946

SUBJECT: Mills Occupied by Troops.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region III.

1. I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to enclose herewith copies of correspondence regarding approaches made to troops in occupation of ~~REMARKS IN NOVA~~ in GRACIANO with a view to ejecting them.
2. Will you please instruct your officers not to take such action in the future.

AJG/BAC.

A. J. STEWART,
Captain,
IA to Exec. Comm.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.G. & M.C. Section
APO 594

14 April 1944.

99/219/CA.

Thank you for your letter IX/64 of 6 April 1944. I know how good you were about releasing some of the mills and I do not know of the subterranean approaches made to troops in occupation of the mill SMITHERS BY WMA in GRACIANO.

I have consulted the Director of the Food Sub-Commission and he has no knowledge of these methods and has taken no steps to secure the release of the mill in question.

I am instructing the Regional Commissioner Region III to take steps for such approaches not to recur.

Major General Angus Collier, C.B.E., D.S.O.,
C.O.C.,
No. 3 District,
C.M.F.

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Maj. Gen. A.L. Collier,
H.Q. 3 District
C.M.F.

5 April 44;

My dear Lush,

Some time in February you wrote me a letter asking us to release six miles round about TORRE ANNUNZIATA and CASTELLAMARE. I think I am right in saying we gave them all up except the mill of EMILIEDE DI NOLA in GRAGNANO.

I cannot let that place go at present, as I said in my letter of 19 Mar, as it is the only suitable place for a welfare centre for some 1000 troops, mainly rear details of 1 and 5 Divs. Much effort and work has been spent on it, and it is contributing in a very large degree to the welfare and morale of the troops.

So long as these troops remain I cannot possibly let the place go, but I will see whether it would be possible to make any alternative arrangements should the number of troops in GRAGNANO be reduced when the rear details of 1 and 5 Divs go. But as you know our available accommodation is always absolutely crammed to capacity.

I feel sure you do not know that in the meantime subterranean approaches are being made directly to the troops in occupation with a view to ejecting them. I shall be most grateful if you will discourage these enthusiasts.

Brig M. Lush, GRC MO,
Regional Control & Milly Govt Section,
HQ ACC,
APO 394.

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

Ref 163/6/CA.

14 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Occupation of Civilian Property.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region III.

1. I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to enclose copies of correspondence from HQ. No. 3 District and this office regarding complaints about the occupation of civilian property by the military.

2. Will you please instruct your officers to conform with the suggestion contained in para. 4. The Executive Commissioner is in full agreement with suggestion contained therein.

AJS/EAC.

A. J. STEWART,
Captain,
PA to Exec. Comm. 9

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Colonel L.L.V.D. Laurie
HQ 3 District

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10 Apr 44

Dear Brigadier,

From time to time complaints about occupation of civilian property by the military are received direct at this HQ, sometimes, to the GOC himself.

Complaints are made in some cases by Italians themselves and in others they are done through AGC officers. There is always one outstanding feature of these complaints though, and that is that they are not made till the zero hour vacation of the accommodation is imminent. It is the GOC's wish to prevent all unnecessary hardship in the requisitioning of accommodation and therefore the immediate action on these occasions must be to order the vacation to be postponed, so that the matter can be investigated.

I am sure that you will agree that from a planning point of view this makes it very hard for Comd and staff of the Area or Sub-Area concerned. It has turned out more than once that the occupants have made a perfectly amicable agreement with the local Town Major to vacate their house and then at the last moment have appealed direct to higher authority.

I would like to suggest that when civilians are asked to give up accommodation, they will be warned that they will have to make their complaint to the nearest AGC representative seven days before the date on which they are due to vacate it. Having had this warning their complaints would only be considered in exceptional circumstances if submitted after the seventh day. We would, of course, be responsible for giving the warning, but I would be very grateful if you would co-operate in making known this condition if you agree with it.

To: Brigadier M. Lush, CRE MC,
Regional Control & Mil Govt Sec.,
HQ AGC
APO 394.

