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Ex-Lithuanian Legation at Rome

Aug. 1944 - Dec 1944

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Lithuanian Interests, Italy

Ref: P/387.1

11 December 1946

Dear General Sudzilovsky:

I refer to my letter dated 20 November 1946 regarding the requisitioning by Allied Forces of the ex-Lithuanian Legation at 116 Via Nomentana.

I now have been informed by the Commanding General of the Rome Area Allied Command that Allied Military Authorities have vacated these premises and that the Administrator of the Sec. Immobiliare Viareggio, the owners of the property, were notified on December 6th that it had been decommissioned.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Edwin W. Stone

EDWIN W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Major General Sudzilovsky
Soviet Delegate to the Advisory
Council for Italy
Via Cesto, 5
Rome

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Ref: A/587.1

11 December 1944

Dear General Zamyatin:

I refer to my letter dated 28 November 1944 regarding the requisitioning by Allied forces of and de-Nazification legislation at 144 Via Nomentana.

I now have been informed by the Acting General of the Sacra Romana Rota that Allied military authorities have vacated these premises and that the administrator of the Sac. Rota Ufficio Vicariato, the owner of the property, was notified on December 6th that it had been unrequisitioned.

Very truly yours,

Lt. Colonel Stone

Lt. Colonel, USAF
Commdr, USAF
Chief Commissioner

Major General Zamyatin
Soviet Delegate to the Advisory
Council for Italy
Via Veneto, 5
Rome

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US Army

RSM/TFB/np
8 December 1944

RMA 316

SUBJECT: Ex-Lithuanian Legation at Rome - Via Nomentana #110.

TO : Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794 US Army.

1. Reference is made to your letter F/387.1. dated 4 December 1944, regarding derequisition of the above property.

2. The property has been derequisitioned this date, the papers having been served on Ing. Gino Puccini, administrator of Soc. Immobiliare Viareggio, on whom the requisition was served on 21st June 1944, and are reported to be the owners of the property. Ing. Puccini stated his company had obtained the property through the Italian Tribunal of Rome and paid the "Banca del Lavoro" 9,000,000 lire. He also stated the bank had no lien on the property.

3. A letter has been sent to the bank, however, notifying them that we have derequisitioned the property and have no further interest in it.

Thoburn L. Brown
THOBURN L. BROWN
Brigadier General US Army
Commanding

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Ref: 1/307.1

4 December 194[illegible]

SUBJECT: Demilitarization Legation at Rome.

TO : Commanding General, U.S.A./M.G.

1. Reference is made to your letter of September 28, 194[illegible], addressed to Major General [illegible], [illegible], U.S.A., regarding the above subject and requesting him to make his request for the property in question until decisions on the matter had been made by the State Department and the British Foreign Office.

2. A letter dated 2 December from G-2 Section, AFHQ, now states that, in the view of the State Department and the Foreign Office, the Allied Military Authorities should withdraw the requisition of the demilitarized Legation and withdraw from the premises.

3. It is further envisaged that every appearance of turning over the subject premises should be representations of the Soviet Union is to be avoided. The withdrawal by the Allied Military Authorities of the requisition should be made to the entity from which the premises were requisitioned, which do believe it to be the Comune del Tevere.

4. When this action has been taken I would appreciate your notifying me because in order that I may fully inform General Zhukov that the Allied Military Authorities have vacated the premises, and that the Comune del Tevere has been so advised.

BY Order of

[illegible]
Colonel, [illegible]
Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 386.2

2 December 1944

SUBJECT: Ex Lithuanian Legation at Rome.

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

1. Under date of 1 September 1944 (Ref 387) you brought to the attention of this Headquarters a problem which had arisen respecting the ex-Lithuanian legation in Rome, which was then under requisition for use as an Allied Mess. It was determined that no change would be made in the requisition pending advice from the Foreign Office and the State Department, and on 5 September 1944 (Reference G-5: 386.2) you were so advised.

2. On 9 September 1944 General Suslaparov wrote to Commanding General Rome Area Allied Command requesting that he be permitted to occupy the subject premises. General Suslaparov's letter was endorsed to this Headquarters and under date of 22 September 1944 you were again advised to make no change respecting the ex-Lithuanian legation at Rome pending further advice.

