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ONLY ON HIS BEHALF AND BY HIS DELEGATION PD PAREN DOG PAREN NO UNDERSECRETARY WILL
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THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GENERAL ORDERS AND DIRECTIVES OF THE MINISTER SUBJECT TO THE
CONTROL AND LIMITATIONS MENTIONED BELOW PD PAREN FOX PAREN FORMULATION OF LAWS
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RECORD AS UNDERSECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND PREVIOUSLY FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE
AND IS LIKEWISE RECOMMENDED PD GENERAL GOULBURNS AND MY VIEWS ON MORANINO WILL BE
FORWARDED SOON AS INFORMATION ON HIS RECORD RECEIVED

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
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IL PRESIDENT DEL
CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Translation

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Rome, 5 February 1947.

To: Admiral Ellery W. STONE,
Chief of the Italian Military Affairs Section,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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In reply to the request contained in your letter dated February 5, I hasten to supply the data concerning the organization and the attributions of the Undersecretariats of the new Ministry of Defense.

The informative criteria which will be the basis for the establishment of the aforementioned organization and responsibilities are the following:-

a)- At the head of each Undersecretariat, Army, Navy, and Air, there will be a civilian Undersecretary.

A military Undersecretary will be at the disposal of the Minister as Undersecretary for Defense, with consultative functions.

All the Undersecretaries will be agents (?) (organi) of the Minister, and as such will act only on his behalf and by his delegation.

No Undersecretary will have cognizance over operative matters which will be reserved to the respective Chiefs of Staff, who will be directly responsible to the Minister.

The Undersecretaries will have the power to issue special orders and establish special directives within the framework of the general orders and directives issued by the Minister, and subject to the control and the limitations mentioned in (b).

The formulation of laws and decrees is reserved to the Minister; likewise the relations between the Ministry of Defense and the Country (legislature).

The relations with the other Government departments will be the exclusive responsibility of the Minister.

Inspections to be passed by the Undersecretaries on their respective armed forces will have to be previously approved by the Minister.

b)- Through the Cabinet and the collaboration of the Consultative organs such as the Undersecretariat for Defense, the technical ministerial committee, the Chiefs of Staff, and so on, the main decisions

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on organization and administration must be taken only after having been submitted for approval to the Minister.

All appointments to the senior posts (Generals and Admirals), will be made exclusively by the Minister.

The Commanding General of the Carabinieri will be directly responsible to the Minister.

c) From what is mentioned in (a) and (b), it follows that the main decisions are made by the Minister. However the right of veto applies without question to any decision and in connection with any possible matter.

FOR THE PRESIDENT,

/S/ PAOLO CAPP
Undersecretary of State



*Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

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All'Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE

Capo della Sezione Italiana Affari Militari
Allied Force H.Q.

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In risposta alla richiesta di cui é oggetto la Sua lettera in data 5 c.m. mi premuro di fornire i dati circa l'organizzazione e le competenze dei Sottosegretari di Stato del nuovo Ministero della Difesa.

I criteri informativi che presiederanno alla definizione delle accennate organizzazione e attribuzioni sono i seguenti:

a)- Un sottosegretario civile é preposto a ciascun sottosegretario: esercito, marina, aeronautica.

Un sottosegretario (militare) é a disposizione del Ministro quale sottosegretario alla difesa, con funzioni consultive.

Tutti i sottosegretari sono organi del Ministro ed agiscono solo in nome e per delega sua.

Nessun sottosegretario ha compiti in materia operativa, riservata ai capi di S.M., facenti capo direttamente al Ministro.

I sottosegretari possono impartire direttive ed ordini particolari nel quadro delle direttive e degli ordini generali emanati dal Ministro, e coi controlli e le limitazioni di cui alla lettera b).

La formulazione di leggi e decreti é riservata al Ministro; così le relazioni tra difesa e paese.

I rapporti cogli altri ministeri vengono mantenuti esclusivamente dal Ministro.

Le ispezioni dei sottosegretari alla rispettiva forza armata devono essere preventivamente approvate dal Ministro.

