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LND File No. 6.40 - Billeting
March - June 1944

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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 Somma 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.

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Spoke to Capt. Gillett re this matter today after his inspection, he concluded that alternative premises were not suitable and Tortorella building should be taken. This was reported to Col Fiske who took the matter up with Brig Smith, who called C. H. West II

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Ref/163/H1/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 Sonna, 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 me as to which of them will be needed and satisfactory for the proposed purposes.

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NOEL MASON MACPARKER,
Lieutenant General,
Chief Commissioner.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: OFFICE OF THE HQ COMDT

SUBJECT: Accommodation - Excelsior Hotel.

FILE No. HQC/10

TO: Lt. Col. A. C. Bowman, Liaison O

14 June 1944

With reference to your application for accommodation in the Excelsior Hotel, I have to inform you that owing to certain circumstances, it has now been decided not to open this Hotel under AUC auspices.

R. H. Robertson Lt. Col.
R. H. ROBERTSON
Hq. Commandant.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

28 May 1944

SUBJECT: Excelsior Hotel.

TO :

Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, will shortly open the Excelsior Hotel, NAPLES, as a residential hotel and mess for Allied ACC officers of the rank of Colonel and above. Allied civilians of equivalent assimilated rank will also be eligible for accommodation. As accommodation is limited, officers are requested to make application to the Excelsior Hotel Mess Officer at the Administration Offices, 173 Via Santa Lucia, Scala "C", first floor, not later than 1 June 1944. Officers to whom accommodation is allotted will be notified by letter the date the accommodation may be taken up. Room assignments will be made on basis of rank. It is hoped that the hotel will be run in accordance with modern, first-class hotel practice. The following services will be available;

Gentlemen's Hairdresser
Ladies' Hairdresser
Manicurist
Laundry Services

The charge for residents will be 100 lire per person per day. The above charges are inclusive, except for wines, liquors and hairdresser. Tipping will be prohibited. Any guests introduced for meals, the number of whom will be limited, will be charged for at the rate of 25 lire per meal. Accounts will be rendered weekly and payment is requested within two (2) days of rendition of account. There is no accommodation for private servants, etc.

R. H. Robertson
R. H. ROBERTSON
Hq. Commandant.

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*Original delivered to Col. Robertson
after 15 January 1944*

ENGINEER SERVICE
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
A. P. O. 782

EPS/bp

12 May 1944

SUBJECT: Report on Survey of Building #61 Via Medina

TO : Colonel Bowman, A.C.C. Room No. 50, Provincia Building

1. In compliance with request of Colonel Bowman, A.C.C., survey of premises was made 11 May 1944 and the following observations and recommendations pertain:

a. Building is wall bearing, five storey structure of uncertain age, possibly 75 to 100 years. Floor construction (where visible) is typical log beams covered with split saplings supporting concrete fill and tile finish floors.

b. State of preservation is comparatively good except that nearby bomb hits have caused minor damage, broken glass and demolition of some curtain partitions, apparently from blast.

c. Roof structure is frame, pitched, tile covered. Numerous leaks have been reported which tend to loosen concrete fill above top floor ceiling making occupancy of this floor hazardous on account of falling fragments.

d. Owing to type of construction, floor slabs in larger rooms are resilient and develop considerable vibration due to passing vehicles etc. This condition is typical of many Naples buildings and although alarming at times, is not considered critical providing such areas are not used for gathering of personnel beyond the ordinary sleeping accommodations.

2. In view of the above, and without entering into extensive repair and reinforcing, it is recommended that:

a. Top floor be evacuated of personnel.

b. No room above first floor be used for recreation or gathering of personnel other than living accommodations.

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g. All loose or hanging material, and thin tile curtain partitions that are broken or loose (including top floor) be removed.

3. Should work mentioned in paragraph 2 be carried out, it is considered that the building is reasonably secure against normal abuse.

For the Engineer Officer:

E. F. STRECK,
Lt. Colonel, Corps of Engineers,
Chief, Construction Branch

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

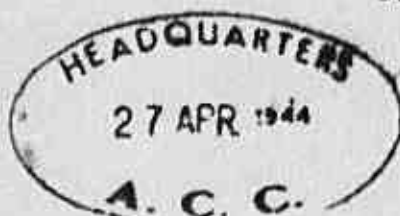
HHC/ss
24 April 1944

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:



[Signature]
KEITH C. JONES.
Lt. Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
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.


ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Lt. Col.
ACC-PBS Liaison Officer.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
H.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

St. Cal. Bauman

*Rec'd 2F
20 Apr 1944*

Ref/327/6/Ch.

18 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Security Measures Hotel and Boarding House Registers.

TO : H.C.'s. Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII.
S.C.A.O.'s 5th and 8th Armies.

1. Concern has been felt at H.Q. A.A.I. regarding the lack of enforcement of the Italian system of registration for persons staying at hotels and boarding houses.
2. The Minister of the Interior has now issued a directive to Prefetti on this subject and a translation is attached hereto for your information. Steps will be taken to ensure that the necessary action is taken by the Italian authorities in unoccupied territory, and in SAS territory a procedure similar to that outlined in the directive will be adopted.
3. HQ. A.A.I. have issued instructions to PSS/CIC personnel with regard to:
 - (a) Periodical examination of Questori records with a view to noting new arrivals in the area and checking these against suspect or "black" lists.
 - (b) Periodical checks at hotels and boarding houses to ensure that the regulations are being complied with.

M. S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Incl.

Translation of letter from Minister
of Interior dated 23 Mar 44, reference
50134/10-4.

