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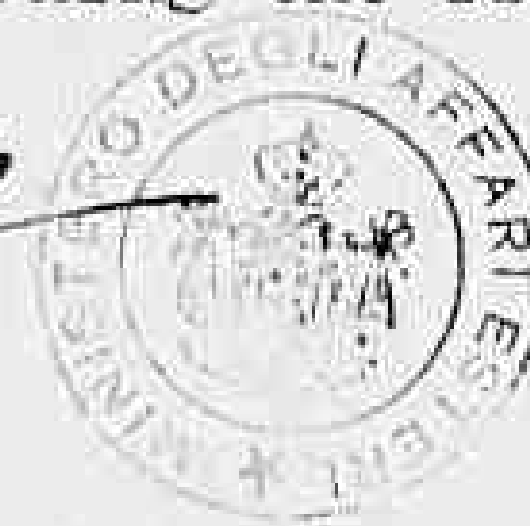
MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.Subject: Italian Legation in Kabul-

1. Reference is made to Memorandum n° 6/273/125 of January 26th, on the above subject.

2. The expenses for the upkeep of the Italian Legation in Kabul cannot be met from local resources of the Italian Government as there are not in Afghanistan Italian assets to be used for the purpose.

3. Therefore, in accordance with the Notes-Verbales of the United States' and British Embassies respectively of December 22nd and December 27th, 1944, the Italian Legation in Kabul has been included in the list of Diplomatic Missions, the financing of which should be made on post-liberation accounts of Italy in England or in the United States.

4. The minimum requirements of the Italian Legation in Kabul will be of two hundred pounds monthly, as stated in the enclosure of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs' Memorandum number 6/363/160 of February 3rd, 1945, concerning the financing of the Italian Diplomatic Missions.



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Rome, February 12th 1945

pl. d'arch. Causa sh? go to the Brit. & U.S. Embassies
for advice.

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Office of the British Resident Minister
at Allied Force Headquarters,
5, Rue Professeur Gortillot,
Algiers.

5/150/28.

To: Civil Affairs.

From: Resident Minister's Office.

Subject: Repatriation of Italian diplomatic staff
from Afghanistan.

Reference: Memorandum of April 6th from Political Section,
Allied Control Commission, to the Office of the
U.S. Member of the Advisory Council for Italy.

In the memorandum referred to above, the Political Section mentioned a request received from the Italian Government that they should be allowed to keep their Legation in Afghanistan open under the charge of the present chancellor. We understand that you have referred this request to the State Department.

2. We have now received confirmation from the Foreign Office that for their part they do not wish to depart from their previous policy in this matter, namely that they would only be willing to finance the outstanding debts of the Italian Legation on condition that the Legation is finally closed. They consider that Italy has no legitimate interests in Afghanistan, that there is no possibility of a representative of the Mussolini Government being sent there and that there is therefore no need to meet the cost of keeping the Legation open, however small this might be.

3. We are sending a copy of this memorandum to the Political Section of the Allied Control Commission.

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25th April, 1946.

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

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FROM : AFHQ

REC'D : 161135A

TO : FATIMA

State Department has telegraphed as follows. FATIMA from Murphy signed Eisenhower cite FICIV. Through the War Department messages have been received from Badoglio for Italian missions in all the neutral countries except Afghanistan and Finland. It would be helpful to have something similar to be transmitted to Kabul and Helsinki particularly in view of reports recently received from our mission at Kabul that the British Minister delivered on September 25th a communication to the Italian Minister which stated that he was to communicate only through the British Legation. Please take this up with the appropriate Italian authorities.

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R. MINISTERO
DEGLI
AFFARI ESTERI

N° 4845

Salerno, 23 GIU 1944

Dear Caccia,

Referring to the letter dated June 8th from Headquarters A.C.C. I wish to inform you that it has been decided to close temporarily our Legation at Kabul and recall Crescini, at present in charge of the Legation, to Italy. Consequently Father Caspani, the Legation's chaplain and his private secretary Cagnacci, will remain at Kabul as caretakers in charge of the archives and other property belonging to the Italian Government, and also of the luggage belonging to the officials who have lately been recalled to Italy and which had to be left behind owing to shipping difficulties.

On the other hand we do not wish to sever diplomatic relations with the Afghan Government who would undoubtedly resent such an unjustified step. Therefore Crescini has been instructed to inform the Afghan Government that, owing to the present circumstances, we are reluctantly compelled to close temporarily our Legation at Kabul but hope to resume normal relations in the future when the situation will again become normal.

