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*Stefano Prof. Gons
Finland*

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM SENT BY THE AMERICAN LEGATION
AT STOCKHOLM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

The Italian Legation inquired from us, in a note verbale dated December 28th, whether Americans and British would be disposed to continue providing financial support to Mr. Weiss and Mr. Corzi and their families, who are Italian lecturers of the "Istituto di Cultura" in Finland, formerly lecturing at the universities of Helsinki and Turku, respectively. It is stated in the note verbale in question that the R.O. at Rome has given its authorization to these two lecturers to return to Finland to resume their activities. Their families would remain in Stockholm.

The first paragraph of the Department's circular telegram of December 22, 10 p.m. has been paraphrased in our reply to the above mentioned note verbale from the Italian Legation, and we have stated that in view of its contents, it would appear that it is up to the Italian Government, with the approval of the Allied Control Commission, to decide on this question.

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Please advise whether the resumption of Italian cultural propaganda in Finland has been agreed to by the Allied Control Commission.

Sup. from Am. Cons. - Jan 45 33

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Copy for Political Section
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MEMORANDUM

There is transmitted herewith for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs certain documents in connection with the provisional relinquishment by the American Government to the Swiss Government of the representation of Italian interests in Finland. These documents were received from the Swiss Legation in Helsinki through the Swiss Foreign Office and the Department of State. In a report to the Department of State in this connection the Swiss Legation at Helsinki estimated that expenditures for the representation of Italian interests in Finland for the period July to October 1944 would be as follows:

	<u>Finnmarks</u>
Salaries	32,500.00
Rent	11,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total	53,500.00

The report also stated that since the preparation on March 14, 1944, of the enclosed Italian memorandum listing Italian properties, there have been a number of changes in the property formerly owned or leased by the Italian Government. Villa Helkavuori at Grankulla is said to have been relinquished as of July 31, 1944, and the rent, amounting to Fmks. 5,000 per month, is reported to be due for the month of July.

The custodian of the Italian Legation proper is said to be Ferruccio Lancini, who resides on the Italian grounds and is paid from Italian funds at the rate of Fmks. 2,689.75 per month. The keys to the building are said to be in his charge or to be found in the consular section of the former American Legation at Helsinki.

Enclosures:

1. Receipt for Italian funds surrendered to the Swiss Legation;
 2. Receipt for remaining funds of the "Istituto di Cultura Italiana" surrendered to the Swiss Legation at Helsinki;
 3. Copy of inventory of Italian Government property;
 4. Copy of list of Italian subjects remaining in Finland.
- Rome, November 27, 1944

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*Not signed with
in Finland*

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

MEMORANDUM TO: Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

There are enclosed two applications upon the basis of which
the passports of Waino Bone and Armando Zanon were extended by
the former American Legation at Helsinki.

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UNRESTRICTED

AIR MAIL

July 28, 1964

No. 6

To the

United States Representative on the
Advisory Council for Italy,

Rome.

The Secretary of State encloses for transmission to the Italian authorities the applications upon the basis of which the passports of Waino Eono and Armando Zenon were extended by the former American Legation at Helsinki.

Enclosures:

Applications.

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*Part of July 1, 1944
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AIR MAIL

July 1, 1944

No. 13

To the

United States Member of the Advisory Council for Italy,

Care of the Consulate General,

Naples.

The Secretary of State encloses for transmission to the Italian authorities the applications upon the basis of which the passports of Michael Karavochiro, Angeli Busi, Elena Lampos and Elvi Amalia Casagrande were extended by the American Legation at Helsinki.

Enclosures:

Applications.

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ENCLOSURE

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To the
United States Member of the
Advisory Council for Italy
Care of Consulate General,
Naples.

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Following informal conversations between American and Swedish representatives at Helsinki, the Swedish Government offered to provide shipping facilities to evacuate from Helsinki American nationals, and nationals of countries whose interests are under the protection of the American Legation at Helsinki, in the event of German occupation of Finland.

The American Representative to the Advisory Council for Italy was instructed to bring this offer immediately to the attention of the Italian Government and to inform the Department of State if it is desired that Italian subjects be evacuated from Finland with American nationals in the event of German occupation.

The Italian Government desires that such Italian subjects as may desire to leave Finland be evacuated in these circumstances, and wishes to give the Swedish Government the necessary assurances regarding expenses incurred in evacuating Italian subjects and for their maintenance in Swedish territory. The Department of State has been informed in this sense.

June 29, 1941.

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Examination of the Italian
Rome

The office of the American Representative to
the Advisory Council for Italy presents its compliments
to the Allied Control Commission and has the honor to
transmit herewith a memorandum regarding the action
taken on a matter of urgent interest to the Italian and
American Governments.

Naples, June 29, 1944.

Enclosure as stated.

Allied Control Commission,
Naples.

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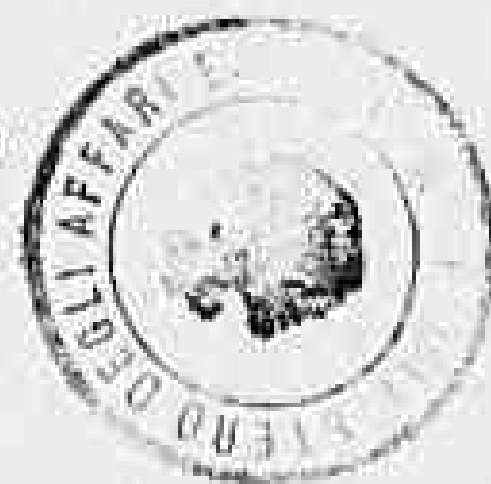
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With reference to the Memorandum of the A.S.S.
n. 375-385 dated 24th inst. concerning the applica-
tion for the renewal of the passport of Nicola Vex-
agney, Italian subject residing at Helsinki, the
Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs wish to point out
that no action can be taken owing to the breaking off
of diplomatic relations between the United States
and Finland.

Should Signor Vandagne be evacuated to Sweden,
he could apply to the Italian Legation at Stockholm
for the renewal of his passport. ✓



Salerno, 15 LUG 1944

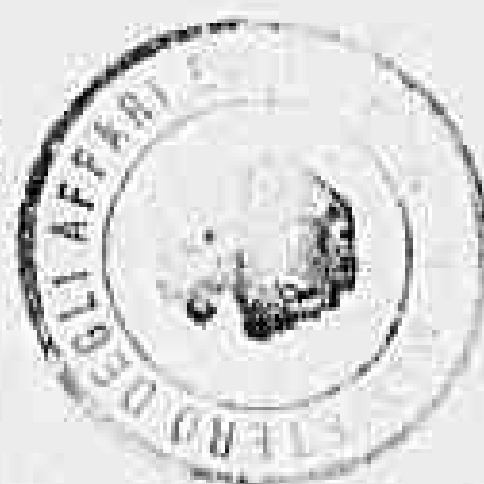
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Should Signor Vandayne be evacuated to Sweden, he could apply to the Italian Legation at Stockholm for the renewal of his passport. ✓



Belgrade, 15 AUG 1944

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Handwritten notes:
 Mr. [unclear] [unclear]
 17 July 1944
 7 July 1944
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24 June 1944

Major Pearson:

Would you kindly sign the attached letter
for Mr. Reber in his absence, and pass it on
to the Italian Foreign Office.

Please return the file to me.

Thank you,

Herewith

DM Decker

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 894

Ref #375/385

24 June 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

With reference to previous correspondence concerning the protection of Italian interests in Finland, there is enclosed an application executed by Nicola Vandagna, an Italian citizen, for the renewal of his passport, which has been received from the American Legation at Helsinki.



SAMUEL REISER
Vice-President Allied Control Commission
Political Section

Encl
application

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

June 23

Memo for Mr. Baker

Would you please send
the attached on to the
Italian F.O.?

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UNRESTRICTED
AIR MAIL

June 14, 1944

No. 5

To the

United States Member of the Advisory Council for Italy,

Care of the Consulate General,

Naples.

The Secretary of State encloses for transmission to the Italian Government an application executed by Nicola Vaudagna for the renewal of an Italian passport received from the American Legation at Helsinki.

Enclosure:

Application.

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SEGANTI

Fascist
Representative
to Finland

R. MINISTERO
DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

N° 4849

Salerno, 23 GIU 1944

Dear Reber,

Further to my letter of May 31 ult.,
n. 3568, I write to say that, according to information just received from Stockholm, Seganti, who had been appointed representative of Mussolini's fascist government at Helsinki, returned to Germany, on the 11th June inst., as the Swedish Government had revoked the already granted permit to enter Sweden.

Believe me,

my many thanks

R. Rinaldi

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Samuel Reber Esq.,
Vice President
Political Section
Allied Control Commission - NAPLES

Extract from Memo No. 3568 of May 31, 1944 (Prunas to Reber)

"We are instructing our Legation in Stockholm to inform the Swedish Government that the eventual granting of the transit visa to Signor Seganti, in the present circumstances, would not answer any actual urgent necessity and that we hope, therefore, that the question may be reconsidered."

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ints in Finland)

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May 26, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Royal Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

SUBJECT: Fascist Representative in Finland.

Reference is made to recent correspondence concerning the desire of the Fascist Republican authorities to send a representative to Finland.

The American Legation in Stockholm, in a telegram dated May 17, 1944, states that it had been informed by the Italian Legation in Stockholm that up to that date Seganti had not yet arrived in Helsinki.

The American Legation further reported that the Chief of the Swedish Passport Control Office had informed the Italian Legation that Foreign Minister Gunther had personally reviewed the case and had decided that the Swedish Government could not refuse a transit visa to Seganti without endangering the security of its communications with Rome. The Italian Legation was further informed that orders had been issued for granting a transit visa to Seganti, who then was in Berlin, for passage to Finland on the condition that he not indulge in any political activity while in Sweden. The Italian Minister in Stockholm planned to lodge a formal protest with the Swedish Government against this action.

Samuel Reber
Vice President, Allied Control Commission
Political Section

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Office of the
UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER
ALLIED FORC HEADQUARTERS

May 22, 1944

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

SUBJECT: Entrance of Seganti into Finland via Sweden

With reference to our memorandum of May 17, 1944, transmitting to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Renzetti's telegram No. 18 reporting the arrival of Seganti in Helsinki, the American Legation in Stockholm advised this office in a telegram dated May 17 that it had been informed by the Italian Legation that the information regarding Seganti's supposed arrival was not correct.

The American Legation further reported that the Chief of the Swedish Passport Control Office had informed the Italian Legation that Foreign Minister Gunther had personally reviewed the case and had decided that the Swedish Government could not refuse a transit visa to Seganti without endangering the security of its communications with Rome. The Italian Legation was further informed that orders had been issued for granting a transit visa to Seganti, who then was in Berlin, for passage to Finland on the condition that he not indulge in any political activity while in Sweden. The Italian Minister in Stockholm planned to lodge a formal protest with the Swedish Government against this action.

