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ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF CHIEF COMMISSIONER
16 Foro Buonaparte
MILAN

File
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17 September 1945

DOTT. FERRUCCIO PARRI
Prime Minister of the Italian Govt.
ROME.

My Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter 15 September enclosing a list of additional participants in the Resistance Movement recommended for appropriate awards. I forwarded the list to General CLARK and trust that he will be able to take favorable action.

I regret that we have had so much difficulty in arranging an acceptable day for the awards to be made and sincerely hope that your many important duties and those of General CLARK may somehow be arranged so that the ceremony may be held in the near future.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, G.S.
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS, PIERMONT REGION FOR MARSHALL

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29 Jun 45

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L.T. MONTANI, Jr.,
Captain, AGD
Staff Officer.

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Staff Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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29 June 1945

Ref/212/EC.

SUBJECT : Italian Government Correspondence.

TO : Distribution below.

1. Further to my letter 212/EC, subject as above, dated 25 June 45.
2. Use of the expression "Your Excellency" will be avoided in the address and text of letters addressed to ALL ministers of the Italian Government.

For the Chief Commissioner :

/s/ E. M. Allen
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

9 Jun 45

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Ministries in the North

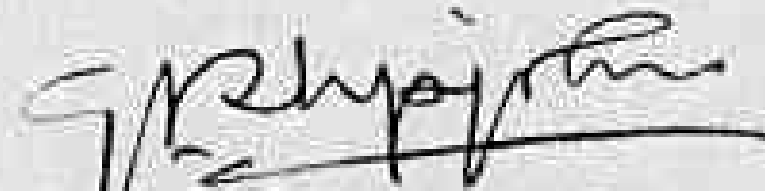
TO: Executive Commissioner.

- 1 When visiting Milan I had a long discussion with Longhi, now head of the ~~functional~~ ^{regional} section of the CLNAI, with regard to the continued existence of the ex-Fascist Ministries in the North.
- 2 Longhi pointed out that under the Fascist Republican Government certain functions had been carried out from the central Ministry and had not been decentralized to Provinces. He gave as examples, matters of Finance, Industry, Agriculture, State Railways, Public Works, Public Safety and Sequestration of enemy property. The problem did not apply with regard to such Ministries as Interior, War, Justice and Foreign Affairs.
- 3 He pointed out that in the interests of good administration it was very desirable that these Ministries should have, for a limited period, a continued existence. He himself was acting as Commissario of the ex-Fascist Ministry of Finance although not officially appointed as such.
- 4 Longhi suggested that it would be very desirable for a Commission appointed by the Italian Government to go up to Milan from Rome at the earliest possible moment in order to discuss the future of these Ministries and their absorption at the earliest possible date into the Central Rome administration.
- 5 I believe his proposition to be sound. There are many reasons of convenience in the administration of the North for the continuance for a limited period, of some of the functions of the ex-Fascist Ministries, but it is equally obvious that such continued functions can only be carried out under the direction of the Rome Government.
- 6 Difficulties have already arisen. For instance, the CLNAI appointed guards over the Archives of the various Ministries and in at least one case (Public Safety) have refused to hand over such Archives to representatives of the Government from Rome; the reason given in this case being, however, that the Government had had the ill-taste to send up an ex-member of OVRA to take over the Archives.

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- 7 In an endeavour to solve these difficulties, Col. Poletti has in one or two cases, e.g. Director of State Fire Services, appointed a Commissario to take over the functions of the ex-Fascist department dealing with such services.
- 8 The question affects all Sub-Commissions and must be handled at the highest level. I agree with the recommendations of Longhi and recommend that the Chief Commissioner approach the Prime Minister with a view to sending to Milan at the earliest possible date a Commission to discuss this matter with the CLNAI and to provide for the absorption at the earliest possible moment into the Central Government, the functions still being carried out in the North by the ex-Fascist Ministries.


G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.,
VP CA Section.

Copy to: Economic Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

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15 June 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Civil Affairs Section

1. Forwarded in confirmation of memorandum to you from this office dated 5 June 1945, as subject for your consideration and reply.

C.M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Infantry,
Acting Vice President.

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Ltr RIX/HQ/1/1/5 dtd 10/6/45
Hq Emilia Reg

EXT: 301

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

53
5 June 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Civil Affairs Section

1. The following information is passed to you in consequence of telephone call received 4 June (Colonel Bowman - Capt. Montant).

2. Colonel Bowman stated that it had been suggested that, after the Prefects in the various sections of his Region had been appointed, the Prefects be brought to Rome for the purpose of meeting the Government. Colonel Bowman had brought the matter up at a meeting of the Prefects, and they were all agreeable to the idea.

3. Would HQ A.C., be prepared to approve this plan, and, if approved, would HQ, A.C. inform the appropriate officials of the Italian Government, and arrange for a plane. Colonel Bowman would like 3-4 days notice before the trip, in order to inform those involved.

*Col. Bowman later phoned 1700 hrs 7/6/45
Stated he was taking care of this matter.*

C. M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Infantry
Acgt Vice President

12 December 1944

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of Ministers.

President	Prof. Avv. Ivano Bonomi	Independent
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Justice

Minister	Avv. Umberto Tupini	Christian Dem
Undersecretary	On. Avv. Dante Veroni	Labor Democrat

Navy

Minister	Amm. Raffaele de Courten	Independent
Undersecretary	Avv. Carlo Bassano	Labor Democrat
Undersecretary for Merchant Marine	Prof. Giuseppe Montabano	Communist

Occupied Italy

Minister	Dtt. Mauro Scoccimarro	Communist
Undersecretary	Marchese Aldrovando Medici Tornaquinci	Liberal

Post & Telegraph Communications

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Undersecretary	Ing. Mario Fano	Independent

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Treasury (Minister)	Avv. Marcello Soleri	Liberal

Undersecretary	Prof Avv Salvatore Bocca	Chr 2132 Dem
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War

Minister	Sen. Conte Alessandro Casati	Liberal
Undersecretary	Avv. Mario Palermo	Communist
"	Gen. Mario Chatrian	Independent

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17 October 1944

Col. Fiske

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The Asr Ministry (main building) has been turned over to the Statistics Office until November 15th in order to carry out a census which is vital to the war effort. After Nov. 15 it will be returned to the Real Estate Board of Rome Area Command - This is the status as of this date (information furnished by Marchese Ferece) -

L. W.

Col. Fiske

10 October 1944.

If Air Minister Plecentini
wants part of the Air Mi-
nistry Bldg, he should
make a request through
Premier Bonomi to
Rome Area Command.

