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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT : Accommodation Officers TO :

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C. M. F.

(Tel: ROME 489081 Ext 545)

Q. 16

7 October 1946

TO : H. Q.
Land Forces Sub. Comm. A.C.
M.M.I.A.

1. On 5 October a notice appeared in the Hotel Flora, initialled by the P.M.C. Flora Mess, stating that next week the Flora Mess is closing, and that the majority of members are to move to the Hotel Vittoria. It was further stated that no accommodation would be available in the latter hotel for certain named officers, including:

Lt-Col. SOUTHEY
Lt-Col. MEDLAM
Lt-Col. GIBBON

This was the first intimation of an intended move.

2. It is requested that instructions may be given regarding future accommodation for Lt-Col. GIBBON.

3. It is further requested that arrangements may be made with the Allied Commission to protect senior officers of the Mission from abrupt and discourteous treatment of this nature.

4. It is further requested that Lt-Col. GIBBON may be allotted accommodation which is not inferior in standard to that which he occupies at present. It is thought to be important that the Italians should not be able to allege that we are "going down hill".

(Drafted by Lt.Col. GIBBON)

AWG/ma.



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Major General E.H. SOULIER D.S.O.
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E

23 Sept 45.

DO/2/1

Dear

I shall be away on the 25th, but Pidsley will attend the meeting. I do not think I can comment on your proposal until I hear what other suggestions are put forward for release of requisitioned Hotels.

It is obvious that some accommodation must be given up, but it is only fair that all parties should share in the inconvenience which this will cause.

Yours

Lt.Col. S.C. TOMLIN CBE M.C.
H.Q. R.A.A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

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15 Sep 46

SUBJECT : Hotel Accommodation

TO : Chief Commissioner Allied Commission
Executive Commissioner Allied Commission
Director Air Force Sub Commission
Flag Officer Liaison, ITALY
Commander Land Forces Sub Commission

The time has come when numbers are so far reduced that it should be possible to release some hotel accommodation in ROME. It is felt that the most satisfactory results will be obtained if the services holding most of the hotels could meet and arrange a re-shuffle of accommodation on an equitable basis.

The Commander R.A.A.C. would therefore be glad to confer with representatives of the above services on this matter at 1100 hrs Wednesday 25 Sep 46 at HQ, R.A.A.C.

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I will go :
with Camp let me
have details of our
subdivisions' members.
by Tues evening.
Camp informed

S. S. Tomlin
S.S. TOMLIN
Lt-Col 712
Deputy Commander
Rome Area Allied Command

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Headquarters,
Home Allied Army Command.

30th August 1946.

DO/10

RECEIVED 6 SEP 1946

I attach a list of properties held on requisition and shown in our books as being held by British Detachment of A.C. and by M.I.

I do not know whether there is any possibility of your being able to dispose with any of them. Some perhaps may be surplus to present needs.

(Sgt) Allan Low,
Brigadier.

Brigadier H.S. Lusk, MB, CM, ED.
Executive Commissioner,
Home Allied Commission.

Copy to: C-1 British.
Executive Officer (A)
Executive Officer (B)
M.I.

See 23

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This is very incomplete

I assume
AC is acting
on it. W.P.

action to
verify AC

Conference is being held 11.00 am Wed 25 Sep
AC/RAC/M.I. etc. DO/10 of 16 Sep refers

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DATA

HOME AREA MILITARY COMMAND
P.O. BOX 1000
APO 734 00 00

LIST OF PROPERTY HELD BY ALLIED COMMISSION AS OF 29 AUGUST 1946

<u>FILE</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
GP 8	Via Vittorio Veneto # 34-35	Offices - 2nd Flg.	Joint Holding
84	Via Reg. Giovanna di Bulgaria # 35.	Hotel Urbs	
87	Via Cavour # 35	Hotel Corva	
123	Via San Nicola # 28	Hotel Corona (new)	
232	Via Cavour # 30.	Barber's Restaurant	
435	Via Verdi # 36, 38, 40	Shop (Radio Store)	
512	Via Principe Amedeo # 36 & 38	Storehouse 2, (1st Floor).	
770	Via Maria # 35 & 37	Warehouse - 2nd floor.	
927	Via della Piazza # 76	Villa Corva	
	(Piazza)		
1130	Via Vittorio Veneto # 36	Offices	Joint Holding
1637	Via di Villa Corva # 15	Garage	
1698	Via Maria # 41	Warehouse	

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105	Via di Porta Pia # 30	Hotel Rizzo	
554	Via Principe Amedeo # 36 & 38	Offices 2.	
1091	Via Principe Amedeo # 9.	Storehouse 2. Ground Floor.	
1092	Via Principe Amedeo # 9.	Storehouse 2. Ground Floor.	