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

99/217/CA

14 April 1944

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Thank you for your letter of 10 April 1944. I am taking up the matter of complaints regarding occupation of civilian property with the Regional Commissioner, Region III.

I quite agree that from a planning point of view it is very difficult when complaints are only received at zero hour. I quite agree with the last para. of your letter and trust that this will make things easier for you.

Colonel I.L.W.D. Laurie,
R.C.,
No. 3 District,
C.M.F.

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Lt Col Shupp:

Pl. see 55 & 56. No action is necessary
but we will want to pass it up.

8/7/4

Col Fiske.

Ex Comm. will want to see 55 & 56 on
subject of move of the of Region II.

8/7/4

Brig Lusk -
to see -

Discussed with
Col Zellars. He will go to
Barracks under a tent.

Could Reg II use present HQ 2 +
Displaced Persons Sub Com and
transfer latter firm to Transit
Camp No. 1 - eventually to HQ ACC.

I agree 8/10/4.

Col Fiske will discuss at Barr on 11/4

8/10/4

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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

REGION II

U-3148

Ref. A/10/17

3 April 44

Subj. Movement of Region II HQ to Bari.

To: Executive Commissioner, R.C. and M.G. Section,
ACC Headquarters, Naples.

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1. While General MacFarlane was visiting Region II Headquarters at Matera in February, General Nares of No. 2 District called upon him. General MacFarlane requested him to assign suitable quarters for the Regional Staff in Bari. General Nares agreed to do so, but pointed out that the city was badly crowded and that it might take some time to find suitable accommodations. I kept in touch with the District through Col. Orpwood, Liaison Officer, and also instructed the Provincial Commissioner to look for accommodations independently of the District.

2. Some two weeks later I received a note from 6 Sub-Area, listing the available accommodations. I went to Bari on Feb 28 and inspected each one on the list and also several places which the P.C. had found. None of them was suitable, either from the standpoint of space or quality. When I reported this opinion to the Staff Officer of No. 6 Sub-Area, he stated quite frankly that he entirely agreed with me, but there were no others available. At my request, he agreed to keep the matter alive. He suggested the possibility of moving certain American Air Corps units then occupying part of the space in the Gmacchia Building, a former barracks of the Finance Guards, but stated that if such a move were seriously contemplated, it would have to be authorized on a higher level than Sub-Area. I instructed Col. Vining, the P.C., to inspect the building and report to me.

3. I reported this situation to you verbally while in Naples during the first week in March, and also to General MacFarlane. He instructed me not to move until I had found suitable accommodations. The General also agreed to write to General Nares, requesting him to look into the possibility of space in the Gmacchia Building and the offices formerly occupied by AMG, 15 Army Group.

4. Upon my return to Matera, I received a report from Col.

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4. Upon my return to Matera, I received a report from Col. Vining, stating that if the Air Corps units could be rearranged, he believed there would be adequate space for the ACC offices and accommodations for the OR/EM, but that accommodations would have to be found elsewhere in the town for officer's billets. I took the matter up with Col. Orpwood, who subsequently reported to me that in the District's opinion, the Gmacchia Building could not be made available, and also that the offices formerly used by AMG, 15 Army Group were part of a convalescent camp, and they would not disturb them. On my instructions, he has continued to press the matter, as has Col. Vining. At present, General Nares has under consideration moving part of the 9th Italian Army Corps out of Bari to make room for Region II. He realizes the delay in carrying out his promise to General MacFarlane, and I am informed, so stated to Lt. Col. Bowman at the end of last week.

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Col. Vinig informs me that he has been unable to locate any other possible accommodations, but is continuing his search.

5. I wish to assure you that the matter is very much on my mind and I regret exceedingly that six weeks have gone by since General Neres agreed to find accommodations. We have kept the matter before him, but I do not think it would be General MacFarlane's wish, nor yours, that I should become importunate on the subject. I also assure you that just as soon as even reasonably suitable accommodations are offered me, Region II Headquarters will move into them, even if all facilities for the proper functioning of offices are not available.