There does not seem to
be any serious objec-
tion to granting him
permission for such
occupation (- Information
furnished by Col. Dunsmore)

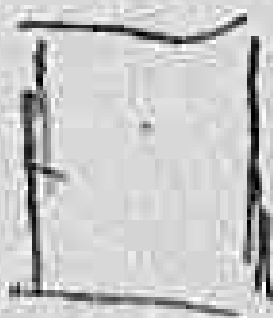
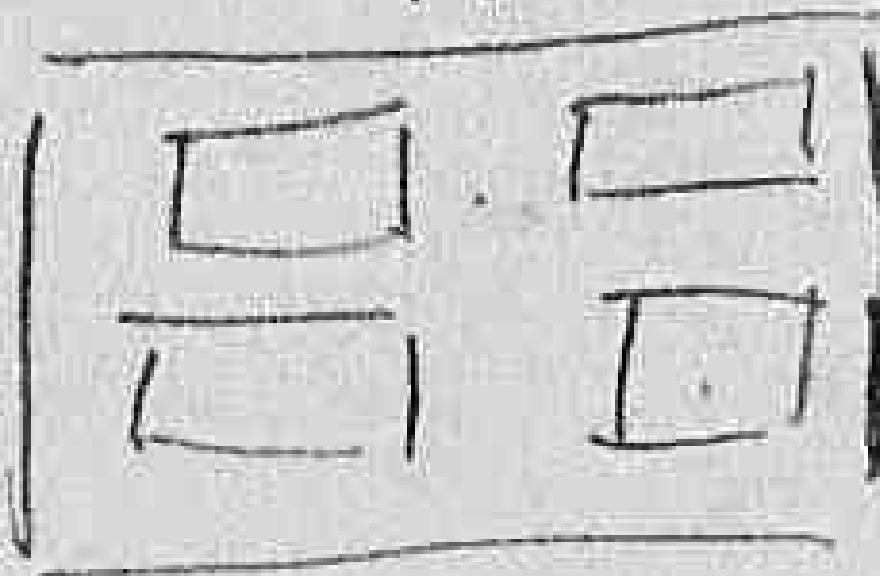
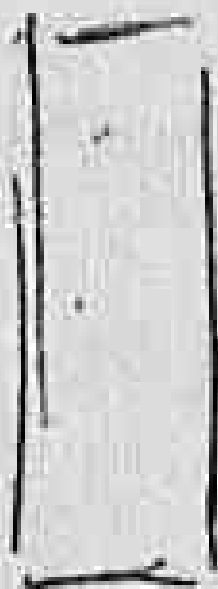
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Econ. Sec.

TO: Acting Chief Commissioner.

1. The attached copy of a letter from the Prime Minister addressed to you is submitted.

2. Action ^{is being} ~~to be~~ taken on this by the Economic Section and the matter is to be discussed this morning at the V.P.'s meeting.

A letter will be submitted for your signature.

5th October, 1944.

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Office of Chief of Staff.

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See Home File

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TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
n. 15448/10026-10.8/1/1.16

Rome, 3 October 1944

Dear Admiral,

As you well know, the Italian Government, in agreement with the Allied Commission, has entrusted the Central Institute of Statistics with important investigations (demographical, agricultural, industrial, economical, and social) to obtain a full knowledge of the state of the Nation in its various sectors, and to know its needs.

It is necessary that these researches should be made without delay, so that the work of national reconstruction could be started soon. Therefore, and because of the obvious complexity of the researches, especially during the selection and classification of the informations, the Institution needs 8000 employees to be put in big rooms, each of which ought to hold 20 persons at least, with their respective tables.

The works of selection are impending and the Institution is worried about the arrangements which will have to be made for such a numerous personnel, a small part of which only can be put in the premises of the Institute. For the census services, for a period of about two months, it means to use a part of the seat of the Air Ministry.

As this Ministry is at the disposal of the Allied Military Government, I ask you to see whether it would be possible to agree to the proposal of the Central Institute of Statistics.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Yours truly

/s/ I. Bonomi

Trans. E.C.

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Ref. 73/36/Est

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Your letter of appreciation and concern regarding the future appointment of Lt Col Simson, Provincial Commissioner of Naples Province, has been received by this Headquarters with great satisfaction.

It is regretted that the operational plans concerning the future disposition of the Commission personnel do not permit our leaving Lt Col Simson in his present post for any extended period.

However, in view of your concern in this matter, I have directed that Lt Col Simson remain at his post until 12 April when it is anticipated operational conditions will necessitate his re-assignment.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
30805/19/11

Rome, 24 March 1945

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Dear Admiral,

Colonel Simpson's work as Regional Commissioner in Naples has been so highly appreciated by the population that the Chief of the Province and the Sindaco, interpreting the unanimous feelings of esteem for this officer, asked me to point out to you that it would be advisable for Colonel Simpson to keep the charge he fulfilled so well.

I most willingly agree to the request of the Neapolitan Authorities and population, trusting that, to take the best possible action for all problems concerning our common war effort, you will kindly examine whether it is possible not to deprive the Naples region of a functionary who is unanimously appreciated.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Yours very truly,

G. I. Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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EC DIST - 26 Mar 45

ACTION: ESTAB SEC

INFO: CHIEF COMM
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EXEC COMM

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EX 48401
MARCH 23/1449

AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FIVEG. FROM:

AGENCY REQUESTED FOR INFORMATION TO AISSO FOR BCS AND HQ ALCOM ROME

EX/5853
MARCH 23/2027
ROUTINE

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

SECRET.

Refer EX 54719 of 17 March.

Accounting for Italian imports and exports is subject.

1. Requirement in your para 1 that some Allied personnel under control SACRED must make check of imports of civilian supplies not regarded practicable. Manpower shortage makes check of military cargo by Allied personnel impossible and neither AC nor military can undertake such check for civilian supplies. Absolutely essential depend on receiving reports prepared by Italian agencies as per para 3 of MAT 419. Moreover in certain areas such as SICILY and SARDINIA the Allied establishment very largely has been withdrawn.

2. Urge strongly that consideration again be given to recommendation in para 4 of MAT 419 that Italian Government be charged on basis quantities shipped, as matter practical necessity.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Establishment Section

Ref/35/Est

NEP/mrd
14 March 1945

Dear Montonari:

I am attaching a personal letter which I have just received about a matter which is self-explanatory. Since we are withdrawing practically all officers from Sicily, I thought you might suggest an informal way of bringing it to the attention of the proper officials in the hope that something might be done to retain the services of General Marshall's old servant in some capacity or other.

With all good regards,

Sincerely yours,

Franco Montonari
Royal Counsel
c/o President of
Council of Ministers

Encl. G-5 Ltr. 3 Mar. 45.

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Encl. G-5 Ltr. 3 Mar. 45.

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PERSONAL

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

3 March 1945

Dear Norman:

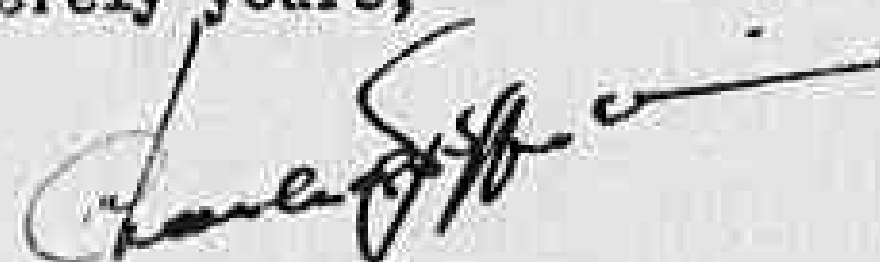
In June of last year General Devers received a personal letter from General Marshall asking him to cause inquiries to be made into the condition of an old servant of General Marshall's in Washington. The man's name was

Signor Giovanni Abbate
Itala Superiore, Provincia Messina.