For the American Political Adviser:


G. F. Reinhardt

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Ambassador Kirk

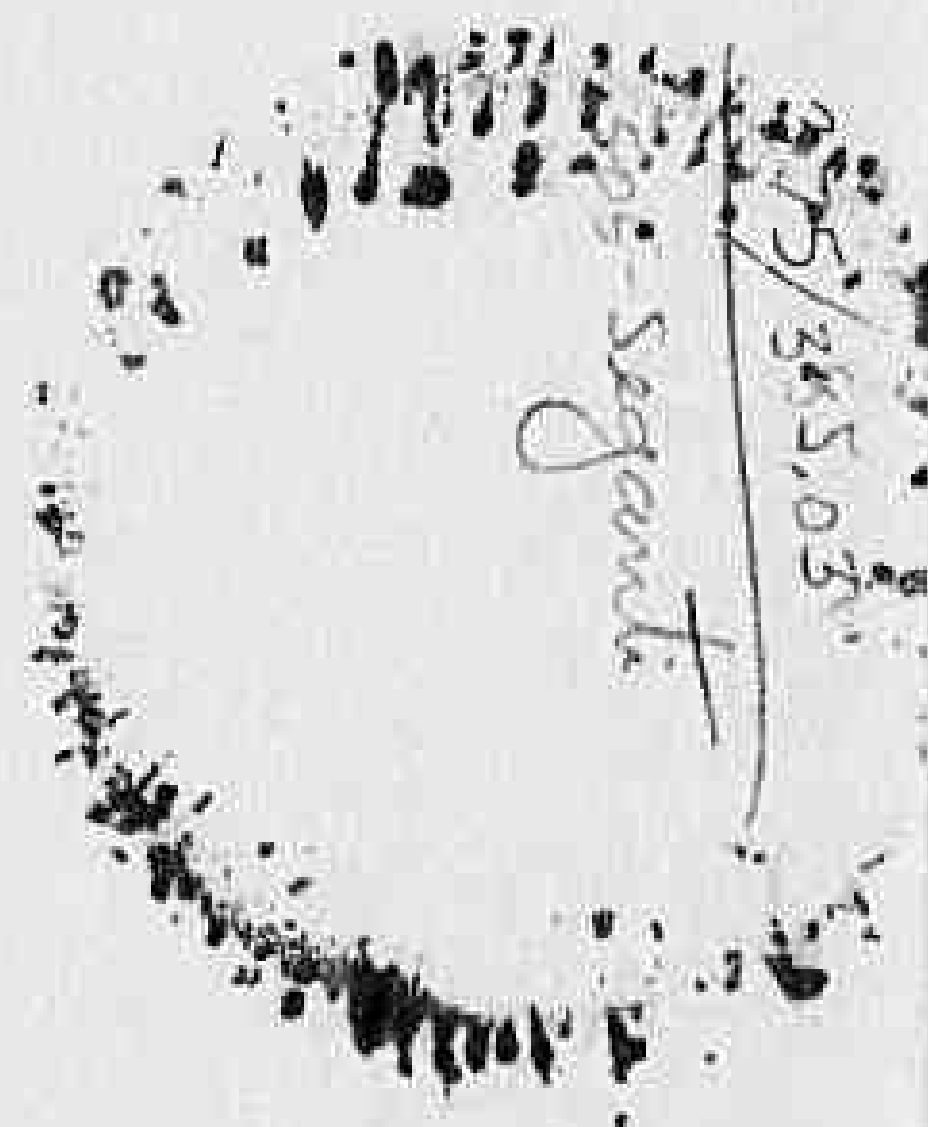
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Renzetti's telegram No. 18 from the Italian Legation at Stockholm to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, referring to Franas' No. 14.

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The Finnish Government for the time being does not appear to have recognized in any official status Seganti, who arrived in Helsinki recently, coming over Riga in a German airplane. The Swedish Government has been asked again to not permit any Fascist Italian diplomats to transit Sweden or enter Swedish territory.



(see 773.0 for
action)

10 MAY 1944

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Civil Affairs Office

Sigauti

May 2, 1941

TO: Political Section
Allied Control Committee,
Rydes

SUBJECT: Fascist Italian Efforts to send a Representative to
Finland.

Reference is made to our memorandum of April 18 transmitting telegram No. 11 from the Italian Legation at Stockholm to the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs and to our memorandum of April 26, transmitting further information on the above subject.

The American Legation at Stockholm, in a telegram dated May 5 to the Department of State, reported to this office, states that Chancellor Crenchin, Helsinki, has informed the Italian Legation in Stockholm that Sigauti was scheduled to arrive in Helsinki "as a private citizen" on May 5.

For the U.S. Political Adviser:

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C. Offie

Copy to: G-2 Section, AFHQ
LCS, AFHQ
G-2
Mr. Kirk, Rydes

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R. MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

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GRUPPO MESSENGER
VIA PERLA
STAD. 5
SI

Nº coll: 400

Telegramma in PARTENZA

Oggetto: RAPPRESENTANZA REPUBBLICANA A HELSINKI

Data: 3.3.44

Tramite: C.A.C.

Diretto a: R. ITALIAN LEGATION - STOCKHOLM

Testo: (originale)

Nº. II - May 3rd (.) Your LI (.) confirm in my name to Swedish Government that we shall be most grateful possibly do in order to prevent eventual free crossing Swedish territory to res

FRONAS

(translation)

Questo LI (.) Confermate a mio che gli saranno molto grati per tutto quanto farò allo scopo impedire che eventuali diplomatici fascisti attraversino territorio svedese diretti Finlandia (.)

FRONAS



Consegnato a: *Pla*

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Oggetto: RAPRESENTANT KAA REPUBLICANA A HELSINKI
Data: 3.5.44
Tramite: C.A.S.

Diretto a: R. ITALIAN LEGATION - STOCKHOLM

Testo: (originale)

Nº. II - MAY 3rd (.) Your II (.) confirm in my name to Swedish Government that we shall be most grateful possibly do in order to prevent eventual from crossing Swedish territory to reach Ireland (.)

FRANCO

(translation)

Voostro II (.) Confermate a mio nome che gli saremo molto grati per tutto quanto farò allo scopo impedire che eventuali diplomatici fascisti attraversino territorio svedese diretti Finlandia (.)

ITALIANO



Consegnato a: C.A.S.

il: 7/11

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R. MINISTERO
DEGLI
AFFARI ESTERI

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Salerno, 2 Maggio, 1944.

Caro Reber,

com'era da attendersi le Autorita' di
Roma, dopo l'allontanamento della nostra Legazione,
tentano di far giungere ad Helsinki un incaricato
d'affari fascista. Il R. Ministro a Stoccolma ha gia'
chiesto al Governo svedese di volergli ostacolare
il transito. Un'azione parallela da parte vostra po-
trebbe certamente non nuocere.

Mi crede cordialmente,

P. R.

Signor Samuel Reber,
Vice Presidente
Commissione Alleata di Controllo
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Caro Reber,

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Mi creda cordialmente,

P. Finelli

Signor Samuel Reber,

Vice Presidente

Commissione Alleata di Controllo

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May 2, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Royal Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Reference is made to telegram No. 11 from the Italian Minister at Stockholm to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, dated April 13, which has been delivered to the Ministry. A second section of the telegram was delayed in transmission, and has only just been received. The paragraph which was omitted from the Legation's telegram is enclosed (Enclosure No. 1)

There are also enclosed (Enclosure No. 2) copies of two messages from the American Legation at Stockholm and the American Legation at Helsinki on the same subject which are attached as of possible interest to the Ministry.

Samuel Reber
Vice President Allied Control Commission
Political Section

Enclosures

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Civil Affairs Office

April 26, 1944.

TO: Political Section, ✓
Allied Control Commission,
Naples.

SUBJECT: Fascist attempts to send a Chargé to Helsinki.

An additional paragraph to telegram No. 11 from the Italian Legation at Stockholm to the Italian Foreign Office, which was transmitted with Civil Affairs memorandum of April 18, 1944, appeared in a delayed second section of the American Legation's telegram conveying the Italian message. A paraphrase of this concluding paragraph to the telegram under reference is enclosed for transmission to the Italian Foreign Office.

There also is enclosed separately a paraphrase of the comments of the American Legation at Stockholm on the subject of the Italian Minister's telegram, and a paraphrase of a telegram on the same subject from the American Legation at Helsinki to the American Legation at Stockholm, which the latter repeated here. In your discretion, the information contained in the latter two enclosures may be made available to the Italian Government.

G. F. Reinhardt
G. F. Reinhardt

Enclosures:
2 paraphrases

Copies to: MGS, AFHQ
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ENCLOSURE

CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH OF TELEGRAM No. 11 FROM THE
ITALIAN LEGATION AT STOCKHOLM TO THE ITALIAN
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (the first three
paragraphs of telegram No. 11 were transmitted
previously)

In view of the possibility that SEGANTI might
go to Helsinki without going through Sweden, the
attention of the American Legation has been directed
to the foregoing.

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ENCLOSURE #2

COMMENT OF AMERICAN LEGATION AT STOCKHOLM
ON SUBJECT OF TELEGRAM No. 11 FROM ITALIAN
LEGATION AT STOCKHOLM TO THE ITALIAN MINISTRY
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CONCERNING REPORT THAT
FASCIST MUSSOLINI GOVERNMENT WAS PLANNING TO
SEND A CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, POSSIBLY SEGANTI,
TO HELSINKI.

After spending three years in Helsinki as First Secretary of the Italian Legation there, Seganti was assigned as Civil Governor of Cephalonia and went with the puppet Mussolini regime when it was established. Known as an ardent fascist, his party activities enabled him to be appointed without examination to the Italian diplomatic service. He was popular with the Finns, is completely unscrupulous; speaks fluent Swedish, having served in Goteborg as Italian Consul. It has been intimated orally by the Italian Legation in Stockholm that it would appreciate an informal démarche being made at Helsinki by our Legation there, suggesting that it would be unwelcome from an Allied point of view for the Finnish Government to receive a representative of the Mussolini puppet regime.

TELEGRAM FROM THE AMERICAN LEGATION, HELSINKI,
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, CONCERNING THE SUB-
JECT MATTER OF TELEGRAM No. 11, FROM THE ITALIAN
LEGATION IN STOCKHOLM TO THE ITALIAN MINISTRY
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Speaking informally about Seganti to Foreign Minister and the Political Department of the Foreign Office, I pointed out that at present I am handling Italian interests with the Foreign Office's consent, and inquired whether any change had been made in policy which would envisage reception of a neo-fascist chargé by the Finnish Government. They assured me that the Finnish Government did not know anything about Seganti's projected trip and that there had not been any question of a policy change.

A telegram is being sent by the Finnish Government to its Legation in Berlin, inquiring about Seganti and any application for a visa that might have been made by him. I was told that he probably could not be denied a visa, since such action would not be warranted by relations between Finland and Rome, but was assured that Seganti would not be able to carry on any official functions in Helsinki.

