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Axis Diplomats Interned At 
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UNITED STATES COMMISSION
APD 394
POLITICAL SECTION

Ref: 39.1

November 1944

Mrs. Jesse Roman Romanielli
Via Australia 139
Rome, Italy

Dear Madam:

Transmitted herewith is a check for \$15,000.00 from your husband J. Roman (RC) if forwarded through the Political Section of AUSA's Commission Headquarters from the Political Commission's Public Relation Headquarters.

We are glad to have been of this service and trust it will help alleviate your present situation.

Very truly yours,

William W. Schott
Vice President

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*Political Sect 3930*SUBJECT: Mrs TESSA ROMAN POSCHIATTIRESTRICTEDOffice of the AC of S C-2
ROME AREA ALLIED COMAND
CMFG/P938/BR

23 Nov 44

Vice President,
Political Section,
Allied Commission.

Reference your letter 220.1 dated 22 Nov.

1. There is no security objection to the money for the attached draft being delivered to Subject.
2. All papers are returned herewith.

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D.A.D. Young(D.A.D. YOUNG)
Lt. Col.,
G.S.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
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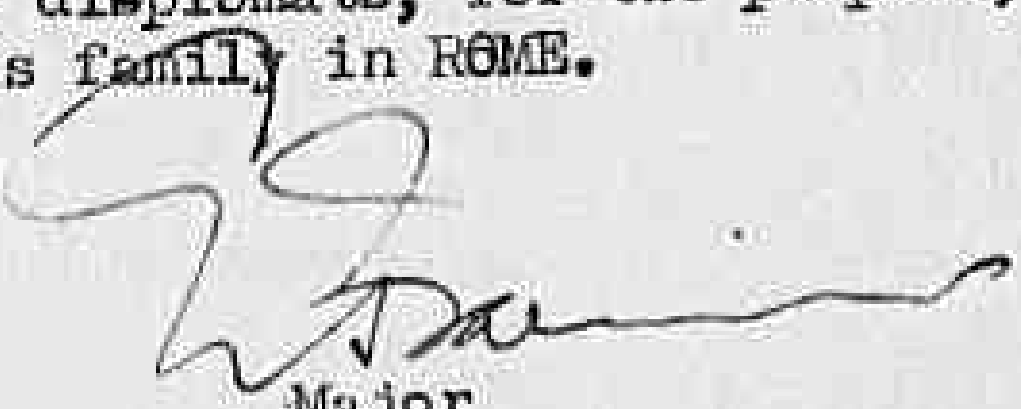
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TO:- Regional Commissioner, (2)
Sicilia Region H.Q.

Our Ref. CAT/222

Subject:- Diplomats

May the attached crossed Assegno Circolare No. FO32011 of the Banco di Sicilia for Lit. 20,000 in favour of H.Q. Allied Commission please be forwarded to Political Section HQ, AC, ROME with the request that the proceeds be remitted to Mrs. Tessa ROMAN ROSCHIATTI, Via Aurelia 139, ROME, wife of the Roumanian internee M. Horia ROMAN. This sum represents part of proceeds of the sale of a watch by M. ROMAN to one of the other diplomats, for the purpose, it is thought, of obtaining funds to finance his family in ROME.


Major
Executive Officer.

CATANIA
5 Nov. 44
ECB/FWGH.

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Lire 20,000. to be sent to Mrs. TESSA ROMAN BOSCHIATTI

Via Aurelia 139.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref: 220.1

1 November 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: G-2, R.A.A.C.

1. We should appreciate your views on the attached letter from Mr. Roman, Romanian Diplomat interned at Teesdina, before approaching G-5, A.P.H.Q. in the matter.
2. There also is attached a letter from Mr. Roman to his wife which we should appreciate your censoring.

For the Chief Commissioner:-

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice President, Political Section

2 Encls:

- 1 - Ltr fr Horia Roman dtd 26 Oct 44.
- 2 - Ltr fr Horia Roman to Signora Roman dtd 26 Oct 44.

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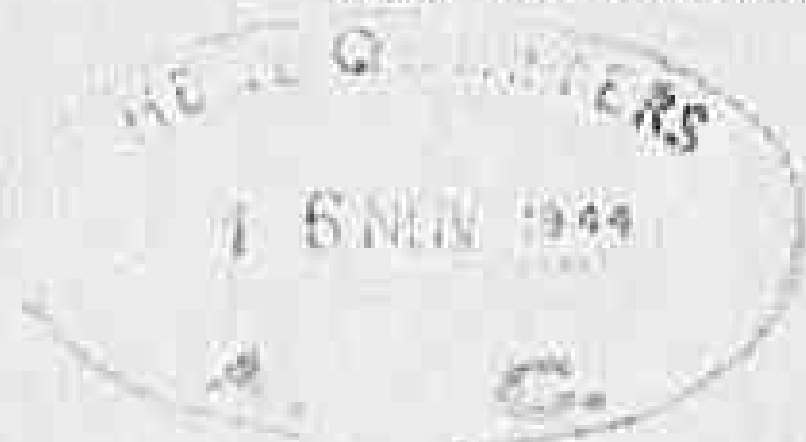
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ALLIED COMMISSION SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS, APO 394, US A. 13/11/44.

TO: Hq. Allied Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army.
(Attention: Political Section) 

1. Forwarded.

For the Regional Commissioner:


G.J. LEONE
CWO USA
Adjutant

Incl:

- 1 - Ltr from Maria ROMAN to Maj Wilson,
dated 9 November, 1944.

Hold for reply 2 previous letter to G-5, AFHQ
Nov. 14 1944

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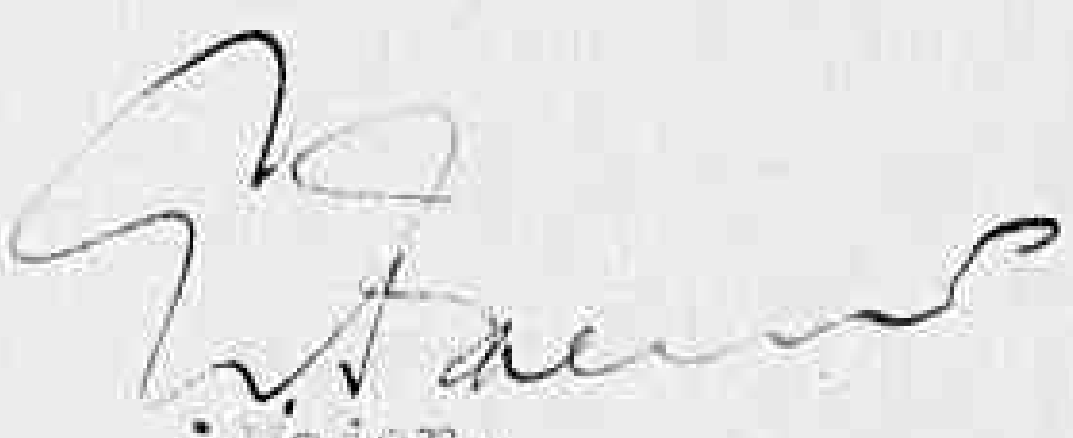
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Sicilia Region H.Q.

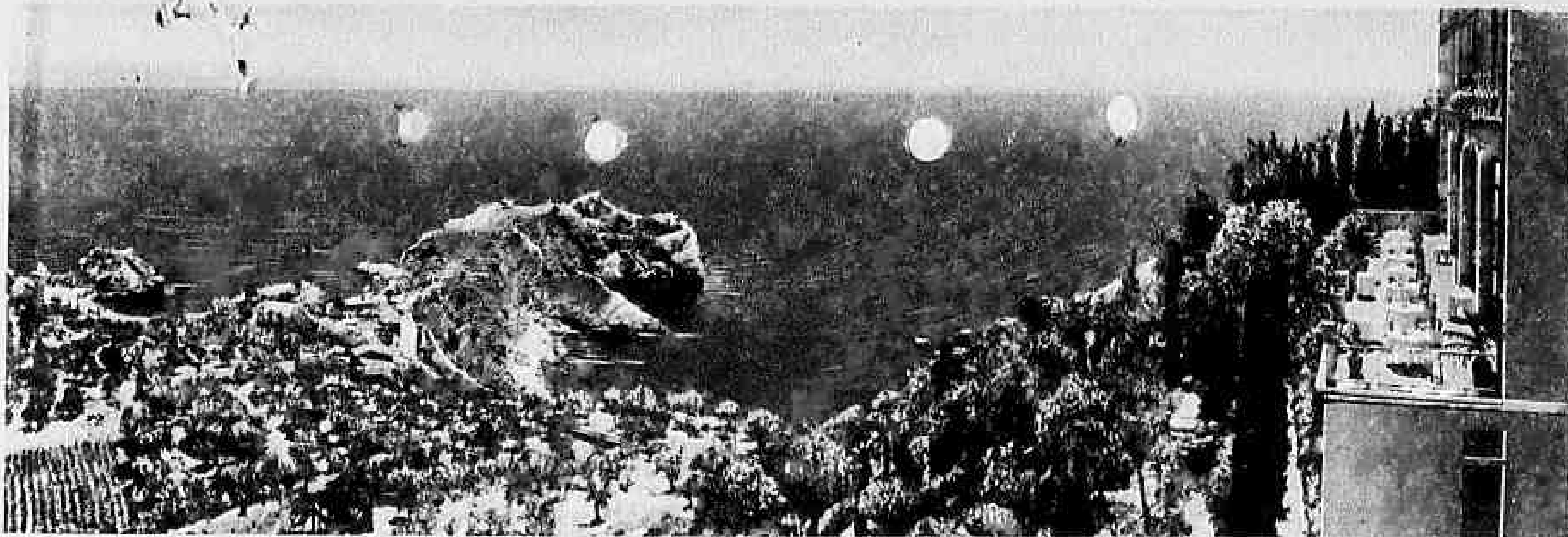
Our Ref: CAT/212

REC'D.
RI 12 NOV 1944Subject: Diplomat - Mr. Horia ROMAN.

Herewith, for onward transmission please to Political Section, HQ AC ROME, the attached letter addressed by Mr. Horia ROMAN to Major Wilson, Officer i/c Interned Diplomats, who requests that the Romanian's position be reviewed.

CATANIA.
11 Nov 44.
ECB/PCMH.
Major,
Executive Officer.

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GRANDE ALBERGO MIRAMARE

PRIMO ORDINE
APERTO TUTTO L'ANNO

TAORMINA
(SICILIA)

TELEGR: MIRAMARE
TELEFONO: 34

11 NOV 1924

Signor Maggiore Wilson,

Mi trovo qui, a Taormina, dal 12 Luglio u.s. Mi era stato assicurato una "breve sosta" nell'attesa di essere posto rimpatriato. Intanto, nonostante la mia domanda di venire assunto nell'esercito romeno il quale si trova già dal 25 Agosto in guerra contro la Germania, nulla è stato portato a termine a tale riguardo.

Dato questo stato di cose e il prolungarsi di esso, la mia posizione diventa insostenibile, soprattutto per quanto sotto espongo:

- A.) Mia moglie, che è italiana, era addetta alla Legazione di Romania e percepiva il suo relativo stipendio. Data l'impossibilità del trasferimento di moneta dalla Romania, le è stato tolto lo stipendio dal mese di Agosto.
- B.) Ho lasciato una bambina di appena 6 mesi; ragione questa che mi ha impedito di condurre con me la famiglia.
- C.) Data la tempestività della partenza e il mutamento della situazione militare e politica del mio Paese, non mi è stato possibile sistemare la posizione finanziaria della famiglia la quale si trova adesso in grave difficoltà.
- D.) Mi costa che al Ministro di Romania e ad altri Membri della Legazione è già stato dato il giorno 31 Ott. il permesso di lasciare il Vaticano e di circolare libero nella Città di Roma.

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Per tutte queste ragioni, La prego di voler interessarsi, onde poter ottenere il permesso di recarmi a Roma, per riprendere il mio servizio come addetto stampa alla Legazione di Romania presso la Santa Sede, o in attesa di essere rimpatriato al mio Paese, come alle Autorità sembrerà più opportuno.

In ogni caso, mi si conceda di poter rivedere mia moglie e la mia bambina, anche in una breve sosta, della quale potrò approfittare per sistemare gli affari familiari.

Con ossequi e ringraziamenti e nella fiducia
che la preghiera mia venga esaudita,

Horia I. Roman
Horia I. Roman

addetto stampa alla Legazione di
Romania presso la Santa Sede

Termina 9 Nov. 1944

CONFIDENTIAL

ALLIED FOR(HEADQUARTERS

Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

B.389.455/7.

19 October, 1944

SUBJECT: Control of Movement.

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2,
Rome Allied Area Command.

1. A request has been received through the Political Adviser's Office, for the Roumanian and Finnish Ministers to the Holy See and their families to be allowed to return to their residences in Rome.

2. A reply has been sent intimating that there is no security objection to this.

3. The individuals concerned are as follows:

S.E.M. Basile Grigorcea, Minister	(
M. Theodore Scortzesco, Minister Councillor	(
Madame Scortzesco	(Roumania
Four children	(
M. Theodore Galitza, Councillor.	(
M. Goran Stenius, Attache	(
Madame Stenius	(Finland
Four children	(

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

S.S. HILL-DILLON,
Colonel, G.S., 1770
G-2 (CI) Section.

True copy.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref #505-RO

14 September 1944

Dear Madam,

It has been brought to the attention of the Political Section, A.C.C., that your husband in Taormina has exhausted his ready cash and is in need of money to defray his minor expenditure which would amount to about 10,000 francs per month. Should you wish to send him any sums of money, the Political Section will be pleased to have them delivered to him.

M. Roman also has requested to be provided with some books and these too will be forwarded to him should you wish to supply them.

Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

Madame Tessa Roman
Via Aurelia 139,
Rome.

505-Roman

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref #220.1

13 September 1944

Dear Major Pearson,

In reply to your letter of September 3 I have to advise you that the Finance Sub-Commission, A.C.C., have no objection to the advance to the German diplomats at Taormina of limited sums from the official funds.

As regards M. Roman we had addressed a letter to the Roumanian Legation to the Holy See explaining his situation and asking that funds be provided for his use. No reply has yet been received. We also have written to Mme. Roman explaining her husband's situation and affording her opportunity to send funds to him, as well as books as you requested.

All the communications from M. Roman to his wife have been passed on to her and I enclose herewith copy of a telegram which she wishes to have delivered to him.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

Major J. M. Pearson,
c/o Provincial Commissioner,
Catania Province,
Region I.

Encl:
cy msg fr Mae Roman

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HORIA ROMAN
ALBERGO MIRAMARE

T A O R M I N A

RICEVUTO TUA LETTERA E SAPUTO DI TUO TELEGRAMMA IL CUI
CONTENUTO NON GIUDICHIAMO PIU DI ATTUALITA STOP CI INTE-
RESSIAMO TUTTI PER TUO RITORNO STOP CICILICA HA UN TERZO
DENTE TI ASSOMIGLIA SEMPREE PIU STOP TI ABBRACCIO FORTE
FORTE ASSIEME A LEI CIAO AMORE

TESSA

Sped. Tessa Roman
R o m a - via Aurelia 139 -

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref #505-RO

31 August 1944

Dear Harold,

Major Pearson, an officer attached to this Section who accompanied the Axis Diplomats to Taormina, writes from there that the Roumanian, Moria Roman, former press attache to the Roumanian Legation to the ~~Quirinale~~, is in need of funds. It is estimated that he will require 10,000 ^{monthly} lire for the remainder of his stay in Sicily and the financial provisions for his forward journey. Major Pearson suggests that perhaps the Roumanian Legation in the Vatican would be willing to provide this money and I thought that perhaps you might wish to take it up with them at a convenient moment.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

Harold H. Tittmann, Esquire,
U. S. Charge d'Affaires to the Holy See,
Via Boncompagni, 2,
Rome.

505-Roman

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c/o Provincial Commissioner,
CATANIA.

27-8-44

My dear Laccia,

Many thanks for your letter of 13 August, which has just reached me. I think it would be better to address me as above rather than to Region 1 (which means Palermo via Catania back to Catania if and when someone has the time and/or inclination to forward it).

I am glad to know you are discussing my return with Brigadier Lush, for it is absurd to keep anyone of my experience and seniority on a job like this: especially when we are so busy in the Political Section. There is a local Town Major, who could supervise this place without any difficulty.

The inmates are rather restive about being kept so long, but that may be due to an epidemic of Athlete's Foot or Tinea, which they all seem to have picked up on the beach. Consul HAHN is rather worse, and I have asked for a nurse to relieve his Wife at night. The others are normal, except the Rumanian who listens to the radio all day and is frantically anxious to return home "to do his duty", whatever he means by that. I have written in already about their diminishing money, to ask if we can use the journey money, but have had no reply. I wish AFHQ would let them go on and be a burden on the German ambassador in Madrid. I am sick to death of them myself.

Please remember me to everyone, and do your best to get me out of this screwy island, where evrybody tries to interfere with everyone else and shirks responsibility himself.

Yours,
John Pearson

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Another telegram from Mr Horia ROMAN for censorship and redirection please.

Taormina,
27 August 1944.

J. H. Roman
Major, Political Section.

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Lieut Col: A.S. Giles, OBE, MC,
Provincial Commissioner, Catania.

Copy to Political Section, ACC, Rome.

I have to refer to telegram 1230 of 3 August from the Chief Commissioner regarding funds held by me in the Bank of Italy on behalf of interned Axis diplomats.

2. The present balances in their names, after paying their debts for the first month of internment (viz: 12 August) are:

Mr and Mrs WEMMER	L 114103	114103
Mr and Mrs HAHN	33708	33708
Mr Perleander	35684	35684
Mr Kollentweber	11543	11543
Mr Brink	10608	10608
and Mr Roman	5464	5464
	nil (carried by Minister)	

3. The German Embassy funds (L750,000) are untouched. The German Minister alleges that the Secretary of State, Vatican City, arranged for them to bring away this sum as "expenses for the journey", but it is difficult to see how it can be so used owing to the difficulty of finding exchange in the currency of the neutral country through which they are to be repatriated.

4. The Rumanian, Heria ROMAN, has asked to be allowed to return as a private citizen to Rome, where his Italian Wife is living. Pending a decision, perhaps the Rumanian Legation in the Vatican, of which he is an accredited member might be asked to furnish other funds for him. His expenses for the first month (wines, cigarettes, doctor, shorts, sandals, bathing expenses, tips, etc) amounted to L 9,987. I suggest he will require L 10,000 monthly for the remainder of his stay in Sicily, and provision for his forward journey if necessary.

H. Pearson

18 August 1944.

Major, Political Section.

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Political Section
276 FSS R.A.A.C.
Phone 487245 Ext 17/92
31 Aug 44

To: Political Section
HQ A.C.C.

See memo.

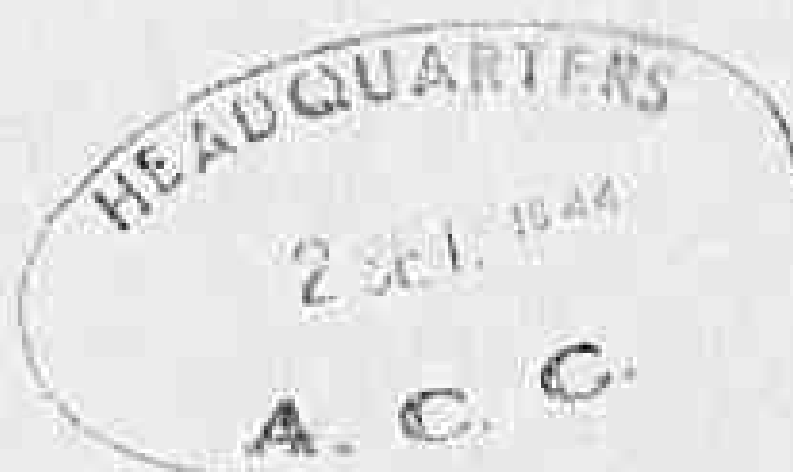
Subject: HORIA, ROMAN

Ref Att presented to this office by Prof. SEVER POP.

1. It is regretted that as the a/n was allowed leave Italy apparently under diplomatic arrangements, and as this Sec has no knowledge of the case; the question of his return must also be considered a matter for diplomatic action, which this Sec is not in a position to take.