I sent a personal letter to Col. Ramsey, who was then in Messina, outlining the situation. General Marshall requested that if anything could be done to find employment for the man by the Allied Forces it would be much appreciated. Ramsey promptly looked into the matter and got him a job with the province of Messina. This was very much appreciated by the senior officers concerned. I have now heard that since Ramsey's removal from Messina Signor Abbate has been taken off the payroll, and I have been asked to see if he can be re-employed. Since I have no personal contacts in Sicily I am bothering you with the matter, which I think you will agree we must pursue to some kind of favorable result, if it is at all possible. Could you ask one of the senior American officers in Sicily to inquire into the situation and see what can be done about the matter?

I should be glad to have any information you can get.

Sincerely yours,


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

Colonel Norman E. Fiske
Deputy Executive Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Commission
A.P.O. 394

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AMC 594
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Established - Dec 1944

Col. Fiske

WEB/pa.
1 March 1945.

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SUBJECT : Italian Decrees.

TO : ALL Sub-Commissions.

File 421

1. Several decrees have recently been published in the Gazzetta Ufficiale which purport to legislate expressly for territory still under AMG control. In most cases the decrees are understood to have been agreed before publication between the Ministry and Sub-Commission concerned.

2. It should be borne in mind that the Italian Government has no authority to enact legislation in AMG territory and that any legislation enacted by the Italian Government is inoperative in AMG territory unless expressly implemented by order of AMG.

3. The publication by the Italian Government of decrees expressed to operate in AMG territory is therefore entirely inoperative in law, but it produces the following unfortunate results :-

- (a) It creates the impression that the Italian Government has authority to legislate in AMG territory;
- (b) It practically forces the hand of AMG to implement the legislation since refusal to implement would probably create administrative difficulties.

4. The difficulty can be avoided if, on any occasion when it is decided to pass a decree which will have effect either in whole or in part in AMG territory the final clause of the decree be made to read :-

"In territory subject to the administration of the Italian Government this decree shall come into effect on the day following its publication in the Gazzetta Ufficiale; in territory not yet subject to the administration of the Italian Government, this decree shall come into effect on the date of the restoration of such territory to Italian administration or on the date when it is put into effect by order of the Allied Military Government whichever is the earlier."

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5. Directors of Sub-Commissions will ensure that all decrees which may be submitted to them by the Ministry concerned and which are intended to apply to AMG territory do contain words to the effect stated in para 4.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Economic Section.

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C. R. URJON, Brig.
VP-CA Sec HQ AC

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

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20 December 1944

SUBJECT : Redemption of Counterfeit Lira Notes.

1. An AC/AMG Officer who finds that he has accepted a counterfeit AM or Metropolitan Lira Note in the normal course of his official duties under circumstance which he feels justify his action may take the following steps to seek redemption:-

(a) He will immediately mark the notes "COUNTERFEIT" and deliver them to the nearest Public Safety Officer against a temporary detailed receipt. The latter will make the necessary investigation and return the notes promptly.

(b) The AC/AMG Officer will then address a request for redemption to Lt. Colonel James H. Penick, Chief, Allied Financial Agency, HQ., A.P.O. 394, (or in the latter's absence, to Major E.J. Gits, Deputy Chief of AFA), and such request will set forth the full circumstances surrounding the acquisition of the counterfeit note or notes. It must be stated, inter alia, that the notes were received in the ordinary course of business in connection with the official duties of the officer concerned, and that reasonable precautions were taken to detect fraudulent notes before acceptance.

(c) The counterfeit notes themselves will accompany the request for redemption.

2. If the request is approved, the officer who made the request will be authorized in writing by Lt. Colonel Penick, or by Major Gits, to recover from AC/AMG funds in his possession (if he is a Sub-Accountant) or from the nearest AFA Branch or Sub-Accountant.

3. (If the request is not approved, the notes will be returned to the officer who sought redemption. The latter may then either (a) pay the loss from his own personal funds or (b) request through channels to the Finance Sub-Commission that a Board of Inquiry be established under the respective Army regulations to deal with the matter.

4. When counterfeit lira notes are redeemed in accordance with these regulations, the transaction will be recorded in the Head "Special Counterfeit Lire Redemption Account" on AFA's books.

5. It should be noted that these regulations refer only to counterfeit lira notes-and Not to raised notes. Separate rules apply to

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the latter, and application may be made at any AFA Branch thereior.

Joint Director,
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION.

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APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
Tel: 478604

7 February 1945.

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SUBJECT: Provision of Nations for Italian Officials
sent forward to assist AMG in budget work.

TO : Establishment Section.

1. In Allied Military Government territory the financing of all public offices, both State and local government, is based on three-monthly budget estimates founded on the normal Italian procedure but adapted to the special circumstances.
2. This system is essential to the proper control of public monies, and in order to ensure, as far as possible, the efficient and economical management of the offices and organisations concerned.
3. To carry out the work of budget control effectively a Finance Officer must acquire a good working knowledge of the Italian financial administration, so that he may make decisions which are in accordance with the law or the relative regulations.
4. Although the paramount importance of this work cannot be stressed too highly, the volume of documents is so great that it would be beyond the capacity of a single officer to give them the detailed scrutiny that is essential. For example in Lombardia Region approximately 12,000 budget estimates would be processed each quarter.
5. It must be remembered also that copies of these budgets are furnished to the Italian Government when territory is returned to its jurisdiction, and used to modify the State budget. These budgets will not only show what credits have been advanced, and for what purposes, but will serve as a record of the good stewardship of Allied Military Government, demonstrating a sound and prudent use of public funds, and preventing uncontrolled prodigality.
6. It has been found that the detailed examination of budget estimates is much facilitated and more competently performed if the work is done by an Italian official trained in public accountancy. Such officials are available and can be sent to AMG territory to assist Finance Officers in the field.
7. Difficulties of pay and lodging for these Italian officials can be overcome, but it has been found impossible to retain their very valuable services because they are unable to obtain sufficient food.

8. In view of the great assistance these officials can render to Allied Military Government, and in view of the fact that the work of each official releases at least one Allied officer, it is suggested that authority be granted to provide these Italian civilian liaison officials with rations. The total number of officials involved will be one per province, and one or two at each Regional headquarters.

9. Establishment Memorandum No. 18, Section C, para 3, provides that "Officers and officials of the Italian Government may be rationed in accordance with the scale shown in Schedule B." The D.I.D. is not however empowered to issue rations without the approval of the District Commander. Although A.A.I. R.O. 253 of 1944, dated 1st September, 1944, does not specifically mention Italian Government officials, it is urged that these officials should be regarded as key personnel working for an Allied unit. It is requested therefore that the approval of the District Commander No. 2 District be obtained for the issue of rations to the Italian officials concerned while they are engaged on budget work.