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 550/EC.

9 July 1946.

Following our meeting of the 5th July on the subject of Hotel accommodation the position is now as follows:

Vaccari Hotel:

I have made arrangements with M.M.I.A., and their personnel who were billeted in this Hotel have now moved to the Genova.

Urbe Hotel:

I consider that the retention of Urbe Hotel is necessary for admin reasons, owing to the fact that it is approximately 100 yards from the Genova, while the alternative accommodation offered, the Imperiale, is a considerable distance away. I should therefore like this Hotel to be retained as a Sergeants Mess for A.C., M.M.I.A., and Air Force Sub-Commission.

Flora and Eden:

As explained at the meeting, the Flora Hotel accommodation is not so good as the Eden. The Flora Hotel is very short of sheets etc., and is not fitted as a family Hotel. A further problem will arise about rations. There are at present in the Eden,

7 families	M.M.I.A.
2 "	A.C.
1 family	Air Force.

Each of these families have children and the rations drawn by married families are 6 per week for wife and 4 per week for children under 10. Should these families be moved from the Eden to the Flora, it would be necessary to have a Military Manager in this Hotel.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Eliseo:

Accommodation could be found for M.M.I.A. officers at the Flora Hotel, but we have not yet decided on the move. I shall consult General Goulburn when he is installed. ✓

Colonna Hotel:

I hope within the next seven days to de-requisition 33 rooms in this Hotel. ✓

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier Alban Low, C.B.E., M.C.,
Commander,
R.A.A.C.

Copy to:- M.M.I.A. ✓
H.Q. Commandant.

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SUBJECT : Accommodation

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel: ROME 478808)

Ref: AQ/40/5/1836.

3 July 1946.

TO : H.Q.
Land Forces Sub. Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

1. Reference conversation 2 July Lt.Col Gilmore - Major Hibbard, herewith, estimated accommodation requirements of this Unit H.Q.

2.(a) W.O.s and Sgts.
Numbers to be accommodated, 10.
This figure allows for over-night duty visits of personnel from out-stations.

(b) O.R.s
Numbers to be accommodated, 14.
This number may well be reduced to 9, if certain men of the REAME Training Increment are sent to out-stations, and requested postings away from the Unit are effected.

(c) Italian O.R.s
Number to be accommodated, 24.
This figure is made up of cooks for British and Italian messes, drivers, telephone operators, office cleaners etc.

(d) Office Accommodation
Eight offices, are required, one of which should be large enough to accommodate eight clerks. The other seven offices should be of adequate size for two officers. In addition a Q.M. Store and NAAFI will be needed.

(e) M.T.
Requirements are a garage and area for 9 vehicles and 3 motor cycles, together with workshop, M.T. Store and Office.

3. The above particulars represent the present minimum requirements, and if possible to obtain, accommodation somewhat in excess of these requirements is considered desirable.

R.N.J. HIBBARD, Major R.E.
for Major N. Staffs

Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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HEADQUARTERS
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

SUBJECT: Accommodation

EC/10
17 June 1946TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission
Allied Commission (M.M.I.A.)

Reference your letter of 14 June 1946.

Brigadier Low considers that Major-General GOULDBOURN and his P.A. would be more comfortable in the Ambassador Hotel than at the Grand.

Therefore we will allot accommodation at that hotel. If, however, after his arrival Major-General GOULDBOURN wishes to move to the Grand we can easily arrange accommodation for him there.


Lieut
P.A. to Commander

[C.A. SCARISBURY]

Commander

RAC

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Subject: Accommodation

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG
(M.M.I.A.)

Q. 213

14 June 1946

TO : R.A.A.C.

Reference conversation (Brigadier LNW - Colonel FIDLEY). Major General COULBOURN is expected to arrive in ROME on 26 June to relieve Major General BROWNING. AFHQ require a handover of a week or ten days during which time accommodation (preferably in the Grand Hotel) will be required for the new general and his PA.

Will you please allot accommodation and inform this mission of its location.

It is not yet known where Major General COULBOURN will wish to live after the departure of Major General BROWNING but you will be notified as soon as possible.

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C.E. KING, Major
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject:- Accommodation - Drivers.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
E S S E
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15 May 46.

To :- 10 M.L.U.

1. In reply to your 22 AG dated 10 May 46.

2. Your kindness in providing accommodation for British and Italian drivers is much appreciated.

Br. Drivers are always provided with rations when leaving this H.Q. but unfortunately it is not possible, under existing regulations, to give rations to Italian drivers, who receive a daily cash allowance with which they are supposed to buy their own food. In the circumstances therefore it should be understood that Italian drivers must not expect to be fed from British sources. This has been explained to them.