3. The views of the Foreign Office and the State Department have been ascertained. It is suggested that the Allied Military authorities should terminate the requisition of the ex Lithuanian legation and withdraw from the premises.

4. It is further suggested that every appearance of turning over the subject premises directly to representatives of the Soviet Union is to be avoided. The notification by the Allied Military authorities of the termination of the requisition should be made to the entity from whom the premises were requisitioned, which is believed to be the Banca del Lavoro. General Suslaparov should merely be informed that Allied Military authorities have vacated the premises, and that the Banca del Lavoro has been so advised.

F.R. Stern
for CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

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Copy to: CC RAAC
US POLAD
Br. Res. Min.

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November 25, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: G-5 Section

SUBJECT : Ex-Lithuanian Legation at Rome

Reference is made to Political Section, AGC memorandum (Reference 2671) of September 1, 1944 and memorandum from this office to G-5 Section, AFHQ, dated September 15, 1944, both regarding disposition to be made of the ex-Lithuanian Legation at Rome, which the Soviet representative to the Italian Government has requested be placed at his disposal. The Department of State has now informed us in this connection that it is of the opinion that the Allied Military Authorities should terminate the military requisition on this property and withdraw from their present occupation of the Villa, since the Italian Government had in fact recognized Soviet ownership of the former Lithuanian Legation prior to the outbreak of hostilities between Italy and the Soviet Union and since Italian Government has recently confirmed that the property belongs to the Soviet Government.

The Department suggests that in solving this problem the Allied Military Authorities should avoid any appearance of turning the property directly over to the representatives of the Soviet Government. The notification by the Allied Military Authorities of the termination of the military requisition should be made to the entity from whom the Villa was originally requisitioned and which is understood to be the Ente del Lavoro.

Finally the Department suggests that in replying to Major General Mountbatten's letter of September 9, he merely be informed that the Allied Military Officers have vacated the premises and that the Ente del Lavoro has been advised of the fact.

For the U.S. Political Advisor:

G. F. Reinhardt

Copy to: British Resident Minister
Political Section, AC
American Embassy, Rome
British Ambassador, Rome.

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Ref: 2/357.1

23 November 1944

Dear General Malinovsky:

In reply to your letter of September 9th to the Deputy Allied Commissioner, I regret that instructions have still another from Washington and London on the status of the Re-Liberation Legion in the Mediterranean Area.

It is hoped that no early decision in the matter will be received which will be communicated to you immediately.

Very truly yours,

/s/ [illegible]

[illegible] W. [illegible]
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Major General Malinovsky
Soviet Delegate to the Advisory
Council for Italy
Via Cheta, 5
Rome

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23 November 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief Commissioner

FROM : Political Section

1. Under date of 22 September 1944 G-5 Section, AFHQ, informed the Political Section of a letter by General Suslaparov to CG, RAAC, dated September 9, requesting that he be permitted to occupy the ex-Lithuanian Legation at 116 Via Nomentana. It was stated that the building should remain under requisition pending instructions regarding it from the State Department and the Foreign Office to whom the matter had been referred by U. S. Political Adviser and British Resident Minister.

2. The copy of G-5 Section's memorandum was sent to the CG, RAAC, who on September 28 addressed a letter to General Suslaparov giving him the substance of the memorandum and requesting that he be good enough to hold his request in abeyance until the decision referred to had been made and communicated to CG, RAAC.

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WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

The proposed letter to Suslaparov
paying occupation still awaited
from Washington — London

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23 November 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief Commissioner

FROM : Political Section

1. Under date of 12 September 1944 G-5 Section, AFHQ, informed the Political Section of a request by General Suslaparov to CC, RAAC, dated September 9, requesting that he be permitted to occupy the ex-Lithuanian Legation at 116 Via Nazentana. It was stated that the building should remain under requisition pending instructions regarding it from the State Department and the Foreign Office to whom the matter had been referred by U. S. Political Advisor and British Resident Minister.

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WILLIAM W. SCOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

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H.C.
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The Russians have asked Liaison Department for an explanation of what the "Political Section" has to do with this question.

Their enquiry has been occasioned by Gen. Brown's letter of 28.9.44, which is attached.