Sincerely yours,

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Harold Caccia, Esq.,

United States Armed Forces Control Commission

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Sincerely yours,

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R. Russell

Harold Caccia, Esq.,

Vice President Allied Control Commission

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June 6, 1944.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter No. 1783 of March 31, 1944, addressed to Mr. Caccia, regarding the closing of the Royal Italian Legation in London.

Referring to the substance of your letter to the Allied Governments, I have to inform you that the Allied Governments and the United States Government have indicated that they have been unable to alter their earlier decision that the Royal Legation in London should be closed.

Accordingly I suggest that you should recall the 20 people, Signor Cacciari, and proceed to close the Legation as soon as possible.

Yours, Sir,

Sincerely yours,

Political Section

His Excellency,
Don Renato Perini, Secretary General,
Royal Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

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Office of the
UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

May 30, 1944

TO: Samuel Reber, Esquire
Vice President, Allied Control Commission
Political Section
Naples

SUBJECT: Italian Legation at Kabul.

Reference is made to your memorandum dated April 6, 1944 concerning the closing of the Italian Legation at Kabul. The Office of the British Resident Minister and this office have now both received renewed instructions to the effect that the Italian Legation at Kabul should be definitely closed as soon as possible.

You will accordingly wish to inform the Italian Foreign Office that the two governments do not approve of the Italian suggestion that it leave a caretaker in the Legation and that it should close the Legation without further delay.

For the American Political Adviser:


G. F. Reinhardt

Copy to: Ambassador Kirk
OBRM

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Office of the British Resident Minister at
Allied Forces Headquarters, Algiers.

5/15/44.

To: Political Section,
Allied Control Commission. ✓

From: Resident Minister's Office.

Subject: Repatriation of Italian diplomatic
staff from Afghanistan.

Reference: Fatima cable 1675 (MC IN 17277 of
December 29th).

Signor Ansilotti, the First Secretary at the Italian
Legation at Kabul, is due to leave Kabul shortly and will
travel via Iran, Iraq and Egypt.

2. As he will presumably require orders from his Government
as to his final destination, it is suggested that you should
ask the Italian Foreign Office to give you a message or
instruction to Signor Ansilotti which could then be forwarded
by this office.

8th April, 1944.

Lept. Parson

JMA

Copies to:

G.2.
M.G.S.
Mr. Reinhardt.

Miss Hopkins:

*#120 to Madrid (enclosed)
is requested message.*

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DMH

*Could you kindly act & return
the papers here as early as possible?*

*forwarded to Algiers
for transmission.*

*WLL
14/4*

*WLL
11/4 J/Dr.*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 39

U.S. ARMY

April 6, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Office of the United States Member, Advisory Council for Italy.

Reference is made to the Memorandum dated March 21, 1944, concerning the closing of the Italian Legation at Kabul. My British colleague having received similar instructions, the matter was jointly discussed with the Secretary General of the Italian Foreign Office. The latter stated that whereas the Italian Government has previously indicated it was prepared to withdraw the personnel of the Legation, it hoped that it would be possible to leave a caretaker in charge of the Legation premises in order not to sever all relations with the Government of Afghanistan.

A communication has now been received from the Foreign Office confirming the statement of the Secretary General and requesting that the present Chancellor, Signor Crescini, be left in charge as a caretaker. Inasmuch as his allowances would be very small, this solution would hardly represent an increase of financial liabilities whereas on the other hand it would avoid formal closing of the Legation. The Foreign Office further points out that Crescini's modest rank removes all political character from the Italian Mission.

We should be grateful to learn what reply may be given to the suggestion of the Foreign Office. Should there be any objection to Crescini as an individual, we are confident that the Italian Government would be prepared to appoint another caretaker satisfactory to the Allied Governments. 3867

It would be appreciated if a copy of this communication could be communicated to the Office of the British Resident Minister with reference to their letter 5/150/28 of March 19.

Samuel Reber
Vice President, Allied Control Commission
Political Section

R. MINISTERO
DEGLI
AFFARI ESTERI

No 1463

Salerno, March 31st, 1944.

Dear Caccia,

With regard to our request of funds for the financial necessities of our Legation in Kabul, you informed me that the British Government had expressed their readiness to make such funds available on the understanding that the Legation would be closed down completely. This was apparently also the purport of the suggestion made by Quaroni to the British Minister in Kabul.

I have looked over the file, but can find no confirmation of this latter being actually Quaroni's opinion. As was stated in our Memorandum N.700 of December 26th (of which copy is enclosed), it is our intention to recall not only the Minister and the First Secretary (Anzilotti) but also all the remaining personnel with the only exception of Crescini, the present Chancellor, who would be left in charge of the Legation. Since a caretaker would anyway be necessary, and signor Crescini's allowance is ~~modestly~~ **3866** small, the solution would hardly represent an increase of financial liabilities, whilst on the other hand it would avoid a formal closing of the Legation. On the other hand the very modest rank of Crescini obviously takes all political character from our diplomatic Mission in Kabul.