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RRB/pt
Capt.,
Int. Corps.
(R.B. RAFFEN)



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

505-RO

20 August 1944

The Political Section of the Allied Control Commission has
received the following telegram from Taormina, Sicily;

"Professore SEVER POP (33125)
Academia di Romania
Valle Giulia
ROMA

Gli ultimi avvenimenti della Turchia rendono impossibile il mio
viaggio per la Romania e per via Spagna Germania non posso tornare
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Horia Roman"

Professor Sever Pop
Romanian Academy
Valle Giulia
Rome

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TO: GRIGORCEA, ministro di Romania presso la Santa Sede
Citta del Vaticano

Dato che i tedeschi hanno improvvisato in Germania un
governo fantasma delle "Guardie di ferro" prego comunicare
a Bucarest mia completa adesione al governo democratico di
Re Michele. Ringraziamenti.

Horia Roman

adetto stampa legazione Romania
S. Sede

Original to Mr. Tatham
Copy to G-2, RAAC
Sept 7 1945

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SEVER POP

PROFESSORE NELLA R. UNIVERSITA DI BUCURESTI
VICE DIRETTORE DELL'ACCADEMIA DI ROMANIA
CONSIGLIERE CULTURALE PRESSO LA R. LEGAZIONE DI ROMANIA

VALLE GIULIA
TEL. 33125

ROMA

*No possibility of
return - HC
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Romanian Academy
Valla Giulia
Rome

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MINOR
Exempt

2 - Professor Saverio Pop

Institute - Romanian Academy, Valla Bricha, Roma

The recent events concerning Turkey render
possible my trip to Romania. By way of
Paris and Germany I cannot return for reasons
which you know of. I beg of you very
politely to ask on my behalf of the A.C.C.
permission to return to Rome. As a journalist
I wish to resume all diplomatic ties.
Cordial greetings to Romania and Vlatasovic.
I thank you for your Roman

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H.A. Caccia, Esq
Political Section, ACC, Rome

*Sent to C-2
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Herewith a letter from Mr Horia ROMAN, the Rumanian
diplomatic internee, addressed to his Wife.

I should be glad if you will have it censored and
delivered please.

In the field,
17 August 1944.

J. H. Roman
Major,
Political Section.

Horia Roman

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8 Aug 44

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Letter and Hand Bag
TO : Regional Commissioner, Region I

There is attached a letter and handbag to be delivered to Mr. Horia Roman, Attache to the Legation of Roumania to the Holy See, Albergo Miremare, Taormina.

The contents of the handbag have been inspected and found satisfactory for transmittal to Mr. Roman.

WWS
WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Political Section

Encl
Ltr to Mr. Roman
Handbag

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Lieut Col: A.S. Giles, OBE
Provincial Commissioner (Catania)

You will remember that on 23 July I sent you a telegram from Mr. Horia ROMAN, our Rumanian internee, asking you to forward it through Political Section to his wife. He has had no reply, and asks you to expedite it.

2. In connection with his application to return to Rome as a private citizen, I now learn in conversation with him that he has been indiscreet enough not only to publish an editorial letter in his Bucarest paper to Hitler but also another to Franco. I think you ought to know this, since if he is to be repatriated to a neutral country it should be to Turkey, which has not yet broken off relations with Rumania, rather than to Spain. He wishes, however, to await the result of his appeal to return to Rome before raising this point officially.

3. I am sending a copy of this Memo to Political Section for information.

8 August 1944.

Major, Political Section.

H.A. Caccia Esq,
Political Section, C.C.C

Herewith a telegram from Horia ROMAN, the Rumanian, who owing to the altering political attitude of Turkey has little chance of returning to his own country. He alleges it is unsafe for him to travel through Germany.

I advised him to write direct to you or to the local representative of the Protecting Power, but he prefers to do it this way. Perhaps you would not mind seeing SEVER POP in the matter.

4 August 1944.

[Signature]
Major, Political Section.

Telegram to Lt. Corso - Aug. 15
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Lists of Axis Diplomats
interned at Taormina

DU VATICAN, le 4 juillet 1944.

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A la Légation de S.M. Britannique
près le Saint Siège

LISTE DES DIPLOMATES A RAPATRIER

ALLEMAGNE

Dr Ludwig WEMMER, ~~Ministre~~ plénipotentiaire ✓
Madame Julie Wemmer ✓
Monsieur Karl-Gustav WOLLENWEBER, Conseiller ✓
Monsieur Georg ELLING ✓
Monsieur Friedrich PERKUNDER, chancelier ✓
~~Monsieur Johann Hahn~~ ~~died~~ ✓
Madame Ida Hahn ✓
Monsieur Kurt BRINK ✓
Mademoiselle Maria Sylvia KLOSS
Monsieur Friedrich FUCHS

ROUMANIE

~~M. Michel CAMARACHESCO, Conseiller~~
~~M. Nicolas FILIRAS, secrétaire~~
~~M. Filiras, père du précédent~~
M. Horia ROMAN, attaché
~~Madame ROMAN~~
leur enfant (âgé d'un an)

JAPON

SLOVAQUIE

FINLANDE

néant.

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Liste des Diplomates des pays de l'Axe
entrant dans la Cité du Vatican

JAPON

- S.E. M. Ken Harada, Délégué Spécial

- Madame Ken Harada

Personnel de service

- M. Masahide Kanayama, secrétaire

- Madame Kanayama

Deux enfants

Personnel de service

- M. Shinji Matanzoe, attaché

M. Shoda, chancelier

Personnel de service

ALLEMAGNE - S.E. le Baron Ernest von Weizsäcker

- Madame von Weizsäcker

Personnel de service

- M. Albrecht von Kessel, conseiller

Personnel de service

- Baron Sigismund von Braun

- Madame von Braun

deux ~~des~~ enfants

Personnel de service

— Madame Ken Marada

Personnel de service

— M. Masahide Kanayama, secrétaire

— Madame Kanayama

Deux enfants

Personnel de service

— M. Shinji Matanabe, attaché

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— Madame von Weizsäcker

Personnel de service

— M. Albrecht von Kessel, conseiller

Personnel de service

— Baron Sigismund von Braun

— Madame von Braun

deux
~~des~~ enfants

Personnel de service

— M. Buyna, chancelier

— M. lle Rahlke, dactylographe

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ROUMANIE

- S.E. M. Basile Grigorcea, Ministre plénipotentiaire

Madame Graziella Grigorcea.

Mademoiselle Anne-Marie Grigorcea.

Personnel de service.

- M. Théodore Scortzesco, Conseiller

Madame Livia Scortzesco

Quatre enfants.

Personnel de service.

- M. Théodore Delitz, conseiller

> M. Mircea Moscuuna-Sion, premier secrétaire.

Madame Irène Moscuuna-Sion

Un enfant

Personnel de service.

SLOVAQUIE - S.E. M. Karol Sidor, Ministre plénipotentiaire

Madame Humpala Urbanová

Personnel de service.

- Mgr. Joseph Kapala, consultant ecclésiastique

- M. Eugène Urban, attaché de presse.

Madame Maria Bico Urbanová.

Personnel de service.

Madame Iivia Scortesco

Quatre enfants.

Personnel de service.

- M. Théodore Galitz, conseiller

> M. Mircea Moschuna-Sion, premier secrétaire.

Madame Irène Moschuna-Sion

Un enfant

Personnel de service.

SLOVAQUIE - S.E. M.Karol Sidor, Ministre plénipotentiaire

Mircea Moschuna-Sion

Personnel de service.

- Mgr. Joseph Kapala, consultant ecclésiastique

- M. Eugène Urban, attaché de presse.

Madame Maria Blco Urbanová.

Personnel de service.

FINLANDE

- S.M. M. Harri Holma, Ministre Plénipotentiaire

Madame Holma

Personnel de service

- M. Georges Stenius, attaché

Madame Stenius

4 enfants

Personnel de service

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LISTE DU PERSONNEL DES MISSIONS DIPLOMATIQUES
DE L'AXE DEMANDANT A DEMEURER A ROME

ALLEMAGNE

Mesdemoiselles Rutho ZANDER
Thérèse SPICK (comme personnes privées)
Rose Marie MICHAEL

*La garde
d'ambassade*

M. Gerhard SCHWICHTENBERG
Mme Anna SCHWICHTENBERG comme gardiens de l'immeuble
de l'Ambassade.

ROUMANIE

Madame Alice DUPU, comme gardienne de l'immeuble de la
Légation.

*le grand
bureau
ambassade*

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Ref: P/220.12

1 February 1945

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Envelope to
Mr. Roman at Taormina.TO : Regional Commissioner
Sicilia Region

The attached envelope has been approved for transmittal by
G-2 Section, Rome Area Allied Command and is herewith forwarded to
Sicilia Region for onward transmission to Taormina.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice President, Political Section

1 Encl: Envelope as above.

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Letters and telegrams
forwarded from Taormina
to relatives in Rome and
Germany, and vice-versa.

Ref: P/220.1

5 January 1944

SUBJECT: Letters of German Diplomats.

TO : Regional Commissioner
Sicilia Region
APO 394

1. Reference is made to attached letter from Sig. Wenner, enemy diplomat interned at Taormina, which was forwarded by you for transmission by Political Section.

2. This letter has now been returned by G-2 Section, R.A.A.C., to whom it was referred, with the following comment:-

"Since Italy is at war with Germany, letters from the German Diplomats to Italian civilians in Italy should not be forwarded for security reasons."

3. It is suggested that the letter be returned to its origin.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice President, Political Section

1 Encl: Hand-written ltr.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
Office of the AC of S, G-2
APO 794, US Army

JWF/pab

Ref : G/44

4 January 1945

Subject : Letters of German Diplomats.

To : Headquarters Allied Commission,
Political Section,
APO 394.

Reference your P/220.1, dated 2 Jan 45.

Since Italy is at war with Germany, letters from the German Diplomats to Italian civilians in Italy should not be forwarded for security reasons.

J. W. Fischer
J. W. FISCHER,
Colonel, GSC,
AC of S, G-2.

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Ltr. to Eugenio, Via Gregoriana 28, Roma.

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Ref: 220.1

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION, Political Section, 22 Nov 44.

To: G-2, Rome Area Allied Command.

1. The basic correspondence and attached Assegno Circolare No. F032011 of the Banco di Sicilia are forwarded herewith for investigation and approval prior to compliance by the Political Section.

2. The return of all papers is requested.

For the Chief Commissioner:-

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice President, Political Section

2 Encls:

- 1 - Minute containing Mrs. Foschiatti's address.
- 2 - Assegno Circolare No. F032011 of the Banco di Sicilia.

Note: Basic ltr is CAT/222 dtd 5 Nov 44, subj: Diplomats.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref #220.1

30 October 1944

SUBJECT: Moris Roman, Roumanian Diplomat at Taormina

TO : Provincial Commissioner, Catania Province, Sicilia Region.

1. There is being sent this date a suit-case which we would appreciate your causing to be delivered to Mr. Moris Roman at the Hotel Miramare in Taormina. There is enclosed herewith a letter addressed to Dr. Roman from his wife which encloses the sum of 2,000 Lire and the key to the suit-case mentioned above, which we likewise would appreciate your having delivered.

By order of the Chief Commissioner:

WILLIAM E. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

Encl:
1ltr as stated

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Encl: 1ltr as stated

Letters

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref: 220.1

6 November 1944

TO : C-2, R.A.A.C.

SUBJECT: Censorship of Correspondence.

The attached 13 letters and one telegram, received from the interned diplomatic officials at Thomina, are transmitted herewith for censorship.

For the Chief Commissioner:

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice President, Political Section

1. Encls: 13 letters and
one telegram.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
EASTERN SICILY

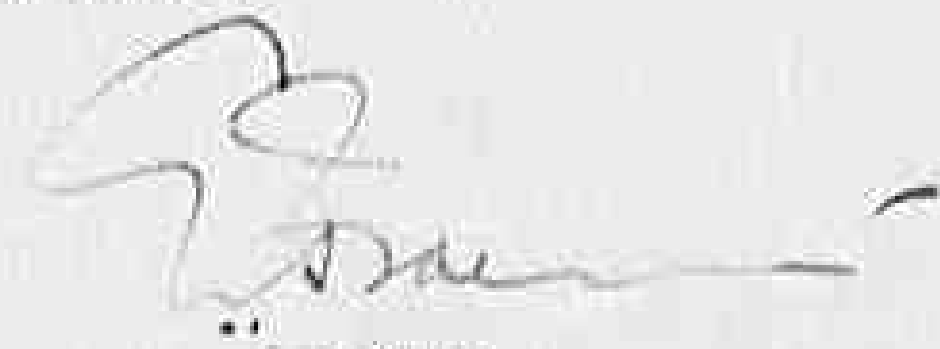
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To: Regional Commissioner,
Sicilia Region H.Q.

CAT/222

REC'D.
RI 1 NOV 1944Subject: Diplomats' Letters.

Herewith, for onward transmission please, to
Political Section A.C., M.Q., Rome, eight letters
from the interned Diplomats.

CATANIA.
31 Oct 44.
ECB/PWGH.
Major.,
Executive Officer.

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1st Ind

FILE: 091.112 REO
ALLIED COMMISSION, SICILIA REGION HQ 2 November 1944
TO: HQ ALLIED COMMISSION APO 394
Attention: Political Section

1. Forwarded.

Incls. n/c



William R. Jordan
WILLIAM R. JORDAN
Colonel CAC
A/Regional Commissioner

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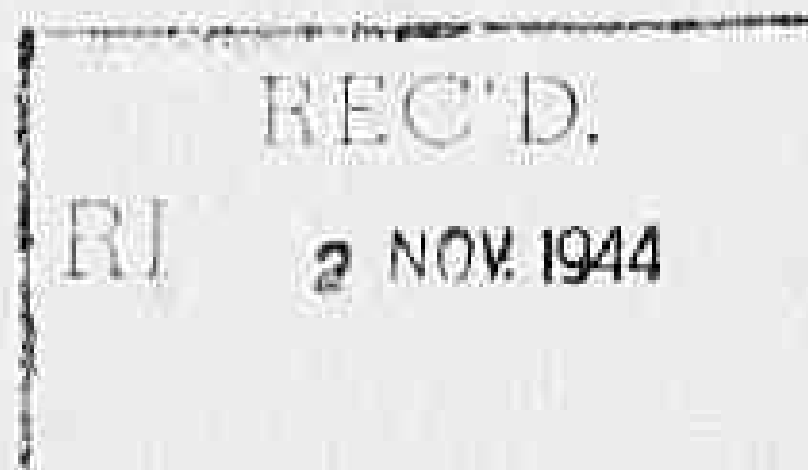
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ALLIED COMMISSION
EASTERN SICILYTo: Regional Commissioner,
Sicilia Region H.Q.

Our Ref: CAT/222.

Subject: Diplomats' Letters.

Herewith, for onward transmission please to Political
Section, AC HQ ROME, five letters and telegram from the
Diplomatic Internees.

CATANIA.
1 Nov 44.
ECB/FWGH.

[Signature]
Major.,
Executive Officer 1739

FILE: 091.112 RH 1st Ind
ALLIED COMMISSION, Sicilia Region Hqs., APO 394 2 November 1944
TO: ALLIED COMMISSION HQ, APO 394
Attention: Political Sub-Commission

1. Forwarded.

Incls. n/c



William R. Jordan
WILLIAM R. JORDAN
Colonel, CAC
A/Regional Commissioner

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Ref: 220.1

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION, Political Section, 4 November 1944

TO : Acting Regional Commissioner
Sicilian Region

1. All communications, packages and sums of money thus far sent to the diplomatic internees at Taormina have been sent by Political Section, Allied Commission, after having been examined and censored by G-2, R.A.A.C. and this practice will be continued. Political Section receives the letters and parcels and transmits them direct to the Provincial Commissioner, Eastern Sicily. This is done at his request.

2. There are enclosed two letters, addressed to Dr. Ludwig Kasper from the German Embassy to the Holy See, which the Vatican Secretariat transmitted to G-2, R.A.A.C., and have been censored and approved for transmission by it.

3. It would be appreciated if these letters were delivered to the addressee.

By command of Commodore Stone:

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice President, Political Section2 Encls: Two ltrs addressed
to Dr. Kasper

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From the Vatican, November 2, 1944

Dear Colonel Davis,

The enclosed letters have been received from the German Embassy to the Holy See with the request that they be forwarded to Taormina. These are the letters about which we spoke over the telephone.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Hon. Capt. G. M. Leary

Lt.Col. Luther C. Davis
Vatican Liaison Office
R.A.A.C. Building
Piazza Venezia
Rome.

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

*To be submitted to
H. Caro
file*

B.389.509/5-A

25 October 1944

SUBJECT: Telegram from Minister of German Embassy to Holy
See to the Secretary of State of His Holiness.

TO : A.C. of S., G-2,
Rome Allied Area Command.

Reference your letter G/80 dated 19 October 1944.

It is considered that the telegram attached to the above
letter should be delivered to the Secretary of State of His Holiness.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

*Telegram
forwarded 30/10/44*

P. James Donald, A.C.S.

f S.S. HILL-DILLON,
Colonel, G. S.,
G-2 (CI) Section.

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G-2 Section

NAME

Date Recd.

28 Oct

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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
Office of the AC of S, G-2
APO 794, US ARMY

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G/80

JWF/pab
19 October 1944

Subject : Telegram from Minister of German Embassy to Holy
See to the Secretary of State of His Holiness.

To : AC of S, G-2, AFHQ.

1. In the past, telegrams or messages from the German diplomats in Taormina to addressees in Rome and elsewhere have been forwarded through Political Section, ACC, to this section for review and approval before final delivery to addressee. Such review has been accomplished in the past by us without reference to your headquarters, as the material thus far has not been of a leading or controversial nature.

2. There are enclosed two copies each of subject telegram and an accurate translation. It is felt that your headquarters should decide whether we may forward the original telegram to the Secretary of State of His Holiness, due to the fact that the telegram makes an allegation of violation of international law and not only reflects discredit on the Vatican but also upon the Allied Governments.

3. We will hold the original telegram until you have informed us of its disposition.

J. W. FISCHER,
Lt. Col., GSC,
AC of S, G-2.

2 incls.

Copy of telegram (in duplicate)
Translation of telegram (in duplicate).

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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
Office of the AC of S, G-2
APO 794, US ARMY

19 October 1944

Translation of the attached document is as follows:

TELEGRAM

To : The Secretary of State of His Holiness,
Vatican City.

We have been held here for almost three months. We have no doubts now that the assurances given to the Secretary of State of His Holiness and transmitted to us, were not correct. Therefore the basis and premise on which we moved from Rome, have lost their meaning. Our imprisonment here represents now, a permanent violation of international law and is in contradiction to the rights and duties of the Vatican, as a neutral state.

To avoid that this stay here may be considered a confinement, I propose that we be returned immediately to Rome.

The Minister of the German
Embassy to the Holy See.

/s/ Wenner.

Taormina 6 October 1944

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 694

14 Oct 1944

FILE:RC/091.112

SUBJECT: Axis Diplomats - Correspondence

TO : H.Q. A.C.C. ROME
Political Section

Herewith for transmission to addressee through
your section three letters and one telegram from Axis
diplomats at TASHKENT.

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H. CARR
Brigadier
Regional Commissioner

Liaison Dept

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Col Bricker 6/2

R.A.A.C.

for answer

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Axis Dipl. Information

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APC 304

Ref 220.1

18 September 1944

Dear Major Pearson,

Enclosed please find seven letters addressed to various of the enemy diplomats at Taormina which have been approved for transmission by G-2, R.A.A.C.

The report and medical certificates in the case of Herr Johann Hahn were examined by the surgeon of R.A.A.C., who reported that the information at hand was insufficient for him to make a decision as to what treatment should be given Herr Hahn's case and he recommended an examination of the man and a report thereon to A.C.C. by an Allied medical officer in Sicily. Can this be done? If not, will you let us know at your earliest possibility as the case has aroused considerable official concern in high quarters.

Mr. Caccia says that the question of your release and your return to Rome is being considered by Brigadier Lush and a decision should be made in the very near future.

Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM W. SCHWETZ
Vice-President, Political Section

Major J. M. Pearson
c/o Provincial Commissioner
Catania Province
Region I.

Encls:
7 ltrs

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Lieut Col: A.S. GILES, OBE
Provincial Comm. Officer, Catania.

I should be glad to receive specific instructions in the following matter.

Yesterday I intercepted a telegram addressed to the German Minister WEMMER. It was from the Secretary of State, Vatican City, dated 9-8-44, acknowledging his two telegrams of protest of a fortnight ago and promising to take action. But as I stuck down the envelope I realized I had no possible right to interfere with correspondence between a Minister and the Government to which he has been formally accredited.

Much as we would like to intercept telegrams and letters, it is impossible to do so here. I suggest that you ask Civil Censorship to send us copies of letters and/or telegrams sent to these people through the civil post. Otherwise I should receive specific instructions to intercept them and send copies to the Political Section.

11 August 1944.

Major, Political Section.

Copy to Political Section for information.

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Financial status of
interned diplomats

Ref: 220.1

HEADQUARTERS ALI (D) COMMISSION, Political Section, 4 Nov 42.

TO : Acting Regional Commissioner
Sicilia Region

Political Section, Allied Commission, agree with the views of the
Provincial Commissioner, Eastern Sicily, which opinion Finance Sub-
Commission, A.C., concurs.

WILLIAM E. SCHOTT
Vice President, Political Section

*Advanced to
Political Section*

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FILE: 091,112/REG

ALLIED COMMISSION, Sicily Reg. Hqs., 28 October 1944.

TO: Headquarters, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 394

Attention: Political Section

1. Forwarded.

WILLIAM R. JORDAN
Colonel, G.C.
Acting Regional Commissioner

COPY OF BASIC DOCUMENT

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
EASTERN SICILY

To: Executive Officer

Through: Regional Commissioner,
Sicily Region H.Q.

CAT/222

SUBJECT: Advances to Interned Diplomats.

The German Minister, now interned at Taormina, has asked for an advance of Lit. 25,000 from the private funds placed at the disposal of interned diplomats, in order to purchase a fur coat.

I submit that purchases of this nature should not be permitted, for the reason that, the period of internment of these diplomats being uncertain, and these funds being necessary to pay for their keep, caution must be exercised to ensure that the money is not squandered. Also, there is the question of encroachment on supplies meant for Italian civilians.

Can a ruling be obtained please from Political H.Q. to the effect that these funds may be spent only on absolute necessities. Purchase of the fur coat has been refused, but a general ruling would be of assistance to the Officer in charge.

Catania
26 Oct 44
HJW/JRG

/s/ H.J. Walker
/t/ H.J. WALKER Lt-Col.
Provincial Commissioner
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Copy to: Major Wilson
Hotel Miramare
TAORMINA

COPY

Financial Sub-Commission

Please afford us your
views in this matter
and return attached
papers.

W. Schmidt
Pol. Sec.

Oct. 31

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A.P.G.S.

E.H.F.

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J.J.L.

A.K.

J.E.H.

H.J.T.

Mr. Schott
Political & Econ

1 Nov.

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Finance S/C agrees
completely with Lt. Col.
Walbert's views.

BH Simmons
Major
Finance S/C

Police section

Mr Schott -

I took the matter
of Roman's financial
status up with Mr
Gower and here's his
answer - I presume
you will deal with
the Swedish Legation

f. f. Col Brown

2 Oct 44
1600 hrs.

THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO HIS HOLINESS THE POPE

2, via Boncompagni, Rome.

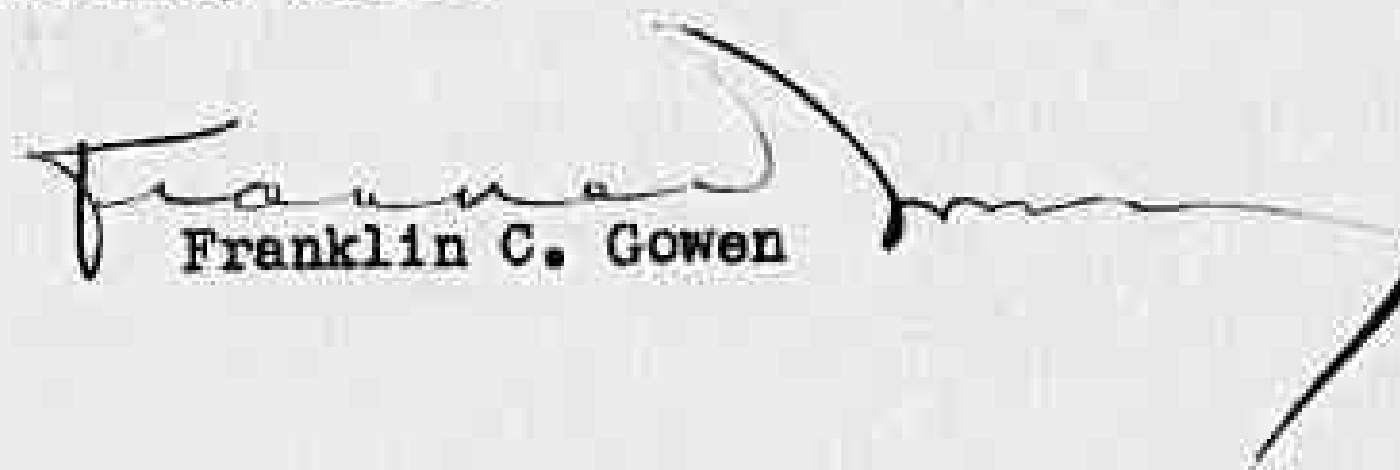
October 2, 1944.

Dear Colonel Brown:

I refer to your recent call at this Mission when you asked me to ascertain for the information of your office the name and address of the Legation in Rome which is charged with the protection of Rumanian interests in Italy. Rumanian interests in Italy are protected by the Swedish Legation at 129a via Michele Bianchi (tel. 81073).

In accordance with your verbal request I am returning herewith the carbon copy of the memorandum which you left with me when you called. I have noted that the case to which this memorandum refers is to be handled by the appropriate authorities through your office.

Sincerely yours,


Franklin C. Gowen

Lt. Col. Enoch Brown,
Liaison Division,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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Received
OCT 2-1944
Rome

Lieut Col: Walker, Provincial Commissioner, Catania.
Copy to Political Section, ACC, Rome.

The German Minister, Ludovic Wemmer, has asked that the official money brought from Rome be allocated for the credit of individual members of his Mission. In order to avoid the default of some and their indebtedness to others, I have agreed on the Regional Commissioner's authority REO/383.7 of 31 August 1944. The money will continue to be held in the Bank of Italy in my name, and used for normal disbursements, as before.

The personal allocation is the following :-

Mr WEMMER	L 350,000
WOLLENWEBER	125,000
PARKUNDER	100,000
HAHN	50,000
BRINK	50,000
ELLING	75,000
	<u>L 750,000</u>

The following are the currencies reported -

2. Mr Horia ROMAN, the Rumanian Press Attaché, is still without funds. No temporary credit has been received for his use in response to my requests. His indebtedness to date amounts to L 2243. It would be appreciated if this account could be put in funds as soon as possible since, owing to his country's political situation, he is unable to take advantage of the Germans' comparative solvency to borrow from them.

3. A cash statement is attached.

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Major, Political Section.

-aormina,
15 September 1944.

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Mr WEMMER L 350,000
 WOLLENWEBER 125,000
 PARKUNDER 100,000
 HAHN 50,000
 BRINK 50,000
 ELLING 75,000
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Perceiving that this money can't be spent -

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Major, Political Section.

-aormina,
 15 September 1944.

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a voluntary Rumanian assistance fund money

Rumanian interests in Italy are taken care of by the Swedish Legation, via Michele Bianchi, 129a
 Tel. 81073

Axis Diplomats interned at Saarnimies

Cash position as on 15 September 1944.

Mr and Mrs WEMMER	141,800 plus 356,035 (allocation)	
	less 25,885 (12/8)	
	" 15,012 (1/9)	
	" 2,595 (15/9)	L 454,343.
Mr and Mrs HAHN	63,903 plus 50,000 (allocation)	
	less 11,195 (12/8)	
	" 9,565 (1/9)	
	" 5,398 (15/9)	L 87,755.
Mr WOLLENWEBER	18,200 plus 125,000 (allocation)	
	less 6,647 (12/8)	
	" 7,153 (1/9)	
	" 12,602 (15/9)	L 116,798.
Mr PARKUNDER	37,825 plus 100,000 (allocation)	
	less 2,141 (12/8)	
	" 1,376 (1/9)	
	" 6,862 (15/9)	L 127,446.
Mr BRINK	2,392 plus 43,965 (allocation)	
	less 4,204 (12/8)	
	" 4,223 (1/9)	
	" 2,356 (15/9)	L 41,609.
Mr ELLING.	14,804 plus 75,000 (allocation)	
	less 4,196 (12/8)	
	" 3,711 (1/9)	
	" 9,226 (15/9)	L 57,867.
Mr ROMAN	15,451 less 9,987 (12/8)	
	" 5,464 (1/9)	
	" 2,243 (15/9)	owes L 2,243.

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Maormina,
15 September 1944.

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Use up private
funds.

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examine current
status from
official funds.

(3) Some are go
to Russian
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funds for
Russia.

Col. Grafty - Send the

Finance Sub & Comm

For comment & return to Pol. Sec.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

PERSONAL &
CONFIDENTIAL

FILE:RC/201

Sept 1944

My dear Caccia,

1. With reference to the Axis Diplomats, I saw Major Pearson at Taormina on 30 AUG and handed him back his letter with your pencil notes on it. I regret that, owing to pressure of work and to being on tour, I have been unable to write to you before on the subject of Major Pearson and these diplomats.

2. I discussed with Major Pearson the question of the necessity of having himself or another Allied officer in residence at the Miramare hotel.

The most the local A.C.C. Provincial Commissioner could do would be to visit the diplomats about once every 10 to 14 days. This would mean that the diplomats would have to remain under the control of the Italian official personnel at the hotel. At the moment, the Carabinieri etc. there are, I believe, in charge of a young Italian officer, and Major Pearson agreed with me that it would be impracticable to leave him in sole daily charge of the diplomats, including the security and arrangements to be made for escorts.

Major Pearson agreed with me that it is necessary to have an Allied representative of officer status, either in residence at the hotel or at Taormina, to be responsible for these diplomats, and that occasional visits by the local Provincial Commissioner would not be satisfactory.

3. As regards a relief for Major Pearson, I have no solution to offer from this end. Major Pearson suggested that there might be officers at H.Q. A.C.C. requiring a rest who might be stationed at Taormina for a tour of duty with the diplomats.

I have just heard that a Capt Chambers of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, who has been twice wounded and is convalescing at Taormina, would be prepared to take a spell of duty with the diplomats. But such an officer would have no experience in these matters and, moreover, he only expects to be at Taormina about one month. Further, there would be the difficulty of getting an officer of this category temporarily attached to A.C.C. for such purpose.

If Major Pearson is to be relieved, I can only offer two suggestions. Either another officer should be sent from your section to relieve him or some officer or official with

the necessary qualifications should be specially engaged temporarily to take over control of the diplomats.

4. There are one or two points concerning these diplomats which I should like to take this opportunity of mentioning.

(a) The original instructions regarding these diplomats laid down that none of them were to be allowed direct contact with the outside nor to leave the grounds.

I see from our records that Lt Col Morley-Fletcher, the former Executive Officer here, on 17 JUL authorized the diplomats to leave the grounds under escort for the purpose of proceeding to the beach for bathing. I can trace no permission from higher authority for this relaxation of the conditions, but 56 AREA presumably agreed from a security point of view. There is, however, some local feeling against these Axis diplomats using government petrol - they use Major Pearson's A.C.C. car - for the purpose of conveyance to and from the bathing beach. I propose, however, to leave matters as they are unless you say otherwise.

(b) Some of these diplomats are running short of petty cash and I believe that the situation in this respect was reported to you by Major Pearson in a letter dated 18 AUG.

I understand that the sum of L.750,000 held on behalf of the Minister is at his disposal and not to be touched. I find, however, in our records here that on 30 AUG Lt Col Morley-Fletcher, late Regional Executive Officer, telephoned my Provincial Commissioner at CATANIA to the effect that this sum of L.750,000 could be used to provide funds for necessary expenses for diplomats whose personal resources have become exhausted. I can find no trace of this policy having been approved by higher authority. Can you please let me know urgently what is the policy? Major Pearson has not been told about the use of the L.750,000 for general expenses pending clarification.

(c) These nine diplomats, plus Major Pearson, are accommodated, as you know, in the Miramare hotel, the dining room alone of which could seat, I should say, at least 150 persons. I understand that this most extensive accommodation was arranged because, in the first instance, a considerable number of diplomats was expected. The arrangement is uneconomical, but it was requisition accommodation which was empty at the time the diplomats arrived and I presume matters should continue as they are.

5. As this letter deals with matters which have been raised officially or otherwise with the R.C. & M.G. Section, I am sending a copy to Lush.

Yours sincerely
M. Carr

M. CARR
Brigadier
Regional Commissioner

H. Caccia
Political Section
H.Q. A.C.C. ROME

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Lieut Col: A.S.Giles, OBE, MC,
Provincial Commissioner, Catania.
Copy to Political Section, ACG, Rome.

Mr Schott

HC

Are you

dealing with this?

With reference to my Memo of 18 August on this subject I have to report the following balances in the names of the Axis diplomats here as of 1 September 1944 :-

Mr and Mrs WEMMER	L114,103	less 15,012	
	and (Brink)	4,223	L94,868
Mr and Mrs HAHN	52,708	less 9,565	43,143
Mr PERKUNDER	35,684	" 1,376	34,308
Mr WOLLENWEBER	11,543	" 7,153	4,390
Mr ELLING	10,608	" 3,711	6,897
Mr BRINK	(owes 1812 plus 4223)		nil
Mr ROMAN	5,464	less 5,464	nil

2. It will be seen that, while the amount of cash in lire held by two of the German Secretaries (Wollenweber and Elling) is dangerously low and another (Brink) is still being "carried" by the German Minister, the balance in hand for the Rumanian Press Attaché (Roman) is exhausted;

3. I shall be pleased if you will ask for the cancellation of the order (tele-ram 1230 of 3 August) from the Chief Commissioner that the official funds of the German Mission (L750,000) be not used.

4. Since Mr ROMAN is now without funds, perhaps a request might be made to the Rumanian Legation, Vatican City, for the urgent despatch of, say, L20,000 for his use here. Meanwhile, please approve my continuing to give him temporary credit for normal disbursements in respect of extra messin, wine, cigarettes, etc.

W. Carson

Major, Political Section.

Taormina,

3 September 1944.

H.A. Caccia, Esq.,
Political Section, ACC, Rome.

WTS - What can we
tell Pearson?

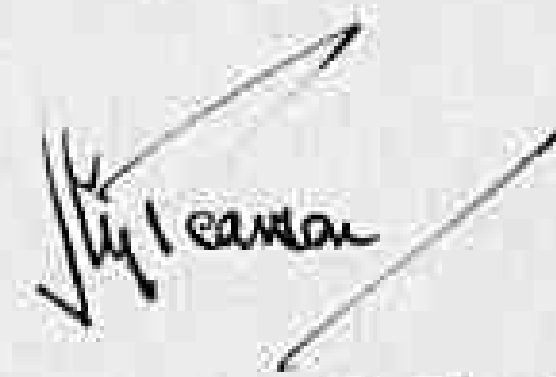
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Mr Horia ROMAN, the Rumanian Press Attaché interned here, is worrying me to ask for replies to his telegrams and other communications addressed to the Rumanian Legation, Vatican City, through you. In all the long weeks that we have been here also he has received only one message from his Wife, who works, he informs me, in the Legation.

Would you please allow me to assure him that his letters and telegrams have gone forward, and that lack of reply cannot be attributed to "usual channels"?

If you could telephone Signora Roman and ask if she has written or will write, he would be very grateful. At the same time perhaps you could mention the provision of his Hotel expenses.

I am rather sorry for this man, for not only is he alone here but since the declaration of war by Rumania on Germany his position in regard to his German co-internees has become a little delicate. If the Legation could send him some books it would help.


Major, Political Section.

Laormina,
6 September 1944.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION I HEADQUARTERS
AFG 394

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8 Sept 1944

SUBJECT: Diplomatic Internees.

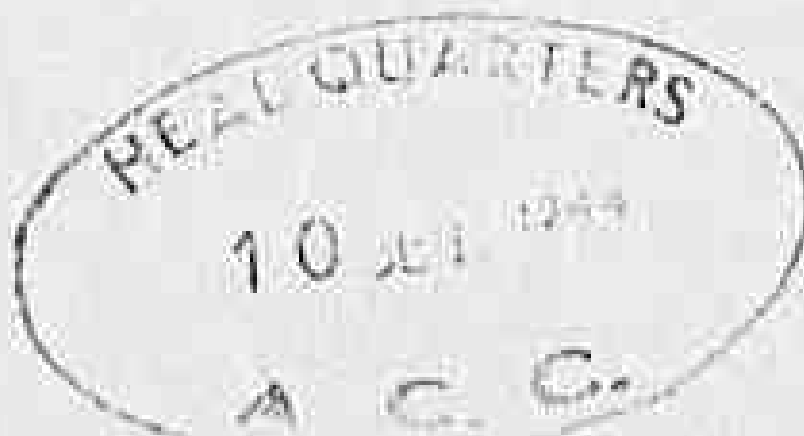
TO: Executive Commissioner, R.C. & M.G. Section, ACC HQ
For Political Section.

1. A copy of a letter from Lt-Col Giles, Provincial Commissioner, Catania, in reference to a Roumanian Diplomat, now at Taormina, is forwarded for appropriate action.

For the Regional Commissioner

William F. Jordan
WILLIAM F. JORDAN
Colonel C.A.S.
Regional Executive Officer.

Incl.
1 copy of a letter.



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COPYALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
EASTERN SICILY.Subject:- Diplomatic Internees.

CAT/SRR

To:- Regional Commissioner,
Sicily Region H.Q.

1. Mr. ROMAN. Rumanian nationality. Major Pearson reports that this man is now without funds. As he is not German, he cannot, of course, be financed by the German Minister from the official funds held by us on behalf of the Minister even supposing authority were obtained to use these funds to finance the German officials.

Instructions are requested please.

2. A suitable nurse has been obtained for Consul Johannes Hahn, the sick man. She is a daughter of a member of the staff of this H.Q.

Catania.
2 Sept 44.
ASC/JRS.A. CHES.
Lt-Col.
Provincial Commissioner

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Taormina 3 / 9 / 1944

Alla Commissione di Controllo Alleata

Dato i nuovi rapporti di amicizia ed di collaborazione fra la Romania e gli Alleati e dato lo stato di guerra fra il mio Paese e la Germania, chiedo insistentemente alla Commissione di Controllo Alleata il permesso di tornare a Roma per rivedere mia moglie e la bambina e andare subito a Bucarest per presentarmi al reggimento.

Horia Ion Roman
Horia Ion ROMAN

adatto stampa alla Legazione di Romania
presso la Santa Sede

9 Sept 44

Inasmuch as AFHQ ordered us to send Roman et al to Sicily, any change in orders must come from AFHQ.

Yours,

Frederick B. ...

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APC 394

21 August 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Major J. M. Pearson, c/o Regional Commissioner,
Region I.

With reference to your memorandum of August 13, 1944, regarding facilities for exchanging Italian currency for enemy diplomat representative at Taormina, I have to inform you that no such facilities will be afforded. As was done in the case of German diplomat representatives repatriated from the United States, neither their official funds nor their remaining personal funds will be returned to them. However, they will be given a receipt for the amounts in question as proof to their governments that those sums have been taken from them.

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

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RE: Axis Diplomats in Sicily

Mr. Schott:

Major Timmons answers the two questions in this way:

1. There are no facilities for exchanging their Italian currency. (They presumably want dollars, which we aren't going to allow them to take back to Germany or Roumania).

2. They are not going to be given their "official funds". They will not even be allowed to take all of their personal funds; let alone these 'official funds'. This is what was done in the case of the German diplomats who left the United States.