It was suggested by me that Seganti might come as a Fascist Party representative and possibly undertake passport service for Italian Nationals in Finland in this capacity. I had been warned by the former Italian Minister in Helsinki of the possibility of Seganti coming here, and he had mentioned the case of a local fascist who had sent to Berlin for modification an Italian's passport.

I was told that it was not believed that the discharge of any such functions would be permitted to Seganti.

The American Legation has been aware that Italians here might drift to undesirable connections of this sort and consequently has taken pains to publicize adequately the fact that Italian interests in Finland are being handled by the American Legation. I would welcome in this connection any general instructions based on the wishes of the Italian Government as to the documentation of its nationals in Finland.

Telegram No. 11 from the Italian Minister at Stockholm to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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According to information from reliable sources, the Fascist Mussolini Government plans to send a Charge d'affaires to Helsinki. The Swedish Foreign Office has been requested to make as difficult as possible his transit through Sweden. I am informed by the Swedish Foreign Office that in fact the Fascist Embassy in Berlin recently asked the Swedish Legation in Berlin for a transit visa for Seganti, but did not indicate whether it was the intention to send him as Charge to Helsinki.

The Swedish Legation at Berlin has been instructed to decline to issue a transfer visa for the time being on the grounds that issuance would require special authorization. Similar instructions are being sent to the Swedish Legations in Rome and Bern. ^{The} ~~With~~ possibility of being forced to issue visas for Fascist diplomats in order to avoid transit visas for Swedish diplomats and couriers enroute to Rome being refused is not excluded by the Foreign Office however.

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for Seganti

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S E C R E TUNITED STATES MEMBER
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

April 21, 1944

To: Political Section, ACC

From: Civil Affairs, AFHQ

Subject: Possible appointment of Fascist Charge
in Helsinki

In connection with reports that the Fascist Republican "Government" might appoint SEGANTI Charge d'Affaires in Helsinki, the American Legation in Stockholm has sent the following information to the Department of State:

Seganti is an ardent Fascist and was appointed to the Italian diplomatic service without examination because of his usefulness to the Fascist Party. He is completely unscrupulous. Onetime Italian consul in Goteborg, he speaks fluent Swedish and was very popular in Finland where he spent three years as First Secretary. From there he was assigned Civil Governor of Cephalonia and following the establishment of the puppet Mussolini regime he went with that "Government".

The Italian Legation in Stockholm has orally intimated that it would be happy if an informal demarche could be made by the American Legation in Helsinki to the effect that it would be unwelcome from an Allied point of view if the Finnish Government should receive a representative of the Mussolini puppet regime.


G. F. Reinhardt

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R. MINISTERO
DEGLI
AFFARI ESTERI
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Salerno, 29 Giu 1944

No. 5128

Dear Kirk,

I thank you for your kind communication whereby you conveyed the proposal of the Department of State for the inclusion of Italian citizens among the evacuees from Helsinki in the event of German occupation of Finland.

The Italian Government is fully appreciative of the kind suggestion and should be grateful if you would be so good as to ask the State Department to inform the Royal Legation as follows:

- a) Should the Swedish Government evacuate from Finland those Italian citizens who desire to leave the country, such action would be deeply appreciated by the Italian Government.
 - b) The cost of evacuation of the Italian subjects and their subsequent maintenance in Sweden will be borne by the Italian Government.
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The Italian Minister in Stockholm is being instructed accordingly.

With renewed thanks, believe me,

Sincerely yours

/s/ R. Prunas

The Hon. Alexander Kirk
United States Ambassador.
Advisory Council for Italy.
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Original letter to Rome
by Mr. Caron 1.7.
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The office of the American Representative to
the Advisory Council for Italy presents its compliments
to the Allied Control Commission and has the honor to
transmit herewith a memorandum regarding the action
taken on a matter of urgent interest to the Italian and
American Governments.

Naples, June 29, 1944.

Enclosure as stated.

Allied Control Commission,
Naples.

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MEMORANDUM

Following informal conversations between American and Swedish representatives at Helsinki, the Swedish Government offered to provide shipping facilities to evacuate from Helsinki American nationals, and nationals of countries whose interests are under the protection of the American Legation at Helsinki, in the event of German occupation of Finland.

The American Representative to the Advisory Council for Italy was instructed to bring this offer immediately to the attention of the Italian Government and to inform the Department of State if it is desired that Italian subjects be evacuated from Finland with American nationals in the event of German occupation.

The Italian Government desires that such Italian subjects as may desire to leave Finland be evacuated in these circumstances, and wishes to give the Swedish Government the necessary assurances regarding expenses incurred in evacuating Italian subjects and for their maintenance in Swedish territory. The Department of State has been informed in this sense.

June 29, 1944.

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R. MINISTRO
DEGLI
AFFARI ESTERI

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
POLITICAL SECTION

With reference to the Memorandum of the A.C.S. No 370/195 dated 24th Inst. the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to thank the A.C.S. for the information contained therein and to express its gratitude for the assistance given to the Italian residents in Finland by the American Legation at Helsinki and for the Legation's offer to reply to inquiries concerning their welfare and whereabouts.

Although recent developments prevent the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from availing itself of such offer, it has nevertheless been deeply appreciated.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Reference #375/325

24 June 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Royal Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

SUBJECT : Protection of Italians in Finland.

Reference is made to the Ministry's memorandum No. 3462 of 29 May 1944 concerning the applications of Italian residents in Finland for passports to Sweden. The substance of this memorandum has been transmitted to the American Legations at Stockholm and Helsinki.

With regard to the Ministry's request (No. 3568 of 31 May 1944) for information as to the number of Italians in Finland and as to their living conditions, the following information has been supplied by the American Legation at Helsinki under date of June 16, 1944:

At last account there were 179 Italian citizens here. Thirty of these may be described as well off, 100 are in comfortable circumstances and 40 are relatively poor workers and families. There has been no deterioration in their living conditions since withdrawal Italian Legation and they enjoy usual privileges of minority groups in Finland, there being little difference between their position in this respect and native Finns.

There are some 40 Italian families comprising 110 persons in Helsinki the majority whom are businessmen, employees, musicians and workmen. There are still in Helsinki two former professors of Italian Institute of Culture, one priest, a former chancellor of Italian Legation and wife and a former Legation employee and wife; only three of four of the families in Helsinki have ever required special assistance from Italian Legation.

There are 10 families at Abo comprising 35 persons. Most are well off merchants and only one family has had recourse to Government assistance. At Tampere there are 6 working class families comprising 19 persons. All were born in Finland. At Vasa and Viborg there are altogether 6 families of 15 persons, Finnish born workers and families of poor means.

It may be anticipated, with the recent opening of Russian offensive, that there will be increased demand for immigration to Sweden. This will involve arrangements for financial support.

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there. In the case of official group the two professors are ready to leave for Stockholm but are uncertain that they can live on revenue which they understand they will receive there.

The following comment is added by the American Legation at Helsinki:

M. Garraschelli, former Italian Minister to Finland, now in Stockholm, who has been most energetic in promoting the colony's welfare and has represented country competently and with dignity in difficult times is being kept informed of developments.

Whatever can be done to reply to the welfare and whereabout inquiries from Italy regarding Italians resident in Finland, this Legation stands ready to do what it can.

J. H. PEARSON
Major
Political Section

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Office of the

UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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June 21, 1944

TO: Political Section
Allied Control Commission,
Naples

SUBJECT: Protection of Italians in Finland

Reference is made to the Political Section's memorandum of June 2, 1944, on the above subject, the substance of which was transmitted to the American Legations at Stockholm and Helsinki. In regard to the request of the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs for information as to the number of Italians in Finland and as to their living conditions, mentioned in the last paragraph of the memorandum under reference, the following information has been supplied by the American Legation at Helsinki under date of June 16, 1944:

At last account there were 179 Italian citizens here. Thirty of these may be described as well off, 100 are in comfortable circumstances and 49 are relatively poor workers and families. There has been no deterioration in their living conditions since withdrawal Italian Legation and they enjoy usual privileges of minority groups in Finland, there being little difference between their position in this respect and native Finns.

There are some 40 Italian families comprising 110 persons in Helsinki the majority whom are businessmen, employees, musicians and workmen. There are still in Helsinki two former professors of Italian Institute of Culture, one priest, a former chancellor of Italian Legation and wife and a former Legation employee and wife; only three or four of the families in Helsinki have ever required special assistance from Italian Legation.

There are 10 families at Abo comprising 35 persons. Most are well off merchants and only one family has had recourse to Government assistance. At Tampere there are 6 working class families comprising 19 persons. All were born in Finland. At Vasa and Viborg there are altogether 6 families of 15 persons, Finnish workers and families of poor means. 1182

It may be anticipated, with the recent opening of Russian offensive, that there will be increased demand for immigration to Sweden. This will involve arrangements for financial supports there. In the case of official group the two professors are ready to leave for Stockholm but are uncertain that they can live on revenue which they understand they will receive there.

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The following comment is added by the American Legation at Helsinki:

M. Guarnaschelli, former Italian Minister to Finland, now in Stockholm, who has been most energetic in promoting the colony's welfare and has represented country competently and with dignity in difficult times is being kept informed of developments.

Whatever can be done to reply to the welfare and whereabouts inquiries from Italy regarding Italians resident in Finland, this Legation stands ready to do what it can.

The foregoing information may be made available to the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

For the American Political Adviser:


G. F. Reinhardt

Copy to: G-2, AFHQ
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Ambassador Kirk

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R. G. Hoff Helsinki

June 3, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: U. S. Political Advisor, Allied Force Headquarters.

Reference is made to Memorandum from the Office of the United States Political Advisor, dated May 22, 1944, and previous correspondence reporting efforts being made by the American Legation in Helsinki in behalf of Italian interests there.

In this connection the Secretary General of the Italian Foreign Office has asked that there be conveyed to the American Minister at Helsinki the Italian Government's deep and sincere appreciation of the work the American Minister is doing for the protection of Italian citizens and interests.

for *Laury*
Political Section

c.c. U. S. Representative, Advisory Council for Italy

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R. MINISTERO
DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

Salerno, May 30, 1944

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Dear Reber,

I thank you for your kind letter
n.375 of 26th inst.

What is happening in Helsinki was
foreseen and to be expected.

I shall be grateful if you will
kindly inform me if and how many Italians are
now left in Finland (I know there were about
200) and what is their living conditions.

I should also be particularly grate-
ful if you will convey to the American Min-
ister in Helsinki our deep and sincere ap-
preciation of the work he is doing for the
protection of our citizens and interests.

We are instructing our Legation in
Stockholm to inform the Swedish Government
that the eventual granting of the transit visa
to Signor Seganti ~~would~~, in the present cir-
cumstances, would not answer any actual urgent
necessity and that we hope, therefore, that
the question may be reconsidered.

Believe me, dear Reber, cordially,

Samuel Reber Esq.,
Vice President
Allied Control Commission,
Political Section,
NAPLES

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June 2, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: U. S. Political Adviser, Allied Force Headquarters.