G. H. McCaffrey
G. H. McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.
R.C.

GHM/rgh

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SECRET.

5th April 1944.

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SUBJECT: Municipio Building, VASTO.

TO : Colonel Fiske.

see 52

1. SCAO, AMG, 8 Army has asked us to intervene on the highest level over the attempted requisitioning of the Municipio in VASTO. He says that No.2 District wish to take over this building now but that during the whole time that HQ. 8 Army was in VASTO, they never asked for it and therefore cannot see why it should be required at present.

2. Telegram from 5 Corps, in whose area VASTO is, seems to indicate that the matter is in abeyance but if you are in HARI perhaps a word with the Commander No.2 District might straighten things out.

G.W.I. SHIPP,
Lieut.Colonel.

GWIS/JC.

(Copy handed to Col Fiske 5.9.44)

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La La Shupp.

Subject Murder of 1/450

Pl. Sec 49.50.51. I think AMJ & Rung
have a strong case. You will remember
they are trying to get the military
out of the Consuejo Aparicio - the letter
letter in which is at 46.

Capt Talbot

4/4

Doesn't 47 sound it in the present?

✓ See
4/4 (53)

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163
2 APR Recd

Subject: Municipio 1 Idine, VASTO.

Main H.Q., A.M.G.
Eighth Army.

04/23/
21 March 44.

Executive Commissioner,
Main H.Q., A.C.G.
A.P.O. 394.

1. The enclosed correspondence has been received from S.C.A.O. Chieti Province in regard to the entire Municipio Building in Vasto being taken over for the benefit of A.C.G.S.
2. This H.Q. is in entire agreement with the request made by Major Henderson, C.A.G. Vasto, and of the S.C.A.O. of the Province, see letters attached.
3. A signal has been sent from this H.Q. to C.G., A.M.G. 5 Corps asking what action, if any, has been taken by 5 Corps, but it is felt that the matter should be taken up at the highest level in that Vasto Town itself is under No. 2 District.
4. It is well realised that operational necessity must come before any civilian consideration, but in view of the fact that Eighth Army whose H.Q.s. were in Vasto, ~~and~~ have now moved out, it would seem only logical to them that there should be available space for C.G.S.'s. During the congestion period when the whole of Eighth Army were there, they had never asked that the Municipio should be evacuated, and it is difficult for me to understand why once they have gone, request of this nature should be put forward.
5. It is requested that this matter be taken up on the highest level.

Copy to: ~~A.M.G. 5 Corps.~~
H.C.A.G. Chieti Province.

Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.G. Eighth Army Main.

Spoke Life Rec. - phone and letter book of 53

1. The enclosed correspondence has been received from S.C.A.O. Chieti Province in regard to the entire Municipio Building in Vasto being taken over for the benefit of 4 C.C.S.

2. This H.Q. is in entire agreement with the remarks made by Major Henderson, C.A.O. Vasto, and of the S.C.A.O. of the Province, see letters attached.

3. A signal has been sent from this H.Q. to C.O.; A.M.C. 5 Corps asking what action, if any, has been taken by 5 Corps, but it is felt that the matter should be taken up at the highest level in that Vasto Town itself is under No. 2 District.

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5. It is requested that this matter be taken up on the highest level.

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L. H. H.

Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.C. Eighth Army Main.

Copy to: A.M.C. 5 Corps.
S.C.A.O. Chieti Province.

Spoke up Ben in phone and told him of 53

By on return of Col Fisher

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SUBJECT: Municipio Building, Vasto.

To: O.C. A.M.G. 5 Corps.
(Copy to H.Q. A.M.G. Eighth Army).

From: S.C.A.O. Chieti Province.