They will be given a receipt for their funds, so they can prove to their government that they were taken from them.

LMA
21 Aug 44

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H.A. Caccia, F 1,
Political Section, A.C.C., Rome

Herewith another telegram from the Rumanian Horia ROMAN, which he would be glad to have delivered. May I tell him that his previous telegrams have gone forward please ?

2. There is no news from here. Noone has actually died of boredom yet, but they have all been sick in various ways. They are anxious naturally about their forward journey, and occasionally ask questions of which I have not the answer : e.g. Will a visa be necessary, and will there be facilities for exchanging their Italian currency (at present held by me). Can you let me know what to tell them ?

3. By Chief Commissioner's orders (D/2/7 of 3/8) their "official funds", which they allege were allowed to them for expenses on the journey, are not to be used. When this decision is communicated to them, may we know the grounds on which it was made ?

13 August 1944.

Major, Political Section;

P.S. Would Decker ~~PLEASE~~ forward my personal mail please ?

has asked + written to Ulysses P. 1715

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ACC REGION ONE

ACC MAIN

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2 AUG 1944

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PRIORITY

FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

Copy to Political Sec. HAZ

REFERENCE YOUR ROGER FOX DOG ONE ZERO EIGHT OF NINETEEN
 JULY YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE AVAILABLE STRICTLY LIMITED SUMS PER WEEK TO AXIS
 DIPLOMATS OUT OF THEIR OWN PERSONAL FUNDS FOR SUCH PURCHASES AS WINES CMA CIGARETT
 AND TABLE EXTRAS PD PAREN TO ACC REGION ONE FOR RFO FROM ACC MAIN SIGNED STONE PAR
 AMOUNTS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO BE AGREED BY YOU AND MAJOR PEARSON PD IN NO CASE
 ARE OFFICIAL GERMAN EMBASSY FUNDS TO BE USED PD RC AND MG SECTION AND POLITICAL
 SECTION CONCUR IN FOREGOING ARRANGEMENT PD YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED FURTHER AS TO
 ULTIMATE DISPOSITION OF FUNDS

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L. T. MONTANT, JR.
 1ST LIEUT AGD
 ADJUTANT

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Headquarters Allied Control Commission

July 23, 1944.

My dear Major Pearson:

Mr. Caccia has shown me your letters of July 14 and 15 concerning the treatment being afforded the Axis diplomats now in Taormina. Our telegram to Hancock stating that we had requested instructions with regard to the eventual repatriation of these diplomats and disposition of their funds, must have crossed your letter. You will, no doubt, now have received it. Pending instructions from Allied Force Headquarters, however, there is no indication when these individuals will be permitted to leave Sicily. I see no objection to their having small sums in their possession for local expenses, but I think it highly doubtful that they will be permitted to export the "official funds." As I recall when the Axis diplomats left the United States they were allowed several hundred dollars each, and the excess over this sum was placed in blocked accounts.

As soon as AFHQ's intentions are known with regard to repatriation of these diplomats, we will of course let you know, but in the meanwhile, Colonel Hancock requested that you remain temporarily. No other diplomats are expected to arrive so that I hope your tour of duty will not be a long one. We shall be hoping to see you back in the Section at the end of it, although I personally may not be here at that time. I am leaving for the United States within a few days for consultation, the results of which are, of course, impossible to determine in advance.

If I do not return, however, may I say that it has been a great pleasure to have had you associated with us and thank you most sincerely for all the valuable aid and assistance you have rendered.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Reber
Vice President Allied Control Commission
Political Section

Major J. M. Pearson,
c/o Region I, Allied Control Commission.

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F.A. Caccia, Esq.
Political Section, ACC.

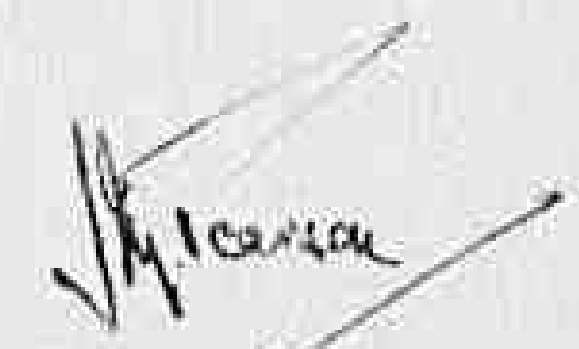
Region 1, ACC. HC

14 July 1944.

Not yet received.

In continuation of my Memo of yesterday, there are one or two points of detail which may require decision.

1. Among the private sums of currency handed in by our guests was an envelope, said to contain £750,000 and marked "official". This consisted of notes of a type unknown to me (German-made Italian currency?). Perhaps, not being private money for personal use, these should be impounded, for what they may be worth, as "spoils of war".
2. Monseignor McGeough, who left this morning with Lt Corso, has arranged with the Archbishop of Messina to appoint Father COCAPARRO Salvatore, a local priest, as "Visitor" on behalf of the Holy See. He will satisfy himself as to the conditions in which the guests live, but I have insisted that he take no letters out.
3. McGeough tells me that the figure of 50, for whom we estimated, is exaggerated; for he does not anticipate more than a dozen in all, and we already have nine. In these circumstances, if you can let his estimate confirmed, it hardly seems worthwhile my staying on. There is an excellent GMP sergeant in charge, and the Town Major is readily available. I should be glad to have instructions to return since my usefulness here, I consider, has ceased.


J.M. PEARSON.

Major.

Political Section.

Region 1, ACC.

23 July 1944.

Memorandum to Mr H.A. Caccia, Political Section.

In accordance with the vaguest instructions I came here and took over nine bodies in the presence of Col. Giles for temporary internment. Their names are :-

Mr and Mrs WEMMER: Mr WOLLENWEBER: Mr ELLING: Mr PERKUNDER:
Mr and Mrs HAHN: Mr BRINK: all Germans, and Mr ROMAN, a Rumanian.

2. Father McGEOUGH and Lieut CORSO accompanied them.

3. I attach a copy of the Rules under which they are living at present.

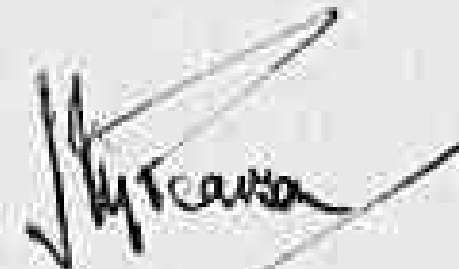
4. The Security authorities asked me to take their money from them, and they produced 1944234 lire in all sorts of local currency, now deposited with the Town Major.

5. I hope I am right in assuming that they can have credit for small amounts, which it is hoped will be recoverable later. They need a little to supplement rations, and Regional Commission: has authorized the issue of wine.

6. There is no political news regarding them, which would be of interest, except that the Minister was Nazi Party representative at the Vatican, according to Father McGeough.

7. Please ask for instructions concerning their correspondence and especially as to their right of appeal to the Holy See. Also Mr ROMAN's wife and child are still in Rome and he is anxious about her fate (she is Italian).

8. I understand my orders are to remain in Sicily five days and then return to Rome, but I have been asked by Col. Giles to remain until the full complement has arrived. Please confirm.



Major
Political Section.

Copy sent to Colonel GILES, Catania.

AFHQ FOR G-2 BRITISH RESMIN AND US POLITICAL ADVISER
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ZERO ZERO ZERO ARE OFFICIAL FUNDS PD HAVE YOU ANY INSTRUCTIONS WHETHER THEY CAN
TAKE ALL THIS MONEY WITH THEM OR IF NOT HOW MUCH THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED

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N O T I C E

All guests at the Hotel Miramare will conform to the following regulations : -

1. No guest will leave the house until the grounds are secured.
2. MONEY: On arrival all Italian money will be surrendered for safe-keeping until departure. A serious view will be taken of any guest in whose possession Italian currency is found. Drinks and other extras will be paid for by cheques recoverable from balances accruing to the signatories at home.

3. MEALS: Meals will be served at the following hours ONLY :-

BREAKFAST	8 AM	to be completed by	9 AM.
LUNCHEON	1 PM	"	2 PM.
TEA	4 PM	"	5 PM.
DINNER	7 PM	"	8-15 PM.

Wine may be ordered at approved prices. Guests will pay L.10 per diem for extras (eggs, fruit, etc.) to supplement Army rations.

4. BAR: The BAR will be open from 11.30 AM to 1 PM and from 6 PM to 10 PM daily. Restriction of quantity to any one guest may be ordered at any time. Cigarettes will be available in rationed quantity.
5. LAUNDRY: Laundry will be collected from all guests on request, but only a limited ration of soap is available.
6. LETTERS: Facilities for personal correspondence will be announced later. Any attempt to smuggle out letters by the connivance of the Staff will be followed by the instant dismissal and punishment of the servant and curtailment of the guests' privileges.
7. Guests are advised to lock away their valuables, or to deposit them with the Manager, since there are no door keys.
8. Useful suggestion and remediable complaints may be made in writing in the Book, which will be inspected periodically by the undersigned.

Town Major
for Officer in Charge

Miscellaneous and
unrelated correspondence
on Axis Diplomats at
Taormina

Minute

TO : Colonel Young.

Commenting on Counsellor. WOLLENWEBER'S application, I would observe that the wen on his cheekbone was noticeable when he arrived in Taormina on July 12 and was not markedly different when I left there on October 5. Whether it had extended to threaten the eye, is a matter for medical opinion.

It should be noted that this German is clever (speaks English, French and Italian with fair fluency) and no mean athlete (swimming and mountain climbing). I also intercepted a letter from him from a friend in the Vatican to instruct his Berlin Bank to convert his entire balance into Swiss francs. I classify him as slippery.

For these reasons it is recommended that the local doctors report be confirmed by a British Medical Officer (Col MacDougall, AGC or any R. Doctor on leave in Taormina) and, if an operation is advised, it should be done not in Rome but in Catania or Palermo where V.P. guards can be arranged.

J.M. Pearson
J.M. Pearson, Major
Political Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APC 394

13 September 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Brigadier M. Carr, Regional Commissioner, Region I.

This refers to your letter to Mr. Caccia dated 7 September. The question of Major Pearson's relief and return has been taken in hand by Brigadier Lush and a decision should be given in the near future. It is desired that someone replace Major Pearson and remain with the enemy diplomats.

There seems to be no objection to the diplomats enjoying the privilege of exercise which sea-bathing ~~provide~~ but we shall leave to your discretion the continuation of this privilege in the light of adverse criticism concerning the use of military facilities and gasoline on the behalf of the enemy.

The Finance Section of the A.C.C. have no objection to the advance to the Germans of limited sums from the official funds and we have so notified Major Pearson.

The case of Consul Johann Hahn has caused an expression of concern in higher official circles. The surgeon of R.A.A.C. considers that the evidence submitted in Hahn's case is not sufficient to justify his making a decision regarding his treatment and he requests that Hahn be examined by an Allied medical officer in Sicily and that a report thereon be made to A.C.C.

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

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Caccia

My dear Harold,

Your letter of the 29th August about Horia Roman.

2. The Foreign Office propose to repatriate the Germans detained at Taormina (with the exception of Elling) subject to the Germans agreeing to exchange the party for 27 British officials interned by the Germans. In the meantime the diplomats are being kept at Taormina. We are asking the Foreign Office how they propose to dispose of Roman when the Germans are eventually repatriated.

3. In view of the facts which have come to light about Elling's past activities, his name has been omitted from the list of those whom the Foreign Office are prepared to repatriate.

Yours

R. Makins

Roger Makins.

Return to Political
Section

H.A. Caccia, Esq.

Noted & returned
Col Brown

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SUBJECT: DR. ELLING and HERT WERNER

RE: ALLIED ARRIVAL IN ITALY

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AAV/1401/6/351(2)

3 AUG 44

G-2, AREA

1. For some months before the Allied occupation of Rome Dr. ELLING was a member of the German Mission to the HOLY SEE. He retained his appointment after the fall of Rome, and remained in the VATICAN until 12 July, when he was despatched, with other Axis diplomats, to TACENNA, SICILY, pending repatriation to GERMANY.

2. Investigations and inquiries in Rome have revealed that ELLING was in fact an S.S. Officer, who was assigned by the enemy the task of directing the activities of the post-occupational espionage organization set up in Rome by the SIGENHEIMERS. He was given diplomatic cover to enable him to carry out this work.

3. Evidence in this case is attached herewith. It consists of statements by three S.D. espionage agents, who were taken into custody by the Allied Security Authorities after the capture of Rome. These signed and witnessed statements indicate clearly the important part which ELLING was to play in the German post-occupational espionage plans in Rome.

4. The following are enclosed:

- (a) Statement by KUNHA Alessandro (with two translations)
 - (b) Statement by FIDERO Gennaro (with two translations)
 - (c) Statement by CIRIELLO Ubaldo (with two translations)
 - (d) List of S.D. agents compiled by CIRIELLO from a similar list shown to him by Dr. HARTER of the Reichsheimdienst.
- It will be noted that Dr. ELLING features on this list as N 7.

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5. In view of the above revelation of ELLING's true status, it would appear that ELLING has forfeited his right to diplomatic immunity, and it is suggested that he should not be repatriated to GERMANY with the other members of the mission now at TACENNA. It is considered that the detailed interrogation of ELLING might well provide information of considerable counter-intelligence interest.

6. Also enclosed herewith is a memorandum from G-2, R.A.A.O., dated 22 July 44 concerning possible VATICAN reactions in the event of action being taken against ELLING.

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7. With regard to WERNER, there is little evidence to show that he was directly concerned with German espionage activities. It is known that he was an S.S. Officer, but beyond this the only item to support any case against him is that KUNHA Alessandro, S.D. Agent now in our custody, alleges that WERNER was concerned with ELLING in the organization of ecclesiastical and diplomatic espionage in VATICAN circles.

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W.D. Gibson. Lt. Col.
Brigadier,
R.A.S.(I).

Copy to:- G-2, R.A.A.G. }
Political Section, ASD }
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4 September 44.

SUBJECT: Telegram for Herr Wenner.

TO : P.C. Region I.

1. This office received from the British Legation to the Holy See a request that it take steps to ensure that the following telegram for Herr Wenner reaches him:

"To Minister Ludwig Wenner - Hotel Miramare - Taormina. I have received your telegram. I hasten to assure you that the Secretariat of State have renewed both in writing and orally their incessant attempts to obtain a solution of the question which they continue to follow with every interest. Montini."

2. Will you therefore see that the message reaches Herr Wenner.

3. This letter is written at the request of the Political Section at A.C.C.

WROCK BROWN,
Lt. Colonel.

Copy to: British Legation to the Holy See, Vatican City.
Political Section.
For File.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Liaison Division
APO 394

2 September 1944

MEMO:

TO : Mr Caccia

The contents of the attached file were discussed personally with Lt Col D.A.D. Young, GS01 (I) at RAAC G-2 Section. Lt Col Young checked with AAI (adv) and the Army takes this position:

- a) Herr Hahn according to medical authorities can be treated as successfully where he is as he could be in Rome.
- b) Herr Wenner was a collaborator with the Nazis and apparently does not want to return to Rome.
- c) M. Horia Roman was also a collaborator and should not be returned to Rome.
- d) That the matter of repatriation is one to be handled by the Foreign Office.

Col Brown

Enoch Brown
ENOCH BROWN,
Lt Col

EB/ac

Then the only action required is to ensure
that the telegram at wanted passage
of Vatican note verbale is
despatched to Wenner K. 1702
Our channels to Referral
Commission Region I AM 2/9
will see to this

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HEADQUARTERS

Political Secretariat
Allied Control Commission
7/12/44

ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

I have received from the Secretariat of State a Note concerning the retention of the Axis diplomats at Taormina together with the texts of two telegrams received by the Secretariat of State from Herr Wemmer.

I enclose translations of the three documents herein and shall be grateful if they may be referred to the competent Military Authorities and if urgent consideration may be given to the matters raised in them, particularly to the serious state of health of Herr Hahn and to the request that, in order that he may be saved from total blindness, he may be allowed to return to Rome for medical treatment, accompanied by his wife.

I shall also be glad if you will kindly ensure that the telegram from Monsignor Montini quoted in full in the Secretariat's Note reaches Herr Wemmer.

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British Legation to the Holy See,
Vatican City.

August 31st, 1944.

Translation.

Secretariat of State
of His Holiness.

No. 83226.

Vatican. August 29th, 1944.

NOTE VERBALE

The Secretariat of State of His Holiness have the honour to bring officially to the knowledge of the British Minister the texts of the two attached telegrams addressed to them recently by His Excellency the German Minister Herr Wemmer who is still detained by the Allied Authorities at Taormina where he had been taken to be repatriated, together with his travelling companions.

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The Secretariat of State not knowing whether this telegram was able to reach its destination, would be grateful to the British Minister to be so good as to bring the text to Herr Wemmer's knowledge by the intermediary of the competent Military Authorities. The Secretariat of State seizes this opportunity to renew to the British Minister the assurance of their high consideration.

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Translation.

Annex 1.

Telegram from Herr Ludwig Wenner, Hotel Miramare,
Taormina, to the Secretariat of State, Vatican City.

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Wenner.

Minister of the German Embassy to the

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Minister of the German Embassy to the
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Translation.Annex 2.

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DAL VATICANO AUGUST 13, 1944

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Vatican Relations Office
AMG BUILDING
ROME

Col. Hanley, Regional ACC Director in Sicily requested the undersigned who accompanied the Axis diplomats to Taormina, Sicily, to obtain reading matter from the Vatican for them owing to the lack of books in their own language in Sicily. The Vatican, through the Secretariate of State, has purchased and donated these books and requests that every facilitation be given for their forwarding.

Mons. Joseph J. McLaughlin

List of Books purchased by the Vatican and forwarded to the Diplomats at Taormina

1. Berenson: Die Mittelitalienischen Maler
2. Moler: Die Salpeterer
3. Carossa: Das Jahr der schönen Tauschungen
4. Wickenhagen: Geschichte der Kunst
5. Wickenhagen: Leitfaden der Kunstgeschichte
6. Stadtebiler under Kulturprobleme aus Italien (Mohlig)
7. Werfel: Der veruntreute Himmel
8. Rehrmann : Kaiser Augustus
9. Hanisch: Geschichte Russlands

For Mr. Wollentwebber:

1. Katholische Leistung in der Weltliteratur der Gegenwart
2. LeTort: Das Schweistuch der Veronika
3. Allers: Anselm von Canterbury: Leben, Lehre, Werke

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Dawidoff Vat. Report

Mr. Caccia spoke R.R.; last who will
 examine possibility of getting Major P. provided
 adequate security arrangements in connection with
 Axis diplomats can be made, and report
 decision.

By Carr

22.8.44.