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TRANSLATION

MINISTER OF INTERIOR
P.S. DIRECTORY

N.50134/10-7.

Salerno, March 23, 1944.

SUBJECT: Provisions.

TO : All the Prefects of Salerno, Potenza, Matera, Taranto, Lecce, Brindisi, Bari, Cosenza, Catania, Reggio C., Catanzaro, Messina, Siracusa, Ragusa, Enna, Caltanissetta, Trapani, Palermo, Agrigento, Nuoro, Cagliari, Sassari. Allied Control Commission, Public Safety Sub-Com.

1. Owing to shortage of Hotel accommodations many civilians have taken upon themselves to let rooms without required police authorization, consequent to such illegal action the above fail to fulfil the prescribed regulations in connection with such activities, that is registration and notification of the persons lodged.

This failure hampers police activity in keeping track of persons dangerous to society and to public order. It is intention of this Ministry that this state of affairs cease as soon as possible.

Therefore, it is necessary that inquiries should be made in every locality in order to find out all those who give lodgings without permit, and compelled them to comply with the proper regulations, and supply themselves with the prescribed register and to notify in lawful terms the Public Safety Office the arrivals and the departure of the tenants.

In the same time, all the Hotel owners, in-keepers, owners of boarding houses, persons who let private rooms that are properly authorized, must comply strictly with the law and if they fail doing so they will be prosecuted by law, and their license revoked.

The same must be responsible of the notification sheets which must be written clearly and exactly, noting all the particulars from the identification cards of each transient.

All those who have no documents to show, must be brought to the police office or to the HQ of the proper branch of the Army, which will provide for their identification and will regulate themselves accordingly.

In regard to the above, we request you to notify through the Municipality and the CCR that it is their interest to have their identity papers, in order to avoid consequent friction with the police.

THE MINISTER

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
Liaison Division
APO 394

10 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Hotel Orientale.

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner.

1. The Commission's requisition, for billeting purposes, of the above-named unfinished building located directly opposite P.B.S. Headquarters has, after some headaches and delay, been finally approved by Peninsular Base Section.
2. Lt. Col. Laboon and Captain Rively of our Public Works and Utilities Sub-commission are already actively engaged in rushing completion of at least a portion of the building.
3. The thanks of the Commission have been orally extended by me to officers of the Base Section responsible for favorable action on our application.

CAF
ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Lt. Col.
Chief, Liaison Division.

C.C.(Info): Brig. Lush.
Col. Albright.

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HEADQUARTERS COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
Office of the Headquarters Commandant
APO 782

15 March 1944

SUBJECT: ACC & AMI Personnel billeted at Parco Hotel.

TO : Headquarters Commandant, P.B.S.

1. The following is a list of ACC & AMI Personnel billeted at the Parco Hotel:

NAME	RANK	ORGANIZATION	ANTICIPATED DEPARTURE
* Caccia, H.D. 17/1	Civilian	A.C.C.	Indefinite
* Cako, Gilbert L. 5/3	"	"	"
* Dean, Patrick Henry 11/3	"	"	"
* Fehr, Carl E. 14/12	2nd Lt.	"	18 March
* Ficks, Norman E. 20/1	Col.	"	Indefinite
* Gepp, E.C. 4/3	Maj. Gen'l.	"	Indefinite
* Glasser, Harold 5/3	Civilian	"	18 March
* Kelley, Ruth 13/1	Civilian	"	Indefinite
* McConahay, Edward O. 5/2	Lt. Col.	"	Indefinite
* Magnus, Philip 31/1	Major	"	Indefinite
* Middelburg, 14/3	Civilian	Dutch Counsel, ACC	Indefinite
* Nevitt, John C. 5/3	Civilian	A.C.C.	Indefinite
* Phielimore, H.T. 4/3	Lt. Col.	"	Indefinite
* Raber, Samuel 17/1	Civilian	"	18 March
* Stewart, Andrew 5/3	Col.	"	Indefinite

R. H. Hahrmann
R. HAHRMANN,
Major, AUS.,
Billeting Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
Office of the Headquarters Commandant
APO 782

16 March 1944

SUBJECT: ACC & AMG Personnel billeted at Parco Hotel.

TO : Headquarters Commandant, P.R.S.

1. The following is a list of ACC & AMG Personnel billeted at the Parco Hotel:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>ANTICIPATED DEPARTURE</u>
Caccia, H.D. 17/1*	Civilian	A.C.C.	Indefinite
Cake, Gilbert L. 5/3	"	"	"
Dean, Patrick Henry 11/3	"	"	18 March
Fehr, Carl E. 14/12	2nd Lt.	"	Indefinite
Fiske, Norman E. 30/1	Col.	"	Indefinite
Gepp, E.C. 11/3	Maj. Gen'l.	"	18 March
Glasser, Harold 5/3	Civilian	"	Indefinite
Kelley, Ruth 18/1	Civilian	"	Indefinite
McConahay, Edward O. 5/2	Lt. Col.	"	Indefinite
Magnus, Philip 31/1	Major	"	Indefinite
Middelburg, 14/3	Civilian	Dutch Council, ACC	Indefinite
Revitt, John C. 5/3	Civilian	A.C.C.	Indefinite
Phielimore, H.T. 11/3	Lt. Col.	"	18 March
Reber, Samuel 17/1	Civilian	"	Indefinite
Stewart, Andrew 5/3	Col.	"	Indefinite

/s/ R. Habermann,
/t/ R. HABERMANN,
Major, AUS.,
Billeting Officer.

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(* - these numbers had been added in pencil - Copyist.)

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