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Land Forces  
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)  
Rome  
AC/79  
21 January 1945

Eng. Antonio Cortese  
Via Lagrange, 15  
Rome

Dear Sir:

1. With reference to your letter of 5 December 1944, regarding inventions which you wished to present to the Allied Governments.

2. The following reply has been received from ALSOS Mission, WIS, ETOUSA:

"1. Records of this Mission show that Antonio CORTESSE was not contacted by members of the Mission, but was interviewed by representatives of US Naval Intelligence Unit (Advance Section), APO 794, US Army, some time prior to August 1944.

2. The inventions which CORTESSE wishes to discuss are not of interest to this Mission.

3. For your information, upon War Department instructions, the ALSOS Mission has adopted the policy of referring all inventions presented to them to the local governmental agency of the country which deals with inventions, scientific and technical material."

3. It is suggested that you present your information to the proper officer of the Italian War Ministry.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel  
for Major General  
Land Forces  
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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2nd Ind. RCH/apc  
ALSOS MISSION, MIS, o/o G-2 Section, Hq. ETOUSA, APO 887, US Army - 30 December 1944.

TO: A C of S, G-2, Allied Force Hqs., APO 512, US Army.

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For the Chief of Mission:

*RCHam*  
R.C. HAM,  
Major, Inf.,  
Executive.

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3rd Ind.

A.C. of S., G-2, AFHQ, APO 512, U.S. Army, 9 January 1945.

TO: Land Forces, Sub Commission, AC (MMIA), Rome.  
Attn: Colonel Clayton P. Kerr, GSC.

Forwarded, inviting your attention to 2nd Indorsement.

*P. G. McDonald*  
P. G. McDONALD  
Major, GSC  
Executive Officer, (A)

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Subject: Inventions

Land Forces  
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)  
Rome  
AG/79  
8 December 1944

To : AFHQ for G-2

1. Inviting attention to attached letter and translation received from Mr. Antonio Cortese, Italian Civilian.
2. It appears that Mr. Cortese is attempting to make available to the Allies some inventions of his, and he contends that he gave certain data on these inventions to an Allied officer some three months ago and has obtained no answer. However, he is unable to identify the Allied officer.
3. He asked for transportation to see the proper section at AFHQ and was told that his letter would be forwarded, and if you were interested in his inventions, that you would arrange for a meeting with him.
4. This Headquarters has no knowledge of Mr. Cortese nor of his inventions, and can express no opinion regarding either of them.

CLAYTON P. KERK, Colonel  
for Major General  
Land Forces  
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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2 Incl:  
Ltr from Antonio Cortese  
Translation

1st Ind.

A.C. of S., G-2, AFHQ, APO 512, U.S. Army, 10 December 1944.  
TO: Major Richard C. Ham, c/o G-2 Section, Hq. COMZON, ETOUSA,  
APO 887, U.S. Army.

1. Attached forwarded for your information and whatever action you desire to take.

2. The A.C. have been advised of action taken by this office.

2 Incls: n/c

F. G. McDONALD  
Major, GSC  
Executive Officer, (A)

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Ing. ANTONIO CORTESE  
ROME

Via Lagrange, 16 - Tel. 870174

Rome, 6 December 44

TO: WMIA

Subject: Inventions

With reference to my interview with Colonel Kerr, I take this opportunity to inform you that it is in my interest to discuss in Italy and in America with the Technical & Scientific Office of the Minister for War, the following inventions of mine:

1. Aiming and firing device for tanks in action
2. Piezoelectric Compass
3. Piezoelectric Pendulum
4. Exact speed measure of aircraft
5. Measure of aircraft deviation angle
6. Anti-aircraft fire control.

Invention No. 6 was at one time discussed in Berlin, when Italy was Germany's ally, and was found to be exact. I was permitted such discussion by the Italian Government.

Invention No. 1 corresponds to a device for which the Germans have a secret invention. I was informed of same by the German Staff in Italy to whom I referred my ideas on such an invention.

For inventions 2, 3, 4, 5, I exploited the strength of the acceleration of the earth movement according to Coriolis. These are scientific inventions with military possibilities.

Inventions 2, 3 and 6 have already been forwarded to the Allies three months ago, but I have obtained no answer.

I also wrote recently to Mr. Vannevar Bush, Director of the Carnegie Institute and Director of the Scientific researches of the War Department, Washington.

ANTONIO CORTESE

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Roma 6 Dicembre 44

Comando Alleato MM I A

Roma

Oggetto: Invenzioni

Con riferimento al colloquio da me avuto col Sig. Col. KARR mi permetto di comunicare che ho interesse di discutere in Italia e in America con l'Ufficio tecnico e scientifico del Ministero della Guerra le seguenti mie invenzioni:

- 1°) Dispositivo per puntamento e tiro da carri armati in moto
- 2°) Bussole piezoelettriche
- 3°) Pendolo piezoelettrico
- 4°) Misura della velocità assoluta dell'aeroplano
- 5°) Misura dell'angolo di deviazione di aeroplani
- 6°) Controllo di tiro antiaereo

L'invenzione 6°) fu da me a suo tempo, quando l'Italia era alleata della Germania, discussa a Berlino e fu ritenuta esatta. Per tale discussione ebbi il permesso del Governo Italiano.

L'invenzione 1°) corrisponde ad un dispositivo per il quale i tedeschi hanno una loro invenzione segreta. Ciò mi fu comunicato dai signori tedeschi in Italia, ai quali io avevo fatto presente che io avevo ideato tale invenzione.

Per le invenzioni 2°) 3°) 4°) 5°) io sfrutto la forza dell'accelerazione di Coriolis del movimento della terra. Sono invenzioni a carattere scientifico con possibilità militari.

Le invenzioni 2°) 3°) 6°) sono state da me già comunicate agli alleati da tre anni ma non ne sono state riscoste.

Io ho recentemente scritto anche al Sig. Vannevar Bush Direttore del Carnegie Institut e Direttore dell'Ufficio di ricerche scientifiche del War Ministry di Washington.

ANTONIO CORTESE

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
APO 512 U.S. ARMY

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10 December 1944

SUBJECT: Inventions of Mr. Antonio Cortese.

TO : Allied Commission,  
Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MIA)  
Rome.  
Attn. Colonel Clayton P. Kerr.

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2. These documents have been forwarded to Major Richard C. Ham, c/o G-2 Section, Hq. COMZON, ETOUSA, APO 887, U.S. Army, who is interested in matters of that kind.
3. Appreciation is expressed to Mr. Cortese for his interest.

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Executive Officer. (A)

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