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PRINCE OF PIEDMONT'S ESTATE
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Phone 42065

Ref/601/18/CA

NEF/mrd
7 August 1944

SUBJECT: Sign Boards, Royal Villa Savoia

TO : Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command

The Administration of the private property of
His Majesty the King of Italy has submitted the following
request:

- a. To transfer one of the two sign boards at
present posted at the main gate of Villa Savoia to
the gate of the administration building on via Salaria
259.
- b. To affix two new sign boards to the other
two gates of Villa Savoia in the zone of Forte Antenne
and precisely to the gate on via Salaria and the other
one in the vicinity of the Acqua Cetosa.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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Roma, 6 AGO. 1944

IL PRIMO AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE
DI S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO

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Caro Norman,

in relazione alla precorsa corrispondenza, per aderire a nuove premure rivoltemi dall'Amministrazione del Patrimonio Privato di S.M. il Re, ti sarei molto grato se volessi cortesemente interessarti affinché uno dei due cartelli posti all'ingresso principale della Villa Savoia venga spostato ed affisso al cancello della Palazzina dell'Amministrazione - Via Salaria, 259 -

Ti sarei altresì grato se volessi far disporre che altri due nuovi cartelli vengano posti rispettivamente ai cancelli nella zona di Forte Antenne (Villa Savoia), uno dei quali è sulla Via Salaria e l'altro nei pressi dell'Acqua Cetosa.

Scusami e gradisci cordiali e affettuosi saluti.

(Generale Adolfo Infante)

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Al Signor Colonnello Norman E. Fiske
Deputy Executive Commissioner
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

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*Please see note on bottom of
attached letter.*

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The Carmine Villa
TAF - J. J. G. G.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/163/35/CA

NEF/mrd
28 March 1944

SUBJECT: Maria Pia Estate

TO : Commanding General, AAI

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
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Copied to May Friend Jones
By Courier 6 April
JWE.

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Col. Fiske: I understand that this has been fixed up.
WILSON

601.
28 MAY Recd
C.A. Br
J 815021
Hq AAI
C.M.F.
2030/7/Q2.
25 May 44.
RC & MF Section,
Hq ACC.
Reference your 163/35/CA dated 28 Mar., 44.
The question raised in your letter under reference
was referred to AFHQ, and a copy of their reply is attached.
W. J. Schley
Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.
Encl. 6148/Q(Maint)
dated 22 May, 44.
Coc FISKE -
For INFORMATION
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HEADQUARTERS
28 MAY 1944
A. C. C.

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Office of the A/D.Q.M.G.

G12B/Q(Maint).

Subject:- Maria Pia Estate.

HQ,
AAI.

Reference your 2030/7/Q2 of 2 Apr. and 4 May.

In the event of AFHQ moving to CASERTA, the S.A.C. will require a residence in NAPLES. General WILSON has seen the VILLA ROSEBERRY and considers this would make a most suitable residence for him.

It is, of course realized that this is the residence of the Prince of Piedmont. On the capture of ROME, however, it is thought probable that the Prince of Piedmont will take up his residence there, in which case the VILLA ROSEBERRY could be made available to the S.A.C.

If the VILLA ROSEBERRY cannot be made available, then some suitable alternative accommodation for the S.A.C. will have to be found.

(Sgd.) R.M.J. GOLDIE, Brig.,
A/D.Q.M.G.
for Major General,
G.I.(B).

22 May, 44.

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601 *of the* *17*
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
Civil Affairs Branch.

MEMORANDUM

11 May 1944,

SUBJECT: Villa of the Prince of Piedmont.

TO : Colonel N.E. Fiske. *18*

1. Our file 19/CA contains (~~19/CA~~) a memorandum dated 2 May 1944 from Major Enoch Brown concerning the above subject, as follows:

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2. This is apparently the most recent development. I shall follow up.

A.C.B.

Sir

*Any further action
at present please?*

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*Friend James says
No further word as
of 17 May 1944*

FASTEN ENVELOPE BY GUMMING THIS LEAF
OPEN BY CUTTING LABEL INSTEAD OF 1

NO 194
S. ALSTON, SIH

LIAISON DIVISION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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ACC, Liaison.

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

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6 April 1944.

Ref/163/54/CA.

SUBJECT: Maria Pin Estate.

TO : A.C.C. Liaison Officer,
HQ. A.A.I.

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Attached hereto is 163/55/CA of 29 March
1944 for necessary action as arranged with Lt.
Col. Shipp.

JWO RL
6/4
NORMAN N. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Sir

Any further action?

No. 34 to Capt. Gault
in 13/4
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R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 324

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REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394 U.S. ARMY

DP/jff

163/13/CA

20 March 1944

Recd. by me
28/5 1944

TO: H.Q., A.C.C.

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Vile
Rumour?