Would you see
 personally & recommend
 Martin Pearson could be
 charged a job of looking
 after Axis Dips at Tarunna -
 if if Guard remains at
 Town Major is in village of All
 Heston Catania visit 1696
 a week H.A. 21/8

Person

REGIONAL COMMISSIONER REGION ONE

ACC

SECRET

JULY 15

PRIORITY
POLITICAL

PLEASE ASK ESCORTING OFFICER LIEUTENANT CORSO TO SEND FULL AND IMMEDIATE REPORT BY TELEGRAM TO EXPLAIN HOW ONE HUMANIAN WAS LEFT IN NAPLES AND WHO HE OR SHE IS PD PAREN TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER REGION ONE FROM ACC FROM STONE REFERENCE R E O TWO FOUR ONE PAREN PARA TWO INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT MONEY AND ONWARD JOURNEY OF PARTY WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PARA THREE YOU NEED EXPECT NO REPEAT NO FURTHER ARRIVALS PARA FOUR PEARSON MAY STAY FOR FURTHER PERIOD PD PLEASE REPORT AS SOON AS YOU CAN CONVENIENTLY RELEASE HIM PARA FIVE ALLIED ARMIES ITALY HAVE BEEN ASKED TO AUTHORIZE LOAN OF ONE OTHER RANK

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RO DC SW AREA					
(W) For Information (INFO)					
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SUBCOMMISSION					
HEADQUARTERS					
15 JUL 1944					
A. C. C.					
Originator's No.					
CITE RED 241					
SECRET O BONSTEEL 342(2)					
Ref signal. 423 of 6 July 44 to Germans with					
2 wires and one HUMANIAN now toward					
THOMAS O Accompanied first Lt SCORSO					
and MONSIEUR MESSECH O One ROMANIAN					
reported left behind APPLS as remaining					
Came O found to have an unknown wire					
notes value 1044234 of which 750000					
Official funds O Official funds appear					
note of GERMAN origin O Please expedite					
instructions re onward transmission					
diplomats and whether money to be					

Message Instructions. GR

(W) For Information (INFO)

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HEADQUARTERS
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CITE RED-241

15 JUL 1944

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instructions re onward transmission
diplomats and whether necessary to be
held in country O When are further
arrivals expected O May MOTOR PERSON

Stay on longer could work

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER.	Originator's Instructions. Degree of Priority.	
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Signed.	Signed.	Time Cleared	

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: ACC ADV HQ FOR POL SEC RPTD IES FOR ACC REGION 1
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: _____
FROM: ACC MAIN CLASSIFICATION: SECRET
REFERENCE No: 7251 PRECEDENCE: O.P.
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: 081340B OFFICE OF ORIGIN: _____

FURTHER MY 7209 OF 7 JULY REGARDING MOVE OF AXIS DIPLOMATS. OWING
EXTREMELY SHORT NOTICE GIVEN AND COMPLETE ABSORPTION OF FEW REMAINING
OFFICERS IN SICILY WITH GRAIN COLLECTION REQUEST YOU DESPATCH
MAJOR PEARSON SICILY EARLIEST TO ASSIST IN NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS

ACC ADV DIST.
ACTION--POL SEC
INFO--FILE
FLOAT 2

Miss Hopkins requested to inform Lt. Papp
that approval given provided assignment
limited to brief report
SR

DATE and Time of RECEIPT _____

Distribution:

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Giulio
Dal Vaticano, li 7 Luglio 1944

Se il Prof. Emilio PANATTESCO
Consigliere della Legazione di Romania presso la Santa
Sede può rimanere a Roma, rinunciando alle prerogative
diplomatiche.

E' uno studioso tranquillo, che si trova a Roma da
circa vent' anni, con la famiglia.

Si potrebbero avere assicurazioni che egli resterà
indisturbato ?

*1. Il Prof. Panattesco ha una buona reputazione e ha
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*L. Spina Zander
Speck
Michaels
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OFFICIAL SECRETARY D 656-2123 RETAL 0457

RE

SECRETARY

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SECRETARY AND JAG

ALL SECRET. SEE YOUR NUMBER 425-4710 DISCLOSE SUBJECT INFORMATION. DISCLOSE

NOT FOR PUBLICATION SECRET. 50 AREA TO RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY

RE 137

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Major, Pol. Sec.

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Adg. (R)

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File 511
al. Sec.

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Axis Diplomatic Vatican

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OUTGOING MESSAGE

TO: AFHQ FOR BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER AND U.S. POLITICAL ADVISOR
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: _____
FROM: REPEATED TO ACC MAIN & AAI ADV CLASSIFICATION: SECRET
REFERENCE No: ACC ADVANCED PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: 191 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: POLITICAL
7/3/44

QUESTIONS CONCERNING AXIS DIPLOMATS TO HOLY SEE HAVE ALREADY BEEN SUBJECT
OF DIRECT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN FOREIGN OFFICE AND HOLY SEE PD PAREN TO
AFHQ FOR BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER AND U.S. POLITICAL ADVISOR REPEAT
TO ACC MAIN AND AAI ADVANCED FROM ACC ADVANCED FROM LITON REFERENCE FOR
IN TWO WEEKS NEXT NAME DATE FROM JUNE TWO THREE PAREN IN REPLY TO YOUR
QUESTIONS POSITION IN BRIEF IS AS FOLLOWS PARA ONE PD HUNGARIAN DIPLOMATS
ACTUALLY IN ROME ARE MINISTER APOR CHA ECCLESIASTICAL COUNSELOR LUTTOR
AND SECRETARY PERCEL PD AS FOREIGN OFFICE HAVE INFORMED BRITISH XXXXXXXX
MINISTER THAT IN THEIR OPINION HUNGARIAN DIPLOMATS SHOULD REMAIN AT THEIR
POSTS AND PRESUMABLY NO ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO REPATRIATE ANY OF ABOVE
PARTICULARLY AS APOR HAS REPUDIATED HIS GOVERNMENT PD NAME OF ONLY SLOVAK
DIPLOMAT ACTUALLY KNOWN TO BE HERE IS MINISTER SATOR WHO HAS ALREADY GONE
IN TO VATICAN CITY PARA TWO PD WEMMER REMAINS UNDER ARREST PD PARA THREE
NO PD THEIR MOVE DEPENDS UPON BRITISH OR AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES VACATING
THEIR ACCOMMODATION IN VATICAN CITY PD BRITISH MINISTER CAN NOT MOVE UNTIL
SANCTION IS GIVEN BY FOREIGN OFFICE FOR HIS PROPOSED RESIDENCE IN ROME PARA
FOUR PD HOLMA AND HIS SECRETARY STENIUS REMAIN IN ROME PARA FIVE PD SEE
UNDER ONE PARA SIX PD NONE HAS BEEN FOUND BELONGING TO SLOVAK LEGATION TO
QUIRINAL

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Distribution:

Authenticated by _____
Originator's signature T. MONTANT JR

Correspondence regarding
accommodations and travel
facilities for ^{AXIS}~~Air~~ diplo-
mats.

supplementation

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref #220.1

11 September 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters;
Copies to: U. S. Political Advisor,
British Resident Minister.

SUBJECT : Enemy Diplomats Interned in Tormina.

There has been received a communication dated September 1 from the American Charge d'Affaires to the Vatican enclosing copies of communications received by him from the Secretariat of State of the Holy See regarding the German and Roumanian diplomats detained in Tormina. The Vatican expressed concern at the delay in their repatriation and suggested that they be sent to Portugal or Spain prior to regaining their respective countries.

The Charge d'Affaires also has received a telegram from the Department of State in this matter and he would appreciate receiving the views of A.C.C. regarding it in order that he may reply to the Vatican and to the Department of State.

The health of one of the German diplomats, Dr. Johann Hahn, has been a matter of concern to the Vatican. A report by a medical specialist in Catania, following an examination of Dr. Hahn, was submitted to A.C.C. by the Acting Regional Commissioner, Sicily Region, and submitted for recommendation to the Supreme, S.A.A.C. The latter considers the information to be insufficient for decision as to the appropriate action to be taken in Dr. Hahn's case, and has suggested that an investigation be made and a report submitted by an Allied Medical Officer, from Sicily. The Regional Commissioner, Sicily Region, has been requested to see this done and until the report has been received, the matter is held pending. In the interim, reports indicate that Dr. Hahn has received the best available medical attention and provided with a competent nurse.

The Roumanian diplomat, Mr. Boris Ion Buzan, has indicated to the Roumanian Minister to the Holy See his adhesion to the newly-formed Roumanian Government and, stressing his country's changed relationship to the Allies, has requested A.C.C. to permit his return to Rome where his wife and child reside.

An early expressing of your opinion in these questions will be appreciated.

WILLIAM F. SCROTT
Vice-President, Political Section

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HC
WS

2, via Boncompagni, Rome.

September 1, 1944.

Dear Bill:

Referring to my letter to you of August 12, 1944 regarding the enemy diplomats now interned in Taormina, I am transmitting herewith a copy and translation of the most recent communication on the subject which this office has received from the Vatican (Note No. 83226 dated August 29, 1944) together with copies and translations of its enclosures.

There is also enclosed a copy of a telegram dated August 30 from the Department of State on the same subject.

The Vatican is apparently very much concerned at the delay which is being encountered in connection with the repatriation of these diplomats and I would appreciate it if it were possible for you to take the matter up urgently with the appropriate authorities and let me know the result, so that we will be in a position to reply to the Department's telegram mentioned above.

Sincerely yours,

Harold H. Tethman

William W. Schott, Esquire,
Joint Vice President, Political Section,
Allied Control Commission.

Enclosures:

Copy of Note No. 83226;
Translation of same;
Copy of telegram.

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P.S. There is also enclosed a copy of Note No. 83211 dated Aug. 25, 1944 with its translation.

Du Vatican, le 29 Août 1944

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NOTE VERBALE

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La Secrétairerie d'Etat a répondu par le télégramme suivant:

" Ministro Ludwig Vemmer - Hotel Miramare - Tarnopol"

" Ricevuto suo telegramma pregio mi assicurarla che Segreteria

" di Stato ha rinnovato per iscritto ed viva voce insistenze per soluzione questione che continua seguire con ogni interesse - Montini".

La Secrétairerie d'Etat, ignorant si ce télégramme a pu atteindre son destinataire, serait reconnaissante à Monsieur le Chargé d'Affaires des Etats-Unis de vouloir bien en faire porter le texte, par l'entremise des Autorités Militaires compétentes, à la connaissance de son destinataire.

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Monsieur
Harold E. Tittmann
Chargé d'Affaires
des Etats-Unis
près le Saint Siège

(avec annexes)

TRANSLATION

SECRETARIAT OF STATE
OF HIS HOLINESS

No. 83226
to be quoted in reply

From the Vatican, August 29, 1944.

NOTE VERBALE

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The Secretariat of State has replied by the following telegram:

"Minister Ludwig Wemmer, Hotel Miramare, Taormina.

"Your telegram received I have pleasure in assuring you that Secretariat of State has renewed in writing and verbally insistence for solution of question which it continues to follow with every interest - Montini".

The Secretariat of State, not knowing whether this telegram has reached its destination, would appreciate it if the Chargé d'Affaires of the United States of America would be so kind as to transmit the text to the notice of the addressee through the intermediary of the competent Military Authorities.

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(Seal of the Secretariat of State of
His Holiness)

Mr. Harold H. Tittmann
Chargé d'Affaires of the United States
to the Holy See.

CopiaTELEGRAMMA

DESTINATARIO: Al Segretariato di Stato di S.S.

DESTINAZIONE: Città del Vaticano.

ZISTO: Devo riferirvi per la terza volta alle condizioni di salute del Console Segretario BARR. STOP. Da circa dieci giorni lui è completamente cieco. STOP. Dal rapporto del medico, la sua malattia può essere soltanto alleviata da una immediata cura speciale, preferibilmente presso una clinica. STOP. Un viaggio lungo come sarebbe il nostro rimpatrio, è impossibile. STOP. Prego ancora una volta che Baba e la Signora siano fatti rientrare al più presto a Roma, poiché questa soluzione sarebbe l'unica speranza di salvare la sua vista.

Fondor

IL MINISTRO DELL'AMBASCIATA

AL PARLAMENTO PRESSO LA SANTA SEDE

ATTENTAMENTE: Antonio Nazzari, Segretario Generale, Roma.

TRANSLATIONTELEGRAMCOPY

ADDRESSEE: To the Secreteriat of State of His Holiness

DESTINATION: Vatican City.

TEXT: I have to refer for the third time to the state of health of Consul Secretary Hahn. Stop. Since about ten days he is completely blind. Stop. According to the doctor's report, he can only be saved by an immediate special cure, preferably in a clinic. Stop. A long journey, such as our repatriation would be, is impossible. Stop. I beg once again that Hahn and his wife be sent back to Rome as quickly as possible, since this solution would be the only hope of saving his sight.

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MINISTER OF THE GERMAN EMBASSY
TO THE HOLY SEE

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CopiaTELEGRAMMA

DESTINATARIO: Al Segretariato di Stato di S.S.

DESTINAZIONE: Città del Vaticano.

TESTO: Siamo trattenuti a Thormina da quattro settimane. STOP.
Questo lungo ritardo è in contraddizione alle affermazioni trasmesse dal Segretariato di Stato di S.S. alla Ambasciata germanica, secondo le quali la nostra sosta qui avrebbe dovuto essere di brevissima durata e alle condizioni di questa promessa che siamo partiti da Roma. STOP. Inoltre non sono riuscito fin'oggi, malgrado parecchi tentativi, di mettermi in contatto sia col Segretariato di Stato di S.S. che con l'Ambasciatore di Germania. STOP. Quanto sopra e anche la lunga residenza dietro il filo spinato, sono più le condizioni per i turisti che per diplomatici accreditati presso uno Stato neutrale che si trovano verso il viaggio di rimpatrio. STOP. Protesto contro questa situazione e aspetto che il Segretariato di Stato faccia i passi necessari.

Sottoscr.

IL MINISTRO DELLA AMBASCIATA DI GERMANIA

PRESO LA SANTA SEDE

MITTENTE: Ludovic Wemmes. Hotel Miramare . Thormina.

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TRANSLATION

COPY

TELEGRAM

ADDRESSEE: To the Secretariat of State of His Holiness

DESTINATION: Vatican City.

TEXT: We have been detained at Taormina for four weeks. Stop.

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Sender: Ludowic Wemmer, Hotel Miramare, Taormina.

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COPY OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE DATED
AUGUST 30, 1944

For Myron Taylor.

Following is text of a communication from the German Government transmitted through the Swiss Legation, Washington, in a Note dated August 21:

"Contrary to original plans group of repatriates of members of the German Embassy to the Holy See has not been transferred to Syracuse but to Taormina where they are now staying at the Hotel Miramare. The American Representative has communicated to the Vatican that it is contemplated to bring the group of repatriates to Madrid together with other persons. Vatican has rejected a coupling of this group with any other transport and has requested that a plane for Madrid be immediately placed at its disposal.

The German Legation is asked to request the Department of Foreign Interests to make immediately and emphatically every effort with the British and American authorities that instant transfer to Spain of German group of repatriates be brought about and that no coupling with any other transport takes place. In connection with the steps taken by the protecting power reference may be made to the fact that one member of the group of repatriates has become seriously sick and has to be given the care of a specialist who is not available in Taormina".

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DU VATICAN, le 25 Août 1944.

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La Secrétairerie d'Etat de Sa Sainteté a déjà eu l'occasion de soumettre à la bienveillante considération de M. le Chargé d'Affaires des Etats-Unis d'Amérique (cf. Note Verbale n° 8434 du 7 Août dernier) la situation quelque peu anormale dans laquelle sont venus à se trouver les diplomates allemands et roumains émigrés de Rome le 13 juillet dernier par les soins des Autorités Alliées pour être rapatriés.

La prolongation de leur séjour à Teornina, où ils se trouvent maintenant depuis un mois et demi, près le Saint Siège dans la nécessité de renouveler ces instances auprès des Autorités Alliées pour qu'il soit donné suite à leur rapatriement. Etant donné leur petit nombre, un avion suffirait largement à les transporter tous en une fois, en l'espace de quelques heures, en Espagne ou au Portugal, où ils pourraient attendre l'occasion de rejoindre leurs pays respectifs. Cette solution semblerait conforme aux usages internationaux. Elle aurait pour elle également, dans le cas présent, des motifs d'ordre humanitaire, étant donnée la grave maladie dont est atteint l'un de ces diplomates, comme ne l'ignore pas M. le Chargé d'Affaires des Etats Unis d'Amérique.

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M. Harold H. Tittmann
Chargé d'Affaires des Etats Unis d'Amérique
près le Saint Siège

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SECRETARIAT OF STATE
OF HIS HOLINESS

No. 83211

Vatican City, August 25, 1944

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Trusting that this matter will be settled through the good offices of the American Chargé d'Affaires, the Secretariat of State takes this occasion to transmit to the American Chargé d'Affaires the assurance of its highest consideration.

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TELEGRAM

From Sir D. Osborne

To Mr. Eden

No. 619

CVFHR

Copy: Mr. Caccia.

Your telegram No. 394

I have received another Note from the Vatican regarding the repatriation of Axis diplomats at Taormina. It states that the Holy See feels itself obliged to renew its request that they should be repatriated as soon as possible and points out that one aeroplane would suffice to take them all to Spain or Portugal, "whence they could await an opportunity to return to their respective countries - a solution which would seem to conform to international usage". This solution, the Note adds, would have a humanitarian advantage since one of the diplomats (the German, Hahn) is gravely ill.

2. Note is reasonable and I have the impression that the Vatican desire to get these diplomats off their mind and their conscience. I hope therefore that it may be possible to acceded to request with the exception of Elling, regarding whose exclusion I do not anticipate much difficulty if I can be supplied with the dope on him.
3. What about the Roumanians in the Vatican City, who will soon presumably be requesting permission to return to Rome? I suppose that they should be allowed to go, but I should be grateful for instructions as soon as possible.

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TO: ACTION ACC ADVANCE INFO CSI HQ AAI, HQ ROME AREA
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 21
FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SECURED CLASSIFICATION: SECRET
REFERENCE No: FX 70878 PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JULY 10/2235 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE: FHBT

NO GUARANTEE CAN BE GIVEN ON FIRST POINT RAISED BY VATICAN AS SOME INDIVIDUALS MAY NOT DESIRE REPATRIATION AS YOU POINT OUT. YOUR UNNUMBERED MESSAGE OF 7 JULY RE ENEMY REPRESENTATIVES TO HOLY SEE REFERS. THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO A MEMBER OF VATICAN STAFF ACCOMPANYING PARTY TO A NEUTRAL COUNTRY.

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TO: ACC INFO ROME AREA COMMAND
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: NONE
FROM: ADV AAI CLASSIFICATION: TOPSEC
REFERENCE No: I(B)468 PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUN24 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE/NONE

FOR POLITICAL SECTION. FOLLOWING IS PARAPHRASE OF AFHQ MESSAGE
F62989 CITE FHGBI DATED 23 JUNE. MESSAGE BEGINS. THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION IS REQUIRED BY FOREIGN OFFICE REGARDING AXIS DIPLOMATS
TO HOLY SEE. 1. WHAT ARE POLITICAL VIEWS AND NAMES OF 2 HUNGARIAN
DIPLOMATS AND NAME OF SLOVAK DIPLOMAT. ALL INDICATED FOR REPATRIATION
IN SO FORCE MESSAGE OF 8 JUNE. 2. WHAT IS PRESENT STATUS OF WEMMER.
3. ARE ALL THEOTHER MEMBERS OF GERMAN MISSION TO HOLY SEE INSIDE
VATICAN CITY. 4. WHAT HAS BECOME OF FINNISH MINISTER AND STAFF.
5. WHAT IS POSITION OF KAREL YIDOR(?SIDOR). SAID TO BE CZECHOSLOVAK
NOT SLOVAK REPRESENTATIVE TO VATICAN. THERE ARE DOUBTS AS TO HIS
RELIABILITY. 6. HAVE YOU INFORMATION ABOUT SLOVAK MINISTER TO
GUIRINAL. MESSAGE ENDS. REQUEST YOU ASCERTAIN INFORMATION REQUIRED
AND REPLY DIRECT TO AFHQ WITH COPY TO THIS HQ. REGARDING STATUS OF
WEMMER SEE NY 1(B) 455 DATED 22 JUNE ADDSD AFHQ RPTD ACC AND ROME
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 FROM SEINE PAREN WIFE OF HUNGARIAN DIPLOMAT AND CHILD WILL NOT
 REMAIN NOT ACCOMPANY HIM OR NO OTHER CHANGES IN PARTY CONTEMPLATED

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S I C I L Y OF FIFTEEN AXIS DIPLOMATS FROM R O M E ON AFTERNOON 10th

COMMISSIONER S I C I L Y ADVISES THAT NO SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION

AVAILABLE P A L E R M O AND RECOMMENDS

V I L L A P O L I T I S Y R A C O S E AS IDEAL ACCOMMODATION .