(Signed) A.P. GRAFFETY SMITH

Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

JRH/t

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Turned over to Capt
Raufer by 1810 18 Nov.

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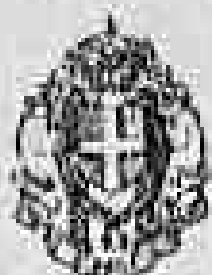
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1. Called Mrs. Piantanida
1030

2. Gen. Benciunga in
with us of 12 for
Wednesday 22- to
leave 21st. Air transport
requested thru RAAC -
Capt Check.
1130

3. Called Col. Porter - said
12 for Wednesday; 11 1/2 to
check and call back.
1145

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16 NOV. 44
0945 hrs.

Ministero delle Corporazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL SEGRETARIATO
DEL CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DELLE CORPORAZIONI
DEGLI AFFARI GENERALI E DEL PERSONALE

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Col. Fiske:

Colonel Porter -(Lightning) called regarding
the decoration ceremony for the Italians.

Colonel Porter has talked to his "boss" who
agrees to postpone it but does not think it should
be postponed for a week. Wish you to let them
know the earliest day ^{you} could get them assembled.
Wishes you to call him sometime today - perhaps
this evening as you will be closer then.

Sgt. Day

2119

Excelsior Hotel - Florence
date + how many
Monday - Tuesday - Wed + Transport by R.A.R.
hand-dated - 5 days into service

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Col. Della Rocca left Rome this morning with Gen. Brown for Caserta and Sardinia. Will be away about ~~four~~ four to five days. Only a small number of the other Italian officers listed appear to be in Rome at the present moment. Col. Della Rocca's secretary, Mrs. Piantanida, suggests that ceremony be postponed to next week. Gen. Bencivenga should be notified accordingly.

L.W.

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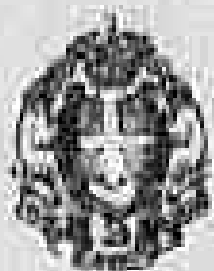
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Gen. Benavente says Saturday
10:00 AM is perfectly O.K. -
He is awaiting further instructions re transportation etc.
I have seen him personally.

L. W.

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DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL SEGRETARIATO
DEL CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DELLE CORPORAZIONI
DEGLI AFFARI GENERALI E DEL PERSONALE

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Mrs. Piantanida

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Gen. Benvenuto

Int. Umberto Lappa

Int. Adm. Sudio Feneri

Col. Giovanni Pacinotti
della Rocca

⊗ Lt. Col.

Antony De Marco

"

Ugo Corrado Musco

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Carlo Perinetti

"

Cesare Faccio

mag.

~~Vincenzo~~ Sabatini

"

Felice Sabatini

Cap.

Vincenzo Cinto

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Ministero delle Corporazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL SEGRETARIATO
DEL CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DELLE CORPORAZIONI
DEGLI AFFARI GENERALI E DEL PERSONALE

Lt Epio Frusciante
Marshal Giuseppe Baldanza
Sgt Maj Olimpio Patrucco

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33
16 November 1944

30/RSF

Subject: Air Travel Orders

To : Adjutant General, Rome Area Allied Command

1. Request that air travel orders on the following Italian officers, be written, from Rome to Florence and return, authorizing them to proceed on the 21st, next Tuesday:

Generale Roberto Rencivenga
Colonnello Giovanni Facinetti
T. Colonn. Geri Della Rocca
T. Colonn. Antonio De Marco
T. Colonn. Ugo Corrado Musco
T. Colonn. Carlo Perinetti
T. Colonn. Felice Santini
Maggiore Cesare Faccio
Capitano Vincenzo Giutto
Tenente Elio Fruscianti
Maresc. Giuseppe Baldanza
Serg. Mag. Olimpio Patrucco

2. This request is made on behalf of General Clark, Commanding General of 5th Army, who is desirous of having these officers present at his headquarters on Wednesday, 22 November, at a ceremony at which they are to be decorated by General Clark.

3. The details of the trip should be cleared through the office of Colonel Della Rocca, at your headquarters.

For the Deputy Chief of Staff, Allied Commission

L. T. Montant, Jr.,
1st Lt., AGO,
Staff Officer

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See 10 + H

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Ref. 212/87/008.

Tel. 735

11 January 1945

SUBJECT: Requisitioning.

TO : Political Section
Civil Affairs Section
Establishment Section. ✓

Attached translation of letter from the Prime Minister dated 29 Dec 44 notifies a change in the appointment of Italian representative on the RAC Real Estate Board.

E. H. H. H.
Chief Staff Officer
for the Chief of Staff

2116

Translation

The President of the Council
of Ministers.
10358/7-2

Rome, 29 December 1944

Dear Admiral,

In my letter of August 4th, I informed you that in agreement with your proposal, I had appointed Consul Gian Gaspare Cittadini Cesi as representative of the Italian Government to the Real Estate Board for all questions related to the requisition and de-requisition of State property.

As Consul Cittadini Cesi has been transferred to this Headquarters in substitution of Marchese Farnes, I have appointed Consul Stanislao Lepri to represent the Italian Government on the Real Estate Board, where he was already doing service in collaboration with Consul Cittadini Cesi.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Truly yours,

s. I Bonomi.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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AME 8 ARMY

HQ ALCOM FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS SEC INFORMATION ONLY

SECRET.

Patriot Mining Schools. 8 ARMY Engineers commences 2 January 45. Director of patriots trained will be Major BASILE Patriot officer this Hq who attended PISA Mining School and also attends this School. Desire after training put patriots under Ministry of War scheme for payment and insurance. Zone scheme not acceptable. Can an officer of the Ministry of War with powers to make a spot decision be sent EMILIA Regional Hq immediately.

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Action - Patriots Br (2)
Info - Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
Est Sec
Land Forces
G-1 (B)
File

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Ref/35/Est

NEF/mrd
30 December 1944

Memo:

To : Political Section, Hq., A.C.

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Reference is made to 210/49/COS, Para. 5, of 26 December 1944. The Excelsior Hotel, Naples, is operated by the Royal Navy and I am informed by the Headquarters Commandant that the Royal Navy is most emphatic in their refusal to allow civilians in this hotel.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff

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Deputy Chief of Staff

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Col. Liske:

See Col. Robertson's
notation on Par. 5.

29 Dec.

Montauk

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ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

File

Date 26 Dec

FROM

TO

→ Deputy Chief of Staff

Staff Officer

Executive Officer (A) (1) C.M.P.

Executive Officer (B) (2) J.

G-1 (A) (3) J.

G-1 (B) (4) K.