2.10.44

Liaison Dept informed
3/10/44

General today at V/P meeting nothing further as a channel of communication. The Decision is that of AFHQ HMC 3/10

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OFFICE OF THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN ITALY,
Via Agostino de Pretis,
NAPLES.
ROME.

26th September 1944

with the compliments of

Mr. A.S. HALFORD.

E. Garcia, Esq.,
Political Section,
Allied Control Commission,
ROME.

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HOME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
APO #794, US ARMY
Office of the Commanding General

TAG/AB
28 September 1944

SUBJECT: Villa, 116 Via Nomentana, Rome.

TO : Major General I. Susloparov, Red Army, U.S.S.R., Military Representative of the U.S.S.R. to the A.C.C., 5 Via Lucca, Rome.

1. Your letter of September 9th, 1944, with reference to the above subject was duly received and forwarded by indorsement to the Commanding General, Allied Force Headquarters. Apparently, Allied Force Headquarters received a communication on this subject from the Political Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission. Under date of 22nd September 1944 the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, Allied Force Headquarters, forwarded a letter to the Political Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission, copy of which was forwarded this Headquarters, directing that no change be made in the status of the property in question pending instructions to be received by the Commanding General, Allied Force Head Quarters, from the State Department, United States Government, and the Foreign Office, British Government.

2. I trust that you will be kind enough to hold your request for the property in abeyance until the decisions referred to above have been communicated to this Headquarters, at which time I shall advise you promptly.

THOMAS A. DRAKE,
Brigadier General, US Army,
Commanding.

Copy to:
Political Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
APO #392, US Army.

HEADQUARTERS
29 Oct 1944
A. C. C.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 386.2 22 September 1944

SUBJECT: Ex Lithuanian Legation at Rome.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394 (Attn: Political Subcommission)

1. On 1 September 1944 your letter (Ref. 387) to this Headquarters on the above subject raised certain questions about the disposition of the subject premises. On 5 September 1944 we replied, and suggested that the building remain under requisition pending further instructions.

2. On 9 September 1944 General SUSLOPAROV wrote to CG RAAC requesting that he be permitted to occupy 116 Via Nomentana, the premises in question. By 1st indorsement dated 16 September 1944 General Susloparov's letter was forwarded to this HQ.

3. The correspondence referred to in paragraph 2 has been brought to the attention of the U.S. Political Adviser and the British Resident Minister, and the question will be considered by the State Department and the Foreign Office.

4. Pending further advice it is suggested that no change be made.

C. Elton Brann Col GS.
for CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

Copy to:- CG, RAAC.

Liaison Sub Com

Will you see that RAAC has been notified & received this info, and are acting on it? Hne 28 Sep

HEADQUARTERS
28 SEP 1944

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September 13, 1944.

Memorandum to: G-5 Section, AFHQ.

Subject : Ex-Lithuanian Legation at Rome

Reference is made to Political Section, ACC memorandum (reference no. 587) of September 1, 1944 regarding the disposition to be made of the ex-Lithuanian Legation at Rome, which the Soviet representative to the Italian Government has requested be placed at his disposal.

This matter was submitted to the Department of State, which has replied that it would prefer that a military requisition be maintained on the building and that if possible the building be occupied by some Allied unit. The Department stated that it desired to avoid, for the time being at least, the second alternative suggested in the Political Section's memorandum under reference, which involved permitting the Italian Government to recognize a right on the part of the Soviet Government to take over property of the Lithuanian State.

We understand that the Political Section, ACC has already been informed of the Department's views in this connection by the Office of the American Representative, Advisory Council for Italy.

For the U. S. Political Adviser

G. F. Reinhardt

Copy to British Resident Minister
" Political Section ACC

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

MEMORANDUM FOR POLITICAL SECTION, ACC.

With regard to the disposition of the former Lithuanian Legation in Rome, a telegram has been received from the Department of State suggesting that if possible the military requisition be maintained and the building occupied by an Allied unit, thus avoiding for the moment at least the alternative given in the Political Section's memorandum of September 1 to G-5, AFHQ.