PLEASE MAKE AVAILABLE TEMPORARILY THIS VILLA OR

ONE EQUALLY SUITABLE . PARTY ARRIVES BY AIR

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ABLE ABLE ITEM ARE SENDING MESSAGE TO NUMBER THREE DISTRICT ABOUT VILLA
POLITI PD PAREN TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER REGION ONE ACTION REPEATED TO
ACC MAIN FROM ACC ADVANCE FROM STONE REFERENCE ACC MAIN SEVEN TWO ZERO
NINE JULY SEVEN PAREN HOWEVER AS SENIOR ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION OFFICER
IN SICILY YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS PARTY REMAINS REPEAT
REMAINS SO LONG AS THEY ARE IN SICILY AND ITEM RELY ON YOU TO ENSURE
THAT THIS MATTER IS PROPERLY HANDLED PD PARA TWO THE PARTY WILL BE SENT
BY AIRPLANE IN AFTERNOON OF JULY ONE ZERO TO CATANIA AND WILL PROBABLY
CONSIST OF EIGHT GERMAN DIPLOMATIC STAFF AND TWO WIVES SEMICOLN ONE
ROMANIAN DIPLOMAT WITH WIFE AND CHILD SEMICLN ONE CONDUCTING OFFICER
SEMICLN ONE VATICAN OFFICIAL SEMICLN TOTAL ONE FIVE PD NO REPEAT NO
ADDITIONS ARE NOW EXPECTED

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LISTS OF AXIS DIPLOMATS TO ENTER VATICAN INCLUDES FOLLOWING PAREN TO AFHQ
ACTION GEORGE TWO UNCLE SUGAR POLITICAL ADVISOR AND BRITISH RESIDENT
MINISTER FOR INFORMATION ADVANCED ABLE ABLE ITEM AND HOW QUEEN ROME AREA
FROM ACC ADVANCE FROM STONE REFERENCE ACC ADV THREE ZERO SIX JULY SEVEN
PAREN JAPANESE MINISTER HARADA AND SECRETARIES KANAYAMA AND VATANABE WITH
WIVES CMA CHILDREN CMA CLERICAL STAFF XXX TOTALLING NINE SEMICLN GERMAN
VON MINISTER/WIEZSACKER CMA COUNSELOR VON KESSEL CMA AND SECRETARY VON BRAUN
AND PARTY TOTALLING NINE SEMICLN RUMANIAN MINISTER GRIGORCEA AND TWO
COUNSELORS SCORTZESCO AND GALITZA AND PARTY TOTALLING TEN SEMICLN SLOVAK
MINISTER SIDOR ECCLESTIACAL COUNSELOR KAPALA AND PRESS ATTACHE URBAN
AND THE LATTER APOSTROPHE SUGAR WIFE SEMICLN FINNISH MINISTER HOLMA AND
SECRETARY. STENIUS WITH WIVES AND CHILDREN TOTALLING EIGHT PD THUS THE
PARTY ENTERING THE VATICAN ON JULY ONE ZERO WILL COMPRISE FOUR ZERO PER-
SONS PARA A LIST OF ONE FOUR AXIS DIPLOMATS AND STAFF TO PROCERD TO SICILY
HAS ALSO BEEN SUBMITTED INCLUDING WEMMER CMA ~~KOLLENNWENNER~~ WOLLENWEHER CMA
ELLING AND SIX OTHER GERMANS ~~EE~~ THE RUMANIAN ATTACHE ROMAN AND WIFE PD

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THEY WILL PROBABLY BE ACCOMPANIED TO SICILY BY A VATICAN REPRESENTATIVE
COMENDATORE BELARDO PD THE GERMANS AND RUMANIANS HAVE REQUESTED
AUTHORITY TO LEAVE AS CARETAKERS A GERMAN CLERK SCHWICHTENBERG
AND MADAME LUPU FOR THE RUMANIANS PARA XXXXIX REGIONAL COMMISSIONER IN
SICILY HAS REQUESTED THAT PARTY BE HOUSED AT VILLA POLITI IN SYRACUSE
INSTEAD OF PALEPMO PD ABLE ABLE ITEM IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS
CHANGE

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HOLY SEE IS SUBMITTING THIS EVENING LISTS OF AXIS DIPLOMATS TO
 VATICAN TO BE REPATRIATED PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE TWO UNCLE
 SUGAR POLITICAL ADVISOR AND BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER FOR ADVANCE
 ABLE ABLE ITEM AND HOW QUEEN ROME AREA INFO FROM ACC ADVANCE FROM
 STONE REFERENCE ADVANCE ABLE ABLE ITEM TELEGRAM NUMBER THREE EIGHT
 ZERO JULY FIVE PD PAREN FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING LIST AND THOSE
 WHO WILL REMAIN VATICAN TO BE TELEGRAPHED TOMORROW/IN THE MEANWHILE
 VATICAN REQUESTS ASSURANCES ON TWO POINTS PARA ONE A GUARANTEE
 THAT ALL THOSE WHO LEAVE ROME WILL IN FACT BE REPATRIATED SEMICLN
 AND PARA TWO AGREEMENT THAT A MEMBER OF THE VATICAN STAFF SHALL
 ACCOMPANY PARTY UNTIL IT REACHES NEUTRAL ~~WALK~~ COUNTRY PD VATICAN
 HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT BOTH OF THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED
 FOR AN URGENT REPLY BUT THAT IN THE MEANWHILE AS REGARDS POINT ONE
 IT MIGHT BE THAT CERTAIN OF THE PARTY ~~WANT~~ ^{WOULD} NOT WISH THEMSELVES ~~TO~~
 RETURNED TO THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN PD IN THIS CONNECTION WE HAD
 IN MIND SOME OF THE RUMANIANS BUT IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE VATICAN
 DESIRES THE GUARANTEE TO COVER WEMMER APOSTROPHE SUGAR CASE IN PAR-
 TICULAR PARA WITH REGARD TO POINT TWO IT WAS SAID THAT IN PRINCIPLE
 IT WAS NOT FELT THERE WOULD BE ANY PARTICULAR OBJECTION BUT THAT THIS
 WOULD HAVE TO BE CONFIRMED BY ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS PD PLEASE
 INSTRUCT URGENTLY

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: ACC ADV HQ
..... SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No:
FROM: ACC MAIN CLASSIFICATION: SECRET
REFERENCE No: 7209 PRECEDENCE: OPERATIONAL PRIORITY
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: 071418 OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL 423 OF 1 JULY ADVISE HOTEL EXCELSIOR UNSUITABLE. SUGGEST VILLA POLITI, SYRACUSE NOW ALMOST EMPTY BUT USED AS AN OFFICERS CLUB. CONSIDERED IDEAL FOR GUARD, FOOD ACCOMMODATION AND STAFF. PLEASE GET AAI TO SEND A MESSAGE TO NO 3 DISTRICT FOR 56 AREA RELEASING POLITI TEMPORARILY FOR THIS PURPOSE. IF APPROVED AIRPLANE SHOULD UNLOAD AT CATANIA AND NOT PALERMO. RECOMMENDED BY AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL AND IBS

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REF: WAF COMMISSIONER VICTOR BELLO. RE: THAT HOTEL EXCLUSION
LEADS ON LITABO AND SUGGESTS VILLA POLITI CHARGES NOT ALMOST
EMPTY
VERY HOT CURE. RE: AN OFFICIAL CLUB AS PROVIDED FOR THESE ACCOMMODATIONS
FOR FROM ONE OTHERS AND STAFF PL. RE: THE ADVANCEMENT AREA ITEM
ADMINISTRATIVE FORCE USED BARRIERS AND HEADQUARTERS AREA (INFO)
FROM ACC ADVANCEMENT PRO: STORM REFERENCE REGISTRATION OF AXIS DIPLO-
MATIC MIGHT AS TO HOW THE BARRIERS AREA COMMISSIONER BARRIERS
THAT MESSAGE BY SENT TO REGION THREE FOR FIVE SIX AREA TEMPORARILY
AREA AND VILLA POLITI FOR THIS PURPOSE AND REMINDS THAT THIS
IS PROVIDED THE AIRPLANE SHOULD UNLOAD AT CATANIA, AND NOT PALERMO
FOR THE RECOMMENDATION SUPPORTED BY AMERICAN XXX CONSUL GENERAL
AND ITEM BARRIERS SUGAR TO PLEASE INSTRUCT THE OTHER THIS CHANGE IN
PLANS IS ACCEPTABLE

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Tell Cocoon family is 3 distinct, not. 1
or to 56 Area.

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Brigadier Lush

for information & return
please.

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TO: AFHQ, ACC ADVANCED AND HQ ROME AREA INFO ACC MAIN
 SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 39/07
 FROM: AAI CLASSIFICATION: SECRET
 REFERENCE No: NONE PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY
 DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JULY 070945 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE..ADV 290

THIS IS PARAPHRASE FOR INFORMATION OF MESSAGE 380 OF 5 JULY FROM AAI TO AFHQ, ACC ADVANCED AND HQ ROME AREA CITE ADV 290.

CAPTAIN STONE AND REBER HAVE SEEN THIS.

PARAPHRASE BEGINS: FOR BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER US POLITICAL ADVISOR AND G-2.

WE INTEND TO ARRANGE FOR DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS OF AXIS TO HOLY SEE WHO HAVE NOT ENTERED VATICAN TO BE TAKEN TO PALERMO JULY 10 TO BE SUITABLY HOUSED UNDER GUARD PENDING REPATRIATION. GERMAN LIST TO REMAIN VATICAN EXPECTED TO INCLUDE VON KESSEL BUT NOT ELLING OR WENTHER. LATTER 2 WE SHALL SEND PALERMO ALLOWING VON KESSEL TO ENTER VATICAN UNLESS YOU INSTRUCT OTHERWISE. BELIEVE THIS WILL NOT PREJUDICE ULTIMATE DISPOSAL OF LAST 2. MOST DESIRABLE THEY LEAVE ROME SOONEST. ACC HAS AGREED AND WILL SIGNAL FULL LIST OF THOSE GOING PALERMO AND THOSE REMAINING VATICAN. REPORT OF BELLINGS CONNECTION WITH SD BEING COMPILED AND WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN DONE.

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 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION *3047*
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TO: REGIONAL COMMISSIONER REGION 1 ATTN PLEASE PASS TO DISTRICT 1
 RPTD AAI ADV SMD ROME AREA COMMAND SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 67/6
 FROM: ACC ADV FROM STONE CLASSIFICATION: SECRET
 REFERENCE No: NONE PRECEDENCE: OF PRIORITY
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CITE OUR 423

DURING AFTERNOON JULY 10 PARTY CONSISTING OF MEMBERS OF AXIS DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS TO HOLY SEE WHO ARE BEING REPATRIATED WILL BE SENT TO PALERMO BY AIR FROM ROME PENDING FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR HOMEWARD JOURNEY. LENGTH OF STAY IN PALERMO UNCERTAIN. ETA AND EXACT NUMBERS WILL BE SIGNALLED SOONEST BUT YOU SHOULD MAKE PROVISION FOR ULTIMATE TOTAL OF 50 INCLUDING SOME WIVES AND CHILDREN. FIRST BATCH ON JULY 10 WILL ONLY BE ABOUT 15 PARA YOU SHOULD ARRANGE FOR THIS PARTY TO BE SUITABLY ACCOMMODATED PREFERABLE IN HOTEL EXCELSIOR OR EQUIVALENT. THEY SHOULD RECEIVE TREATMENT AS DIPLOMATS EXCEPT THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE GROUNDS OF HOTEL AND GROUNDS SHOULD BE GUARDED TO PREVENT ANY DIRECT CONTACT WITH OUTSIDE. YOU SHOULD IF POSSIBLE ARRANGE WITH DISTRICT 1 FOR ALLIED GUARDS. IF THESE UNAVAILABLE CARBINIERI MAY BE USED (PARA RATIONS MAY BE DRAWN. HOUSING AND ORDINARY LIVING EXPENSES INCLUDING LOCAL WINE AND LAUNDRY IF DEMANDED MAY BE PAID BY YOU AND YOU SHOULD SUBMIT DETAILED ACCOUNT FOR THESE. YOU SHOULD NOT HOWEVER PAY PERSONAL EXPENSES PARA POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES OVER ACCOMMODATION AT SHORT NOTICE APPRECIATED BUT IN VIEW OF URGENCY AND IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS AND ALLIED ARMIES ITALY TO THIS QUESTION THESE MUST BE OVERCOME

HEADQUARTERS
 7 JUL 1944
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TO: CRYPTO ACC MAIN *What is this?*
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FROM: ACC ADV CLASSIFICATION: SECRET
REFERENCE No: SVU 100 PRECEDENCE: OP PRIORITY
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUL061820 OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

SENDING OPERATIONAL PRIORITY MESSAGE TO YOU. REFERENCE NO 423
GROUPS 321 WHICH HAS BEEN PASSED TO ALL ADDRESSEES. MISS KELLEY POL SEC
NOW WISHES IT REPEATED TO YOU ALSO ACC MAIN FOR INFORMATION.
REQUEST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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JAPANESE AND GERMAN MISSIONS TO HOLY SEE HAVE ENTERED VATICAN TODAY PD
PAREN TO AFHQ ACTION GEORGE TWO UNCLE SUGAR POLITICAL ADVISOR AND
BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER REPEATED FOR INFO ADVANCED ABLE ABLE ITEM
AND HOW QUEEN ROME AREA FROM ACC ADVANCE FROM STONE REFERENCE ACC
ADV THREE ONE NINE JULY EIGHT PAREN TOTAL MOVE OF AXIS MISSIONS INTO
VATICAN WILL BE COMPLETE IN THE COURSE OF THE NEXT FOUR EIGHT HOURS
PD THE PARTY PROCEEDING TO SICILY IS BEING DELAYED OWING TO ADVERSE
FLYING CONDITIONS AND IS NOT NOW SCHEDULED TO LEAVE BEFORE JULY ONE TWO

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1. En ce qui concerne le programme du voyage, rien n'a été arrangé encore après Palerme.

2. La question d'un garanti écrit de rapatriement sans exception sera soumise aux Autorités militaires Alliées. Mais est-ce certain que tous ceux dont il s'agirait voudraient être rapatriés?

3. Escorte par un Représentant du Saint Siège. Accepté en principe mais à soumettre pour confirmation aux Autorités militaires. Mais comme rien n'a été arrangé au-delà de Palerme, le Représentant ne ferait pour le moment qu'une série de vols entre Rome et Palerme.

4. Il a déjà été recommandé que le Ministre Kemmer fasse partie de la groupe à rapatrier.

5. Une lettre de l'Ambassadeur Weinsdicker au Conseiller Von Kessel lui demandant s'il voudrait entrer à la Cité du Vatican a été reçue cet après-midi et sera transmise d'urgence à Monsieur Von Kessel dont la réponse sera remise sans délai à l'Ambassadeur. Il y a raison à croire que cette réponse sera affirmative.

6. Il sera permis à ces dames de rester à Rome avec leur familles. Il est entendu qu'en prenant cette décision elles renoncent à toute qualité ou immunité diplomatique et qu'elles restent à leur propre risque - ce qui n'implique aucune menace.

7. "Diplomatique" s'applique à tous les membres des Missions et non seulement aux diplomates de carrière.

8. On fera le possible pour les bagages mais le port sera nécessairement très restreint. On pourrait peut-être arranger des envois ultérieurs.

En ce qui concerne le Professeur Panaitesco on ne voit pas de difficulté à ce qu'il reste à Rome à condition qu'il renonce à sa qualité et à ses droits diplomatiques et reste à son propre risque.

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On croit pouvoir consentir à ce que les dames qui doivent entrer dans la Cité du Vatican déferent leur entrée jusqu'à midi samedi 15 juillet. Il est entendu que pour les diplomates eux-mêmes la limite reste midi lundi 10 juin.

Il peut être consenti à Madame Grigoren et au Dr. Holma de rester encore quelque temps hors de la Cité du Vatican pour raisons de santé mais ils devraient fournir des certificats médicaux sur cette nécessité et au besoin se soumettre à examen par un médecin nommé par les Autorités Alliées.

le 7 juillet 1944.

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 TO ADV RAI AND HQ ROME AREA
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HOLY SEE IS SUBMITTING THIS EVENING LIST OF AXIS DIPLOMATS TO
 VATICAN TO BE REPATRIATED PD PARA TO ADV FOR GEORGE TWO UNCLE
 SUGAR POLITICAL ADVISOR AND BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER FOR ADVANCE
 ADVISABLE ITEM AND HQ ROME AREA INFO FROM ACC ADVA OF WHICH
 STONE REPRESENTS ADVANCEABLE ADVISABLE TELEGRAM NUMBER THREE EIGHT
 ZERO JULY FIVE PD PARA FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING LIST AND THOSE
 WHO WILL REMAIN V-TICAN TO BE TELEGRAPHED TOMORROW/IN THE MEANWHILE
 VATICAN REQUESTS ASSURANCES ON TWO POINTS PARA ONE A GUARANTEE
 THAT ALL THOSE WHO LEAVE ROME WILL IN FACT BE REPATRIATED SEMICEN
 AND PARA TWO AGREEMENT THAT A MEMBER OF THE VATICAN STAFF SHALL
 ACCOMPANY PARTY UNTIL IT REACHES NEUTRAL AXIS COUNTRY PD VATICAN
 HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT BOTH OF THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED
 FOR AN URGENT REPLY BUT THAT IN THE MEANWHILE AS REGARDS POINT ONE
 IT MIGHT BE THAT CERTAIN OF THE PARTY ^{WOULD} NOT WISH THEMSELVES TO
 RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN PD IN THIS CONNECTION WE HAD
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 DESIRES THE GUARANTEE TO COVER WENNER APOSTROPHE SUGAR CASE IN PAR-
 TICULAR PARA WITH REGARD TO POINT TWO IT WAS SAID THAT IN PRINCIPLE,
 IT WAS NOT FELT THERE WOULD BE ANY PARTICULAR OBJECTION BUT THAT THIS
 WOULD HAVE TO BE CONFIRMED BY ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS PD PLEASE
 INSTRUCT URGENTLY

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NOTE VERBALE

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VATICAN CITY, July 4, 1944.

(sgd) HPM

To the

Secretariat of State of His Holiness

Vatican Palace.

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SECRET
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FOR POLITICAL BRANCH. REFERENCE 1(b) 488 OF 30TH JUNE. FOR DIPLOMATS READ AXIS
REPEATED AXIS AND SATELLITE DIPLOMATS

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FOR POLITICAL BRANCH. FOLLOWING IS PARAPHRASE OF SIGNAL RECEIVED FROM AFHQ JUNE 29. BEGINS. ~~ALL~~ DIPLOMATS ACCREDITED TO HOLY SEE WHO ARE NOT INSIDE VATICAN CITY SHOULD BE REMOVED TO SAFE PLACE AS SOON AS CONVENIENTLY POSSIBLE SINCE IT CAN BE ASSUMED THEY EITHER DO NOT WISH ENTER VATICAN CITY OR CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED THERE. SHOULD BE HELD IN SAFE PLACE PENDING ARRANGEMENTS THEIR ULTIMATE REPATRIATION. NAMES REQUIRED EARLIEST OF ~~ALL~~ DIPLOMATS FAMILIES AND STAFFS (A) REMAINING IN VATICAN CITY (B) TO BE REPATRIATED. ENDS. MAY DETAILS AS IN LAST SENTENCE BE FORWARDED THIS HQ EARLY

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DURING AFTERNOON JULY ONE ZERO PARTY CONSISTING OF MEMBERS OF AXIS
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TO PALERMO BY AIR FROM ROME XX WORTH TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER REGION ONE
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ACC ADVANCED FROM STONE PAREM FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR
FORWARD JOURNEY PD LENGTH OF STAY IN PALERMO UNCERTAIN PD ETA AND EXACT
NUMBERS WILL BE SIGNALLER SOONEST BUT YOU SHOULD MAKE PROVISION FOR
ULTIMATE TOTAL OF FIVE ZERO INCLUDING SOME WIVES AND CHILDREN PD FIRST
WATCH ON JULY ONE ZERO WILL ONLY BE ABOUT ONE FIVE PARA YOU SHOULD AR-
RANGE FOR THIS PARTY TO BE SUITABLY ACCOMMODATED PREFERABLY IN HOTEL
EXCELSIOR OR EQUIVALENT PD THEY SHOULD RECEIVE TREATMENT AS DIPLOMATS
EXCEPT THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE GROUNDS OF HOTEL AND
GROUNDS SHOULD BE GUARDED TO PREVENT ANY DIRECT CONTACT WITH OUTSIDE PD
YOU SHOULD IF POSSIBLE ARRANGE WITH DISTRICT ONE FOR ALLIED GUARDS PD
IF THESE UNAVAILABLE CARABINIERI MAY BE USED PARA RATIONS MAY BE DRAWN
PD HOUSING AND ORDINARY LIVING EXPENSES INCLUDING LOCAL WINE AND LAUNDRY
IF DEMANDED MAY BE PAID BY YOU AND YOU SHOULD SUBMIT DETAILED ACCOUNT FOR
THESE PD YOU SHOULD NOT HOWEVER PAY PERSONAL EXPENSES PARA POSSIBLE DIP-
LOMATICS OVER ACCOMMODATION AT SHORT NOTICE APPRECIATED BUT IN VIEW
OF URGENCY AND IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS AND
ALLIED ARMIES ITALY TO THIS QUESTION THERE MUST BE OVERCOME

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The case of Johannes

Hahn,

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APR 304

Ref: H30.1

7 October 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: C-3, Allied Force Headquarters;
Copies to: U. S. Political Advisor,
British Resident Minister,
U. S. Representative, A.C.C.,
British High Commissioner.