G-4 (A) (5) cc

G-4 (B) (6) cc

Headquarters Commandant [Signature]

Adjutant

FOR:

In Turn

Draft of reply for signature of
Please see/telephone me about this
Investigation and report

Answer

Signature

Approval/Disapproval

Your Information and return, please

Your File

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

AFIO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 210/49/COS

26 December 1944

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 26 DECEMBER

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a) Planning for H.W. Italy. COS announced that as a result of the meeting held on 25 December we would be given Operation Order and Administrative Instruction from AFHQ laying down the division of responsibility between the military and the Commission. COS suggested that Navy Sub-Commission could help in opening the Port of Genoa, and directed that Don Sec get Transportation Sub-Commission and Naval Sub-Commission to cooperate on this matter, after the Administrative Instruction had been received from AFHQ.

(b) - 4. Relations with Italian Press. PRO stated this matter was making progress, and said that Lt. Col. Bonham-Garter, of Lazio-Umbria Region, had got out a letter to the Italian press representatives. COS asked to see a copy of this letter.

(c) - 12. Casualties from Allied Driving in Rome. PRO had discussed with A/AC, Lazio-Umbria Region, and action had been taken.

2. Staff Procedure in G-5, AFHQ. COS read a G-5 Staff Memorandum on office procedure. He said this was a useful document, and would prepare something similar for the use of the Commission.

3. Correspondence to Italian Government Departments through Regional Commissioners. DCMO had raised the question of the security angle. CA Sec pointed out that the translation and screening of correspondence would be a tremendous job. After discussion, COS ruled that only correspondence passing to him would be translated, and that for Regions would pass straight on, unless a security question was involved.

4. Situation in Sicily. CA Sec handed COS a report on the latest situation in Sicily from the IG. This report stated the matter was in hand. COS commented that the police were of little help at the time of the disorders in Catania, and directed that C-1, Chapman be instructed to take the matter up with the Italian Government.

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5. Movement of Italian Consular Officials. Pol Sec raised the question of transit accommodation for these officials when they proceeded to Naples. COS thought the matter should not be a Commission responsibility at all, but said that if it was, it was the duty of Pol Sec to warn RO Southern Region in advance that the officials were owing to Naples. RO was opening a new hotel in a matter's time. Meanwhile, COS suggested that four rooms might be reserved at the Excelsior Hotel.
6. Study of the Italian Language. COS had noticed a lack of knowledge of Italian amongst officers, and said it was important that officers, especially junior officers in the field, should have a working knowledge of Italian. He asked CA Sec and PRO to examine the possibilities of Italian tuition in the Commission.

* R.N are most unlikely
in this respect to allow
civilians in the system, talk, etc.

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G-5, AFHQ	-	3
Chief of Staff	-	1
Pol Sec	-	2
CA Sec	-	2
Eccon Sec	-	3
Est Sec	-	2
PRO	-	1
DCCAO, AMI	-	2

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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File

Ext. 271
2.71/ES

BDN/mem
2 January, 1945.

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SUBJECT: Captain Vasco Meucci - Italian Army

TO: Establishment Section ✓
Attention: Colonel Norman E. Fiske.

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1. Reference your 35/19/EST dated 30 December, 1944.
2. The Commerce Sub Commission and Captain Meucci have been informed of your decision.

B.D. Nash
B.D. NASH, Major
Special Assistant, ADCOS
Economic Section

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Col Prince

FX 75939

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ATTN: SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHCBI

ACTION: SHAFER MAIN FOR SHEEN. INFO: ALICE

SECRET.

Your S 71648 dated 20 December requesting travel
PRINCE DEL DRAGO from SWITZERLAND. BONONI states that he had not and
would not call DEL DRAGO to Rome. Allied Force permit for entrance
ITALY is refused.

DIST:

Info-Action: Pol Sec (2)
Info : Chief Commissioner
Liaison Div
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(NOTE: This is a cable copied from the INCOMING cable float file.)

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24

55/19/EST

30 December 1944

SUBJECT: Captain Vasco Maucci - Italian Army
TO : Economic Section

1. Reference your 2.17/ES of 22 December 1944, addressed to Chief of Staff.
2. The Chief of Staff has directed that Captain Maucci report to his unit in Sardinia without delay, that his status may be regularized.

NORMAN E. FIEKE,
Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff

copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission(MMIA)
(your AQ/11 of 29 Dec. 1944 refers)

Chief of Staff (your 998/66/OOS of 24
December 1944 refers.)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

35/19/EST

30 December 1944

SUBJECT: Captain Vasco Moucel - Italian Army

TO : Economic Section

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2. The Chief of Staff has directed that Captain Moucel report to his unit in Eardinia without delay, that his status may be regularized.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff

copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MILA)
(your AQ/11 of 29 Dec. 1944 refers)

Chief of Staff (your 998/66/603 of 24
December 1944 refers.)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

35/19/EST

30 December 1944

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Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff

copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission (DMIA)
(your AQ/11 of 29 Dec. 1944 refers)

Chief of Staff (your 998/66/ODS of 24
December 1944 refers.)

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Establishment Sect.

In view of land forces sub Commission letter of 29 Dec
at B replying to your request of 26 Dec, I
agree that Capt Mennici must report to Sandinista.
and to see
will you please inform Lt. J.C. of this decision
And wish to ~~be~~ ^{accordingly}
Capt Mennici

30.12.44.

Ed Stupp Lt Col
for Col.

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Tel Ext 341

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

LWS/el

22
29 December 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Chief Staff Officer, Office of the COS

1. Regarding Captain Vasco Meucci, Italian Army Officer, attention is invited to the attached memoranda (a) from the Land Forces Subcommittee and (b) from the Economic Section.

2. After careful consideration, it is recommended that the Economic Section immediately direct Captain Meucci to report to the Italian Minister of War for return to his proper unit in Sardinia.

3. This entire case appears to be one in which, inadvertently, the Economic Section has completely disregarded the proper channels in dealing with Italian military personnel. From a practical standpoint, it would be more efficient to carry out the Economic Section's proposal that this officer be transferred to a mainland unit and then released, thus eliminating the necessity of his travelling to Sardinia. However, it is a question of sanctioning a complete disregard for the proper procedures in dealing with Italian military personnel as laid down by AFHQ.


LLOYD W. STEARNS
Major, AGO
Office of the COS

Tel Ext 341

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

LWS/el

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29 December 1944

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LLOYD W. STEVENS
Major, AGO
Office of the COS

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Tel Ext 341

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

LWS/sl

29 December 1944 22b

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Chief Staff Officer, Office of the GCS

1. Regarding Captain Vasco Mucchi, Italian Army Officer, attention is invited to the attached memoranda (a) from the Land Forces Subcommittee and (b) from the Economic Section.

2. After careful consideration, it is recommended that the Economic Section immediately direct Captain Mucchi to report to the Italian Minister of War for return to his proper unit in Sardinia.

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LLOYD W. STEARNS
Major, AGC
Office of the GCS

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Tel Ext 341

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

LWS/el

29 December 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Chief Staff Officer, Office of the COS

1. Regarding Captain Vasco Muscol, Italian Army Officer, attention is invited to the attached memoranda (a) from the Land Forces Subcommittee and (b) from the Economic Section.

