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"Replacement of Head of Mission"

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A/CC 092.112-1

15 September 1944

Dear Marchese Visconti Venosta:

In reply to your letter 61/00663/dp of 18 August, I am writing to confirm that no objection has been seen to the proposed replacement of Signor Benzetti, the present Italian Minister in Stockholm, by Signor Guarnaschelli nor to the withdrawal of the present Italian Minister in Dublin, Signor Berardis, and the appointment of Baron Confalonieri as First Secretary.

In the case of Signor Benzetti it is not at present possible to make immediate arrangements for his repatriation: but it is not thought impossible that passage may be secured for him and his wife in due course.

In addition, I am glad to be able to inform you that there is no objection to the two appointments of R.A. Giuliano Cora to Angola in place of Ambassador Decca and of Count Salazarotti Scotti to Madrid in place of Marquess Paulucci.

Yours very truly,

ELBERT W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Hon Excellency Marchese Giovanni Visconti Venosta
Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government

cc: G-5, AFHQ
Mr. MacMillan
Hon. Alexander Kirk
Sir Noel Charles
Political Section

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No : 24/05
Classification :
Precedence :
From : LISBON
To : ESTERI ROMA

Date Time Rec'd :
Date Time Sent : 042255
Reference NR : XOF 5/J
Cite :

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DUE TRE SET NANTRE CONFERO VE IO UNO NOV OTTO ANNI BUCN FINE ICENGO DOVERTRA
SCRIVERE SEGUENTE TELEGRAMA ANUNCIATA BUENOS AIRES CHE TROVA CONFERTA INVOCI QUI
PROPAGATE IN QUESTI GIORNI DA DISSIDENZA FASCISTA ET SERVIZI GERMANICI DUE PUNTI
AVIRG DUE UNO UNO PER DAIETA ALT SECONDO QUOTI DI ANTILOCALI ITALI LIBERACT NAZIBAR
FASCISTA MATTINO ITALIA SAREBBERO STATI CHI ADATTORAI PER PRESENTAR SI COMMISSIONE
E PURAZIONE ANTI FASCISTA ATTUALI RAPPRESENT ANTI ITALIANI MADRID ANKARA STOCOLMA
LISBONA ALT GRATO PRECISAZIONI PEREVENUALESEMENTE ALT GARBAC CIO CVIRG DAIETA

FROM: Lisbon
DATE: 4 Sept 44

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236 While I confirm my 198 for the best I think it is my duty to transcribe this telegram of the Buenos Aires Embassy; this telegram is confirmed here by rumors which have been divulged during these days by fascist dissidence and nazi services: "211 for Daieta. According to the local newspapers Italy Liberated Nazibar Fascist Mattino Italy, the present Italian representatives Madrid, Ankara, Stockholm, Lisbon would be recalled to Rome in order to present themselves to the Antifascist Epuration Commission. I would be very grateful to you if you will send to me detailed information for eventual contradiction. Garbaccio" Daieta.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref #220.2

1 September 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

SUBJECT : Replacement of Personnel in Italian Missions Abroad.

In reply to your memorandum No. 091.112-1 of 28 August 1944 regarding the replacement of personnel in Italian Missions abroad we understand from the British High Commissioner in Rome that he has not yet received a reply from the British Foreign Office about the changes in Italian representation proposed for Dublin and Stockholm. As soon as the views of the British Foreign Office have been received we will inform you as you request.

H. A. CACCIA
Vice-President

Copies to:
British Resident Minister
U.S. Representative, Advisory Council
Acting Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.

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SECRET**ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO**

EWS/hjp

From: Acting Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: Replacement of Personnel in Italian
Missions abroad.

FILE No. A/CC 091.112-1

TO: Political Section, Hq ACC

31 August 1944

1. Reference attached letter G-5: 091.112-1 of 28 August, subject as above.

2. Your section has copy of A/CC 091.112 of 24 August, referred to in reference para 1.

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3. Please prepare reply called for in para 2 of reference shown in para 1 above.

Answers not yet available

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G-5 Section
APO 512

HQ A.C.C. APO 394

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REC'd 30 Aug 1944 28 August 1944

By KMR

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G-5: 091.112-1

SUBJECT: Replacement of Personnel in Italian Missions abroad.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your A/CC.091.112 of 24 August which crossed with this Section's signal 87023 of 24 August.

2. It would be appreciated if you would let this Section know what reply is received by the British High Commissioner in Rome to the enquiry put forward by him concerning the Italian representative at Dublin and Stockholm.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

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T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel**SECRET**

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A/CC 091.112

24 August 1944

SUBJECT: Replacement of Personnel in Italian Missions Abroad

TO : Allied Force Headquarters
(Att: G-5 Section)

1. In my telegram No. 1658 of the 11th August, I informed you of the Italian Government's desire to enlist Allied support in replacing in their missions abroad all personnel who have represented Fascism and I have now received a further letter on this subject from the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of which is attached.