3. Arrangements have been made whereby Italian drivers visiting Rome can be given sleeping accommodation at the Super Garage where two rooms have been reserved for their use. They should, of course, bring their own bed rolls.

4. British drivers will continue to be given quarters at the Vaccari Hotel.

Ames
A.K.E. BYRNE, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy internal:- Camp Commandant.

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Subject :- Accommodation - Drivers.

10 British Liaison Unit
TORE DEL GRECO
Tel. 55802 NAPLES
22 AG

9/10 May 46

Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC.,
MIA, ROME. ("Q" Branch)

1. British and Italian drivers from MIA often turn up at 10 BLU and ask for accommodation. They do not always bring their rations. We are very pleased to accommodate them, but we do not hold a reserve of rations for visitors. It is therefore requested that in future they shall bring rations. This point was brought to your notice in 10 BLU Progress Report No.8, para 10, dated 5 Apr 46 and in 22AG dated 30 Mar 46, (addressed to Camp Commandant).
2. There is no satisfactory accommodation in ROME for Italian drivers of officers of BLU's who visit MIA. The alternatives are :-
 - (a) The MIA garage, where the car is safe, but there is nowhere to sleep, wash or cook.
 - (b) The CASERMA MACAO, where they admit visitors unwillingly, and where the car is not safe.
 - (c) A Transit Camp several miles outside ROME.
3. Sometimes the British drivers kindly invite our Italian drivers to sleep and feed with them at the MIA billet. This is most convenient, but is not an official arrangement. It would be much appreciated if a solution to this problem could be found.

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Lt-Col.
CS.

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70" BUOK SLIP

FILE NO. 9743

DATE	SECTION OR SERVICE	ACTION REQUIRED
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12 March
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FROM B2

TO PA. to
GOC.

Reference attached RMC TSP/CSM/eph A6463.1
of 14 Feb '46.

Villa Nicos is supplied with electricity by S.E.E.
according to information at hand. The system
of action of the electrical supply and
operate is per above mentioned letter for
a while but as a result of protests by users
of current was described in 3 or 4, the time
when supply is stopped are changed weekly
for each district, in rotation. In any case
the recent complaints from have helped
alleviate the situation and at the moment, as
far as is known, there are no periods when
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the recent dampness of rain have helped
alleviate the situation and at the moment, as
far as is known, there are no periods when
the current is cut off altogether.

Am.
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Ref above

by ACFA — presumably non-preferential.

Poc's villa is supplied

Am.

Ref - Cap

Capt Am. Seen J. B. P
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Headquarters,
Rome Area Allied Command

20th November 1945

DC/10

Dear General

In reference to your personal letter of the 6th October asking for the villa formerly occupied by the Resident Minister to be allotted to you, and to my reply of the same date saying that I could not immediately allot it to you but was recording your requirements.

As no doubt you have anticipated, in the changed circumstances we are now in a position to allot it to you, and I have instructed our Real Estate Section to proceed to do so.

I am sorry that so much delay was necessary, but I am sure you understood my position.

Yours sincerely,

Almond

*I should have been previously informed
20 Nov that I'd be keeping
Villa Almond in my 701*

the villa formerly occupied by the Resident Minister to be allotted to you, and to my reply of the same date saying that I could not immediately allot it to you but was recording your requirements.

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I am sorry that so much delay was necessary, but I am sure you understood my position.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur

*I told Lord Palmerston this
21 Nov. that it is R. 701
M. 4 - 1000 - 1000*

AD

21 Nov

To: Major General L. BROWNING, C.B., O.B.E., M.C.,
H.Q. Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.),
H.Q. Allied Commission,
ROME.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
REAL ESTATE SECTION
APO 794 US ARMY

REQ : 1023

CGLR/pg
13 November 1945

SUBJECT : Requisition 1023.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(H.M.I.A.)

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 8th November.

2. It is regretted that no promise can be made in respect of this apt. as our available accommodation for future special commitments is insufficient and any apt. released must be retained on our reserve list.

3. Your request will be kept in mind in the event of this place not being required.

G.C.L. Ross
G.C.L. ROSS
S/Capt. Q.
Real Estate Section

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14/11 R.P.

Subject:- Accommodation - M.M.I.A.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) SCHE.
C.213
8 November, 1945.

To:- Rear Area Allied Command,
Real Estate Section.

Reference requisitioned property, your file 1025, recently vacated by Lt. Col. T. Ross, U.S. Army, M.M.I.A.

Further to conversation, Petra - Curties, it is particularly requested, if possible, the above property may be reserved for occupation by a senior married officer of M.M.I.A. when the allocation of married quarters in Ross is decided.