With reference to my recent telephone conversation with you (Lt.Col.Selby speaking to Lt.Col.Holmes) I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from the Civil Affairs Officer, Vasto, together with a copy of a letter from the Mayor of that city.

I agree entirely with my C.A.O. I feel that the limit has been reached and in many towns things have gone beyond the limits where local administration can function efficiently.

If this proposal to take over the whole of the Public Building is allowed, I shall require a written order to do so from whoever takes responsibility for it, and, if this is done, I shall be grateful if my protest can be taken to the highest level possible.

Vasto.
29 March, 44.

John Holmes
Lt.Col.
S.C.A.O. Chieti Province.

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SUBJECT: Municipio Building.

To: - S.C.A.O. Chieti Province.

From: - C.A.O. Vasto.

I attach herewith letter from the Mayor of Vasto in respect to the suggestion that the entire Municipio building be taken over by the 4 C.O.S. All except about 3/5 of this building is now occupied by this unit. I agree with the statement of the Mayor.

It would entail serious dislocation of the services of AMG and the civil administration to move out of the Municipio. It would involve further "scattering" of essential services - essential to the Military as well as the civil population, and would bring serious consequences, which may have a bearing on Military operations. They are housed in the Municipio the following civilian services among others:-

Health & sanitation, water & electric services, Tax Collection records, relief & policing, as well as AMG and the civil administration headquarters.

I could not hold myself responsible for the continued satisfactory operation of civil affairs if these functions are removed from the Municipio and scattered about the town.

It should also be noted that most of the vital records of municipal and comunal operations and affairs are now housed in "built in" cabinets in the Municipio. Should the Municipio be taken over and the municipal and AMG offices removed, it would be necessary to build cabinets for containing these records.

There is not a single public building in Vasto (except the Carabinieri and jail) not already occupied in whole or part, or requisitioned by troops. This, I believe, is not true of any other City of Italy.

To take over the balance of the Municipio without regard to civilian necessity would, in my opinion be wholly unjustified.

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(Sgd)/ Major-Henderson,
C.A.O. Vasto.

28 Mar. 44.

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ARMY FORM C-118 (Rev. 11-41)			MESSAGE FORM		Register No.
Call	Sig. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions		
ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY					
FROM (A)	Originator MAIN A.M.G. EIGHTH ARMY.	Date-Time at Origin 311820A	OFFICE DATE STAMP.		
For Action					
TO	D.C. A.M.G. 5 CORPS. (W) For Information (INFO)		Message Instructions	GR	
Originator's No. M. 209.					
REFERENCE B.C.A.O. CHINESE LETTER CM/719 OF 29 MARCH (.) WHAT IS PRESENT POSITION IN REGARD ATTEMPT TO TAKE OVER VASTO MUNICIPALITY BY J. C.C.S. (.) URGENT REQUEST.					
THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN IF LIKELY TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS. FAILURE INTO ENEMY HANDS THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN LOWER PRIORITY.					
Signed C.E. Benson G/C.		IMMEDIATE. C.E. Benson G/C.		Time cleared	
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LRRI VLRAR NR ~~5~~ 5568 IMPORTANT

FROM AMG 5 CORPS 312225A

TO AMG 8 ARMY MAIN

VB REFERENCE YOUR M209 OF 31 . MATTER IN ABEYANCE WILL

SIGNAL ANY FURTHER DEVELOPEMENT

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RPTN ~~5568~~ ~~PIP 5~~ ~~312225A~~ ~~8~~ ~~VB~~ ~~M209~~ ~~31~~

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

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Ref/163/46/CA.

2 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Occupation of essential Municipal Buildings VASTO.

TO : S.C.A.C. Eighth Army.

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1. In reply to your letter CA/175/SA of 22 Mar 44, this matter has again been raised with HQ No.2 District. While sympathizing fully with the needs of AM and being most willing to help, they have replied that they are unable to agree to the release of the Consorcio Agrario, or suitable accommodation in lieu, at the present time. This decision was reached only after investigation on the spot by Comd. No.2 District, and Comd. No.60 Sub-Area.