SUBJECT: Protection of Italians in Finland

Reference is made to Memorandum dated May 3, 1944, on the subject of protection of Italians in Finland, transmitting substance of message from the American Legation at Helsinki, and the Department of State's comments thereon.

The contents of the Memorandum under reference were communicated to the Royal Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs which has not replied that it concurs in the proposal to forward applications for certificates to the Italian Legation in Stockholm. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs considers that, due to the difficulty of communicating between the seat of the Italian Government and Sweden, the decision of the Italian Legation in Stockholm should be final.

In this connection the Ministry has indicated that it will be grateful for information as to the number of Italians in Finland and as to their living conditions.

Political Section

U. S. Representative, Advisory Council for Italy

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION

With reference to the Memorandum of the A.C.C. N. 240, dated 8th inst., the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs concurs with the State Department regarding the forwarding of certificates to the Royal Italian Legation in Stockholm of all applications for passports for Sweden presented by Italian citizens residing in Finland.

In this connection, however, the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs is of opinion that, given the present difficult communications between the Seat of the Royal Government and Sweden, the decision of the Italian Legation in Stockholm should be considered as final in respect of the issuance to Italian Citizens of travel certificates, by the American Legation in Finland. ✓



SALERNO, 29 MAR 1944

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In this connection, however, the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs is of opinion that, given the present difficult communications between the Seat of the Royal Government and Sweden, the decision of the Italian Legation in Stockholm should be considered as final in respect of the issuance to Italian Citizens of travel certificates, by the American Legation in Finland. *N*



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Citizenship - Finland

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May 8, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The American Legation at Helsinki has informed the United States Government as follows:

"Instructions are requested from the Department of State as to documentation for travel to Sweden to be issued to Italian nationals who can not obtain Italian passports due to the closing here of the Italian Legation.

"Unless otherwise directed, I plan to furnish Italians who apply, and present satisfactory evidence of birth or nationality, with some form of certificate of nationality such as that issued by this office to British nationals. Such document would be drafted to meet the requirements of the Swedish Legation and would simply state the evidence offered by applicant, with a statement that I have no reason to doubt the truth thereof."

Subject to the consent of the Italian Government, the Department of State concurs provisionally in the issuance of certificates such as suggested to enable holders to proceed to Sweden where application might be made to Italian diplomatic or consular officers for passport services. It believes, however, that the American Legation at Helsinki should forward all applications for such certificates or essential information contained therein, such as place and date of birth, evidence of nationality presented, etc., to the Italian Legation at Stockholm for decision or for reference to the Italian Government. The certificates would then be issued only after the American

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Legation at Helsinki has been informed of the approval of the Italian Legation at Stockholm.

An indication as to whether this procedure meets with the approval of the Italian Government would be appreciated.

Samuel Reber
Vice President, Allied Control Commission
Political Section

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Civil Affairs Office

May 3, 1944

TO: General Tabor, Esquire
Vice President, Allied Control Commission,
Political Section,
Naples

SUBJECT: Protection of Italians in Finland

The American Legation at Helsinki ^{has} sent the following telegram to the Department:

"I should appreciate instructions from the Department as to documentation for travel to Sweden to be issued Italian nationals unable to obtain Italian passports because of the closing of the Italian Legation here."

"Subject to presentation by Italians of satisfactory evidence of birth or nationality and unless Department directs otherwise I plan to furnish applicants with some form of certificate of Swedish nationality issued by this office to British nationals. This document could be drafted to meet the requirements of the Swedish Legation and would merely recite the evidence offered by the applicant, adding that I have no reason to disbelieve the truth of the statements made."

The Department has requested that the Italian authorities be informed of the foregoing. Subject to assent of Italian Government it concurs provisionally in the issue of certificates such as suggested to enable holders to proceed to Sweden where application might be made to Italian diplomatic or consular officers for passport services. However, it believes that Legation Helsinki should forward all applications for such certificates, or essential information contained therein such as place of birth, date of birth, evidence of nationality presented, etc., to Italian Legation at Stockholm for decision or for reference to the Italian Government, the certificates to be issued only after receipt by American Legation Helsinki of approval of the Italian Legation at Stockholm.

The Italian authorities should be informed.

G. E. Reinhardt

Copy to: CRR
Mr. Kirk, Naples

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Civil Affairs Office

May 6, 1944

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

SUBJECT: Italian Interests in Finland.

For your information, there is enclosed a copy of a memorandum in French concerning Italian interests in Finland, prepared by the Italian Minister to Finland at the request of the American Charge d'affaires in Helsinki in connection with the assumption by the American Legation of the protection of Italian interests there.

For the U.S. Political Advisor:

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Enclosure
Copy of memorandum

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MEMORANDUM

Concerning Italian Interests in Finland, prepared by Signe Guarnaschelli, Italian Minister to Finland, at request of the American Charge d'Affaires in Helsinki, with the view to facilitating the assumption of Italian interests in Finland by the American Legation.

C O N T E N T S

2. PERSONNEL DE LA LEGATION ET DEPENDANT DE LA LEGATION. La plus grande partie du personnel de la Legation est de nationalité italienne, provient du royaume, et doit être en conséquence retiré au moment de la clôture de la Legation, pour la rapatriement ultérieur en Italie.

Dans la même situation sont les trois professeurs de l'Institut Italiano di Cultura, ainsi que le secrétaire et le commis du Bureau de l'Attaché Commercial.

Le nombre total de ces personnes est de 20.

A la date du 28 Février la Legation Royale d'Italie a demandé à la Legation Royale de Suède de vouloir accorder les visas d'entrée en Suède pour tout ce personnel. La Legation de Suède a promis une réponse après en avoir référé à Stockholm.

Il pourrait être utile de laisser à Helsinki, au moins pour quelque temps, le Chancelier de la Legation ccc.uff. Domenico Granci. Celui-ci est depuis 18 ans chancelier de la Legation Royale; il est en même temps consignataire de tous les biens, immeubles et meubles, que l'Etat Italien possède à Helsinki. M. Granci pourrait continuer à prêter services à la dépendance et sous la surveillance de la Legation S.S.A. - Il devrait être payé mensuellement par ladite Legation, pour le compte du Gouvernement Italien.

Les appointements mensuels de M. Granci sont actuellement: Mark finlandais: S.021.

4. IMMEUBLES ET MEUBLES DE PROPRIÉTÉ DE L'ETAT ITALIEN.

- A. Immeubles.
 1. Maison de la Legation Royale à Tomiak. (Fabriques.)
 2. certains pour habitation du Ministre d'Italie et pour des buts de représentation. Est libre propriété de l'Etat Italien, ainsi que tous les meubles y compris.

L'immeuble a souffert des dommages au cours du bombardement aérien du 7 février 1944; plusieurs meubles ont été aussi endommagés. On a exécuté quelques réparations urgentes et provisoires. Une partie des meubles a été transportée dans la maison de campagne à Grankulla. Une partie des dotations a été envoyée à la Legation Royale

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Royaume, et doit être en conséquence pour le rapatriement de la clôture de la Légation, pour le rapatriement intérieur en Italie.

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Le nombre total de ces personnes est de 20.

A la date du 28 février la Légation Royale d'Italie a demandé à la Légation Royale de Suède de vouloir accorder les vites d'entrée en Suède pour tout ce personnel. La Légation de Suède a promis une réponse après en avoir référé à Stockholm.

Il pourrait être utile de laisser à Helsinki, au moins pour quelque temps, le Chancelier de la Légation c.v.uff. Domenico Grenzi. Celui-ci est depuis 18 ans chancelier de la Légation Royale; il est en même temps consignataire de tous les biens, immeubles et meubles, que l'Etat Italien possède à Helsinki. M. Grenzi pourrait continuer à prêter service à la dépendance et sous la surveillance de la Légation U.S.A. - Il devrait être payé mensuellement par ladite Légation, pour le compte du Gouvernement Italien.

Les ap. cinterents personnels de M. Grenzi sont actuellement: Marx finnois: S.021.

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Les détails résultent de l'inventaire, qui est en possession de M. Grenzi, consignataire de l'immeuble et de tout ce qu'il contient.

2. Locaux terrains à Ullankata n.2, destinés pour

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reunions de la colonie, et composees d'une grande piece, d'une tres petite piece et d'une cuisine. Ce petit appartement, dont les titres de propriete sont en mains de l'etat italien, est en condominium avec les proprietaires des appartements du meme batiment. Actuellement un gardien italien habite ces locaux. Il ne paye pas de loyer et ne recoit pas d'appointements.

B. Meubles:

Outre les meubles contenus dans les deux immeubles susdits appartiennent a l'Etat italien les meubles actuellement dans la chancellerie de la Legation Royale, situee a M. Esplanade 33. L'inventaire de ces meubles est dans les mains de M. Grenzi.

3. DEPENSES MANUELLES RELATIVES AUX DITS IMMEUBLES:

1. Siens de la Legation:

	Fmk
Un gardien	2,689.75
Droit municipal (nettoyage des rues)	300.00 (a peu pres)
Droit municipal (eau potable)	250.00 idem
Electricite	300.00 idem
Chauffage (necessaire pour maintenir l'immeuble en bon etat)	1,000.00 idem
Assurance mobiliere	60.00
Frais pour maintenir l'immeuble en bon etat	1,000.00 (a peu pres)

2. Locaux situes a Villenik. No. 2

Depenses mensuelles fixees par l'administration du condominium

600.00

Total..... 8,279.75

4. CHANCELLERIE DE LA LEGATION. Situee a M. Esplanade N. 33. Le contrat de location prend fin le premier Juin prochain, car il a ete denonce dans les termes voulus avant la fin de fevrier.

Le trimestre Janvier-Mars a ete paye. Restent a payer les mois Avril-Mai (5,500 marks finnois par mois), ainsi que quelques reparations pour dommages causes aux locaux.

Les meubles de la chancellerie doivent etre transportes en partie a Villenik 2, en partie au siege de la Legation a Tchtouk. 52, ou M. Grenzi pourrait travailler et recevoir les Italiens pourraisons de service.

Une depense est a prévoir pour le transport de ces meubles.

5. BUREAU DE L'ATTACHE COMMERCIAL. Les locaux du

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appartiennent à l'Etat italien les meubles actuellement dans la chancellerie de la Legation Royale, située à N. Esplanade 39. L'inventaire de ces meubles est dans les mains de M. Grenzi.

3. DEPENSES MENSUELLES RELATIVES AUX LOCAUX IMMOBILIERS:

1. Siens de la Legation:	Frak
Un gardien	2,689.75
Droit municipal (nettoyage des rues)	300.00 (à peu près)
Droit municipal (eau potable)	250.00 idem
Electricite	300.00 idem
Chauffage (nécessaire pour maintenir l'immeuble en bon état)	2,000.00 idem
Assurance mobiliere	60.00
Frais pour maintenir l'immeuble en bon état	1,300.00 (à peu près)
2. Locaux situés à Ullark. No. 2	
Depenses mensuelles fixées par l'Administration du condominium	600.00
Total.....	3,279.75

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Les meubles de la chancellerie doivent être transportés en partie à Villangetu 3, en partie au siège de la Legation à Tchtank. 32, où M. Grenzi pourrait travailler et recevoir les Italiens pourrions de service.