2. The Italian Government are bound to be subjected to the criticism of their press and public opinion if they appear ready to leave such well known Fascists as Signor Rensetti at their posts and such criticism cannot but affect their standing in the country. To allay this criticism they have now published the fact that such Italian representatives are to be recalled. But their announcement will only bring conviction when action is taken and I shall therefore be grateful for anything that can be done to expedite an Allied decision in this matter and a reply given to the Italian proposals which were set out in my telegram under reference and previous correspondence concerning Italian Missions at Dublin and Stockholm as well as Lisbon.

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

1 Incl -
as above.

c.c. British Resident Minister
U. S. Political Advisor
British High Commissioner
U. S. Representative to the Advisory Council.
Political Section ✓

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Date: 24 AUG 1944
Via: 1645
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TRANSLATION

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

51/00563/40

Rome, 18 August 1944

Dear Admiral,

About a month ago the Royal Government brought to your attention the urgent necessity of replacing our chief representative abroad.

You know that notwithstanding our repeated insistence we have never received an answer.

Public opinion does not understand why this diplomatic movement is not carried out and this surprise appears fully justified.

The Royal Government hence finds itself placed in this paradoxical situation: it is at the same time asked to proceed rapidly with the separation and the reorganization of the State administration and prevented from carrying it out in such an important branch of the administration itself. I am sure that you understand fully how difficult it is for the Royal Government to prolong the silence observed until now on this subject and how necessary it is now more than ever not to delay our labor in releasing news of measures so long ago decided upon.

Please accept, Dear Admiral, my most cordial greetings,

/s/ Vincenzo Venosta

Admiral Elmer G. Stone, USN
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-5 Section

APO 512

TBJ/lasc

G-5: 091.112-1

26 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Government Officials (Italian)

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
A.P.O. 394.

1. Reference is made to your Political Section's No. 505-CA of 21st August, and this Headquarters's Signal ref. No. F 87023 of 24 August.

2. Action will be taken on your a/m memorandum as soon as you inform us that the Foreign Office's reply to the British High Commissioner in Rome is satisfactory.

For Asst. Chief of Staff.

T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.

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A/CC 691.112

24 August 1944

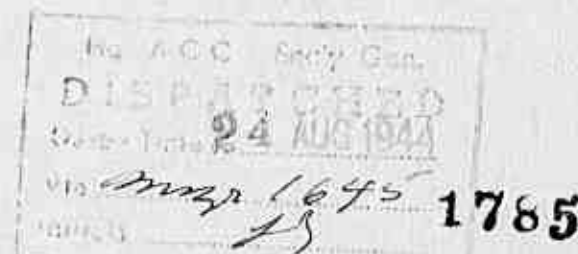
Dear Dr. Visconti Venosta:

I have received your letter 61/00663/dp of the 18th August, concerning the desire of the Italian Government to replace their chief representatives abroad without further delay, and I fully understand the difficulties in which the Italian Government feel that they are placed over this matter. I have brought your letter to the attention of the Allied authorities concerned and urged that an urgent reply may be given to your proposals.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STORE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marchese Giovanni Visconti Venosta,
The Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Rome.



c.c. Political Section.

PoliticalTRANSMISSIONTHE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

61/00043/3p

Date, 18 August 1944

Dear Admiral,

About a month ago the Royal Government brought to your attention the urgent necessity of replacing our chief representatives abroad.

You know that notwithstanding our renewed insistence we have never received an answer.

Public opinion does not understand why this diplomatic movement is not carried out and this surprise appears fully justified.

The Royal Government knows finds itself placed in this paradoxical situation: it is at the same time asked to proceed rapidly with the execution and the reorganization of the State Administration and prevented from carrying it out in such an important branch of the administration itself. I am sure that you understand fully how difficult it is for the Royal Government to prolong the silence observed until now on this subject and how necessary it is now more than ever not to delay any longer in releasing news of measures so long ago decided upon.

Please accept, dear Admiral, my most cordial greetings,

/s/ Visconti Venosta

Admiral Ellery S. Stone, USN
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: Replacing of Italian Diplomats
Abroad.
TO: Political Section

FILE No. A/CC 091.112

19 August 1944

1. Reference is made to attached letter 61/00663/dp from Visconti Venosta dated 18 August 1944, relative to replacement of Chief Italian representatives abroad.

2. Request that your section draft appropriate reply for my signature and your recommendation as to appropriate action.

1 Incl -
as in para 1 above.

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TRANSLATION

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

61/00663/dp

HQ AFCE, APO 394
716 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 17 Aug 1944
By ERR

Rome, 18 August 1944

Dear Admiral,

Almost a month ago the Royal Government brought to your attention the urgent necessity of replacing our chief representatives abroad.