2. The matter will, however, be kept in view by them and should conditions change they will, at the very earliest opportunity, take steps to release suitable accommodation to you. It is hoped that you will be able to make some suitable alternative arrangements as it is not thought advisable to press the matter any further at present.

SP
NORMAN L. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Copy to: HQ No.2 District.
HQ No.60 Sub-Area.

Ref 39
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Noted
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Deputy Ex Comm.

Ref 44

I believe E.C. is insisting that Hq Region II
move to BARI and accept other accommodation
which is available without having to move Hq
9 Corps.

E.C. may want to see 44 as it is signed
by General NARES, though it does not specifically
require an answer.

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Subject:- Move of HQ Corps

163
29 MAR Recd C A BR
U.S. 2473

HQ No 2 District CDP
1468/7 Q

27 Mar 44

HQ ACC

A copy of Ministry of War letter 3358/11 dated 20 Mar has been received at this HQ.

I would like to point out my reactions to this recommendation.

1. It is not considered that HQ 9 Corps are in any way necessary to the functioning of Services and Labour assisting No 2 District. It is the Territorial HQ of 9 Corps (virtually the Sub Area HQ) which co-operates with my Sub Area in BARI and which the Ministry of War propose to move, which is essential to the functioning of Services and Labour.
2. None of the three alternative premises are suitable for HQ No 2 Region for the following reasons -
 - (a) PALAZZO ACQUEDOTTO PUGLIESE, is essential to the War Effort as it controls the water supply in S ITALY.
 - (b) PALAZZO DELLA PROVINCIA is the Prefecture and the only part occupied by the Allies is that containing HQ ACC of the Province.
 - (c) The necessity for this building is explained in para 1 above.
3. I am still satisfied that the only solution to the satisfactory east of II Region in BARI is to transfer HQ 9 Corps to MATERA in place of II Region. The living accommodation occupied by HQ 9 Corps in addition to the office accommodation will be required. This will not in my opinion prejudice the operation of the Services and Labour in BARI.

E. M. ...

Major General,
Cmd No 2 District

Copy to Army Sub Comm ACC
ACC LO

[Handwritten signature]

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COPY

SUBJECT: Move of HQ 9 Corps

Army Sub Commission AGC
Main HQ (MOLA)
LEAVILLE (LEAVE)
AG/12
23 Mar 44

HQ No 2 District

COPY to: MOLA LO with HQ No 2 District

A translation of Ministry of War letter 3358/II dated 20 Mar is forwarded for your information in connection with projected move of HQ 9 Corps.

? Major Per Brig
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

Translation

3358/II
20 Mar 44

SUBJECT: Premises for the HQ 2nd Region

Army Sub Commission AGC
LEAVILLE

Ref your AG771 dated 16 Inst.

According to the present L of C the normal location for HQ 9 Corps is RAPI.

A transfer of this HQ will result in a serious crisis and it is also in the interests of the Allies that it should remain in RAPI, an important centre of the Services and labour.

In this connection we suggest that one of the following premises at present available be used for the HQ 2 Region.

- (a) PALAZZO ADJUDANTO FUCIENZI, Public Works Ministry prior to its transfer to SALERNO (premises available: 2 storeys)
- (b) PALAZZO MOLA PROVINCIA only partly occupied by the Allies.
- (c) PALAZZO VIA DI ROSSI at present occupied by the Territorial HQ of the 9 Corps, which could be easily accommodated elsewhere.

Copy to: MIA 10 with HQ No 2 District

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? Major For Br-8
Army Sub Comm, A.O.C.

Translation

3358/II
20 Mar 44

SUBJECT: Premises for the HQ 2nd Region

Army Sub Commission ACC
LENGUE

Ref your AQ771 dated 16 inst.

According to the present L of C the normal location for HQ 9 Corps is BARI.