Rome, September 10, 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Liaison Division
APO 394

9 September 1944

MEMO:

TO : Lt Comdr Grishchinsky
A.D.C. to the Soviet Representative to ACC

In connection with the requisitioning or the occupation of the Lithuanian Legation Villa on Via Nomentana, Rome, let me call your attention to the fact that before occupying any property in Rome authority must be obtained from Rome Allied Area Command at Piazza Venezia. This Command is the only organization in Rome authorized to deal with such matters.

I therefore suggest that you see Lt Col R.H. Cammass of the Real Estate Section of RAAC.

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ENOCH BROWN,
Lt Col, AUS

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Copy to
Mr Caccia

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Palazzo Rc.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

9th September 1944.

Subject : Villa 116 Via Nomentana, Rome.

To : Brigadier General (US Army) Thoburn K.Brown,
Commending General P.A.A.C.

1. I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 9 September 1944, in connection with my desire to enter into occupation of the Villa 116 Via Nomentana.

I am very grateful for the explanations which were so kindly accounted in your letter, for I actually had not known the existing regulations established by the Allied Command as regards of the requizition procedure and the utilization of the accomodations.

I would like to inform you that the Villa 116 Via Nomentana is the property of the Soviet State and, consequently, not subject for requisition. This house was bought by the Former Lithuanian Government in 1937 at the price 3.000.000 Italian lire with the term of payment till 1966.

As you know in 1940 the Lithuanian State incorporated into the U.S.S.R. and as a result, this Villa, as well as all the values of the Lithuanian State, became the property of the Soviet Union.

By the time of the war between Italy and the U.S.S.R. there had been paid for this Villa by the Soviet Union to the Banco del Lavoro over one million and a half Lire. Naturally when the war started the next payments were discontinued and on this ground the Banco di Lavoro stepped forward again as the owner of the Villa.

At the present time the Italian Government by official letter confirmed that the Soviet Union is the owner of this house. Consequently, there is no doubt that the Villa belongs to the Soviet Union.

Considering all accounted above I kindly request your to undertake all necessary steps before A.F.H.Q. with the effect that the Villa 116 Via Nomentana be handed over in my disposal.

With best wishes, I am sincerely yours.

I.SUSLOPAROV
Major General
Red Army USSR

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-51 336.2

5 September 1944

SUBJECT: Ex-Lithuanian Legation at Rome.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Acting Chief Commissioner)

Rec'd ACC, APO 394
Sec'y Gen.
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Rec'd 6 Sept 15:30
By Dave.

1. Mr. Cadola's letter on the above subject, reference 387 of 1 September, has been considered at this Headquarters. The Political Advisers wish to state the case to their respective governments for instructions. Accordingly, the matter is being held in suspense.

2. It is suggested, therefore, that the building will remain under requisition until a further answer is given by this Headquarters.

CHARLES M. ARGYRIS
Colonel, G. S. C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

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For [illegible] 1 September 1946

[illegible] 3-0, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512;
Copies to: British Resident Minister;
U.S. Political Advisor;
Zone Area Command (Col. Cavness)
Rome A.M.G.

Subject : Ex-Lithuanian Legation at Rome.

Telegram No. [illegible] of the 31st August from Main A.C.C. stated that the Soviet representative was going to be told that the ex-Lithuanian Legation at 110 Via Savoiana would not be available for [illegible] occupation. As the disposal of this property raises political considerations we should be grateful for guidance.

2. This property was sold by a notary's deed of the 8th July 1927 to the State of Lithuania represented by the Lithuanian Minister in Italy. After the Russian occupation of Lithuania the estate was transferred in 1941 to the Soviet Government. Subsequently in 1943 as the investment on a mortgage on the property appears not to have been paid the holder of the mortgage, namely a branch of the Credito Italiano della Banca Nazionale del Lavoro are used a forced sale. As a result, on 12 August 1943 the property passed by decree of transfer to the ownership and possession of the Società Immobiliare - Fiorenzio. This decree was given by the Rome Tribunale.

3. [illegible] Kostylev requested the Italian Government that the property should once again be placed at the disposal of the Soviet representative by the Italian Government. The Italian Government for their part are ready and anxious to comply with this request. In the meantime however Allied forces have occupied the building and installed a mess. From the telegram from this A.C.C. under reference it appears that Allied troops will only be in the building until the 10th September. It is therefore a matter of urgency to know what we are to say to the Soviet Representative about the possibility of his taking over the building after that date.