You know that notwithstanding our renewed insistence we have never received an answer.

Public opinion does not understand why this diplomatic movement is not carried out and this surprise appears fully justified.

The Royal Government hence finds itself placed in this paradoxical situation: it is at the same time asked to proceed rapidly with the epuration and the reorganization of the State Administration and prevented from carrying it out in such an important branch of the administration itself. I am sure that you understand fully how difficult it is for the Royal Government to prolong the silence observed until now on this subject and how necessary it is now more than ever not to delay any longer in releasing news of measures so long ago decided upon.

Please accept, dear Admiral, my most cordial greetings,

/s/ Visconti Venosta

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

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CITE: FHGEG

REF YOUR 1658 OF 11TH AUG. SUBJECT TO REPLY BY FOREIGN OFFICE TO INQUIRY FROM BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER ROME BEING SATISFACTORY NO OBJECTION HERE TO REPLACEMENT OF RENZETTI BY GUARNASCHELLI OR BERARDIS BY CONFALONIERI. REQUEST YOU ASK BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER TO INFORM YOU DIRECT OF RESULT OF HIS INQUIRY. NO OBJECTION TO APPOINTMENT OF ROSSILONALI. NOT REPEAT NOT YET POSSIBLE PENDING REPLY HERE FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO GIVE FINAL CLEARANCE ON GALLARATI SCOTTI.

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DRAFT TELEGRAM TO G-5 BRITISH RESMIN AND US POLITICAL ADVISER

~~Reference on~~

Italian Government are anxious to withdraw from their Missions abroad all personnel who have represented Fascist ~~Governments~~ and substitute new personnel. They realize that this process will have to be gradual for reasons of transport but trust that they can rely upon our good offices particularly in the case of heads of Missions. Their proposals has regards Lisbon, Madrid, and Buenos Aires have already been submitted to you, but they have now approached us about Stockholm and Dublin.

2. As regards Stockholm their Minister Renzetti is a notorious Fascist who obtained his present appointment partly owing to the personal intervention of Gearing. They have not so far been able to remove him from his post owing to difficulty of communication and undesirability of his remaining in Stockholm as a dissident element after dismissal. In addition it has been considered that the First Secretary would be unsuitable to take charge of the Italian Legation. Italian Government now enquire whether transport has improved sufficiently to enable Renzetti and his wife to be withdrawn and if so whether the Allied Governments would have any objection to nomination in his place of Guarnaschelli, Italian ex-Minister at Helsinki, who is now at Stockholm.

3. As regards Dublin latest reports received by Italian Government show that Minister Peradis apart from other disabilities is not in fit state of health ^{mental and physical} to carry on. Italian Government have not yet decided on nominee to propose as his replacement, but wish to recall him urgently and send Confalonieri, ~~they~~ as First Secretary to look after the Legation. Confalonieri has been working in the Italian Foreign Office for some time past but ~~was~~ in no way collaborated after the German occupation of Rome.

4. We should be grateful for reply as soon as possible whether these ~~these~~ proposals can be approved.

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Sent DND 11 Aug 44

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

Conservato

From: 5 AUG 1944

Dear Green,

* I spoke to you yesterday concerning the 230 persons who for months now have been waiting for the authorization to return to Italy from the Iberian Peninsula.

You know that the question is, for us, a serious one : on the one hand, the Allied Control Commission insists that the greatest economy be exercised in respect of our offices abroad, and in fact programs and plans have been elaborated in order to realise, as quickly as possible, this aim ; on the other, the necessary visas and transportation are granted very sparingly and with great delay.

The result is that our expenses continue to be uselessly heavy ; that a state of uncertainty and uneasiness is spreading to all our communities in the Iberian Peninsula ; that diffidence grows and that no rational program of economy and interchange of personnel can be realized by us. *

I shall be extremely grateful if, with your unfailing courtesy, you will help us to get out of this stalemate. You are aware of our intention to renew all our personnel abroad : I mentioned yesterday that Marcia ^{As cancelled} has been appointed to Madrid and Confalonieri to Dublin. It is absolutely necessary that this interchange, which involves also some Heads of Missions, should take place as rapidly 1779-

Harold A. Caccia Esq.,
Vice President
Allied Control Commission,
POLITICAL SECTION. ROME

Simon Bernardi

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

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sible. I might, in this connection, usefully recall our old request to inform us of any possible means of transportation whereby our Minister at Stockholm, Renzetti, might repatriate : his recall and substitution are in fact most necessary, as is the return of the Minister in Dublin whose state of health is far from being good.

I rely very much on your support, dear Caccia, and on your constant goodwill, for which I wish to thank you in advance.

Sincerely yours

R. P. P. P.

Guarnaschelli
by Adm. L.

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