Une dépense est à prévoir pour le transport de ces 4471 meubles.

5. BUREAU DE L'ATTACHE COMMERCIAL. Les locaux du bureau de l'attache commercial, situés à N. Esplanade 25, ont été sous-loués à l'Attache Militaire de Suisse, avec les meubles qui sont propriété de l'Etat Italien. Le contrat pour la location des meubles termine à fin mars, époque à laquelle ces meubles devraient être expédiés à Stockholm. Le Secrétaire de l'Attache Commercial, Dr. Verdugo, est resté ici pour s'occuper de cette expédition.

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6. INSTITUTO ITALIANO DI CULTURA. Les locaux de l'Instituto Italiano di Cultura situés à Mikonkatu 7, et qui avaient été sous-loués en partie, avec les meubles, à une société finnoise, ont été gravement endommagés pendant le bombardement du 27 janvier. Ce salon pourra servir des meubles sera vendu ou déposé dans les locaux appartenant à l'Etat Italien, au sein du Directeur de l'Institut.

7. MAISON DE CAMPAGNE A GRANKULLA. Le contrat de location de cette maison, appelée Villa "Helkavouri" est situé à 17 kms de la ville sur l'ancienne route pour Abo prend fin au 30 avril prochain. Le loyer a déjà été complètement payé. La renouation du contrat est automatique mais la clause diplomatique peut être invoquée. Mme Liisa Lehtine agit pour le compte des propriétaires de cette maison.

Il est à rappeler que dans celle-ci il y a plusieurs meubles de propriété de l'Etat Italien, compris dans l'inventaire des meubles de la Légation. M. Grenet en possède la liste.

8. ARCHIVES DE LA LEGATION. Ont déjà été détruites dans la plus grande partie. A l'exception des dossiers récents de caractère administratif qui pourraient rester à M. Grenet, le reste sera détruit ou transporté à Stockholm.

9. CODES DE LA LEGATION. Sont brûlés.

10. AUTO DE LA LEGATION. Si une occasion favorable se présente, l'auto Buick en dotation de la Légation sera vendue ici. En cas contraire, elle pourrait être gardée dans le garage, le loyer auquel coûte 325 Fmk par mois.

11. COLONIE ITALIENNE. A part le personnel de la Légation ou ceux qui en dépendent (professeurs de l'Institut di Cultura) secrétaire et commis du Bureau de l'Attaché Commercial) la Colonie Italienne en Finlande est composée de 200 personnes à peu près, établies à Helsinki et Turku dans leur presque totalité.

Soit à Helsinki qu'à Turku il y a quelques commerçants italiens aises. Le reste de la Colonie est composé d'ouvriers.

Politiquement la colonie Italienne a suivi presque dans sa totalité l'attitude de la Légation Royale. Toutefois, l'ex-secrétaire du fascio Mirko Urbani (représentant de commerce), avec trois ou quatre de ses amis, font profession de foi fasciste, sont en correspondance avec le fascio de Berlin, et entretiennent des contacts avec la Légation d'Allemagne à Helsinki.

12. PASSEPORTS ET CERTIFICATS DE NATIONALITE. Les italiens demeurant en Finlande sont inscrits dans le registre des Nationaux existant à la Chancellerie.

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9. CORRÉS DE LA LEGATION. Seront brûlés.

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Presque tous sont en règle avec leurs passeports, qui sont valables pour une année. Rien ne s'oppose à leur prorogation éventuelle de la part de la puissance protectrice.

Rien ne s'oppose également à la délivrance de certificats de nationalité, si l'intéressé est inscrit dans le registre des nationaux.

M. Granzi, qui est à la Légation depuis 18 ans, connaît

permanemment tous les italiens établis dans le pays.

Helsinki le 2 Mars 1944.

P.S. Remarque importante. - Si le personnel dont au No. 1 ne pourra pas obtenir le visa d'entrée en Suède, il faudra continuer à pourvoir à leurs nécessités de vie à Helsinki. Ce personnel en effet étant venu d'Italie, ayant été toujours employé à la Légation, ne connaissant pas ou très peu de langues locales, n'est pas à même de se procurer ici d'autres ressources, et de gagner adéquatement sa vie.

Il faudrait en conséquence, dans la mesure éventuelle, que la Suisse protectrice puise des mensualités aux personnes sus-indiquées sur le compte de l'Etat italien.

La liste de ces personnes et le montant des mensualités seront indiqués, le cas échéant.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 394

U.S. ARMY

Finland

April 22, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Office of the American Political Advisor.

Reference is made to Civil Affairs Memorandum of April 3, 1944, concerning financial arrangements for Italian representatives withdrawn from Finland.

The substance of the War Bureau was communicated to the Italian Foreign Office which has replied as follows:

"The Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs is very grateful for the request forwarded by the Allied Control Commission to the Allied Governments in order to reach an urgent decision concerning the advance of funds. Telegram No. 19 from the Italian Minister in Helsinki has been duly considered in connection."

The Italian Legation in Helsinki has disposed of funds which were the proceeds of local loans and of remittances which the Italian Legation in Stockholm has forwarded monthly to Helsinki from a loan stipulated with the Helsingfors Bank.

With regard to the necessary funds in Swedish or for the members of the Helsinki Legation who will be residing in Sweden, the Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs has cabled to Stockholm on March 22 that a mission "immediately" should be sent to said personnel for the time it shall reside in Sweden.

"In this connection the Royal Legation in Stockholm has cabled that an estimate of the monthly expenses for the Legation has been submitted at the request of the Allies."

"The Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs should be very grateful if the Allied Control Commission would kindly point out to the Allied Governments that, in the financial arrangements now under way in Stockholm, the necessary provisions for the personnel withdrawn from Helsinki should be considered."

Samuel Reber
Vice President Allied Control Commission.
Political Section

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R. MINISTERO
DEGLI
AFFARI ESTERI

N° 2306

MEMORANDUM
for the
POLITICAL SECTION (A.C.C.)

Reference is made to the Allied Control Commission Memorandum n.224 of April 8th concerning financial arrangements for the withdrawal of the Italian Mission from Finland.

The Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs is very grateful for the request forwarded by the Allied Control Commission to the Allied Governments in order to reach an urgent decision concerning the advance of funds. Telegram N. 10 from the Italian Minister in Helsingfors has been duly considered in this connection.

The Italian Legation in Helsingfors has disposed of funds which were the proceeds of local loans and of remittances which the Italian Legation in Stockholm has forwarded monthly drawing from a loan stipulated with the Haldelsbanken.

As regards the necessary funds in Swedish crowns for the members of the Helsingfors Legation who will be residing in Sweden, the Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs has cabled to Stockholm on March 22nd that a mission indemnity should be paid to said personnel for the time it shall reside in Sweden.

In the meantime the Royal Legation in Stockholm has cabled that an estimate of the monthly expenses for the Legation has been submitted at the request of the Allies.

The Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs should be very grate-

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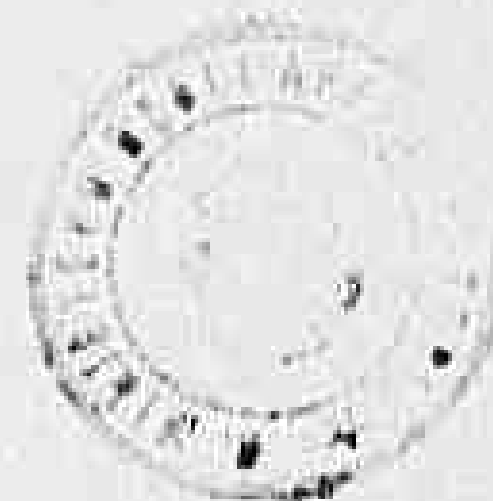
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R.R.

Salerno, April 19, 1944.



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U-5092 Political Section
UNITED STATES MEMBER
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

April 18, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Political Section,
Allied Control Commission,
Naples, Italy.

SUBJECT: Italian Legation in Finland.

The Department of State has received the following message dated March 15, 1944 from the American Legation at Helsinki:

"In accordance with instructions from its Government the Royal Legation of Italy will terminate its functions in Helsinki and envoy together with the personnel goes to Sweden in the near future. In informing the Finnish Government to this effect the envoy stated that USA will take charge of Italian interests in Finland."

"Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs by its note of March 21, 1944 assents to protection of Italian interest in Finland by this Legation."


G. F. Reinhardt

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Civil Affairs Office

April 3, 1944.

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

SUBJECT: Financial arrangements for Italian Representatives
withdrawn from Finland.

Reference is made to your memorandum of March 4, 1944, transmitting memorandum No. 858 from the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the Allied Control Commission, concerning financial arrangements for the Italian representatives withdrawn from Finland.

The Italian Government's memorandum was transmitted to the Department of State by airmail. The Department has telegraphed (No. 976, March 31) asking, in this connection, whether telegram No. 10 from the Italian Minister at Helsinki has been received by the Italian Government. A paraphrase of this telegram, as quoted in the Department's telegram under reference, is enclosed for your information.



G. F. Reinhardt

Enclosure:
Paraphrase of telegram.

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COPY

TELEGRAM NO. 10 (undated) to Italian Government
from Italian Minister Helsinki

In regard to telegram to the Royal Government from the Italian Legation at Stockholm concerning finances, I should like to point out that funds at disposition of this Legation will be exhausted in April.

Urgent consideration of methods of providing the necessities of life for officials and employees of this Legation proceeding, in accordance with Your Excellency's telegram No. 2 to Stockholm is respectfully requested.

Since the Stockholm Legation has requested an advance of funds for only its personnel, I must request that provision be made for funds in Swedish crowns for the personnel of the Helsinki Legation who will be residing in Stockholm. I would refer respectfully to my report of December 29, No. 561, regarding the possibility of advance of funds through the United States Government, unless Your Excellency arranges otherwise. 4463

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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U.S. ARMY

April 6, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Civil Affairs Section, Allied Force Headquarters.

Reference is made to the Civil Affairs Memorandum of March 26, 1944, concerning the representation of Italian interests in Finland. The contents of the Department's telegram No. 821, March 18, were informally and confidentially brought to the attention of the Italian Government. The Italian Government is in full agreement with this proposal but pending further developments is not yet sending instructions to its representative in Bern to make the necessary approach to the Swiss Government.

Should the Department desire that the Italian Government make the request referred to in paragraph one of its No. 821, the latter would be prepared to do so upon receipt of further word to this office.

Samuel Reber
Vice President Allied Control Commission
Political Section

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Civil Affairs Office

March 26, 1944.

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

SUBJECT: Representation of Italian interests in Finland.

