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1st October 1944.

My dear de Salis:

Thank you for your letter of September 29th enclosing a draft directive for your duties and responsibilities in the Advanced AFHQ Liaison Section. I entirely agree with the substance of it.

You realise I am sure how much we have appreciated your advice and readiness to help in the past and I know we can count as much on its continuance in the future as you can rely on our co-operation at all times. We shall be sorry to lose you from the Commission.

Captain Uttley's assignment to the forward Region still stands. Our need for all available officers, particularly with specialist qualifications, will, I know, be appreciated.

(Sga) M. S. Lush

Lt. Col. Count John de Salis,
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29th September, 1944

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Dear Brigadier,

Major General Beaumont-Nesbitt has sent me the enclosed Directive laying down the duties and responsibilities of the Advanced A.F.H.Q. Liaison Section, and he has also instructed me to submit it to you for your observations and comments.

The General mentions, in his covering letter to me, that he has done his best to keep it on broad lines so that activities are not unduly restricted, while at the same time trying to meet the requirements of all interested parties.

It has been approved by the Chief of Staff. *Rome or Africa?*

He has asked me to return the form and comments to him as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Brigadier M. Lush, O.B.E., M.C.
Allied Commission.
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John de Salis

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Advanced A.F.H.Q. - Liaison Section.

1. This section will form an advanced detachment of Liaison Section A.F.H.Q., (on which establishment it will be carried), and will be located in ROME.
2. It will operate under the general direction and supervision of Chief, Liaison Section, A.F.H.Q., with office accommodation in the same building as Advanced A.F.H.Q. Public Relations.
3. The initial composition of this section will be one British officer with the necessary clerical staff.
4. These officers will have no Executive authority, their role will be a purely advisory one. They will be required:
 - a) to maintain such contacts with United Nations and Italian Authorities in the Rome area as may directly affect A.F.H.Q.
 - b) to investigate, as and when required to do so, and, subsequently, to recommend a course of action;
 - c) to assist and advise the Polish and Greek Public Relations Officers, and to cooperate, whenever this can give useful results, with United Nations Missions and Liaison Services.
5. In this capacity they will give the fullest cooperation to H.M. Minister to the Vatican, Rome Area Commander and A.C.C.

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