2. After careful consideration, it is recommended that the Economic Section immediately direct Captain Muscol to report to the Italian Minister of War for return to his proper unit in Sarlinia.

3. This entire case appears to be one in which, inadvertently, the Economic Section has completely disregarded the proper channels in dealing with Italian military personnel. From a practical standpoint, it would be more efficient to carry out the Economic Section's proposal that this officer be transferred to a mainland unit and then released, thus eliminating the necessity of his travelling to Sarlinia. However, it is a question of sanctioning a complete disregard for the proper procedures in dealing with Italian military personnel as laid down by AFHQ.

LEOYD W. STRANIS
Major, AGO
Office of the COS

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EXT: 301

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

35/18/EST

26 December 1944 *21*

SUBJECT: Captain Vasco Meucci - Italian Army

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (LSCIA)

1. Attention is invited to attached letter 2.17/ES, 22 December 1944, to Chief of Staff, and to attached 998/66/COS of 24 December 1944. *20*

2. In the light of paragraphs 6 and 7 of Economic Section's letter, may this office be informed, please, as to whether Land Forces Sub-Commission is prepared to allow the release of Captain Meucci in Rome, without the necessity of his travelling to Sardinia.

3. It is requested that the enclosed correspondence be returned with your reply.

Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel

Deputy Chief of Staff

Incls: Letter, Economic Sec.,
2.17/ES 22 Dec. 1944

Memo, COS, 998/66/COS
24 Dec. 1944

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APO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

Tele Extn 622

Ref: 998/66/COS

24 December 1944

SUBJECT:- Captain Vasco Meucci - Italian Army Officer.

TO : Establishment Section.

Attached letter 2.17/ES dated 22 December 44 is passed to you for appropriate action.

for *R.W. Stearns*
Chief Staff Officer
To the Chief of Staff. *Maj*

Copy to: Economic Section.

Received
26 Dec 44
1030A *Wjfr*

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HQ. I.C. ECONOMIC SECTION

(Date)

Fr.	To
☒ ECONOMIC SECTION	
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION	
COMMERCE	
FINANCE	
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INDUSTRY	
LABOR	
P.W. & U.	
SHIPPING	
TRANSPORTATION	
PRIORITY & MOVEMENTS DIV.	
REQUISITION DIVISION	
SUPPLY & RESOURCES DIV.	
CHIEF COMMISSIONER	
CHIEF OF STAFF	☒
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF	
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION	
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION	
For Appropriate Action	
Remarks/Recommendation	
Investigation & Report	
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APO 594
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ext. 271
R.17/ES

BDN/mem
22nd December, 1944

TO: CHIEF OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Captain Vasco Meucci - Italian Army Officer

1. In October 1944, the Economic Section requested the Regional Commissioner, Sardinia, to arrange the availability of the subject officer for duty with HQ AC. The Regional Commissioner then addressed a letter to the officer's unit, directing that he proceed to Rome. The officer's unit commander issued permission for the officer to obey the orders issued by the Regional Commissioner.
2. At HQ AC the officer was assigned to the Commerce Sub-Commission and has been performing for two months, very useful duties in connection with the rehabilitation of artisan and small industry production for export and domestic trade, a field in which he has had long and excellent experience.
3. This officer's absence from his command in Sardinia is actually unauthorized officially, because his immediate command in Sardinia directed him to report to AC, Rome, upon the instructions of the Regional Commissioner rather than through the proper Italian military channels.
4. Captain Meucci states that the Ministry of War is prepared to arrange his release from the Army since they have knowledge of the work he is doing with AC. Such action will result in his services becoming available to AC immediately.
5. The Land Forces Sub-Commission however, properly trying to regularize the position of this officer, has written the Ministry of War a letter which directs that he return to Sardinia and that he there clarify his position.
6. In view of the fact that the Ministry of War has stated it is prepared to release this officer in Rome, without the necessity of his travelling to Sardinia, it is suggested that general efficiency and economy of time will result if the Land Forces Sub-Commission will permit the Ministry of War to settle this case in its own manner, allowing

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TO: Chief of Staff

22nd December, 1944

the action to be taken in Rome and avoiding a trip to Sardinia for this officer.

7. It is requested that the Chief of Staff ask Land Forces Sub-Commission to permit the Ministry of War to transfer, release or otherwise dispose of subject officer's case, in the manner considered appropriate by the Ministry.

L. D. Denmore

L. D. DENSMORE,
Colonel, F.A.,
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section.

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
AQ/11
29 December 1944

Memorandum for Major Stearns:

In accordance with our telephone conversation, I am giving you briefly, the facts in this case:

1. Captain Meucci, an officer of the Calabria Division in Sardinia, had been loaned by the Allied Garrison Commander to the Regional Commissioner, ALCOM. The Economic Section telegraphed the Regional Commissioner directing that this officer be sent to Rome. The Regional Commissioner, who was not the Allied Garrison Commander at the time, issued an order to the Commanding General, Calabria Division to send the officer to Rome. The order was taken to the officer's Battalion Commander who, awed by the Allied authority, gave this officer permission to travel to Rome. The Regional Commissioner arranged the air travel; nothing was said to the Italian Commander in Sardinia nor to our Liaison Officer, nor to the Minister for War.
2. When the question first arose, the Ministry was asked regarding the status of this officer. It developed that as far as the Ministry knew, this officer was on duty with his unit in Sardinia.
3. We then asked ALCOM, on 7 Dec, to have the officer report to the Ministry for return to Sardinia to regularize his position.
4. Following this request numerous officers of the Economic Section called on me and requested that the officer be allowed to remain on the mainland. Also numerous Allied officers have called subordinates of this Headquarters requesting that they ask me personally to not force the officer to return to Sardinia. All of such requests have been refused.
5. It now develops that Captain Meucci personally made some arrangements with an officer in the Ministry for War to transfer him to a unit in Ancona, which was previously in Sardinia. This had been done through skullduggery, and was cancelled on our order. Had this been permitted to stand, it would have, in effect, regularized the position of this officer on the mainland outside of proper military channels, and this could not be tolerated.

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6. The officer is illegally employed by the Commission in violation of AFHQ instructions. The officer is absent from his post of duty in Sardinia without proper authority. We cannot agree to any action which would undermine the prestige of the Italian military authorities in Sardinia, or which would permit an assumption of approval on our part of confirmation of illegal orders, skullduggery, or political deals through the intervention of Allied officers, all of which is in violation of AFHQ orders, and all of which tends to undermine not only the Italian prestige, but also gives the Italians the idea that the Allies are just as susceptible to skullduggery as was the Fascist Regime.

7. We must ask that this officer be immediately released from duty with the Commission, and ordered to report to the Minister for War and be returned to his unit in Sardinia. From there he can make requests for discharge from the Army in the proper manner.