SUBJECT: Death of Hermann of Consul Johannes Hahn, German
Diplomatic Internee.

1. Reference is made to our memorandum No. H30.1 dated October 2, 1944.
2. The Allied Control Commission has received a communication dated September 27, 1944 from the Provincial Commissioner at Ontario stating that the funeral of Consul Hahn took place on that same date.
3. The Provincial Commissioner also transmitted a report of death in this case of which a translation is attached hereto.

WILLIAM L. GURNEY
Vice-President, Political Section

Encl:
Ref rpt on Hahn's death

Copies to:
Sir Percy Abernethy
The Honorable Byron G. Taylor

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TRANSLATION

Gov. Dott. MARIO GARIPOLI
Physician - Surgeon
Taormina

20 September 1944

To His Excellency the Major,
Commanding Officer, Hotel Mirasole,
Taormina

As attending physician I make it my duty to inform you that the condition of health of Dr. G. Bohn, now affected by renal insufficiency with hypertension and severe bi-lateral neuro-retinitis, has become notably worse through uremia with hyperazotemia, which leads one to fear and foresees a fatal outcome shortly, in spite of all the most accurate and scrupulous care exercised for some time.

Respectfully,

/s/ Dr. Mario Garipoli

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Liaison Division
AFC 394

File

30 September 1944

• Ref: 15C/17/L

Sir D'Arcy Osborne
British Legation to the Holy See
Vatican City

Dear Sir D'Arcy,

I am inclosing a report of the condition of Dr. G. Hahn at the time it was written. I am passing it on to you thinking that maybe the Vatican authorities would like to see the report.

Sincerely yours,

EB
BROOK BROWN,
Lt Col, AFC

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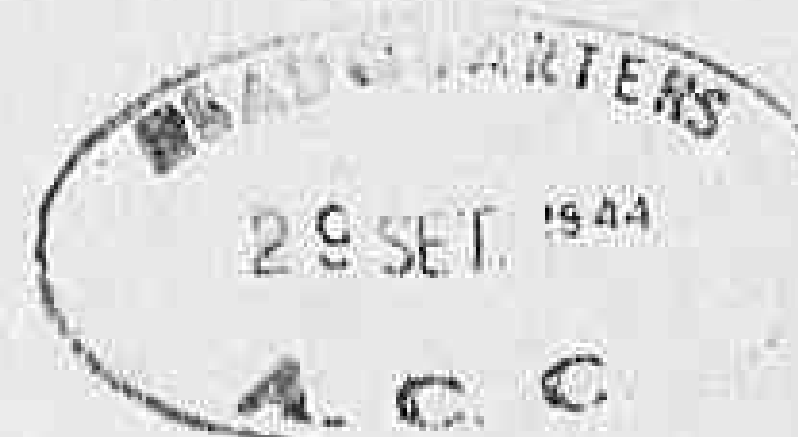
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, Sicily Region Hqs., APO 394 25 September 1944
 TO: Executive Commissioner, R.C. & M.G. Section ACC Hqs.
Attention: Political Section

1. Herewith submitted a report on Dr. G. Hahn.
2. Information received today indicates that the condition of the patient is critical and death is expected.

For the REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

William R. Jordan
 WILLIAM R. JORDAN
 Colonel CAC
 Regional Executive Officer

Liaison Dept. (Colonel Brown)



You will no doubt want to per. the
 attached medical report on the
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Political Section

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*And
more
1 copy of this*

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
EASTERN SICILY.

To:- Regional Commissioner,
Sicily Region H.Q.

Our Ref: CAT/222

Subject:- Dr. G. HAHN - Diplomatic Internee.

Herewith are forwarded original and copy of a report by Dott. Mario GARIPOLI on his patient Dr. G. HAHN, whose condition is considered very serious. In spite of everything that has been done for him, it is feared that he may die at any moment. An extra copy of this letter is forwarded for onward transmission, please, to Political Section, ROME, together with the doctor's report.

CATANIA
22 Sep 44.
ECB/JRC.

W. G. ...

Lt-Col.
Provincial Commissioner,

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COPY.

Cav. Dott. MARIO GARIPOLI
Medico - Chirurgo
TAORMINA

20 Settembre 1944

all'ill.mo Signor Maggiore
Comandante nell'albergo Miramare
Citta'.
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Quale Medico curante mi faccio in dovere di comunicarLe
che le condizioni di salute del signor Dr. G. HAIN, gia'
affetto da insufficienza ^{renale} con ^{ipertensione} e grave
neuro-retinite bilaterale, si sono notevolmente aggravate
per uremia con iperazotemia si' da far temere e prevedere l'esito
letale a breve scadenza, malgrado tutte le piu' accurate e
scrupolose cure da tempo attuate e praticate.
Con tutto ossequio

Dr. Mario Garipoli.

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Cav. Dott. MARIO GARIPOLI
MEDICO - CHIRURGO
TAORMINA

il 20 Settembre 1944.

all'ill.mo Signor Maggiore
Comandante nell'albergo Miramare

Citta

Quale medico curante mi faccio in dovere di comunicare che le condizioni di salute del signor Dr. G. MANN, già affetto da insufficienza renale con ipertensione e grave neuro-retinite bilaterale, si sono notevolmente aggravate per uremia con iperazotemia sì da far temere e prevedere l'esito letale a breve scadenza, malgrado tutte le più accurate e scrupolose cure da tempo attuate e praticate.

Con tutto ossequio

D. Mario Garipoli

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, SICILY REG. HQS. 30 September 1944
TO: Executive Commissioner, RC & MG Section, ACC
Attention: Political Section

1. Forwarded.
2. Deceased is buried in the Protestant part of the Taormina Cemetery.
Proper burial services were conducted by a Protestant minister.

For the REGIONAL COMMISSIONER



William R. Jordan
WILLIAM R. JORDAN
Colonel, CAC
R.E.O.

Main Department for review and action.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
EASTERN SICILY.

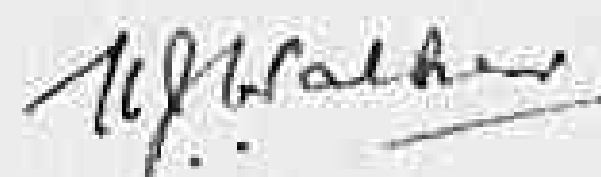
To:- Executive Officer,
Through:- Regional Commissioner,
Sicily Region H.Q.

Our Ref: CAT/222

Subject:- MAFV Johannes.

The above internee died at the Diplomats Internment Camp at TAORMINA
on 25.9.44. The funeral took place on 27.9.44.

Attached herewith is a statement as to the cause of death made by
the deceased's medical attendant, to be forwarded to the Political Sub-
Commission, A.C.C. Hq.



Catania.
27 Sep 44.
HJW/JRG.

Lt-Col.
Provincial Commissioner,

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TRANSLATION

Dr. Dott. Mario Caripoli
Physician-Surgeon
Naples (Napoli)

25 September 1944

To the esteemed Major,
Commander, Royal Air Force
Messina

I make it my duty to inform you that at 1 P.M. today, in room no. 72 of the Royal Air Force, occurred the death of Doctor

Corrado Rini,

son of Doctor Rini and Maria Trillivis, born in Naples, April 9, 1895; Secretary General of the Italian Embassy to the Holy See, following renal-sclerosis, cardio-renal deficiency, and uremia.

In attending the patient I feel it also my duty to report that the deceased had been five years with a diagnosis of bilateral neuro-vascular renal hypertension, confirmed by two specialists of Catania, Professors Magliacini and Scialoja, but thanks to my constant and repeated visits, since the examination conducted at home gave a negative result, I finally discovered that the hypertension was secondary to a renal sclerosis with deficiency. In fact the urine analysis which I repeatedly ordered and had executed in laboratory in Catania and Catania revealed a very low density, excellent total retention of urea, a hypotension.

Prof. Filippo Magliacini of the Royal University of Messina, who also was consulted, could only confirm the diagnosis, the treatment, and the inoperable prognosis.

All scientific resources were put to use, neglecting or omitting nothing, the most efficacious treatments were practiced, the most scrupulous and constant assistance was performed, the severest dietetic hygiene was observed; but in spite of everything the deceased renal function (time of origin not known) determined a complete case of uremia with pericarditis and pulmonary edema, and the consequent inevitable fatal outcome.

With every consideration,

/s/ Dr. Mario Caripoli

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Av. Dott. Mario Garipoli, Medico Chirurgo- TAORMINA.

Ill.mo Sig. COPIA

25 Sett. 1944

Maggiore, Comandante
Albergo MIRAMARE,
Città.

Mi faccio in dovere di comunicarle che alle ore 13 di oggi, nella sua stanza n. 73 di co-desto Albergo è deceduto il sig. Dott.

H A H N Johannes

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Anche il prof. Filippo Battaglia della R. Università di Messina, chiamato a consulto, non ha potuto che confermare la diagnosi, le cure e la prognosi infelice. Tutte le risorse scientifiche sono state messe in atto nulla trascurando o tralasciando, le più assidue cure sono state praticate, la più scrupolosa e costante assistenza è stata attuata, il più severo regime igienico-dietetico è stato osservato: - malgrado ciò la decaduta funzione renale, (chissà da quale epoca originata), ha determinato il più completo quadro dell'uremia con pericardite ed edema polmonare, ed il seguente inevitabile esito letale.

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Cav. Dott. MARIO GARIPOLI

Medico Chirurgo

TAORMINA (Messina)

25 Settembre 1944.

all'Ill.mo Signor M. GILORE Comandante nell'albergo Miramare

Città

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Tanto dovevo. Con ogni ossequio

M. Mario Garipoli
Medico Chirurgo

Av. Dott. Mario Garipoli, Medico Chirurgo- TAORMINA.

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Pto. Dott. Mario Garipoli
Medico chirurgo.

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Cav. Dott. MARIO GARIPOLI

Medico Chirurgo

TAORMINA (Messina)

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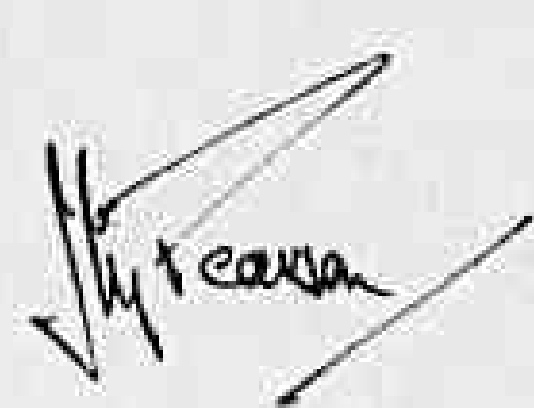
Lieut Col: H.J. Walker,
Provincial Commissioner, Catania.
Copy to Political Section, ACC, Rome.

(1 p.m.)

I regret to report the death early this afternoon of Herr Consul Johannes HAHN, one of the diplomatic internees here. He had been ill ever since his arrival and, inspite of the untiring care of the local doctor and a hospital nurse and treatment advised by two specialists, became progressively worse ever since.

A grave has been selected in the german corner of the non-Catholic cemetery, and Major Bateman is arranging for the loan of a Chaplain for the funeral service in a day or two.

I have to confirm your telephoned permission for all of the deceased's compatriots to attend his funeral.


Major, Political Section.

Scormina,
25 September 1944.

P.S Enclosed is the doctor's certificate that the death, nor any of his sufferings, could have been avoided by more or other care.

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TAORMINA,

24 September 1944.

Dear W. Schott,

Many thanks for your note (220.1) of 13th date which I have just received regarding Mr Horia ROMAN. You may imagine what a difficult, even embarrassing, position it is for me not knowing whose money he is spending. I hope the Rumanian Legation will collect a few pence for him soon.

2; I was sorry not to have been able to make your acquaintance in Naples before I was side-tracked to the "two-days job (maximum five days, old boy, I assure you)" here. But I hope we shall meet when I do eventually get relieved and come to Rome. This is quite the dullest job I have had yet, and I hope someone else can be found to carry it on before boredom makes me break out into something foolish: yet someone else might love it -- good food, sea-bathing, the most wonderful scenery and a moderate climate -- yet I hate it!

3; I shall probably have to write to you in a day or two, reporting the death of Herr Consul HAHN. Despite every attention (specialists, nurse, special diet, etc) he has now been given up by the doctors. I will let you have details of the funeral arrangements later.

Yours sincerely,

H. V. 1640
Major.

Colonel Brown. Liaison kept.

Would you kindly pass
to the Vietnamese either through
to Nguyen Tayson or Sir Harry
Osborne.

Political Section *Almon*
26/9/68

Mr Caccia

This message was
delivered by phone
to Sir Darcy Osborne
personally at 1200 hrs
26 Sept 44

Col Brown

He has been advised that
Brown has been refused

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TO HQ ACC EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER RC AND MG SEC

ATT POLITICAL SEC

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CONDITION OF CONSUL GEORGE HAHN ~~TAORMINOXXX~~ TAORMINA CRITICAL.

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CONDITION OF CONSUL GEORGE HAHN TAORMINA CRITICAL. DEATH EXPECTED.

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POLITICAL SECRETARIAT,

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

With reference to my communication 48/206/44 of August 31st, enclosing translations of the Secretariat of State's Note No. 83226 of August 29th and of the annexes thereto, I now forward translation of a further Note (No. 83816) from the Secretariat which is concerned, like the aforesaid documents, with the state of health of the German diplomat, Herr Hahn, who is still detained at Taormina.

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British Legation to the Holy See,
Vatican City.

September 15th, 1944.

Translation.

Secretariat of State
of His Holiness.

September 13th, 1944.

No. 83816.

The Secretariat of State of His Holiness have the honour to convey to His Excellency the British Minister the text of a telegram which has just been addressed to them by Herr Memmer, one of the German diplomats detained at Taormina:- "To the Secretariat of State of His Holiness, Vatican. In accordance with the advice of the doctor in charge of his case, the Consul-Secretary Hahn has paid a second visit to the oculist. His sight is definitely lost. Hospital treatment and rigorous diet are essential and only possible in Rome. To transport Hahn to any other place would, given his state of mind, only make his illness worse. Memmer, Minister of the German Embassy to the Holy See".

The Secretariat of State of His Holiness would be grateful to the British Minister if he would kindly intervene once more with the competent Allied Authorities in favour of Herr Hahn.

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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

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FILE NO:

SUSPENSE DATE

SUBJECT:

Ind No.	From	To	DATE	Remarks
1	Surg RAAC	G-2 RAAC	30/8/44	1. The information available indicates the subject needs treatment for arteriosclerotic hypertension and for diabetes. 2. If medication is available it can be used in Catania as well as in Rome. 3. There is no indication that he could receive better treatment in Rome than elsewhere provided proper medication is furnished. 4. If his condition is "Critical" as expressed in endorsed telegram movement would be contraindicated. 5. Observations above are based on very meagre information. 6. Investigation and report should be done by an Allied Medical Officer, from Sicily.

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Hahn
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FROM:

Political Section

From Lt Corso, G2 -
Should he come back to
Rome, or does patient need
better attn than he's getting?

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
STONELY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 334

Political Sec
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FILE : RC/323.7

23 August 1944

SUBJECT: Diplomatic Internees

TO : Executive Commissioner,
R.C. & A.C. Section,
H.Q. A.C.S.

FROM : Political Section

The following correspondence is forwarded for
action as necessary:

- (a) Original and translation of Specialist's report
on diplomat HAHN's eyesight and general condition.
- (b) Original and translation of Specialist's confidential
suggestions as to treatment required.
- (c) Telegram from Minister WISSE to Vatican Secretary
of State regarding Consul HAHN.
- (d) Letter and telegram from SCHNEIDER to Dott.
TENTINI, Rome and Deutsche Bank, Berlin,
respectively.

William R. Jordan
WILLIAM R. JORDAN,
Colonel,
A/Regional Commissioner.

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Following the advice of the doctor
for Counselor Secretary Kahn, he
was taken to the oculist for
another visit. He has definitely
lost his sight. State of health
is critical. Hospital treatment
which is possible only in Rome
is absolutely necessary. Taking

Hahn. elsewhere, in view of his
present condition, would aggravate
his illness.

Original to Fathman - Sept. 7

~~Heimer~~ ^{miss} Heimer

TRANSLATION

C.ania, 18.8.44

CONFIDENTIAL

Dr. Johann Mahn, whom I have examined this morning, presents grave and serious symptoms of bilateral haemorrhagic retinitis, caused by diabetes and especially arteriosclerosis.

Considering the seriousness of the symptoms, the undersigned advises, both for purely medical reasons and for psychological considerations, that the patient should enter a hospital for eye treatment, and especially for treatment of his general condition.

Therefore, the undersigned suggests that the patient should enter the University Medical Clinic of the Victor Emmanuel Hospital, where he will be able to avail himself of the care and close attention of the House Physician together with the specialist.

(Signed) Prof. G. Favalloro

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R. UNIVERSITÀ DI CATANIA

CLINICA OCULISTICA

DIRETTORE: PROF. G. FAVALORO

Catania, 18 - 8 - 1944.

RISERVATA!

Spett. Commissione Alleata di Controllo,

Il Dr. Giovanni Hahn che ho visitato stamattina nel mio studio privato presenta effettivamente una forma grave con prognosi piuttosto infuusta di retinite emorragica bilaterale, dipendente dal diabete e soprattutto dall'arteriosclerosi.

Data la gravità della prognosi, il sottoscritto ritiene di dover consigliare, sia per ragioni di ordine puramente medico, sia per ragioni di ordine puramente psicologico, che il suddetto paziente venga ricoverato in una clinica adatta per le cure oculistiche, e soprattutto per le cure dello stato generale.

Pertanto il sottoscritto suggerisce che l'ammalato venga ricoverato in questo Istituto di Clinica Medica dell'Università nell'Ospedale Vittorio Emanuele, dove potrà avvantaggiarsi delle cure e della stretta collaborazione del medico internista con

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• **NP21**

lo specialista.

Con osservanza

Prof. G. H. Nelson

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TRANSLATION

Catania, 16.8.44

Dr. Johann Hahn presents a serious condition of degenerative bilateral haemorrhagic retinitis on a basis of arteriosclerosis, with very disturbing symptoms.

Considering the close relationship between the ocular alterations and the general alterations of the metabolism and of the circulatory system, the patient was referred to the resident physician of the University Medical Clinic with regard to his general condition (absolute rest, proper diet, insulin therapy, hypotensive coagulation, etc. etc.); with regard to the condition of the eyes it is necessary to apply leeches to the mastoid, with subconjunctival injections of sodium chloride, particularly for the right eye.

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1. Generous bloodletting from the right mastoid
 2. Coaguleno
Zinema
Vitamin C
by injection
 - 3; Vitamin K
by injection, alternating with the preceding
 4. Sodium chloride ctgr. 50
Dionina " 10
Novocaine " 20
H₂O c.c. 10
Sterilize for subconjunctival injections of
1 c.c. on alternate days.
 5. Insulin, hypotensives, dietetics, etc., etc. must
be prescribed by the resident physician
according to the general requirements.

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(signed) G. Favoloro



R. UNIVERSITÀ DI CATANIA

CLINICA OCULISTICA

DIRETTORE, PROF. G. FAVALORO

Catania, 18 - 8 - 1944.

