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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 324

9 September 1944.

Ref/314/228/OA.

SUBJECT: Prince George RADZIWILL.

TO : S.C.A.O. AMG Fifth Army.

1. An enquiry has been received at this H.Q. regarding the circumstances of the arrest by the British Police on 29 August 44 at Arezzo of Prince George RADZIWILL.

2. The Vice President, Political Section, is given to understand that this man has pro-Allied sympathies and that his family are well known in England and have done good work for the Allies in London since 1940.

3. I shall be obliged if you will investigate the matter and report to this H.Q.

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Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to Political Section.

505-RADZIWILL

*Political 8334*ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO #12

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G-5: 014.33-8

10 January 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Consul General at Bucharest.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

1. Reference is made to letter F/508-24 of 6 January 45, regarding the repatriation of Signor Andrea RAUCCI.

2. The prescribed application for Allied Force permit, as already requested for other members of this party, will receive consideration on receipt here.

3. It is notified for information that the request is approved and application will in all probability be considered favorably. The Italian authorities may be so informed and invited to give the necessary instructions.

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

W. D. Duffell
W. D. DUFFELL
Major.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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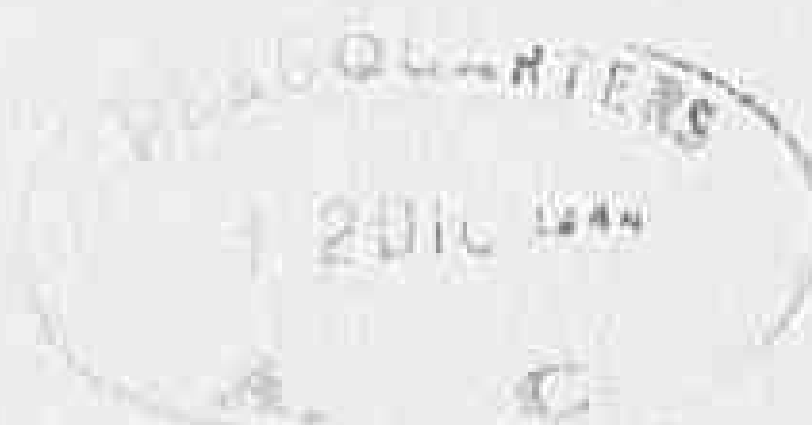
11 December 1944

SUBJECT: LTR for Signor Nicola Ramondelli.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

The application for LTR and authorization for travel to Spain of the above-named individual is disapproved.

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



F. J. Doughty
F. J. Doughty,
Captain, A.C.D.

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505-RAMONDELLI

Cop. to USA application filed to the Attorney General
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 594

Ref: 505-RA

5 December 1944

SUBJECT: Request for MTA for Servant of Italian Minister to
Portugal

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

1. The Political Section has received the attached memorandum and MTA application form from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs with a request that authorization be given for the travel of a servant of the Italian Minister to Portugal from Rome to Lisbon.

2. As the Italian Minister to Portugal already has received authorization for one servant to accompany him to Portugal, it is the understanding of the Political Section that the present application should be refused in accordance with the policy of G-2 that only one servant is allowed to accompany each official.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice President, Political Section

1 Encl: Memo No. 6/413/471 dtd 28 Nov 44,
with MTA appl for Randolli enclosed.

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no. 6/218/271

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

Ufficio Collegamento

MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.

Please find enclosed herewith M.F.A. application forms, duly filled in by Signor Nicola RAMONDELLI, cook in the employ of the Italian Minister to Portugal.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would appreciate if the competent Allied Authorities could kindly grant Sig. RAMONDELLI the necessary authorisation and facilities for his journey. *[Signature]*