There is attached a paraphrase of the Department's telegram No. 621 of March 18, directing you to inform the Italian Government confidentially of the arrangements contemplated for representation of the interests of the United States and those countries whose interests it now is representing in Helsinki in case there should be a rupture of relations between the United States and Finland.



G. F. Reinhardt

Enclosure:

1 paraphrase

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PARAPHRASE

TELEGRAM No. 821, March 18, FOR REBER, from
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

(Service received March 24, 1944)

Department's 902 of March 18 to the Bern Legation follows:

"Helsinki's No. 695 of December 18, 1941 (repeat 1941)
follows:

"Note verbale from Swiss Legation confirming that Swiss Federal Government is prepared in principle to take over our interests in Finland in the event of severance of relations between the United States and Finland, and stating that such assumption would be conditioned on the Finnish Government's consent, has been received. It is added in the Note that the Swiss Government agrees provisionally to take over interests of Governments represented by American Legation, also provided the Finnish Government agrees and provided that requests to the Swiss Government for representation of their interests here are made by the represented States, as already has been done by the British Government."

"The United States represented at that time, and continues to represent in Finland the following foreign interests: Belgium, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Yugoslavia, Union of South Africa, Great Britain. It now also represents in addition Italian and Haitian interests in Finland. As a precautionary measure purely and not because any decision has been made at this time for closing the American Legation at Helsinki, the Department has authorized the Legation to confer discreetly again with the Swiss Minister regarding the possibility of him assuming representation of American interests and provisionally the foreign interests which the United States represents."

"You should bring this to the attention of the Swiss Government confidentially and informally."

This should be brought informally and confidentially to the attention of the Italian Government.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 394

U.S. ARMY

April 5, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Civil Affairs Section, Allied Force
Headquarters.

Reference is made to the Political Section's Memorandum of March 4, 1944, concerning an advance of funds in order that arrangements may be concluded to close the Italian Legation at Helsinki.

There is enclosed a copy of an urgent Memorandum from the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs requesting information regarding decisions of the Allied Governments in respect to the financial arrangements to be made as regards the closing of the Italian Legation at Helsinki.

Samuel Reber
Vice President, Allied Control Commission
Political Section

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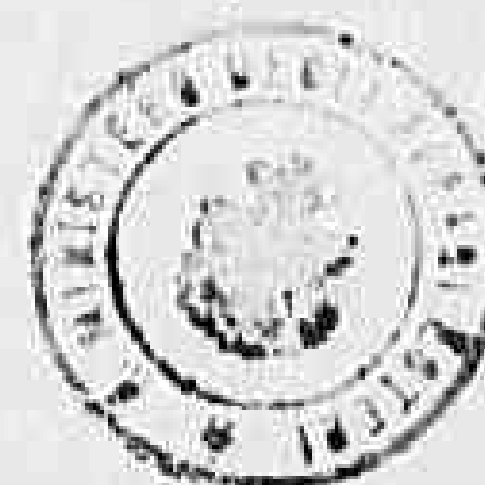
MEMORANDUM
for the
POLITICAL SECTION (A.E.C.)

By Memorandum n. 258 dated February 20th the Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs in view of the closing of the Royal Legation in Helsingfors, had the honour to bring to the kind attention of the Allied Control Commission the financial situation of that Legation, indicating the sum of Finnish Marks 1,620,000 as the total and final advance necessary to cover its expenditures up to the end of February.

It has now been reported that, in order to face the most urgent needs of that Legation, the Royal Minister in Helsingfors has been obliged to stipulate locally a loan while no advance has yet been received by the Legation from the Allied Governments.

It will be greatly appreciated if, in view of the very difficult financial situation which is confronting the Royal Legation in Helsingfors and which aggravates the problems connected with its closing, the Allied Control Commission would kindly inform at its earliest convenience the Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs about the ultimate decisions taken by the Allied Government as to the requested financing of the Legation in Helsingfors.

SHEING, March 31st, 1944.



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OFFICE OF
UNITED STATES MEMBER
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Algiers, March 15, 1944.

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

SUBJECT: Protection of Italian Interests in Finland.

The Department has telegraphed that subject to the assent of the Finnish Government the American Legation in Helsinki is being authorized by the Department's No. 56 dated March 11th to assume the representation of Italian interests in Finland. (Department's 748 March 11, 1944, for Reinhardt, with reference to his No. 747 March 6, 7 p.m.).

It is assumed by the Department that you have received message No. 10 from the Italian Minister at Helsinki to the Italian Government, repeated to Stockholm as Helsinki's No. 30 and quoted in Helsinki's No. 197 of March 6th to the Department. Helsinki is being authorized by the Department's No. 57 of March 11th to continue for a provisional period of four months the employment of Grenzi. Necessary funds will be advanced by the Department.

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

Copy to:

Office of British Resident Minister.

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OFFICE OF
UNITED STATES MEMBER
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Algiers, March 7, 1944.

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

SUBJECT: Protection of Italian Interests in Finland.

With reference to telegram No. 2, February 21, from the Italian Foreign Office to the Italian Legation at Helsinki, in connection with the withdrawal of the Italian Legation from that city, and the proposed request to the United States Government that its Legation there undertake the protection of Italian interests, the Department has telegraphed stating that it would be pleased to authorize the Legation at Helsinki to comply with such a request whenever it is received by the Department.

The Department desired that you be informed of the foregoing.

In the meantime we have received your FATIMA 1612 of March 4, 1944, and have sent it on to the Department.

The British Resident Minister's Office is informing the Foreign Office of the Italian Government's hope that article 25 of the Armistice will not be applied to Balkan countries.


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

Copy to:

Office of British Resident Minister.

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BRIEF

ROUTINE

FINLAND

FOLLOWED THE AGREED WITHDRAWAL OF ITALIAN DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION TO FINLAND OUR
 FOREIGN OFFICE REQUESTS THAT THE COMMISSION ASK THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES TO CONSENT TO
 TAKE OVER PROTECTION OF ITALIAN CITIZENS AND INTERESTS IN FINLAND TO DATE TO FINLAND
FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS AND BRITISH RESIDENT FROM FATMA SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN FOREIGN OFFICE
 OUR VIEWS ARE HOWEVER OUR THAT THIS SEVERANCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS MAY LEAD TO THE
 OPENING OF A FASCIST LEGATION IN HELSINKI TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE ALSO POINTS OUT THAT ANY
 FURTHER PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF ARTICLE TWO FIVE OF THE ARMISTICE TERMS WOULD BE IN
 CONNECTION WITH THE THREE BALKAN STATES WHICH ARE NEIGHBORS OF ITALY TO IT IS CONSIDERED
 THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THEM AND ITALY ARE NECESSARILY EXTREMELY DELICATE IN CHARACTER
 AND REQUIRE CAREFUL HANDLING TO SINCE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS DESIROUS OF MAINTAINING THE
 POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING A REASONABLE AND EQUITABLE SAFEGUARD OF ITS PERMANENT POLITICAL
 INTERESTS IT HOPES THAT ARTICLE TWO FIVE MAY BE REWARDED AMONG THOSE PROVISIONS DESCRIBED
 BY GENERAL EISENHOWER IN HIS LETTER OF SEPTEMBER TWO THREE ONE NINE FOUR THREE ONE
 TO MARSHALL BADOLLO IN WHICH HE STATES CILM QUOTES IT IS FULLY RECOGNIZED BY THE GOVERN-
 MENTS ON THOSE BEHALF I AM ACTING THAT THESE TERMS ARE IN SOME RESPECTS SUPERSEDED BY
 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS AND THAT SEVERAL OF THE CLAUSES HAVE BECOME OBSOLETE TO AND QUOTES

*copy for
Mr. Keller*

L.T. NEWBERRY, JR.,
 2nd Lt., ADC
 Adjutant 4434

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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March 4, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Civil Affairs Section, Allied Force Headquarters

SUBJECT: Expenditures in Connection with the Closing of the
Italian Legation at Helsinki.

Reference is made to recent Memoranda and telegrams concerning the decision of the Italian Government to withdraw its representation from Finland. In order that this may be accomplished, certain financial arrangements are required. The Foreign Office has submitted a Memorandum on this subject, a translation of which is enclosed, requesting that the amount of 1,020,000 Finnish Marks be advanced urgently to the Legation.

Samuel Reber
Vice President, Allied Control Commission
Political Section

Enclosure

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(Translation)

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MEMORANDUM TO THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

With reference to Memorandum n. 814 dated February 21st, concerning the recall of the Royal Legation in Helsingfors, the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour to bring the kind attention of the Allied Control Commission upon the necessity of advancing to said Legation the financial means which are needed to cover running expenditures for the last months.

By Memorandum n. 595 dated December 18th the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs suggested that the sum of 500.000 Finnish Marks be advanced to the Royal Legation in Helsingfors to cover December expenditures, and by Memorandum n. 30 dated January 13th the same amount was requested per mensem to cover expenditures as from January 1st.

On the strength of a detailed report from Helsingfors on the reduction of expenditures, above figures may be remarkably reduced. While the sum of 500.000 Finnish Marks requested for the month of December should be confirmed as it covers in reality all expenditures from the moment the Royal Government has discontinued the provisions of funds up to December 31st (approximately four months), the sums needed for January and February expenditures may be reduced to 260.000 Finnish Marks plus 5.000 Swedish crowns per mensem (30 % of the retributions to the personnel in Helsingfors was given in Swedish currency).

The average monthly expenditure during the first six months of 1943 was instead F.M. 389.328,30 plus Sw. Cr. 7.272,30. 4452

If the staff of the Royal Legation is going to leave Helsingfors by the end of February, the following amount will be needed:

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Expenditures up to December 31st	M.M. 500.000
January (reduced) expenditures	" " 260.000 + S.C. 5.000
February (reduced) expenditures	" " 260.000 + " " 5.000
Total	" " 1.020.000 + " " 10.000

The Royal Legation in Stockholm has cabled on December 13th that, out of a loan of 200.000 Swedish Crowns accepted from the Handelsbanken, the Royal Legation in Helsingfors will receive 40.000 Sw. crowns in four installments beginning January 1st. As it is assumed that two installments (20.000 Sw. Cr.) have already been received by Helsingfors, these could cover following expenditures: 1) 10.000 Sw. crowns for January and February expenditures in Swedish currency; 2) 10.000 Sw. crowns approximately for travelling expenses of the Royal Legation' staff to Stockholm, which is composed of the following persons plus their families:

G.B. GUARNASCHELLI - Royal Minister Plenipotentiary.
Marquis G. ROSSI LONGHI - First Secretary of Legation.
Dr. P. SAVINI - Commercial Attache.
Dr. Mario ORANO - Press Attache.
Prof. Roberto WEISS - Director Istituto Italiano di Cultura
Prof. Enzo Giachino - Teacher " " " "
Prof. Luigi COZZI - " " " "
Maresciallo Carabinieri Giuseppe FILIPPINI - N.C.O.
Carabiniere Bartolo BIANCHIN- private.