A transfer of this HQ will result in a serious crisis and it is also in the interests of the Allies that it should remain in BARI, an important centre of the Services and Labour.

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HQ 2 Region can give any other particulars re-occupation of the a/s places through direct contact with HQ 9 Corps, which has been already notified and which is ready to collaborate in every way.

*(sgt) Col Piero VERMAZZA

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Subject: Occupation of Essential Municipal Buildings by Military.

Main H.Q., A.M.G.
Eighth Army.

CA/175/5A.
22 March 44.

Executive Commissioners Branch,
Main H.Q., A.C.C.
A.P.O. 394.

1. The civil administration at Vasto is seriously inconvenienced by the extreme shortage of storage accommodation for civilian foodstuffs.

2. Because of its proximity to the railway and its situation on the main L. of C., Vasto is the only suitable town from which the distribution of civilian supplies can be made to the Eastern section of Chieti Province.

3. The building of the Consorzio Agrario at Vasto has, since the occupation of the town by the Allies, been used by the military for the accommodation of troops etc. When H.Qs. Eighth Army moved from Vasto recently, this H.Qs. addressed a letter to No.2 District, the Military Authority now controlling the town, asking in view of the directive issued by A.F.H.Q. in G.H.O. 123/44, that the building might be evacuated for essential civilian needs. A copy of this letter is attached.

4. A reply has now been received from H.Qs. No.2 District stating firstly, that the Consorzio Agrario cannot be released and secondly, that no alternative accommodation in military occupation at Vasto can be handed to A.M.G. for civilian purposes.

5. In view of the extreme shortage of storage accommodation and its vital importance to A.M.G., it is suggested that the matter might be taken up by you with H.Qs. A.F.H.Q. with a view to securing the release, either of the Consorzio Agrario or some other suitable accommodation.

Range 8 Army (Maj. Talbot) to tell him

Spoke Col Sisney, 9th 17 23rd

He will ask 3 Dist to reconsider and let us know

2 Enclosures.

Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.G. Eighth Army Main.

E. J. Beech

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COPY.

Subject: Consorzio Agrario.

H.Q. No. 2 District C.M.F.
1458/3/02.
17 March, 44.

HQ V Region ACC.

An application has been received from HQ AMG Eighth Army Main, that the Consorzio Agrario, VASTO, should be handed back to the civilian authorities for civil supply.

The retention of this building by the Army is a military necessity. Further, it is regretted that no accommodation in military occupation at VASTO can be released to AMG for civilian purposes.

(Sgd) R.D. Foster,
Lt-Col.
for Colonel,
Col. i/c Adm.

Copy to: HQ AMG Eighth Army Main (ref
OA/175/A dated 9 Mar 44.)

60 Sub Area.

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COPY.

Subject: Consortio Agrario.

Main H.Q., A.M.G.
Eighth Army.

CA/175/3A
9 March 1944.

H.Q.,
No. 2 District.

1. Reference building of the Consortio Agrario, Vasto, which it is understood has now been earmarked by you for a N.A.A.F.I. Base Depot. This building is extremely important for civilian supply, and it had been hoped that on being evacuated by the Army it might be handed back to the civilian authorities for this purpose.

2. In view of para 5 of G.R.O. 123/44 on the subject of buildings for civilian needs, it would be greatly appreciated if consideration could be given to the evacuation of this building at the earliest possible date.

(Sgt) C.E. Benson
Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.G. Eighth Army Main.

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

39

Ref/163/39/01.

30 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Accommodation - GASENTA.

TO : Regional Commission, Region III.

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1. The attached copy of a letter from C.A.O., HQ. A.A.I. (Admin Ech) is forwarded and you are requested to investigate the possibilities of making sufficient accommodation available in GASENTA to meet the wishes of the Army.
2. You should take such action as you consider necessary and render a report to this H.C. as early as possible. It is important that the wishes of the Army should be met, but whether this involves evacuation of 400 of the inhabitants as stated in the last para. of the C.A.O.'s letter is left to your discretion.