4. There are broadly two alternatives: (a) the requisition on the building can be maintained in which case some other Allied unit should be installed in this property for housing or other purposes; (b) the requisition on the property can be cancelled in which case it is clear that the Italian Government will make arrangements to hand it over to the Soviet Representative. If course (b) is followed, it will be unavoidable that we shall have [illegible]itted the Italian Government to

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recognize the right of the Soviet Government to take over the property of the Lithuanian State.

M. S. CECIL
Vice-President

Copies to:
British High Commissioner
U. S. Representative, Advisory Council

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: AFHQ, ACC ROME AREA

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 72/31

FROM: MAIN AAI

CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

REFERENCE No: Q 2901

PRECEDENCE: NONE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: AUG 311300B

OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

REF CONVERSATION GEMMING - FIELD YESTERDAY. HAVE INSTRUCTED ROME AREA THAT INTERESTED POWER WILL BE TOLD THAT PROPERTY AT 116 VIA NOMENTANA IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THEIR OCCUPATION. AM ARRANGING TO KEEP SMALL HOLDING PARTY IN BUILDING UNTIL 10 SEP. REQUEST YOU CONFIRM BY SIGNAL THAT THIS ACTION CORRECT. BUILDING IN QUESTION FORMERLY LITHUANIAN DIPLOMATIC PROPERTY. FOR ROME AREA YOUR RHCI OF 30 AUG REFERS.

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FROM (A) RAAC

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TO (FOR ACTION) AAI 02

TO (FOR INFORMATION) ACC (CHIEF COMMISSIONER)

MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS OR

(REF. No.) RMC 1

(SECURITY CLASSIFICATION) SECRET

"Paren Rome Area 5444 Paren" reference AFHQ F57656 dated 25 Aug (.) SOVIET delegation to Advisory Council require possession 116 VIA NOMENTANA formerly LITHUANIAN diplomatic property (.) Now your INK mess (.) Will be vacated about 3rd Sep (.) Request immediate instructions as to reply to be given to SOVIET delegation (.) Recommend refer to political section ACC (.) ACK

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Corp. Lee sent a message to Wajir Station to say that he is holding up the repatriation until 10th September. After that

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Present Owner Primo
Società Immob. Viareggio

Giacomo Puccini

Obtained by Public Auction
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Lile Schmeckfass 6/6/31

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Liaison Division
APO 394

29 August 1944

MEMO:
:
TO : Colonel Densmore

1. After obtaining permission from AAI I accompanied Maj Gen Susloparov and Lt Coldr Grishchinsky to inspect the Villa which was the former Lithuanian Legation, at 116 Via Nomentana.

2. The soldier (B) in charge stated that by 3 Sept 44 they will have moved out but that there were some Italian civilians living on the third floor.

3. From what Major General Susloparov said the Russians expect to begin cleaning and repairing the place as soon as it has been evacuated by the British.

4. He asked that we (ACC) notify the Italians to move right away.

5. What should be the position of ACC in the matter?

EB/ac

ENOCH BROWN,
Lt Col

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Copy to:
Mr. Cacoia (Political Section)

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C O P Y

SECRET CIPHER MESSAGE IN

FOLIO NO 31474
25 AUGUST 44
TOO. 251847
TOR. 251847

FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED WILSON CITE FHCAO

TO: MAIN AAI

REF NO. F87656.

Accommodation currently occupied by Main HQ AAI whether for Office Space, Living or Messing, will not be surrendered to any agency without reference to AFHQ. HQ AAI will submit a schedule of all accommodation currently occupied under the above heads indicating the capacity of each building. This list will include buildings, Messes and Sleeping accommodation occupied by advanced elements of AFHQ attached to Main HQ AAI and Camp Sites, stating whether tented hutted or a combination of the two.

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US Ciphers 1 for C/T Adv AAI

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Real Estate Distribution

Political Section ACC.

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116 - via Nomentana

La proprietà dell'immobile è attualmente intestata alla Società Immobiliare "Viareggio" (Giro Puccini), forse longa manus di agenzie sovietiche ("Stella rossa?").