It will be greatly appreciated if the Allied Control Commission could inform at its earliest convenience the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs about the actual remittance to the Royal Legation in Helsingfors of the indicated final advance of F.M. 1.020.000 in order that instructions may be cabled to Helsingfors accordingly.

Salerno, February 28th, 1944.



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N° 858

MEMORANDUM PER LA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

Con riferimento al Memorandum n. 814 del 24 febbraio, relativo al richiamo della R. Legazione in Helsinki, il R. Ministero degli Affari Esteri ha l'onore di attirare la particolare attenzione della Commissione Alleata di Controllo sulla necessità di far pervenire a detta Legazione i mezzi finanziari di cui abbisogna per le spese relative agli ultimi mesi.

Con memorandum n. 595 del 18 dicembre il R. Ministero degli Affari Esteri chiedeva che l'ammontare di 500.000 marchi finlandesi venisse consegnato alla R. Legazione in Helsinki per le spese del mese di dicembre, e con memorandum n. 36 del 13 gennaio un eguale ammontare mensile veniva richiesto per le spese di quella R. Legazione a partire dal 1 gennaio.

Sulla scorta di un dettagliato rapporto sulla riduzione delle spese pervenuto da Helsinki, le somme corrispondenti possono essere notevolmente ridotte. Infatti la somma di 500.000 marchi finlandesi richiesta per le spese del mese di dicembre dovrebbe essere confermata dato che con essa vengono in realtà liquidate tutte le spese del momento in cui il R. Governo ha cessato di inviare fondi fino al 31 dicembre (oltre quattro mesi), le somme necessarie per le spese dei mesi di gennaio e febbraio possono essere ridotte a 250.000 marchi finlandesi più 5.000 corone svedesi mensili (30% degli stipendi al personale di Helsinki veniva versato in valuta svedese).

La spesa media mensile durante il primo semestre 1943 era invece di marchi finlandesi 389.328,32 più corone svedesi 7272,20.

Qualora il personale della R. Legazione lasci Helsinki alla fine di febbraio, sarà necessaria la seguente somma:

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Spese fino al 31 dicembre	L. 7.	500.000
Spese (ridotte) gennaio	" "	260.000 + L. 5. 5.000
Spese (ridotte) febbraio	" "	260.000 + " 5.000
Totale L. 7. 1.020.000 + L. 5. 10.000		

La R. Legazione in Stoccolma ha telegrafato in data 31 dicembre che, dal prestito di 200.000 corone svedesi, ricevuto dalla Handelsbanken, 40.000 corone in quattro rimesse mensili verranno versate alla R. Legazione in Helsinki a partire dal 1 gennaio. Ritardando che Helsinki abbia pertanto già ricevuto due rimesse (20.000 corone svedesi), essa dovrebbe coprire le seguenti spese: 1) 10.000 corone svedesi per le necessità in valuta svedese nei mesi di gennaio e febbraio; 2) 10.000 corone svedesi circa per le spese di viaggio fino a Stoccolma del seguente membro della R. Legazione e delle rispettive famiglie.

G.R. Guarnaschelli - R. Ministro Plenipotenziario

Marchese G. Rossi Longhi - Primo Segretario di Legazione

Dott. E. Savini - R. Addetto Commerciale

" Mario Orano - R. Addetto Stenografo

Prof. Roberto Weiss - Direttore dell'Istituto Italiano di Cultura

" Enzo Giachino - Inseg. presso " " "

" Luigi Corsi - " " "

Maresciallo Carabinieri Giuseppe Filippini

Carabiniere Bartolo Bianchini

Si sarà particolarmente gravi alle Commissioni Alleate di Controllo se essa vorrà informare con cortese sollecitudine il R. Ministero degli Affari Esteri sulla effettuazione del versamento finale indicato di L. 1.020.000 alla R. Legazione in Helsinki al fine di poter impartire a queste corrispondenti istruzioni. R

Salerno, 28 febbraio 1944.

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R. MINISTERO
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N 814

(Translation)

NOTA VERBALE

1. Pursuant the request of the United Nations Commission and on the basis of art. 35 of the Statute of the League of Nations, the Italian Government is immediately recalling their diplomatic representatives in Finland and will be prepared if the Commission will kindly approach the Finnish authorities with a view to their consenting to take over the protection of Italian citizens and interests in Finland.

2. The Royal Government deems it necessary to point out in this connection that the severance of diplomatic relations with Finland, at this moment when normal relations have not been as yet restored with any of the United Nations, shall certainly contribute to strengthen throughout Italian public opinion the feeling of utter isolation from the rest of the world in which Italy has been kept notwithstanding the six months which have elapsed since the signing of the Armistice. The above action shall also enthusiastically bring about the opening in Helsinki, in place of our Mission, of a Fascist Legation, hostile both to us and the common cause.

3. The Royal Government also wishes to point out that heretofore art. 25 of the Armistice terms could only find practical application in respect of those Italian Countries. These Countries are and will always remain our neighbours. Our relations with them remain in consequence an extremely delicate character and have to be handled accordingly. The Italian necessity of appearance and cooperation, also, and indeed above all, with her neighbours (a necessity which in no way and under no circumstance can obviously be in contrast

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1. Pursuant the request of the United Nations Commission on the basis of art. 26 of the Helsinki Treaty, the Royal Government of Finland, regarding their High Commissioner's visit to Finland and the Government of the United States, is hereby expressing the American authorities with a view to their contributing to take over the protection of Italian citizens and interests in Finland.

2. The Royal Government deems it necessary to point out on this occasion that the severance of diplomatic relations with Finland, at this moment when normal relations have not been as yet restored with any of the United Nations, still certainly contributes to strengthen throughout Italian public opinion the feeling of utter isolation from the rest of the world in which Italy has been kept notwithstanding the six months which have elapsed since the signing of the Armistice. The above action shall also authoritatively bring about the opening in Helsinki, in place of our Mission, of a Fascist Legation, hostile both to us and the common cause.

3. The Royal Government also wish to point out that heretofore art. 26 of the Armistice terms could only find practical application in respect of those Balkan Countries. These Countries are and will always remain our neighbors. Our relations with them remain in consequence an extremely delicate character and have to be handled accordingly. The Italian necessity of appreciation and cooperation, also, and indeed above all, with her neighbors is a necessity which in no way and under no circumstances can divinely be in contrast with the essential goals of the common war is a real and effective one. This necessity could hardly be reconciled with provisions which do not afford Italy the possibility of assuring that her point of view be adequately taken into account on questions which directly and deeply affect her: in other words with provisions

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which do not consent an equitable and reasonable safeguard of her permanent political interests.

The Royal Government are consequently of the opinion that the above mention of article is undoubtedly among those provisions that General Tisenhauer, as Commander in Chief, described in his letter of September 3rd, 1945 to Marshal Badoglio in the following manner: "It is fully recognised by the Government in whose behalf I am acting that those terms are in some respects superseded by subsequent events and that several of the clauses have become obsolescent."

Salerno, February 21, 1944

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N. 814

NOTA VERBALE

In conformità alla richiesta della Commissione di Controllo e sulla base dell'art. 25 del Protocollo di Armistizio, il R. Governo provvede al ritiro immediato del M. S. in Finlandia e Helsinki e prega la Commissione stessa di voler rendere cortese tramite presso le autorità finlandesi per ottenere che la protezione degli interessi e cittadini italiani in Finlandia sia assunta dagli Stati Uniti.

2. Il R. Governo tiene a far presente in questa occasione che la rottura dei rapporti diplomatici con la Finlandia, attuata quando ancora non sono stati ripresi rapporti normali con nessuna delle Nazioni Unite, contribuirebbe certamente a rafforzare nell'opinione pubblica italiana quel senso di assoluto isolamento del mondo estero in cui l'Italia è tenuta nonostante i sei mesi trascorsi dall'armistizio. Deve condurre d'altra parte automaticamente ad Helsinki, al posto della nostra missione, una legazione fascista ostile alla causa nostra e comune.

3. Il R. Governo tiene altresì a sottolineare che l'art. 25 delle condizioni di armistizio potrebbe ormai trovare applicazione soltanto nei confronti di tre Stati baltici. Questi ultimi sono nostri vicini e destinati comunque a restar tali. I nostri rapporti con essi hanno in conseguenza per noi carattere di speciale delicatezza e debbono essere trattati in conseguenza. Le esigenze italiane di distensione e di collaborazione anche e sopra tutto coi suoi vicini (esigenze 4446 nessun caso e in nessuna circostanza potranno naturalmente contrastare coi fini fondamentali della guerra comune) sono reali

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ed effettiva e nel si compitiano con disposizioni che non danno all'Italia mezzo e modo di fare adeguatamente valutare il suo punto di vista su questioni che la toccano direttamente e profondamente: non le consentono cioè un'equa e ragionevole salvaguardia dei suoi interessi politici importanti. Il Regno d'Italia e' in conseguenza d'avviso che il progetto art. 25 fa indubbiamente parte di quelle misure che il Generale Zinsahower, nella sua qualita' di Comandante in Capo, nella lettera diretta al Maresciallo Badoglio in data del 23 settembre 1945 ha descritto nei seguenti termini: "It is fully recognised by the Government on whose behalf I am acting that these terms are in some respects superseded by subsequent events and that several of the clauses have become obsolescent." R.R.

Salerno, February 21, 1944.



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SITE : FHMGS

WITHDRAWAL ITALIAN LEGATION IN FINLAND, OUR MESSAGE 28663
OF 14 JANUARY AND YOUR PBS 8036 CITE FARGO 906 OF 12 FEBRUARY.

THE POINT RAISED BY MARSHAL BADOGLIO MUST HAVE BEEN KNOWN
TO THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS WHEN THEY DIRECTED UNDER ARTICLE 25A
THAT ITALIAN MISSION AT HELSINGFORS BE RECALLED. THIS HEADQUARTERS
SEES NO REASON TO ASK CCS TO RECONSIDER. ACCORDINGLY ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT WILL BE REQUIRED TO ACT IMMEDIATELY.

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Mr. Roberts

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10050 Mr. Reber

ROUTINE

ATTN: FOR MR. FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS AND BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER

Withdrawal Italian Legation in Finland is reference. In reply to my request in this respect, Marshal Badoglio pointed out that the Finnish Government had not recognized the Fascist Republican Government and that he had therefore thought it might be of Allied interest to keep the Italian Legation there in particular since the United States Legation remains at Helsinki. Before issuing instructions to close the Legation he asked that this point should be considered.

COPY To:
MR. Reber

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Reference #375

3 February 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: General Nelson Macfarlane

Article 25 of the Armistice states that: "Relations with countries at war with any of the United Nations, or occupied by any such country, will be broken off. Italian diplomatic, consular and other officials and members of the Italian land, sea and air forces accredited to or serving on missions with any such country or in any other territory specified by the United Nations will be recalled. Diplomatic and consular officials of such countries will be dealt with as the United Nations may prescribe."