1. *ll* 5030
NORMAN E. FLICK
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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

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Ref/163/38/CA.

30 March 1944

SUBJECT: Accommodation - CASERTA.

TO : Chief Administrative Officer,
M.C. A.A.I. (Admin Ech).

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1. Your letter No. 2030/26/Q2 of 25 March 1944 is acknowledged.
2. Regional Commissioner Region III has been instructed to take steps as requested in your final paragraph.

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M.B. LUSH
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner

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Col Fuke.

Pl. Sec 36

28/3.

28 Mar.

Maj Hamilton called today before
receipt of this letter. He will return
tomorrow. 7.

Brig Lush - to see 36 -

Acknowledge to CAO
I send to Reg III

HW/25/10

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SECRET S-981

Subject :- Accommodation - CASERTA.

Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy,
(Administrative Echelon),
C.M.F.
2030/25/22.

25 Mar. 44.

Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

Some difficulty is being encountered in making arrangements for the accommodation of Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy, in CASERTA. The transfer to CASERTA of the administrative portion of this H.Q. makes it essential to find more billeting accommodation in that town.

I am informed that there are approximately 47,000 civilian inhabitants in CASERTA, and that the accommodation is already somewhat congested. To compress this civil population further might lead to dangerous overcrowding.

Tom Major, CASERTA, has been in close contact with your officer, Major Welfton, who has been most helpful but has no power to take the more drastic steps which appear to be necessary as a solution of the difficulties ~~to be~~ faced.

I should be grateful if you would investigate this matter and consider, in particular, the possibilities of eventual evacuation of up to 400 civilian inhabitants from CASERTA. According to my information this is the only solution which will really be effective.

Mr. J. J. J.

Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

END/END.

Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

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W. Johnston

WJR/emb.

Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- Tom Major, CASERTA.

See 38-39

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HQ, AOC, Region II, APO 394, 22 Mar 44.

To: Executive Commissioner, R.C. and M.G. Section,
ACC Headquarters, Naples.

1. The basic communication is forwarded for your information.

/s/ G.H. McCaffrey
/t/ G.H. McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.
R. C.

2nd Ind

HQ, AOC, R.C. & M.G. SECTION, APO 394, 29 March 1944.

To: R.C. Hq. Region III.

1. The basic communication is forwarded for your information.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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10 les March 9, 1944 38

To: Allied Command.

I am writing, because of my great admiration for the Allied Forces and because I am grateful for the freedom they have brought in our country.

There are so many soldiers who are exposed to the risks of war and are quartered in tents on the roads in the cold winter, while so many houses are unoccupied.

At Piazza Sannazzaro in Margellina there is the building signed with no. 51, owned by a fascist firm "La Laziale", which is almost completely empty, because the inhabitants have all another home, and used this only because of its proximity to the tunnel. Now that the tunnel is military area, rather all the inhabitants have gone to their other homes, and the building, with only the shutters damaged, is almost empty; while British and Americans are sleeping on the square.

It should be wise to requisition said building, as the other families (two or three) that are at present living there, have another home.

This is all I wanted to say to you.

Kindly yours

(sgd) D'Amico Ugo

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file 99 163 20 MAR Recd
TO...S.M.R.E. REPTED 10. ACC NAPLES BY A.L.S.
FROM.MXIA A4771 15
5597 C.A.Br.
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FOR GENERAL BERARDI FORM BRIG DUCHESNE.

1. GENERAL MACFARLANE HAS SIGNALLIED TO ME PROPOSING THAT HEADQUARTERS REGION 2 SHOULD MOVE FROM MATERA TO OCCUPY HQ 9 ITALIAN CORPS AT BARI. AND THAT HQ 9 CORPS MOVE TO MATERA TO OCCUPY PRESENT HQ AT REGION 2 IN MATERA.