Tale Società Immobiliare ha acquistato l'immobile all'asta dallo Stato di Lituania in data 12 agosto 1943. La vendita all'asta ha avuto luogo perchè non erano state pagate le rate di un mutuo gravante sull'immobile a favore della Banca Nazionale del Lavoro. In detta epoca era commissario prefettizio per i beni dell'ex-Stato Lituano il dott. Umberto Fusco.

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Lo Stato Lituano aveva regolarmente acquistato l'immobile, in persona dell'ambasciatore presso il Regno d'Italia Karnelis, in data 6 giugno 1937 con atto notar Grispini.

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Tale Società Immobiliare ha acquistato l'immobile all'asta dallo Stato di Lituania in data 12 agosto 1943. La vendita all'asta ha avuto luogo perchè non erano state pagate le rate di un mutuo gravante sull'immobile a favore della Banca Nazionale del Lavoro. In detta epoca era commissario prefettizio per i beni dell'ex-Stato Lituano il dott. Umberto Fusco.

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Lo Stato Lituano aveva regolarmente acquistato l'immobile, in persona dell'ambasciatore presso il Regno d'Italia Karnekis, in data 6 giugno 1937 con atto notar Grispini.

Anche i precedenti trasferimenti di proprietà erano regolari.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Liaison Division
APO 394

29 August 1944

MEMO:
:
TO : Colonel Densmore

1. After obtaining permission from AAI I accompanied Maj Gen Susloparov and Lt Comdr Grishchinsky to inspect the Villa which was the former Lithuanian Legation, at 116 Via Nomentana.

2. The soldier (B) in charge stated that by 3 Sept 44 they will have moved out but that there were some Italian civilians living on the third floor.

3. From what Major General Susloparov said the Russians expect to begin cleaning and repairing the place as soon as it has been evacuated by the British.

4. He asked that we (ACC) notify the Italians to move right away.

5. What should be the position of ACC in the matter?

Enoch Brown
ENOCH BROWN,
Lt Col

EB/ac

Copy to:
Mr. Cacoia (Political Section)

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29 August 1944

MEMO TO: Colonel Densmore

SUBJECT: Property at 116 Via Nomentana

I saw Colonel Camrass, Real Estate Officer RAAC, today and he stated that AAI were moving out of the property on the 7th of September. He checked with AAI regarding the "political implications" and AAI stated that as far as they are concerned they have no further interest in whatever disposition is made of the property. Colonel Camrass stated that his inclination would be to de-requisition the property, thus turning its control back to the Italian Government, and let them make disposition. However, Colonel Camrass said that AFHQ has stated that all property occupied by AAI will be "frozen" in its present status and that no change will be made without approval of AFHQ. Therefore we must look to them before anything further can be done.

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ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

Lt Col Brady has a report on this matter which he will send you

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INTER OFFICE MEMO

HQ ACC, APO 394
Secretary Gen.
Rec'd 27 Aug 1944
By IDRR

From: Liaison Office to A/CC

SUBJECT: letter A/CC 386.0 of 24 inst. to Mr. Frunas

FILE No. 0065/LP

Aug. 26 1944

TO: Col. Densmore

Could not reach Mr. Frunas directly.
Telephoned Office of Count Roberti at 10.35/26 Aug.
At 10.45 they answer that the information, received yesterday, has been forwarded directly to the Soviet Representative

T. APOSTOLO
Lt. Comdr
Liaison Officer to A/CC

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10.50 : 26 Aug.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: 116 Via Nomentana

FILE No. A/CC 386.8

25 August 1944

TO: Mr. H. Caccia

Reference attached.

Enclosed is copy of letter 313 from Rome Allied Area Command dated 22 August from which the term "political implications" was taken.

I see now our A/CC 386.8 of 24 August should have been cleared with you all before being sent to Prunas. It is possible that Prunas has not passed information on to Soviet Representative yet.

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Densmore.

Incls:
as above.

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Hq. A.C.C. Sec'y Gen.
DISPATCHED
Date/Time 25 Aug 1945
Via Mag.
Initials DKR

Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

A/CC 386.8

116 Via Nomentana

25 August 4

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Colonel Desmond

This file reached me for the first time yesterday. In view of the sentence underlined I asked for the previous to see where political advice had come from. It is still in doubt: but I should much like to know because it certainly are "political implications".