1. Ref. 163/13/C.A. of 17th March.
2. The cottages on the "Maria Pia" estate are occupied as follows:
 - 1) An Anti-Aircraft unit stationed on the beach.
 - 2) Three other buildings occupied by British troops.
3. In the present circumstances with the Royal Palace uninhabitable, it seems only reasonable that the buildings on the "Maria Pia" estate should be reserved for the Princess' staff.
4. It is recommended that the military units be requested to vacate the buildings.

Forester
LORD FORESTER
Lt. Col., R.H.C.
Executive Officer

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Memo: spoke to Lt. Col. Forester on the question of alternative accommodation. He did not go into that point but understands that the "three other buildings" in 2(a) above are billets only, whereas the Anti-aircraft unit is operational.
Lt. Col. Forester cannot give any other particulars.

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H. Diffield (White)
Major. P.

N^o 238



CASA DI S. A. R.

IL PRINCIPE DI PIEMONTE

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Napoli, 13 marzo 1944

HQ ACC. APO 394

Sec'y Gen.

Rec'd 14 Mar 1944

By *[Signature]*

Signor Generale,

Pochi giorni dopo una breve visita fatta il 23 gennaio dal Generale Wilson alla Villa Maria Pia, in Posillipo, fu compilato, con l'approvazione di Sua Altezza Reale il Principe di Piemonte, l'unito promemoria.

Si riteneva allora che l'occupazione della Capitale da parte delle truppe alleate sarebbe stata prossima, se non imminente. Cambiate le previsioni in conseguenza dello sviluppo delle operazioni militari, il promemoria non fu, per il momento, trasmesso.

Oggi però appare necessario riprendere in esame tutta la questione, perchè la situazione creata in questa Sede a Sua Altezza Reale non può ulteriormente prolungarsi senza offendere il decoro della Sua Casa e senza compromettere la sicurezza della Sua Persona. Infatti:

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l'occupazione di tutti i fabbricati della Villa Maria Pia, eccetto quello dove si trova l'appartamento personale di Sua Altezza Reale, non consente di sistemare la Casa Militare ed il personale di servizio con un minimo di larghezza. Si consideri ad esempio che Sua Altezza Reale non può chiamare in servizio presso di Sè due ufficiali di ordinanza perchè non ha la possibilità di far loro assegnare un alloggio; la coesistenza di ufficiali e militari di truppa delle Nazioni Unite nel recinto della Villa può offrire l'occasione ad un male intenzionato di passare il cancello d'ingresso sotto le assise di militari Inglesi o Americani, annullando così le misure in atto per la sicurezza dell'Augusto Principe.

Per queste considerazioni mi faccio premura di rivolgere viva preghiera a Lei, Signor Generale, di sottoporre all'esame dell'Alto Comando

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CASA DI S.A.R.
IL PRINCIPE DI PIEMONTE

delle Nazioni Unite la delicata questione della
residenza di Sua Altezza Reale il Principe di
Piemonte affinché sia definitivamente risolta,
con giusto criterio di riguardo verso l'Augusta
Persona.

Nel ringraziarLa per il suo autorevole in-
tervento La prego di gradire i miei migliori
saluti.

Il Primo Aiutante di Campo Generale
di S.A.R. il Principe di Piemonte
Generale di Corpo d'Armata
(E. Gamerra)

El Amore

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NO ACC, APO 394

Sec'y Gen.

14 Mar 1945

By JLD

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The presence of officers and O.R.s of Allied troops in the enclosure of the Villa could give the chance to a mal-intentioned person to get through the entrance-gate pretending to be an English or American soldier, so cancelling the measures enacted for the safety of the Prince.

Because of these considerations I beg you, my dear General, to present the delicate question of the residence of His Royal Highness, The Prince of Piedmont, to the High Command of the United Nations in order to settle it with the correct consideration.

I thank you for your authoritative intervention, and I beg you to accept my best regards.

Ist Adjutant General
of His Royal Highness
The Prince of Piedmont

E. GAMERRA

CASA DI SUA ALTEZZA REALE IL PRINCIPE DI PIEMONTE

P R O M E M O R I A

HQ ACC, APO 304

La residenza ufficiale e normale di Sua Altezza Reale il Principe di Piemonte è Napoli e non Roma come sembra essere ritenuto dalle Autorità anglo-americane.

In Napoli Sua Altezza Reale abitava il Palazzo Reale ed in alcuni brevi periodi dell'anno la Villa Maria Pia (ex Rosebery) a Posillipo.

E' noto ed è palese che il Palazzo Reale di Napoli è stato devastato dai bombardamenti aerei. Quello che è stato risparmiato dalle offese aeree è stato totalmente manomesso da reparti americani, inglesi, francesi e anche di colore, che si sono susseguiti nel Palazzo Reale come in un accantonamento. Molti furti e molte devastazioni ingiustificate sono stati commessi dalla truppa. Per queste ragioni, la Reggia di Napoli, ad eccezione di qualche locale isolato, non è abitabile.