Chief 8. This is a small incident, but it involves a very large question of principle. I will be glad to talk personally to the Commissioner or the Chief of Staff at any time to explain fully the reasons for not reversing the decision already made, and I am sure that neither the Chief Commissioner nor the Chief of Staff will ask for a reversal of the decision already made in this case which simply smells bad, and which tends to undermine both Allied and Italian Government prestige.

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CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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19 December 1944

SUBJECT : ITALIAN PRESS
TO : The Chief Commissioner, A.C.

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Public Relations Director.

Copies to : Chief of Staff

Colonel Fiske

Colonel Spicer

Political Section.

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Col. [Signature]
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

8 December 1944 *16*

Capt. Anderson
Chief News Section
PWB

Dear Andy :

The Crown Prince was visiting some forward towns recently and the people of certain villages asked him to transmit some messages to friends and relatives in the U.S. Actually, he could do so through his own Foreign Office, should he so wish, but his aide passed it on to us, so I am suggesting you might be so kind as to use the text of the attached in some form of a news story and so get it across the water and the newspapers in those towns would take care of the delivery in the usual way.

Dress it up any way you want, as if it came from one of your correspondents, and use all the names and addresses, if you will, but do not mention the Prince, please, in any way, as having sent these messages, since he apparently only took them and did no more than to pass the buck to us.

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JOHN P. LEACOCK,
Major, AUS
Public Relations Officer.

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Col. Fiske

~~Ray Fieldon~~
~~See Col. Fiske's~~

Rome, November 22 - 1944

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Dear Norman,

While H.R.H. Lieutenant General Of the Kingdom was visiting the villages of Piedimonte San Germano and Villa Santa Lucia (Frosinone) the local authorities asked him to transmit some messages to the compatriots living in the United States.

Your attention is called therefore upon the forwarding of messages mentioned above.

Awaiting your kind reply ect.

(Gen. Adolfo Infante)

Col. N.E. Fiske

ALLIED COMMISSION

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Colonel Fiske: Action taken on p209 attached.

Ray. Kacaro



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

Segreteria Particolare Militare

n. 0222 s.p. di prot.

Roma 22 Novembre 1944

Mio car. Herman,

in occasione di una recente visita di S.A.R.
il Luogotenente Generale del Regno ai comuni di Piedi-
monte San Germano e Villa Santa Lucia (Trosinone) le
autorità civili del luogo hanno invocato l'Augusto in-
teressamento per la trasmissione degli uniti messaggi
a compaesani residenti in America.

Mi rivolgo pertanto alla sua nota cortesia
con la viva preghiera di volerne disporre l'inoltro.

Ringraziandola vivamente la prego di voler
gradire i miei migliori saluti

(Gen. Adolfo Infante)

Al Col. N.E. FISCHER
ALLIED COMMISSION

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COMUNICAZIONI DA INVIARE IN AMERICA

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MESSAGGI COLLETTIVI

"I parenti e gli amici tutti di Piedimonte San. Germano e di Villa Santa Lucia (Presinone) inviano ai compaesani residenti in America i loro migliori saluti.-

I due paesi sono quasi completamente distrutti e le porzioni sparse e senza tetto sono prive di tutto. Pregano i parenti e gli amici d'inviare loro, in questa tragica circostanza, tutti i soccorsi che possono. Sono assolutamente privi di coperte e di vestiario, e ogni indumento sarebbe veramente benedetto.-"

SI FANNO ALCUNI NOMI:

- Vitale Pietro 1622 Tison Street - Filadelfia (Pensilvania)
- Romagnoli Antonio 1702 Cleveland Avenue - Filadelfia "
- De Santis Francesco 1745 D'Orange Street - Filadelfia "

(di questi gli amici ne hanno dato il nome per averne soccorso)

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MESSAGGI PERSONALI

- Carnevale Loreto di Luigi, vorrebbe sapere notizie di Carinci Domenico fu Giuseppe 2019 Morris Street - Filadelfia (Pensilvania)
- Pecchia Filomena, saluta il fratello Pecchia Antonio che sta a A.C. Street - Camden - Pensilvania

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
(Adjutant's Department)

Adj: 200.2

9 December 1944

SUBJECT: Curfew Passes for Italian Army Officers

TO : Deputy Chief of Staff (Attn: L.T. MONTANT, Jr.)

1. Under current policy the American Provost Marshal, RAAC, will not issue curfew passes for Italian Army Officers.

2. The suggestion made by the American Provost Marshal, RAAC, is that either the Public Safety Division, Lazio-Umbria Region or the Land Forces Sub-Commission of this headquarters institute or adopt a curfew pass system for Italian Army Officers, which upon submission, RAAC would give favorable consideration.

3. It is requested that your office take this matter under consideration.

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO,  
CWO, USA,  
Asst Adjutant.

2 Incl:

Applications for curfew passes  
for Italian Army Officers, this Hq.

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Hq. Allied Commission, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Establishment  
Section, 11 December 1944

TO: Regional Commissioner, Lazio-Umbria (Attention: Public Safety Section)

For recommendation as to how this problem may best be handled, and return  
all correspondence to this office.

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NORMAN E. FISKE,  
Colonel  
Deputy Chief of Staff

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394

16 November 1944

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Subject: Air Travel Orders

To : Adjutant General, Rome Area Allied Command

1. Request that air travel orders on the following Italian officers, be written, from Rome to Florence and return, authorizing them to proceed on the 21st, next Tuesday:

Generale Roberto Rondivenga  
Colonnello Giovanni Racinotti  
2. Colonn. Gori Della Rocca  
1. Colonn. Antonio De Marco  
2. Colonn. Ugo Corrado Musco  
2. Colonn. Carlo Perinetti  
1. Colonn. Felice Santini  
Maggiore Cesare Faccio  
Capitano Vincenzo Cinto  
Tenente Elio Frucianti  
Maresc. Giuseppe Baldana  
Serg. Mag. Olimpio Patrucco

2. This request is made on behalf of General Clark, Commanding General of 5th Army, who is desirous of having these officers present at his headquarters on Wednesday, 22 November, at a ceremony at which they are to be decorated by General Clark.

3. The details of the trip should be cleared through the office of Colonel Della Rocca, at your headquarters.

For the Deputy Chief of Staff, Allied Commission

L. T. Monahan, Jr.,  
1st Lt., AGC,  
Staff Officer

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Tel: 478957

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, 18 Nov. 1944

TO: REGIONAL COMMISSIONER, SICILIA REGION

1. This Headquarters is in entire agreement with the suggestions contained in paragraph 3 of your letter. In connection with it, however, the following points arise:

a. This Headquarters is the recognized channel through which requests for air travel for Italian Government officials, travelling in pursuance of their official duties, flow. The usual practice in cases of this kind is for the request for the issuance of orders to originate with the Sub-Commission or Section principally concerned with the activities of the Italian Government office to which the official performing the travel is attached. Orders of this kind, unless there is reason to the contrary, invariably specify return to Rome upon completion of assigned mission.

b. Italian employees of this Headquarters, travelling on business of the Commission, are invariably equipped with military travel orders, which specify return to this station upon completion of the mission by reason of which the travel was performed.

c. Travel in military aircraft, under the provisions of current AFHQ directives on the subject, is not authorized for personnel on leave.