AAC 25/8

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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
REAL ESTATE SECTION
APO 794, U.S Army

FILE: REA 313

S E C R E T

August 22, 1944

Subject: 116 Via Nomentana

To : The Office of the Chief Commissioner
HQ ACC (att. Major QUAYLE)

1. Reference your A/CC 386.8 dated 18th August 44 relating to the above property.

2. It is regretted that an earlier reply has not been given to your query, but this was impossible in view of the political implications raised and the uncertainty of the position of the Officers Mess now in occupation.

3. It is now possible to state that the property could be surrendered in approximately 2 to 3 weeks time.

4. Will you please state whether this suggestion meets with your approval.

5. It is understood that if earlier surrender is insisted upon, considerable inconvenience may be caused.

/s/ R. H. Camrass
/t/ R. H. CAMRASS
Lt Col AGMG
Real Estate Officer

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T/3 Edmiston, Chief Clerk, Secretary General

Mr. Caccia would li' to see the references onthis. Coul. you lend them to us?

T/3 D.N. Decker
Chief Clerk
Political Section

Deck:
Am enclosing surplus copies of prisons correspondence herewith. You may keep them. One missing letter, (the reply from RAAC to May 9.) is quoted directly in Capt. Stone's ltr. to Prisons. Do not sending it along. OK?
SM

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EWS/ajp

A/CC 386.8

24 August 1944

Dear Dr. Prunas:

This is in further reference to your letter 1573/32 of 8 August 1944 relative to the de-requisitioning of the former residence of the Lithuanian Legation at 116 Via Nomentana.

We are in receipt of the following information from Rome Allied Area Command with respect to the property in question:

"It is regretted that an earlier reply has not been given to your query, but this was impossible in view of the political implications raised and the uncertainty of the position of the Officers Mess now in occupation.

"It is now possible to state that the property could be surrendered in approximately 2 to 3 weeks time.

"Will you please state whether this suggestion meets with your approval.

"It is understood that if earlier surrender is insisted upon, considerable inconvenience may be caused."

It is requested that you inform me whether or not the surrender of the property can be delayed from 2 to 3 weeks, as requested by the Military Forces.

Yours very truly,

MILTON W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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His Excellency don Renato Prunas,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Rome.

Hq. A.C.C. - Secy Gen.
DISPATCHED
Date - Time 24 AUG 1944
Via msg 1600
Initials

cc. Political Section.

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JAC/ajp

A/CC 326.8 18 August 1946

SUBJECT: 116 Via Nomentana

TO : Lieutenant Colonel R. H. Courson,
A. F. M. G. (Real Estate)
Rome Allied Area Command.

1. In a phone conversation on 10 August it was requested that information be furnished on the question of the Villa at 116 Via Nomentana.

2. The reason for the request was the desire expressed by the Italian Government to return it to the Soviet Representative, since the building which had been the Lithuanian Legation was in 1941 transferred to the Soviet Government.

3. On August 10 the reply was given that the Villa at present contained an officers' mess of A.A.I. and that the question of their departure would be looked into. Since then nothing further has been heard.

4. Since then the matter has become more pressing and it is requested that the situation be clarified at the earliest possible date.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

J. A. CHAVEZ
Major, R. A.
P. A. to A/CC

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Hq. A.C.C. Sec'y Gen.
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Date - Time 19 aug 0950
VIA 116
initials ARM.

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Ministero Degli Affari Esteri

Il Segretario Generale

Rome 8 Aug. 1944

1573/32

Dear Admiral,

A few days ago M. Kostylev informed me that the former residence of the Lithuanian Legation at 116, Via Nomentana, which in 1941 had been transferred to the Soviet Government, had subsequently been occupied by offices of the Ministry of the Interior, adding, at the same time, that he would much appreciate if the building could once more be placed at the disposal of the Soviet Representative with the Italian Government.

In accordance with M. Kostylev's wishes, our Ministry approached the Ministry of the Interior, and we were assured that the latter had given instructions to vacate the Villa. Meanwhile, however it appears that British Forces have occuped it for the purpose of installing there a military mess.