Il Dr. Giovanni Hahn presenta una forma grave bilaterale di retinite emorragica-fibroplastica-degenerativa su base discrasica-arteriosclerotica, con prognosi piuttosto infausta.

Data la stretta interdipendenza fra le alterazioni ^{oculari e quelle} generali del metabolismo e del sistema circolatorio, si rimanda il paziente all'internista per quanto riguarda le cure generali (riposo assoluto, dietetica congrua, insulino-terapia, ^{coagulanti autogeni} ipotensivi ecc.); per quanto riguarda gli occhi bisogna insistere con le mignattazioni mastoidee e con iniezioni sottocongiuntivali di cloruro di sodio, soprattutto a favore dell'occhio destro.

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(81 volti)

1° Mignattazione generosa alla mastoide destra.

2° Coaguleno 0

Zimema 0

Vitamina C

per iniezioni

3° Vitamina K

per iniezioni alternate con le precedenti

4° Cloruro di sodio ctgr. 50

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Sterilizzare per iniezione sottocongiuntivale

di 1 c.c. per volta a giorni alterni.

5° Insulina, ipotensivi, diabetica ecc-ecc. deb-
bono essere prescritti dall'internista in base
agli accertamenti generali.

G. V.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 594

15 Aug 1944

FILE:RC/383.7

SUBJECT: correspondence: Diplomatic internees.

TO : Executive Commissioner
R.C. & M.G. section
H.Q. A.C.C. ROME

COPY : Political section ✓

Further to my RC/383.7 of 10 AUG.

1. Herewith copies of two telegrams forwarded by Major Pearson to Political section A.C.C.

2. With regard to Hahn, the facts are as already sent to you in reports by the consultant and the specialist. These facts do not agree with the statement in the telegram.

Stanley Hatcher
Colonel
A.N. HANCOCK
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

Encl - copies of telegrams, Major Pearson to Political Section re Diplomat Hahn.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

14 August 1944.

Dear Bob,

I enclose for your records copies of correspondence had between Tittmann and the Vatican Mgr. Montini and the Rome Allied Area Command, regarding the enemy diplomats now interned in Taormina. Copies of this correspondence have been sent by Tittmann to the Department also.

You will note that the Vatican is especially anxious to have the repatriation of these diplomats effected as promptly as possible.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice President, Political Section

Robert D. Murphy, Esquire,
U.S. Political Adviser,
Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512.

Copy - Report - Report
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August 12, 1944.

Dear Bill:

I enclose two copies of recent correspondence received from the Vatican (Note No. 82434 from the Vatican dated August 7, 1944; translation of Note No. 82434; report from Mons. McGeough, undated; memorandum giving additional confidential information) regarding the enemy diplomats now interned in Taormina.

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I also attach copy of a letter to me dated August 6 from the Rome Allied Area Command containing two telegrams regarding illness of Secretary Hahn which were delivered by me to Mgr. Montini at the Vatican Secretariat of State. Copies of Mgr. Montini's reply of August 8, letter from Rome Allied Area Command dated August 10, and my letter to Mgr. Montini of August 11 are also enclosed.

Copies of the above correspondence are being forwarded by mail to the Department of State.

Sincerely yours,

William W. Schott

William W. Schott, Esquire,
Political Section,
Allied Control Commission,
Ministry of Corporations,
Rome.

Enclosures as listed.

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DU VATICAN, le 7 Août 1944

No. 82434

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Un mois environ s'est écoulé depuis que ces diplomates ont été emmenés de Rome pour être rapatriés, et il ne semble pas qu'ils aient jusqu'ici poursuivi au-delà de Taormina le voyage qui devait les ramener dans leurs patries respectives. La Secrétairerie d'Etat se permet de recommander en conséquence que les autorités Alliées veuillent bien prendre en bienveillante considération cette situation un peu anormale et donner les ordres nécessaires pour que le voyage puisse être bientôt poursuivi et mené à terme. L'un des diplomates est dans un état de santé qui requerrait des soins appropriés et une cure suivie qu'il ne pourra entreprendre qu'à son retour dans son pays.

La Secrétairerie d'Etat saisit volontiers l'occasion pour exprimer à M. le Chargé d'Affaires des Etats-Unis d'Amérique l'assurance de sa considération bien distinguée.

Official seal of the Secretariat
of State

M. Harold H. Tittmann
Chargé d'Affaires des Etats-Unis d'Amérique
près le Saint Siège

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(avec 2 annexes)

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près le Saint Siège

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(avec 2 annexes)

Translation

Vatican City, August 7, 1944.

No. 82434

The Secretariat of State of His Holiness has the honor to enclose herewith, for the Chargé d'Affaires, a report which may be of interest to him on the trip of the Axis diplomats from Rome to Taormina and on the conditions they are living in there.

Some remarks concerning their living arrangements are attached to this letter in the form of a Memorandum. The report and remarks were prepared by Mr. McGeough, of the Secretariat of State, who accompanied these Gentlemen and helped them get settled.

A month has passed since these diplomats were removed from Rome in order to be repatriated and nothing seems to indicate that they have continued their journey further than Taormina towards their respective countries. The Secretariat of State takes the liberty, therefore, of requesting the Allied Authorities to take this somewhat abnormal situation under sympathetic consideration and to give the necessary instructions in order to have their repatriation effected. One of the diplomats is in a state of health which requires appropriate medical attention and treatment which he cannot undertake before returning to his country.

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(With 2 attached documents)

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Report of Mons. McGeough on the transferal of the diplomats
from Rome to Taormina, Sicily

The departure from Rome took place from the Littoria Airport on July 13th at 2:20 P.M. The party was accompanied by Lieut. Corso of the Rome Area Command and by Mons. Joseph E. McGeough as the representative of the Holy See and included the following persons:

Members of the staff of the German Embassy:

Dr. Ludwig Wenner (Minister)
Mme. Julia Wenner
M. Karl Gustav Wollerweber (Counsellor)
Dr. George Elling (Scientific Collaborator)
M. Friedrich Perkander (Chancellor)
M. Johann Hahn (Consular Secretary)
Mme. Ida Hahn
M. Kurt Brink (Consular Secretary)
M. Horis Roman, Press Attaché of the Rumanian Legation, completed the membership of the group of diplomats.

On arriving at Catania about 5 P.M. we were informed that military reasons had made it impossible to offer the use of the Villa Politi at Siracusa, but that instead the Hotel Miramare at Taormina had been placed at the disposition of the diplomats. The Hotel was reached about an hour later, after a pleasant automobile trip along the coast, and all were greeted by Major Pearson of the British Army as the representative of the Allied Command.

Following registration, the diplomats were assigned to their rooms. The Hotel has about 70 rooms with numerous private baths and these, as far as possible, were placed at the disposition of the diplomats. In some cases two shared a common bath room located between the sleeping chambers. The food served is that of an Officers Army Mess supplemented by wine, fruits and other extras procurable as requested by the diplomats: it is well prepared and certainly adequate. The diplomats, according to their preference, may take their meals at individual tables or in small groups. Tea is served in the afternoon and the Hotel Bar is open during stated hours after the main meals.

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According to my instructions I was to accompany the diplomats to their destination in a neutral country in the event that their repatriation was to be effected immediately. The exact date of the continuation of the repatriation journey could not be learned exactly. This situation called for my return to Rome and the delegating of a local prelate to act in the interests of the diplomats in my absence. Archbishop Pajno of Messina very

gladly

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gladly undertook this charge and appointed the Archpriest of Taormina to act on his behalf. The Allied Authorities consented to this arrangement and to regular visits of these ecclesiastics to the diplomats, who were assured that the Holy See would continue to interest itself in every way possible in their welfare until a definite repatriation had been effected.

Several other questions arose in the course of my stay at Taormina and I was advised to consult the Allied Control Commission in Palermo where, upon arrival, the following suggestions resulting from my own observations and from talks with the diplomats, were made to the Sicilian Regional Commander, Colonel Hanley:

1. Sea-bathing and walks: Colonel Hanley readily promised that the diplomats would be given the opportunity to take regular walks outside the hotel limits and to enjoy the bathing facilities of the nearby beach.
2. Mosquito netting: It was indicated that mosquitoes were troublesome at night and before leaving Palermo, the netting was found and forwarded to Taormina.
3. Correspondence: It was stated that the diplomats should be given the right to communicate with the Vatican and with their relatives. Colonel Hanley agreed that everything possible would be done to facilitate this matter.
4. Reading Matter: The diplomats having requested books in their own language it was promised that a search would be made in local libraries for such books and provided for their use.
5. Religious assistance: This will be provided according to the desires of the diplomats.

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Situation of Diplomats in Sicily
Questions with special reference to the Allied Authorities

The following confidential information must be added as pertinent to the original report:

1. On arrival at Taormina, Major Pearson informed the diplomats that, since ordinary expenses would not be paid for and that extra services would be charged to their Governments, all Italian money in their possession should be turned over to him for safekeeping during the period of their stay. This was done.

2. Colonel Hanley at Palermo stated that he had no information relative to the period which the diplomats were to remain at Taormina prior to proceeding on their voyage of repatriation. The official orders stated that the Hotel was to be prepared to receive 50 persons and it was presumed that until the other persons expected should arrive and the repatriation group complete, there would be no change in the situation. Further information in this regard would be desirable.

3. A barbed wire fence, about six feet high, has been erected about the Hotel extending on all sides of the limited grounds. Since the only place that offers any shade, outside of the Hotel interior, is the restricted space in front of the Hotel and visible from the road, it was pointed out that this arrangement, both to the passers-by and to the diplomats, created the impression and atmosphere of a concentration camp. It was requested that the barbed wire be removed but the reply was negative. The resultant situation is not a happy one and it is to be hoped that some effort may be made for its amelioration.

4. The grounds of the Hotel are very limited and do not offer the diplomats the opportunity to take needed exercise. It is most desirable that the assurances given with regard to bathing in the sea just below the town of Taormina and to taking walks, under surveillance, should be carried out effectively.

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5. When asked about the possibility of communicating with their families in Germany, Colonel Hanley stated that this could be arranged with the Red Cross. The question of the diplomats communicating through the Vatican Information Office, he declared, would be best taken up in Rome.

6. The need of having a responsible Allied officer constantly

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constantly in charge at Taormina is indicated. Major Pearson stated that he expected to leave shortly and, in this eventuality, he knew of no plans for a successor. Colonel Hanley confirmed this statement. As a result only subordinate police officials would be left and it does not seem fitting that the diplomats should be left solely in the care of policemen. Major Pearson displayed both understanding and consideration in his dealings with the diplomats.

7. The situation of M. Roman is perhaps deserving of special consideration. He requested to be lodged apart from the German diplomats declaring that he did not share their ideals. His wife who has remained in Rome states that she does not believe that he fully understood the possibility of not being repatriated and of acquiring the status of the other three Rumanian diplomats who remained in Rome. If such a possibility exists, it might be proposed to him.

8. Colonel Hanley declared that he could give no assurance that the books requested by the diplomats would be actually found in Sicily and suggested that the Vatican supplement his efforts by sending reading material. The cooperation of the Allied Authorities in forwarding these books will be required.

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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
A.P.O. No. 794, U.S. ARMY

August 6, 1944

The Honorable Mr. Harold H. Tittmann,
Chargé d'Affaires
of the United States of America
to the Holy See,
2 Via Boncompagni,
ROME.

Dear Mr. Tittmann,

I am attaching two telegrams which refer
to Secretary Consul Hahn, who is being repatri-
ated.

As a matter of information, proper authori-
ties have been informed that local treatment
was desirable and we are still awaiting advice
as to Mr. Hahn's condition.

It will be appreciated if you will deliver
these telegrams to the Vatican Secretariat of
State.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) HARRY H. JOHNSON
Major General, U.S. Army,
Commanding

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C O P Y

DAL VATICANO, 8 Août 1944

No. 82473

Monsieur le Chargé d'Affaires,

J'ai pris connaissance des deux télégrammes du Ministre Ludwig Wemmer, que vous m'avez aimablement communiqués.

La Secrétairerie d'Etat de Sa Sainteté, par sa Note No. 82434 du 7 de ce mois, avait déjà attiré l'attention de l'Ambassade des Etats-Unis sur la situation anormale des diplomates allemands à Taormina et sur la nécessité de pourvoir promptement à leur rapatriement.

L'aggravation des conditions de santé de M. Bahn ne peut que nous induire à désirer une solution rapide de cette question et je vous serais bien reconnaissant si vous aviez l'obligeance d'insister à nouveau dans ce sens auprès des Autorités Militaires compétentes.

Veuillez agréer, M. le Chargé d'Affaires l'assurance de ma haute considération.

(Signed) J. B. MONTINI

Mr. Harold H. Tittmann
Chargé d'Affaires des Etats-Unis
d'Amérique près le Saint-Siège

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C O P Y

ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
A.P.O. 794, U.S. ARMY

10 August 1944.

The Honorable Mr. Harold H. Tittmann,
Chargé d'Affaires
of the United States of America
to the Holy See,
2 Via Boncompagni,
ROME.

Dear Mr. Tittmann,

Referring further to General Johnson's letter
of 6 August, concerning the telegrams relative to
the illness of German Secretary Consul Hahn.

For your confidential information, I am quo-
ting below, text of a telegram just received which
gives information concerning Mr. Hahn's condition:

"HAHN has diabetes with nephrosis and
hyper-tension is Not repeat Not in fit state
for operation. Is very nervous and real an-
xiety Not repeat Not to return to own country.
Satisfactory medical attention being given
locally. Medical report will be dispatched".

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) A. LOW
Brigadier

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COPY

August 11, 1944.

Dear Monsignor Montini:

I have your letter of August 8 regarding the situation of the German diplomats at Taormina, with special reference to the illness of Mr. Hahn.

Perhaps it would be of interest for you to know that, according to a confidential telegram which has been received by the American authorities in Rome from Taormina, Mr. Hahn has diabetes with nephrosis and hyper-tension and is not in a fit state to undergo an operation. The telegram goes on to say that he is very nervous and is beset with a real anxiety not to return to his own country. The telegram concludes that he is receiving satisfactory medical attention on the spot and that a medical report will be forwarded in due course.

I shall not fail to inform you as soon as further information regarding Mr. Hahn's case is received.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) HAROLD H. TITTMANN

H. E. Mgr. J. B. Montini,
Substitute for Ordinary Affairs,
Secretariat of State of His Holiness,
Vatican Palace.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
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10 Aug 1944

SUBJECT: Diplomatic Internees

TO : Acting Chief of Staff
G-2 R.A.A.C.

COPY : Executive Commissioner
R.C. & M.G. Section
H.Q. A.C.C. ROME

FOR : Political Section

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Further to my signal RMC 262 of 7 AUG.

1. Herewith translations of medical reports marked "A" "B" and "C" concerning the health of German diplomat HAHN.

2. From report "A" reference consultation with the Specialist Professor CITELLI it will be seen that there is no immediate prospect of a surgical operation.

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505-Hahn

A. N. Hancock

A.N. HANCOCK
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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3 Encls-translations of medical reports re health of German diplomat HAHN.

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Copy to Mr. CrsD - Aug. 15
WWS.



"A"

TRANSLATION

Dottor G. Vagliasindi del Castello
Professore Pareggiato di Clinica Oculistica
CATANIA - Piazza Cavour, 18

Having questioned Prof. Gistelli, declares that he does not believe in the results obtained by other operations (numerous cases published in magazines) and that he would operate only in one case i.e. "lesione del seno sferroideale". This should be ascertained by X-Ray.

Declares further that he would not operate the patient because he is diabetic and that it would be well to treat him for "ipertensione arteriosa" as well as diabetes.

This treatment is being administered by the local doctor.

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"B"

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
Catania.

To. Maj. E.C. Bateman
From. H. Norman Barns.

Subject; MEDICAL REPORTS ON HAHN.

1. Attached are the translations of reports by the general practitioner and specialist.
2. Maj. Pearson asked me to inform you that application had been made to the Holy See for Hahn and his wife to return to Rome, stating that he is not fit to continue his journey.
3. I have myself seen Hahn. He is not only suffering from his eyes but is also in a very disturbed nervous state. He broke down completely during his visit.

/s/ H.E. Barns.
(Friend's Ambulance)

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Doctor. G. Vagliasindi del castello.
13, piazza Cavour, Catania.

NOTE. His diagnosis is that of Neuro-retinitis in a non-syphilitic subject. He is slightly diabetic.
Sight: He can count the fingers at a distance of almost one metre. The margin of the pupil, which is very dilated, is diffused with the retina. Haemorrhage is present there. It is necessary to take a fair quantity of blood from the mastoid. Mercurial ointment, (about as much as a split pea) should be applied each night. If this does not effect a cure I should advise removal of the middle process, with piercing of the anterior wall of the sphenoid cavity. Before operating it would be necessary to examine the kidneys and the blood for diabetes.

Catania, 23/7/44.

Signed: G. Vagliasindi.

Dr. Doctor Garipoli, Taormina.
Mr. Mann has been examined by me three times: He has slight diabetes with nephrosis and hypertension. (P.M. 253).
He has considerable trouble with his sight. The nature of this will be specified by the ophthalmic specialist.
He requires a special diet (already advised), and adequate treatment (orally and by injection).

Taormina. 23 Jul. 44.

Signed. Garipoli Mario.

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H. A. Caccia, Esq
Political Section, A.C.C.

Herewith are two telegrams which the interned German Minister WEMMER wishes you to forward to the Vatican.

The longer one is self-explanatory. The other is about Consul HAHN, concerning whose condition you have already had correspondence, I understand, with Region 1 administration to whom I sent the medical reports.

9 August 1944.

[Signature]
Major, Political Section.

*To Lh COSO - Aug. 15
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REF D/1/1 OF 31 JULY. HAHN HAS DIABETES WITH NEPHROSIS AND HYPER-TENSION.
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JULY 31/2107



SUBJECT IS A GERMAN CONSULAR SECRETARY HAHN, NOW AT TACOMA AT MIRAMARE HOTEL. TWO MESSAGES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED STATING THAT HE NEEDS TO RETURN TO ROME FOR AN OPERATION. REQUEST YOUR INVESTIGATION AND REPLY SOONEST AS TO ONE MESS ITY FOR RETURN TO ROME FOR OPERATION IF TWO IF SO DOES MRS HAHN NEED TO ACCOMPANY HUSBAND THERE COULD NOT OPERATION OR TREATMENT BE PERFORMED LOCALLY. SUGGEST LATTER COURSE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. FROM JOSEPH HAHN G-2

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Provincial Commissioner,
CATANIA.

30 July 1944.

My dear Caccia,

This is in reply to Reber's kind letter of 23 July, for I suppose he will already have left by the time you receive this.

The position about the funds brought by the interned diplomats is unchanged. Their Italian currency (which has been inspected by the Finance Officer and pronounced valid) is deposited in my name in the Bank; and they are allowed to draw against it for personal requirements. As soon as you receive instructions concerning the "official" money, you will let me know what is to be done with it.

The German Minister has protested to the Holy See, as you know, about the length of their stay in Sicily and has asked that the invalid HAHN and his wife return to Rome. The Rumanian is still anxious about his family in Rome, and would appreciate a letter from his Italian wife. But there is no other feature of interest about them, and they profess themselves content with their treatment (according to the appointed Visitor).

Meanwhile, I feel as if I were interned myself and I shall be glad when this period of enforced inactivity comes to an end. If you can set me relieved before the internees leave, I shall be grateful: for, as I have told you, I do not consider it necessary for an Officer to live with them. They have a competent guard and a Town Major in the village in case of trouble.

If Reber is still in Rome, please thank him for the last paragraph of his letter. It has been a great pleasure to work with you both in the Political Section: I could not have chosen more congenial colleagues.

Yours,

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Yours,

Major, Political Section.

P.S. Could you ask Decker to have my mail sent on to me here and to see that my trunk and bedding-roll are readily available on my return?

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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
Office of the AG of S, G-2
APO 794, US ARMY

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I. E. CHICK
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REFERENCE OUR 3089 DATED 31 JULY 44 CONCERNING HAHN
REQUEST REPLY SOONEST.

FROM JOHNSON FROM G-2

HEADQUARTERS
5 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

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