2. In view of par 1, above, it is requested that this Headquarters be informed without delay of any applications made to your Headquarters for the issuance of air travel orders for Italian personnel falling within the categories of par 3 of your letter, and, in the specific case of Allied Commission employees, it is further requested that this Headquarters be informed of the Sub-Commission or Section to which the employee belongs, and whether or not he or she had proceeded to Sicily under Hq. ACC orders.

By Command of Commodore STONE:

NORMAN E. FISKE  
Colonel  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
Establishment Section

Colonel Fiske:

1. Italian officials the nature of whose duties require that they travel on military aircraft are all now referred to Hq, AC, for the issuance of appropriate orders, as a matter of course.
2. Employees of this Hq who travel to Sicily on duty on military aircraft are invariably given orders which specify return to Rome on completion of their duty, so that there is no need of Sicilia Region writing orders to return them.
3. A draft of reply to Sicilia Region, for your approval, herewith.

18 November 1944

*L. T. Montant, Jr.*  
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ALLIED COMMISSION  
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS  
APO 394

15 November 1944

FILE: BEO/580

SUBJECT: Air Transportation

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission  
Attention: Establishment Section

1. This office is constantly being requested to grant air transport to civilians in the service of the Italian Government and employees of AC HQ who have visited Sicily for private reasons.

2. As there is an established rule that air transportation can be given only to military personnel on duty or civilians whose journey is necessary for State reasons or for prosecution of the war, these persons could be saved trouble and embarrassment if they were informed of these conditions.

3. It is suggested:

a. That the Italian Government be informed that all officials coming to Sicily on duty, whose return to the mainland is urgent, be furnished with regular travel orders, showing employment, post held, date of return and degree of emergency, and that no applications for assistance regarding travel will be considered unless such orders are exhibited.

b. That AC employees visiting Sicily should carry a similar document. If they are visiting Sicily on leave it should be made clear to them before departure that they will not receive any travel privileges for the return journey.

B. L. CLOUGH  
Colonel, AGD  
Regional Executive Officer

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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief Commissioner,  
Deputy Chief of Staff,  
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs  
Officer.

FROM : Political Section

Following information has been received from P.W.D. regarding  
the Government Commissario appointed to take charge of the Casa  
Editrice "Il Messaggero":-

"Avv. Mario Giaccone, Corso Trieste 123, was a fiscal  
lawyer and State employee. As such he was usually interested  
in dealing with cases of this kind for the State. Is reported  
to be a person of very good character and fairly intelligent  
although of rather limited views as is often the case with  
State employees."

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WILLIAM W. SCHOTT  
Vice President, Political Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
AFO 394  
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel. 735

4th November, 1944

Ref. 800/17/COS.

SUBJECT: Visits of Ministers to Army Areas.

TO : Economic Section.

1. Reference is made to 800/11/COS dated 23 October addressed to the Prime Minister, copy to you.
2. If you have not already done so will you please ensure that each Sub Commission has a copy of the letter.
3. Any application received from a Minister to visit an Army area will, if recommended, be sent to Lt. Col. E. Brown, Liaison Division, HQ. A.C.

*E. H. Brown*  
Chief Staff Officer  
for the Chief of Staff.

Copy to: (For action para 3)

Establishment Section ✓  
Political Section  
Communications S/C  
Land Forces AC (MMIA)  
Navy S/C  
Air Forces S/C  
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War Material & Italian PW S/C  
Civil Affairs Section, HQ. AAI.

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Col. Fiske  
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Ref 800/11/COS.

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister :

Recent incidents arising out of the visits of certain Ministers of the Italian Government to areas in liberated Italy still in the military operational zone, that is to say, in the Army areas, have led General Alexander to the conclusion that it is undesirable that such visits should be repeated.

I do not deny the value, both to the population and the Ministers themselves, of such visits but my duty is to ensure that nothing should occur in these operational zones which may cause anxiety to the Military Commanders, a duty which I am sure you will help me to perform.

I would ask you, therefore, to note that only in the most exceptional cases can permission be granted to Ministers of the Government to visit such operational areas.

There will be no objection to Ministers and Undersecretaries of State visiting territories under the administration of AMG South of the Army areas. In such cases permission should be sought from this Headquarters and Ministers and officials should visit the Provincial Commissioner or the nearest Provincial Officer in the area which they are visiting.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) ELLERY W. STONE

ELLERY W. STONE  
Commodore, USNR  
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,  
The President of the Council of Ministers,  
Italian Government.  
Rome.  
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Copy to :

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War Material and Italian P.W. Sub-Commission  
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ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394

Adj 300.4

30 October 1944

SUBJECT: Travel Orders

TO : All Concerned

1. Lt Comdr JOHN J. LAWLER, USCGR, (American), Finance Sub-Commission, this Headquarters, accompanied by the following named Italian Officials, Italian Economic Financial Mission, will proceed to Washington, D. C., USA, without delay on temporary duty, reporting upon arrival to the Commanding General, Civil Affairs Division, War Department, in connection with an assigned mission and upon completion thereof will return to proper station.

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| Ing  | Quinto Quintieri  |
| Avv  | Mario Morelli     |
| Dott | Raffaele Mattioli |
| Dott | Enrico Cuccia     |
| Dott | Egidio Ortona     |

2. Under authority contained in Section II, Circular #29, Headquarters North African Theater of Operations, United States Army, dated 10 March 1944, a per diem allowance of not to exceed seven (\$7.00) per day is authorized Lt Comdr JOHN J. LAWLER, USCGR, (American), while travelling outside this theater.

3. Authority: MATOUSA Signal, F 45298, dated 28 October 1944.

4. Travel by military aircraft and/or any other available transport is authorized.

By command of Commodore STONE:

*Nicholas Piombino*

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO

CWO, USA

Asst Adjutant

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 Asst Adjutant

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LAWLER J J Lt Commander USCGR and 5 individuals of Italian Economic Financial Mission. (REURAD F 45298 of 28 October and REURAD ACC 701 of 30 October). Desired at this Headquarters in advance of departure date are name of airport from which party is to leave and date of departure. Information necessary to obtain clearances for travel and to avoid any delay at airport or enroute. An excess baggage allowance of 60 pounds of official documents is authorized party while traveling by aircraft.

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY

SECRET. Ing QUINTO QUINTIERI, Avv MARIO MORELLI, Dott RAFFAEL MATTIMLI, Dott ENRICO CUCCIA, Cott ERIDIO ORTONA, Italian Economic Financial Mission and Lt Commander J J LAWLER USCG Joint Director of the Finance Subcommittee of the ACC to accompany. Herewith is authority for your Headquarters to issue orders authorizing above named individuals to proceed by air without delay from present station to United States and return to present station upon completion of Mission notify AGWAR of ETA in US. This Headquarters must be notified in advance by priority cable of name of airport from which party is to leave and date of departure so that necessary clearances can be obtained and delay at airport avoided.



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