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JUNE, JULY 1944

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: TTV/L/GA

22nd July 1944.

My dear Taylor:

With reference to your letter 16/O.T./104(G.A.2) dated 25th June, I have made enquiries regarding the Italian Society of the Performing Right Federation and have to report that most of the members of the staff were obliged to go North with the Republican Government. Two officials, however, remained, and are carrying on with their work. These are Dr. Di Pietro, dealing with theatres and music, Dr. Salsa dealing with press and books. Dr. Di Pietro is working in consultation with the Property Control Section, AMG Rome Region, who have already authorised him to go ahead on the basis of collection of approximate payments for plays and musical compositions.

The question of books has come to the fore recently and Dr. Salsa has been given the same authority for foreign copyrights.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) Maurice Lush.

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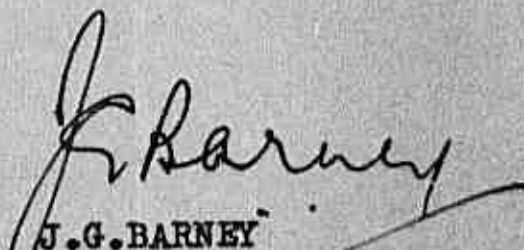
To: Brig. M. S. Lush CBE., MC.,
Executive Commissioner,
RC/MG Section, ACC. APO. 394

Subject: Italian Society of the Performing Right Federation

Referring to your memorandum of July 8, forwarded to this office by the Regional Commissioner, Rome Region, I beg to report as follows:

The office of the Italian Society is at 37 Via Valadier, Rome. Most of the members of the staff were obliged to go north with the Republican Government. Two officials, however, remained, and are carrying on with their work. These are Dr. Di Pietro, dealing with theatres and music, Dr. Salsa dealing with press and books. Dr. Di Pietro is working in consultation with Major E. W. Hamilton, Property Control Section H.Q. AMG, Rome Region, who has already authorized him to go ahead on the basis of collection of approximate payments for plays and musical compositions.

The question of books has come to the fore recently, and Major Hamilton has agreed to give the same authority to Dr. Salsa for foreign copyrights.


J.G. BARNEY
Executive Secretary
July 21, 1944

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 774/2/CA.

8 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Society of the Performing
Right Federation.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
ROME Region.

I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to forward you copy of letter 16/02/104(CA2) dated 25 June 44, which he has received from the War Office, and to request you to investigate the matter and render a report to this office in due course.

(Sgd) A. J. Stewart

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Major,
PA to Executive Commissioner.

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London, W.C.2.

16/O.T./104(C.A.2)

25th June, 1944.

Dear *Brigadier*,

I was visited recently by the President of the Performing Right Federation of the International Confederation of Authors and Composers Societies. He was rather perturbed regarding the fate of the Italian Society whose H.Q. are in Rome.

The Italian Society is concerned with the collection of royalties in all forms of copyright - literary, mechanical, dramatic and musical, by means of a network of agents in Italy. It is part of the International Federation of Authors and Composers, and has been authorised by the Board of Trade to continue its subscriptions to the Federation during the war.

The President is anxious to ensure that the Italian Society should be enabled to continue its functions in Italian territory under Allied Control, and he asked if enquiries could be made from you as to the present condition of the head office in Rome, and the names of the principle members of the staff remaining in charge. The address of the Italian Society is 37, VIA VALADIER, ROME.

I would be most grateful if you could let me have this information.

Yours *Friendly*

L.M. TAYLOR.

Brig. M.S. Lush, C.B.E., M.C.,
Executive Commission,
Regional Control & Military Government Section,
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