Harold Caccia, Esq.,
Vice President
Allied Control Commission,
Naples

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Encl.

R. MINISTERO
DEGLI
AFFARI ESTERI

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Perhaps this point was previously not made
sufficiently clear by me. May I ask you to submit the
matter again in this light to your Government?

Very sincerely yours,

R. Russell

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 394

U.S. ARMY

March 30, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Royal Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs
FROM: Political Section, Allied Control Commission

The American Legation at Kabul has informed the Department of State that the Italian Minister at that post stated he would be prepared to recommend the closing of the Italian Legation. Note has been taken of the desire on the part of the Italian Foreign Ministry to repatriate the Minister and certain personnel of the Legation.

On its part, the Government of the United States recommends that the Italian Legation at Kabul be closed as soon as possible. There is no danger that the Fascist regime will send a representative there. Recently the sum of Pounds 6,250 was advanced by the Department of State to the American Legation at Kabul with the understanding that a further amount would be made available by the British Legation in order to make it possible for the Italian Legation to pay its telegraphic bills in arrears, wind up its affairs and cover the travelling expenses of departing personnel. Advance of further funds by the American and British Governments for the maintenance of the Legation is not planned.

The attitude of the British Government is identical in this respect. Indeed it has indicated that its willingness to advance further funds is dependent upon the Italian Legation being closed.

Political Section

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UNITED STATES MEMBER
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

March 21, 1944.

TO: Samuel Reber, Esquire,
Vice President, Political Section,
Allied Control Commission,
Naples.

SUBJECT: Closing of Italian Legation at Kabul.

The following is a paraphrase of the Department's
No. 804, March 18, addressed to you:

"In its telegram of November 23, No. 228, Kabul
quoted the Italian Minister as saying that he would
recommend the closing of the Legation. The Italian
Foreign Ministry later (your 56 January 6 and Depart-
ment's No. 186 January 19) indicated its desire to re-
patriate the Minister and certain personnel of the
Legation.

"You should indicate to the Italian Government
that we recommend the closing as soon as possible of
the Legation at Kabul. It is physically impossible for
the Mussolini regime to send a representative there, our
Legation confidentially reports. Recently \$6250 were ad-
vanced by the Department to our Legation at Kabul to be
matched by a similar sum from the British to make it
possible for the Italian Legation to pay its telegraph
bills in arrears, wind up its affairs, and take care of
the travel expenses of departing personnel. Advance of
further funds for the maintenance of that Legation is
not planned by either the British or the Department. The
British Embassy in Washington, with which the foregoing
has been discussed is in accord with it."

GFR
G. F. Reinhardt
Acting United States Member
Advisory Council for Italy.

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Copies to: MGS, AFHQ
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Office of British Resident Minister.

Office of the Resident Minister
at Allied Force Headquarters,
A.P.H. .

19th March, 1944.

awaiting US withdrawal

Dear Harold,

Your memo. No. 24 of March 15th about funds for the Italian Legation at Kabul.

2. The Foreign Office have informed the State Department of the Italian Government's request for £16,700 to cover the travelling expenses to Italy of the Minister at Kabul, Amilotti and various Legation employees, for the payment of the large telegraph bill due by the Legation, and for current expenditure.

3. The Foreign Office view is that we should lose both ways if we agreed to pay the telegraph bill (incurred during the period of hostilities with us), and also allowed the Legation to remain open in Kabul where it would continue to be a drain on Allied funds. They therefore suggested to the State Department that we should agree to pay the telegraph bill on condition that the Italian Legation be closed down altogether, since there is no possibility of the Fascist Republican Government's sending a representative to Kabul, and the Italians have no legitimate interests in Afghanistan. The Foreign Office also suggested some reduction in the advances proposed.

4. The State Department have now signified their concurrence and are sending instructions to San to approach the Italian Government accordingly in concert with yourself.

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Memorandum to: British Resident Minister's Office
at Allied Force Headquarters,
5, Rue Professor Curtillet,
ALGIERE.

From: Political Section,
Headquarters Allied Control Commission,
APO 394, C.M.F.

No. 24.

4th March, 1944.

Italian Legation at Kabul.

Reference Fatima telegram No. 1675 of December 28th, 1943, attached are the memoranda from the Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in this connection. The first memorandum, dated 26th December, notifies their intention to recall to Italy the Minister and the First Secretary; the second, dated 21st February, states that they propose to recall further officials to Italy and requests that a certain advance of funds ~~may~~ be made. Will you kindly let us know in due course what reply should be given to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2. The English text of a telegram from the Royal Ministry for transmission to the Italian Legation at Kabul is also attached, in quadruplicate.