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Fino ad oggi, non senza difficoltà, si è riusciti a conservare libera da occupazione la palazzina dov'è l'appartamento privato di Sua Altezza Reale.

Si deve anche considerare che altra residenza privata dell'Augusto Principe, situata all'estremità più alta del Real Parco di Caserta, in località San Silvestro, è stata completamente occupata da alta personalità militare.

Tutto ciò non solo senza autorizzazione, ma anche senza un preavviso adeguato.

Qualora il generale Wilson insistesse nel desiderio già personalmente manifestato di stabilire la sua residenza nella Villa Maria Pia (ex Rosebery) sarebbe indispensabile;

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Napoli-Posillipo, 30 Gennaio 1944

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For General WILSON

MEMO

Contrary to the belief of the Anglo-American authorities, the official and normal residence of His Royal Highness the Prince of Piedmont, was and will be Naples and not Rome. During the greater part of the year His Royal Highness lived in the Royal Palace, but for short periods at Villa Maria-Pia, Possilliro.

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The largest of these cottages is still occupied by two English soldiers and from time to time by officers in transit.

Until now, though not without difficulty, it has been possible to retain intact the private apartment of His Royal Highness.

It is also necessary to take into consideration that another private residence of the Prince, situated in San Silvestro off the highest extremity of the Royal Park at Caserta, has been occupied by a high military official.

This occupation took place without either authorisation or previous notice.

In the event that General Wilson should confirm his intention, already hinted at, to establish his residence at Villa Maria-Pia, His Royal Highness would require:-

1. That the occupation would not take place before His Royal Highness was able to enter into residence of his apartment in the Royal Palace of the Quirinale at Rome. It appears that this was the intention of Gen. Wilson;
2. That arrangements be made forthwith to evacuate completely the Royal Palace at Naples and that facilities and materials be made available for the adequate repair and renovation of certain apartments by Italian Civil Engineers. Apartments would be required for His Royal Highness, his military staff and administrative staff, and for offices and services.
3. That an agreement be eventually arrived at whereby one of the cottages of the Villa Maria estate shall be at the disposition of the staff of His Royal Highness, in order that a custodian may be in residence. The custodian would be responsible for the preservation of the furniture, books, pictures and various objects which would not be required in connection with the accommodation of General Wilson and his staff.

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Naples-Posillipo, 30 January 1944

URGENT *Julio Brown*
or 1599

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

163/13/CA

17 March 1944

SUBJECT: Inquiries.

TO : R.C. Region III.

Please make inquiries to find out who is occupying two cottages on "Villa Maria-Pic" estate. A report on the subject contained in attached correspondence is required together with your recommendation 15 March this Mq. by 20 March 1944.

Noted

NORMAN B. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Brig Lash

Please find out who
are now using the cottages
on the "Maria Pia" estate.

I very much doubt
if we can do without them

Wm. H. S.

RC Regt for action & report by 20/3

MS/1613

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Theft and devastation of an unjustifiable nature were committed by the troops referred to.

For those reasons, with the exception of a few isolated rooms, the Royal Palace is no longer habitable.

Dealing now with the Villa Maria the position is that until quite recently the availability of the whole Villa Maria estate remained in the hands of His Royal Highness. It was nevertheless the intention of the highest American authorities to place the villa at the disposition of General Eisenhower.

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This occupation took place despite the fact that by this time His Royal Highness was in possession of a document stating that the premises were not available for requisition.

This document was issued to His Royal Highness by the Military Governor of Naples.

The largest of these cottages is still occupied by two English soldiers and from time to time by officers in transit.

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This occupation took place without either authorization or previous notice.

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3. That an agreement be eventually arrived at whereby one of the cottages of the Villa Maria estate shall be at the disposition of the staff of His Royal Highness, in order that a custodian may be in residence. The custodian would be responsible for the preservation of the furniture, books, pictures and various objects which would not be required in connection with the accommodation of General Wilson and his staff.

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7th February, 1944.

Subject: Requisition of the villa of the Prince of Piedmont.

To : R.C.A.O., Region III.

Enclosed is correspondence from Colonel Luno, AMG,
Fifth Army and a letter from the Air Commodore, H.Q., M.A.T.A.F.
Would you please deal with this matter and ask S.C.A.O., AMG,
Fifth Army if, in future, he would kindly refer such complaints
direct to yourself.

I. E. CAUL,
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P.A. to Brig. Lush.

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4th February, 1944.

Lieut. Colonel Regis,
Parco Hotel,
NAPLES.

Col. McCall of the Minister of State's office telephoned this afternoon to say that the owners of a villa in the grounds of Villa Maria Pia, which it is understood has been taken over as a mess for various officers for whom you are trying to find accommodation, refused to surrender the keys of the villa. It would be appreciated if you would kindly telephone Col. McCall, VALUE 164, as soon as convenient.

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P.A. to Brig. Iush.

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