2. FROM SIGNAL POINT OF VIEW 9 CORPS SIGNAL CENTRE WOULD HAVE TO REMAIN IN BARI FOR TRANSMISSION OF MAIN LINE SIGNALS BETWEEN IECCE AND NAPLES. MATERA IS NOT A GOOD PLACE FOR SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS. HAVE YOU ANY ALTERNATIVE PLACING TO SUGGEST FOR HQ 9 CORPS IN ANY OTHER PLACE QUERY.

3. STRENGTH OF HQ 9 CORPS IS SHOWN ON STRENGTH STATE DATED 5 MARCH AS 879 ALL RANKS. CONSIDERED THAT THIS STRENGTH COULD BE CONSIDERABLY REDUCED TO ASSIST ACCOMMODATION PROBLEM.

4. WILL YOU ENABLE ME TO REPLY TO GEN MASON MACFARLANE

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ACC DISTRIBUTION:

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20 March

Col. Fiske --

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I understand
someone in your
office is dealing
with this. If so,
will you please
have him contact
Col. Monfort?

RED

see at

Major Doe

Can you ascertain who
in this H.Q. is discussing
this matter with A.A.I. - Dry

Gaffey-Smith

CAB:23

Sub

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SUBJECT:-

Requisition

King of Prussia

20 MAR Recd

163 See New
3 District
Tel Ext 19
107 9

HQ Allied Control Commission

Q AAI (Ada Boh)
Q 57 Area

Ref your 386.8 dated 9 Mar 44 and telephone conversations
Lt-Col MONFORT - Major LEBON.

It has been ascertained that the requisitioning of
premises at Via PACIO EMILIO DEBRIANI, No. 55, or alternate
premises in NAPLES for the Command Pay Office is now the subject
of discussion between AAI (Ada Boh) and your HQ.

No further action will therefore be taken by this HQ.

HDL/vm

Maj Gen
Gard
(I. LAURIE)

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WMA/dfo

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386.8

NF
H. J. [unclear]

5 March 1944

Subject: Requisitioning of Premises at Via Paolo Emilio Imbriani, No. 53.

To: GOC, No. 3 District

1. I have just been advised by the Political "Giunta", which you probably know is an organization representing the six political parties of the opposition, that its office located at Via Paolo Emilio Imbriani, No. 53, has been requisitioned by the Town Major.

2. For obvious reasons I feel that it would be most unwise to proceed with the occupation of these premises, and I have spoken with the Town Major, who has temporarily agreed to postpone occupation, and I shall be very grateful if you will instruct the Town Major to derequisition the above indicated premises.

Full
NORL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

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PATMA (Civil Affairs Branch)

14 March 1944

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ACCOMMODATION REGION TWO BAKI IS SUBJECT PD PASSE TO MIA FOR DISCUSSION FROM PATMA
DISCUSS NACHSLEAVE PAREL PD DISTWO SAY NECESSARY MOVE HEADQUARTERS NINE ITALIAN
CORPS FROM PALAZZO DEL GOVERNO AS NO OTHER ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE PD DISTWO NO
OBJECTION AND SUGGEST ITALIAN NINE CORPS HEADQUARTERS MOVE TO OLD REGION TWO
HEADQUARTERS MATRA PD DO YOU AGREE

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W/ Army SC - stating fact and
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SUBJECT: Accommodation II Region, ACC

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HQ, Allied Control Commission

In order to make suitable office accommodation available for II Region ACC in BARI, it will be necessary to move HQ IX Italian Corps from office building in Palazzo del Governmento. The accommodation position in BARI is such that no other solution to the problem of finding suitable office accommodation presents itself.

From the operational point of view as far as it affects 2 District, there is no objection to the move taking place, and it is suggested that HQ IX Corps might take over the accommodation at present occupied by II Region in MATERA.

An early decision as to whether IX Italian Corps can be moved from this building is required so that the final location of the Region can be settled.

R.D. *[Signature]*
Major-General,
Commander, No.2 District.

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