RAC

R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
For Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to:- 'A' Branch

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9/11 RLP

Subject: Office Accommodation - L.O., M.I.I.A.

Q.243

1. The following office changes will take place commencing on:

FRIDAY, 9th NOV.

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SC "A"	26	28
G Clerks	37	39
G II(L)	38	37
L.O.R.E. & S.O.R. Sigs	38	26
G III (Int)	38	54

	from	to
G1 Clerks	42-43	38
Chief Clerk	36	43
Registry	34	42-46
D... G. (4)	50	36
A.Q.M.G.	53	34
G I & G II (Eng)	32	50
D.A.Q.M.G. (2)	50	32
Sigs & R.E. Clerk	23	24
Interpreters	22	22
Ord. Clerks	14	20
R.E.M.E. Clerks	14	20
D.M.E.	50	18
A.D.O.S.	18	18
Movements L.O.	16	16 Bis
Medical Clerks	16	14

	from	to
Records (Hist)	12	7
D.A.D.S.T. (1)	7	12
D.A.D.S.T. (2)	4	10
Camp Office	1	4
Camp Condt. (Br.)	1	6
British Ciphers	35	1 Bis
Italian Sigs	35	Close
Sigs Section	24	35

2. Signals Supt. will arrange for transfer of telephones.

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Q1 Clerks
 Chief Clerk
 Registry
 D... ..G. (1)
 A.Q.I.G.
 G I & G II (Tnc)
 D.A.Q.H.G. (2)
 Sigs & R.E. Clerk
 Interpreters
 Ord. Clerks
 R.E.H.G. Clerks
 ..D.H.E.
 A.D.O.S.
 Movements L.O.
 Medical Clerks

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 D...D.S.T. (2)
 Camp Office
 Camp Comdt. (Br.)
 British Ciphers
 Italian Sigs
 Sigs Section

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"	35	"	Close
"	24	"	35

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7 Nov 45.

Distribution : ALL CONCERNED.

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McCarthy
 A.S.G.,
 S.I.A.

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT : Officers Rest Villa - S. Marinella

TO : AOMG

Ref WEL/Z dated 1 November 1945.

I regret to say I am completely in the dark regarding the a/m Villa. I have always been under the impression that Major Byatt was in charge of it, and that the furniture used there was obtained partly from "C" Mess and partly from the War Ministry.

I did telephone Rome Territorial Headquarters regarding the Italian Sergeant who looked after the house, because his wife called at the office to find out what had happened to him. As far as I remember, he was due for release on the 15 October and his wife was anxious to know when he would return to Rome. Rome Territorial Headquarters, informed me that a replacement was forthcoming and I informed the lady accordingly.

William C. C.
S.C. "Q"

M.M.I.A.

6 November 1945.

File me 697

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Subject:- Release of Villa Carruba - 10 Via Saussoferrato, Rome.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
Q.213.
2 November, 1945.

To:-

H.Q. R.A.A.C.
Real Estate Section.

1. The above mentioned Villa will be released by this H.Q. and available to you on Saturday 3 November 45.
2. The relevant "Marching Out" state will be taken on Friday 2 November 45, and forwarded to you when completed.
3. For your information, the central heating system has never been operated by us and we therefore do not know whether it is efficient. Normally, two or three times a week, the water system does not function and water has to be pumped into the tanks from a water cart, sent by the Rome Fire Bde.

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A.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to:

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Headquarters,
Rome Area Allied Command

1st November 1945

DC/6

Dear General

I am, as you can imagine, having great difficulty in the provision and allotment of villas, apartments and messes for A.F.R.Q. A committee is meeting next Monday which I hope will be armed with information to enable us to finish with the matter.

I have made a note of your bid for the Villa Parisi and am in strong hopes of being able to allot it to you.

I am having great difficulty in finding suitable premises for Generals' messes, and no doubt you will agree that when you yourself leave your present 'A' Mess, it will be a good deal to weaken your title to retain it as 'A' Mess of M.N.I.A. You may be sure that unless I am faced with necessity I will not disturb you, but I am bound, as things are, to include the Nisko Villa in my balance sheet as an asset, while showing on the other side the necessity of finding your 'A' Mess alternative accommodation as a liability.

I spoke to Pidsley about this yesterday, and he agreed the reason of what I said, while expressing a hope, which I share, that I would be able to leave your 'A' Mess undisturbed.

Yours Sincerely,

Albanus
Presidents

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Yours Sincerely,

Albanus

Received

1917 Villa

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C. Mess M.M.I.A.

N.S.C. Mess

M.C. R.A.F.S.C.

STONE Villa?

To: Major-General L. BROWNING, C.B., O.B.E., M.C. R.A.F.S.C.
H.Q. Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.),
H.Q. Allied Commission,
Rome.

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