We had not been instructed to do anything to enforce this article until on about January 9 we received a telegram at Brindisi (of which there is unfortunately no copy here) stating that the Russian Government wished the Italian Legation in Finland to be withdrawn and that the British and American Governments had agreed that this Russian demand should be put forward. After discussing this with you I understood that you did not wish to take this up with the Marshal on the day after your arrival and that you would prefer to get the transfer dealt with first. I therefore took no action beyond warning the Foreign Office unofficially that in due course you would be preferring this demand.

I now understand from them informally that they wish (a) to resist this request until the Finns on their side decide to break with the Royal Government and (b) to request a modification of Article 25 so as to enable them to maintain their missions in Hungary, Rumania, and Bulgaria where Italian interests are considerable and where they have many sources of information.

In my opinion they will get nowhere in trying to resist this Russian demand and suggest that you should tell Badoglio this flat if necessary. I am also by no means convinced that the Italians would be wise to ask for a modification of Article 25 at this stage. Such a request would only draw attention to this question and might only lead to a decision that all Italian missions in the Balkans should be withdrawn. At the moment they would be wise only to raise this very informally.

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Via: A.D.L.S.

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MR REBER
POLITICAL
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FROM (A) AFHQ FOR ACTION	ORIGINATOR <i>[Signature]</i> GOSHIE/jec	DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN JANUARY 29, 1944		
TO FATIMA (SALERNO AREA) (W) FOR INFORMATION (INFO)	To: Hq ACC Naples (For onward transmission)			
			MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS	GR

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UNITED STATES STATE DEPARTMENT TELEGRAPHED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE
FOR REBER X FATIMA SALERNO AREA FOR REBER SIGNED CINC CITE FHCIV
X QUOTE DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM IN PARAPHRASE X REFERENCE IS MADE TO
PARAPHRASED IN REFERENCE TWO EIGHT SIX SIX THREE OF ONE FOUR JANUARY
TAREABLE MIKE ONE TWO SEVEN TRANSMITTING INSTRUCTIONS TO ALLIED
COMMANDER IN CHIEF ON SUBJECT OF WITHDRAWAL OF ITALIAN DIPLOMATIC
MISSION AT HELSINKI X X FOR YOUR INFORMATION DEPARTMENT SENT
FOLLOWING INSTRUCTION TO UNCLE SUGAR LEGATION AT HELSINKI X QUOTE
INSTRUCTIONS X ADVISE DISCREETLY YOUR ITALIAN COLLEAGUE THAT IN
THE INTERESTS OF HIS STAFF IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR HIM
UNOBTRUSIVELY BUT IMMEDIATELY TO START REDUCING HIS STAFF TO A
MINIMUM X THE MEMBERS OF THE STAFF SHOULD BE SENT TO STOCKHOLM
TO AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS X FOR HIS OWN EVENTUAL DEPARTURE
THE MINISTER WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO BEGIN MAKING PREPARATIONS X
THE ITALIAN MINISTER MUST AWAIT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

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TO THIS EFFECT FROM HIS GOVERNMENT X SHOULD HE DEEM IT NECESSARY
TO EXPLAIN THE GRADUAL DEPARTURE OF HIS STAFF HE CAN STATE AS
REASON THE IMPERATIVE NEED FOR ECONOMY BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT X
UNQUOTE INSTRUCTIONS X REQUESTING THE ABOVE INSTRUCTION BE REPEATED
TO HIS GOVERNMENT TOGETHER WITH HIS COMMENTS THE ITALIAN
MINISTER AT HELSINKI TRANSMITS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR ROYAL
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT X QUOTE ITALIAN MESSAGE X CONFIDENTIAL NUMBER
THREE X THE ABOVE COMMUNICATION I AM SURE WAS GIVEN TO ME
FOLLOWING AN UNDERSTANDING WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY X THEREFORE I
HAVE STARTED ARRANGEMENTS FOR GRADUAL DEPARTURE TO STOCKHOLM
OF LEGATION PERSONNEL X TO ENABLE ADOPTION OF APPROPRIATE
MEASURES AND TO ARRANGE FOR DISPOSITION OF GOVERNMENT FURNITURE
EFFECTS AND REAL ESTATE I EARNESTLY REQUEST YOUR EXCELLENCYS
URGENT CABLED INSTRUCTIONS X PLEASE REPEAT TO STOCKHOLM PERTINENT
INSTRUCTIONS X UNQUOTE ITALIAN MESSAGE X X THE DEPARTMENT
ADVISES REBER NOT TO TRANSMIT THE ABOVE TWO MESSAGES TO THE
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT UNTIL AFTER IT HAS RECEIVED THE INSTRUCTIONS
CONTAINED IN TARE ABLE MIKE ONE TWO SEVEN X UNQUOTE DEPARTMENT
TELEGRAM

T. B. Jackman, Major
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15 JAN 1944

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FROM : FREEDOM SIGNED CINC CITE FHMS

TO : FATIMA FOR JOYCE

M/C NO : 16/15

REF NO: 28663

FILED : JAN 14 1455A

REC'D : JAN 15 0630A

Legation Italian at Helsingfors.

1. Following is paraphrase of message from CCS. Italian Government, under article 25 a of long Armistice Terms, is obliged to recall all officials accredited to any country at war with United Nations. Soviet Government desires accordingly that Italian Legation be recalled. Our Governments agree.

2. Matter should be taken up with Marshal Badoglio on these lines. Report when action taken.

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Spoken to Gen Macfarlane, who intends to tell Marshal Badoglio personally. Meanwhile I have warned Italian FO ^{labors} semi-officially of what is coming. *He*

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE

December 11, 1943

Subject: Telegram from American Legation, Helsinki
to Department of State repeated for your
information.

To: Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, Brindisi.

From: Civil Affairs Section.

The following is a paraphrase of telegram sent by
the American Legation in Helsinki to the Department.
(No. 1325 dated December 8). It is repeated to you for
your information:

1. I have been informed by the Italian Minister
that the Finnish Legation at Rome has been "invited"
by the Fascist Foreign Ministry located in Venice
to assign as liaison officer with that ministry a
Secretary as Consul in Venice. The Finnish Govern-
ment has sent instructions to ignore this invitation to
its Rome Legation. Italian Minister claims to have
obtained above information from Political Department
Chief of Finnish Foreign Office.

2. I have been informed by Mr. Guarnaschelli that
he has received via the Italian Embassy in Madrid a
circular telegram from Marshal Badoglio ordering
Italian diplomatic missions to scale their contact
with representatives of countries at war with
Great Britain and the U. S. to a minimum.

Selden Chapin
Selden Chapin
Executive Officer

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION
APO 512

22 October 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency, Marshal Badoglio.

On receipt of your Excellency's memorandum No. 33/2 of the 18 October, I sent a telegram to Allied Force Headquarters for the information of the American and British Governments explaining that the Italian Government were in fact in touch with the Italian Mission in Helsinki through the Italian Legation at Stockholm as well as with the Italian Legation at Kabul. As a special measure I asked, however, that the message which you enclosed should be delivered direct by Allied means to the Italian Representatives at Helsinki and Kabul.

I have since received a message through Allied Force Headquarters from Washington authorizing me to let your Excellency know that the United States continues to maintain a Mission at Helsinki, which may be used in case you should from time to time wish to send any message direct to Helsinki rather than through the intermediary of the Italian Legation in Stockholm.

The telegram from Washington also stated that according to information received in the State Department a report had reached the Italian Ambassador in Spain from the Italian Minister to Finland making the following points:

1. The government of Finland has decided not to recognize the Mussolini Government in compliance with the German request, but they have asked that this decision not be given press publicity. The Finnish Foreign Minister is said to be the source of this information.
2. The Finnish Government intends if allowed to do so to keep its Minister in Rome in the event of the occupation of the city by Allied forces.
3. The Finnish press published on September 19th a statement signed by the entire personnel of the Italian Legation to the effect that the only government recognized as the Italian Government was that of the Royal Italian Government appointed by his Majesty the King.

4. The Italian Mission is understood to be without funds and its continued financial support is a current problem.

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Chief of Mission

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

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EWC/RELAY NR:

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

PREC: ROUTINE

FROM: PANDORA

TO: FATIMA

E/C NR: 10/21

REF. NO. 4816

FILED: 210554A

REC'D: 211232A

Following message dated October 18th has been received from the Department of State, Washington and is transmitted to you for such action as you may deem appropriate. FATIMA from MORPHY signed EISENHOWER site FHCIV. The Badoglio government appears to have ignored so far the Italian Legation at Helsinki. General Eisenhower was not for example requested to notify the Italian Missions in Finland and Afghanistan of Italy's declaring war on Germany. Furthermore the recent message of Marshal Badoglio to Italian Legations abroad warning them against using Italian codes did not include the Mission in Finland. A report has been received by the Italian Ambassador in Spain from the Italian Minister to Finland to the effect that the government of Finland has decided not to recognize the Mussolini Government in compliance with the German request. The Finnish Government has requested that this decision not be given press publicity. The Finnish Foreign Minister is said to be the source of this information. The Finnish Government intends if allowed to do so to keep its ministers in Rome in the event of occupation by British and Americans. The Finnish press published on September 19th a statement signed by the entire personnel of the Italian Legation to the effect that the only government recognized as the Italian Government was that of the Royal Italian Government appointed by His Majesty the King. Relations between Finland and the Soviet and the British say it is assumed have caused Badoglio to ignore Italy's relations with Finland. The Italian mission is understood to be without funds and its continued financial support is a current problem. Marshal

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Badoglio may be informed that the United States continues to maintain a mission at Helsinki which may be used in case he wishes to transmit messages to our legation there.

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ALLIED MILITARY DIVISION - INCOMING MESSAGE

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FROM: FIERSON

REC'D : 1903094

TO : FATIMA

American Legation Stockholm telegraphs following for Marshal Badoglio from Henxetti. FATIMA FROM JENNEY BURNED EISENHOWER CITE ENCLY. The codes mentioned in despatch of October 13 will not be used by this Legation. I have been asked by the Royal Minister at Helsinki to bring to your attention the fact that he has not received up until now any of your messages even though there is an American Charge D'Affaires in Helsinki. Mr. Guernaschelli has not therefore notified the Finnish Government of the Declaration of War on Germany. He would like instructions possibly through the American Charge D'Affaires. The Italian Minister in Finland has attempted to make contact with the Royal Government via the Embassy in Madrid and has sent reports in code through that channel. He will refrain from doing so in the future.

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REF NO: 5182

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FILED: 012013A

FROM: FREEDOM

REC'D: 010527

TO: FATIMA

Department states that in connection with financial assistance in neutral countries to loyal Italian Missions we should determine from Badoglio whether he intends to continue the Italian Legation at Helsinki.

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- 2 - AG
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- 1 - Mr. Caccia (INFORMATION)

Answered - Yes.

Badoglio

*09/11/2 - Dep (St/Helsinki)
 X 12/12 - Assistant Secretary*

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