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MEMORANDUM PER LA C.A.C.

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Con riferimento al memorandum N° 70 del 26 dicembre u.s., relativo al richiamo da Kabul del Ministro Italiano Signor Quaroni e del Primo Segretario Signor Anzilotti, il R. Ministero degli Affari Esteri, a seguito di ulteriori rapporti pervenuti da Kabul, si onora far presente quanto segue:

1)-Oltre il richiamo da Kabul dei suddetti funzionari, si propone il richiamo in Italia di altri tre impiegati e precisamente del radiotelegrafista Manzotta, della impiegata Signora Ungaro e dell'Addetto Commerciale Mario Ungaro. Resterebbe a Kabul soltanto l'attuale Cancelliere Signor Crescini, quale temporaneo incaricato d'affari della Legazione, il Cappellano della Legazione Padre Caspani e il suo segretario Padre Sagnacci. Si ritiene opportuna la permanenza dei predetti sacerdoti, dato che presso quella Legazione d'Inghilterra si trovano alcuni Cattolici e per lo speciale interesse che la Santa Sede ha sempre mostrato al riguardo.

2)-Qualora il predetto progetto venisse approvato e potesse essere concretato entro la fine di febbraio o ai primi di marzo, il seguente anticipo dovrebbe essere fatto al più presto alla nostra Legazione in Kabul:

Spese della R. Legazione e competenze personale per i mesi di Gennaio e Febbraio. (riferimento memorandum alla C.A.C. n. 30/5 del 13 gennaio).....	Sterline	2.600
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Spese per il viaggio di rimpatrio al Ministro Signor Quaroni e famiglia e al Primo Segretario Signor Anzilotti.....	"	2.500
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Spese per il viaggio di rimpatrio dei tre impiegati suddetti (200 sterline ciascuno).....	"	600
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La R. Legazione in Kabul aveva inoltre un debito con l'amministrazione telegrafica afgana di sterline 14.150. Con telegramma n. 8 dell'8 gennaio la R. Ambasciata in Turchia ha informato che il Ministro Quaroni dovrà pagare la quota di 11.000 sterline su tale debito prima di lasciare la sede

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.....	"	11.000
Totale sterline		16.700

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Si, sarà grato alla Commissione di Controllo se vorrà portare quanto sopra a conoscenza delle competenti autorità alleate, in vista dell'attuazione del susseguente progetto di riduzione della R. Legazione in Kabul, interessandole perché a questa sia rimesso l'ammontare indicato di sterline 16.700 nel quadro del piano di finanziamento delle missioni italiane all'estero recentemente concordato.

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FOREIGN OFFICE HAS INFORMED AMERICAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLAN OF RETURN FOR ITALIAN
MISSIONS ABROAD IT HAS DECIDED TO RECALL FROM KATUL BOTH THE ITALIAN MINISTER GUARDI AND
THE VICE CONSUL GENERAL AND REQUESTS THAT THE NECESSARY FACILITIES AND PERMISSION
TO REPAIR IN THE PERSONNEL OF THE ITALIAN LEGATION TO INCLUDE THE CONSUL GENERAL
REGARD ONE HIM WITH AND ONE OR TWO EMPLOYEES FROM TO FREEDOM FROM PATIMA NAMED JOYCE
PATRY TO THE ITALIAN CHANCELLOR CREMONA WILL REMAIN TEMPORARILY IN CHARGE

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AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT R. DOB
Major, A.G.D.

Secretary of the Commission

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C o p y

Ministero degli Affari Esteri.

No. 700.

MEMORANDUM.

The Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs present their compliments to the Allied Control Commission (Political Section) and have the honour to inform them that in connection with the general plan of economies in respect of Italian diplomatic and consular offices abroad, it has been decided to recall from Rome both the Italian Minister, Signor Quaroni, and the First Secretary, Signor Anzilotti.

The present Chancellor, Signor Cressini, would remain temporarily in charge of the Legation, pending the nomination of a new Minister.

It will be greatly appreciated if the Allied Control Commission could be so kind as to bring above to the knowledge of the competent Allied Authorities, also with a view to granting the necessary facilities and permissions for the repatriation of the personnel of the Italian Legation which would also include the Commercial Counsellor Signor Ungaro, his wife, and one or two employees.

(initialled) R.P.

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Brindisi, December 26th, 1943.

N. 760

MEMORANDUM

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Brindisi, December 26th, 1943.

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