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5 February 1947.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

With reference to the proposed appointments of Undersecretaries of the Ministry of Defense, news of which was contained in Rome papers on 4 February, I have been directed by the Supreme Allied Commander to inform you that he feels compelled to withhold approval of appointments to the positions of Undersecretaries for the Navy, Army, and Air Forces respectively until he can be informed of the precise nature of their duties.

The Supreme Allied Commander, therefore, requests from you a report concerning the respective duties of the Undersecretaries of the Ministry of Defense which will indicate what policy, executive and operational control each of the Undersecretaries will have over his respective branch of the Italian Armed Forces, and the degree of control and veto over the decisions and actions of the three Undersecretaries which will be exercised by the Minister of National Defense.

The Supreme Allied Commander also desires to be informed as to whether the Undersecretaries for the Navy, Army, and Air Forces will have the authority to appoint commanders of major formations or units of their respective services without submitting such appointments to the Minister of Defense. If such appointments will in fact be required to be submitted to the Minister of Defense for his approval, it will be helpful, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, if you will indicate to what extent the Minister of Defense would be likely to disapprove an appointment recommended by the Undersecretary responsible for the particular military service involved.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief

Italian Military Affairs Section

Dr. Alcide DeGasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Rome.

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- 1°)- DESIRE YOU INFORM DE GASPERI THAT IN VIEW REORGANIZATION OF MINISTRIES FOR ARMED FORCES SACMED FEELS COMPELLED TO ~~EXTEND~~ WITH HOLD APPROVAL OF THE UNDER SECRETARIES FOR ARMY, NAVY OR AIR FORCES UNTIL HE CAN BE INFORMED OF THE NATURE OF THEIR DUTIES. YOU WILL REQUEST FROM THE PRIME MINISTER A REPORT CONCERNING THESE DUTIES WHICH WILL INDICATE WHAT POLICY, EXECUTIVE AND OPERATIONAL CONTROL THE UNDER SECRETARIES WILL HAVE OVER THEIR RESPECTIVE SERVICES, THE DEGREE OF CONTROL AND VETO OVER THEM WHICH WILL BE EXERCISED BY THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE. ALSO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY WILL HAVE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT COMMANDERS OF MAJOR FORMATIONS WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE.

2°)-NEW SUBJECT.

DESIRE YOU INVESTIGATE WHAT EFFECT, IF ANY, APPOINTMENT OF MOSCATELLI WOULD HAVE ON THE MILITARY EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ITALIAN ARMY DURING NEXT SIX MONTHS WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO DISCIPLINE, MORAL, AND DEPENDABILITY IN CONNECTION WITH ALLIED FORCES IN ITALY.

- 3°)-DESIRE YOU ARRANGE CONFERENCE AT EXCELSIOR HOTEL 1200 HOURS FOR MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY TO WHICH INVITE US AND BRITISH AMBASSADORS, AND US AND BRITISH DEPUTY POLADS AND DIRECTOR LAND FORCES S/COMM. GENERAL LEE AS DEPUTY SAC WILL PRESIDE WITH G-5 AND G-3 AFHQ ATTENDING. LUNCH WITH GENERAL LEE WILL FOLLOW CONFERENCE.

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On the proposal of the President of the Council of Ministers,
Prime Minister Secretary of State(?)

D E C R E E S :

Art. 1

The Ministry of War, the Military Ministry of Marine, and the
Air Ministry are joined under one single Ministry which will be
called Ministry of Defense.

Art. 2

By following decree the organization of the Ministry of Defense
will be set up.

The present decree, furnished with the seal of state, will be
inserted in the official collection of laws and decrees of the Italian
Republic. Everyone concerned is obliged to obey the law and cause it
to be obeyed.

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Il Capo provvisorio dello Stato

Sulla proposta del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri, Primo Ministro Segretario di Stato :

D E C R E T A :

Art. 1

I Ministeri della Guerra, della Marina Militare e dell'Aeronautica sono riuniti in un unico Ministero che assume la denominazione di Ministero della Difesa.

Art. 2

Con successivo decreto sarà stabilito l'ordinamento del Ministero della Difesa.

Il presente decreto, munito del sigillo dello Stato, sarà inserito nella Raccolta ufficiale delle leggi e dei decreti della Repubblica Italiana. E' fatto obbligo a chiunque spetti di osservarlo e farlo osservare.

Roma, addì

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