I should much appreciate, dear Admiral, if you would kindly consider the possibility of your intervention in order that the Villa might be abandoned by the occupying forces and returned to the Soviet Representative.

Thanking you in advance,

Very cordialy yours 5088

/s/ R. Prunas

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

ROME.

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L'immobile in ROMA alla Via Nomentana 116, in angolo Via Antonio Nibby, costituito da Villino di lusso con accessori ed annesso terreno della superficie di circa 9.000 mq. = in Catasto Mappa 65 N. 1618 e 1619 = è stato venduto con atto del Notajo Grispini di Roma del 6 Luglio 1937 dai Sigg. PAGE Nelson Giorgio fu Page Blunt Giorgio, domiciliato a Roma Via Tanaro 14 e N. D. ROCA Maria Luisa fu Giacomo Ved. Page Blunt Giorgio (deceduto in Roma il 14 Maggio 1930) domiciliata in Roma Albergo Ambasciatori, allo STATO LITUANO, rappresentato da S.E. Waldemaras Carneckis fu Antonas Ministro della LITUANIA presso la Real Corte d'Italia.=

La Sezione di CREDITO FONDIARIO DELLA BANCA NAZIONALE DEL LAVORO = creditrice ipotecaria per mutuo concesso sull'immobile = promuoveva l'esproprio del medesimo nei confronti dell'inadempiente proprietario STATO LITUANO, rappresentato dal Commissario Prefettizio Signor Comm.Dr.Umberto FUSCO, domiciliato in Roma in Via Mentana 2,e,con decreto di trasferimento del 12 Agosto 1943 di questo Tribunale, l'immobile passava in proprietà ed in possesso della

SOCIETA' IMMOBILIARE VIAREGGIO

della quale è Amministratore Unico l'Ing. Gino PUCCINI fu Torello, domiciliato in Roma Via Monti Parioli 6 con Ufficio in Via Francesco Crispi N. 20.= Prezzo Lire circa 9.000.000 (novemilioni).

L'Ente oggi intestatario dell'immobile è rappresentato da nominativo che la corrente voce pubblica accusa da tempo come cellula " della Stella Rossa " , anche a giustificazione della imponente, colossale fortuna accumulata in quest'ultimo decennio dal nominativo stesso il quale ama far credere di essere passato in breve volgere di tempo dalla " bancarotta " ad enorme ricchezza perchè "procuratore di grossi industriali cotonieri dell'alta Italia ".

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The realty situated in Rome, 116 Via Nomentana, corner Via Antonio Nibby, consists of a small luxurious villa with accessories and adjoining land of about 9000 square meters (Catastral Map 65 N°1618 & 1619) and was sold by a deed of Notary GRISPINI of Rome on 6 July 1937. Vendor: Sig. PAGE Nelson Giorgio, (son of the late PAGE Blunt Giorgio) domiciled in Rome Albergo Ambasciatori. Vendee: The State of LITHUANIA represented by H.E. WALDEMARAS Carneekis (son of the late ANTONAS) Minister of Lithuania at the Royal Court of Italy.

The Branch of CREDITO FONDIARIO della "BANCA NAZIONALE DEL LAVORO" mortgage creditor on the realty for a loan granted to the owner, proposed a forced sale of said realty against the defaulting owner the Lithuanian State represented by the Prefectoral Commissioner Sig. Comm. Dr. UMBERTO Fusco, residing at Rome 2 Via Mentana, and by a Decree of transfer issued by this Tribunal on 12 Aug 1943 the property passed in the ownership and possession of the SOCIETA' IMMOBILIARE - VIAREGGIO; Ing. GINO PUCCINI son of the late Torello, domiciled in Rome, - - 6 VIA MONTI PARIOLI (Office at 20 Via Francesco Crispi) is the sole administrator of the Società. Price about 9.000.000 (nine millions).

The Company which today is the owner of the realty is represented by a man whom the public opinion accuses of being a cell of the "RED STAR" thus also explaining the tremendous, colossal fortune accumulated within the last decade by the said man who would like to make people believe that in a short period of time he has passed from bankruptery to an enormous wealth because he "represented large industrial cotton works in Northern Italy".

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