Rome, November 28th 1944

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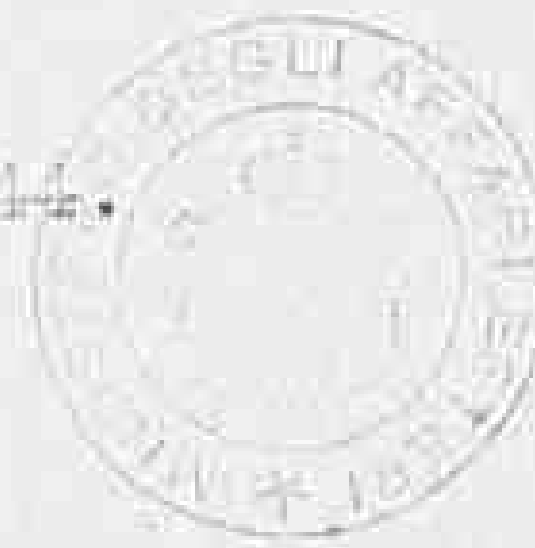
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.C.

Reference is made to Memorandum of the Political Section of the A.C.C. no. 505 of May 11th, 1944, concerning Signor Giovanni Battista Raimondi.

Signor Raimondi has informed on August 15th, through the Italian Embassy in Buenos Aires, (which had been asked by this Ministry to get in touch with him) that he does not wish to return to Italy for the time being. *EdB*

Rome, 1st September, 1944.



505 - Raimondi

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FIL 661 DABUENOSAIRES 159 TELIMINISTERIALI 13 ET 51
 INGEGNER RAIMONDI NONINTENDE PERORA RIEPATRIARE
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 ETSOCIALE INQUESTI AMBIENTI ITALIANI ETARGENTINI
 SPECIALMENTE CATTOLICI HA MANIFESTATO SENTIMENTI
 PATRIOTTICI ETTENDENZA POLITICA DEMOCRATICA -

PAULUCCI

FROM: Madrid
 DATE: 12 Aug 44

No. 661: From Buenos Aires: "159. Your 13 and 51. Ing. Raimondi does not intend at present to repatriate. He has a good professional and social position in this surroundings of Italians and Argentines; especially the Catholics, he has manifested sentiments of patriotism and a democratic political tendency."

PAULUCCI

505-Raimondi

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From: Buenos Aires
 To: Italdi Mairia
 8 agosto 1944

PER ESTERI 159 PUNTO FEDMINISTERIALI 13 ET 51 PUNTO INGEGNER
 RAIMONDI NOT INTENDE PER ORA RIMPATRIARE PUNTO TRATTASI
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 HAST MANIFESTATO SENTIMENTI PATRIOTTICI ET TENDENZA POLITICA
 DEMOCRATICA

GARBACCIO

FROM: BUENOS AIRES
 DATE: 8 Aug 44

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Raimondi from E.A.

No. 159: Your 13 and 51. Engineer Raimondi does not intend to repatriate now,
 due to his good professional and social position in Italian and Argentine society.

GARBACCIO

505-RAIMONDI

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Telegramma in PARTENZA

N° coll.: 709

Oggetto: GIOVANNI BATTISTA RAIMONDI

Data: 14.5.44

Tramite: NINO CHIARA

Diretto a: R. AMBASCIATA ITALIA - Q. D'ORO

Testo: (originale)

N° 349 (.) Per Buenos Aires (.)

N. 64 - Giorno 14 (.) suo 31 (.) Comunicazioni ricevute Raimondi (.)
Ricordo Gullierrez (1038 (.) Acquasua RGA (.)



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505 - Raimondi

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Consegnato a: CHI

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Oggetto: GIOVANNI BATTISTA RAIMONDI

Data: 14.6.44

Tramite: FIORELLI

Diretto a: S. EMERANZIATA TALLIARA - ROMA

Testo: (originale)

Nº. 349 (..) Per Buenos Aires(..)

N. 51 - Giugno 14 (..) Aug 21 (..) Comunque richiesto Raimondi (..)
Ricordo Giulio (1938(,)) L'occasione 1938(,)



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505 - Raimondi

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Consegnato a: CM

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May 11, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Royal Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Reference is made to Memorandum No. 1549 of March 24, 1944, in which the Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs requested that further information be obtained in regard to Signor Raimondi who wishes to return to Italy.

The substance of the Memorandum under reference was communicated to the Department of State which has now informed this office that Signor Raimondi's address is Ricardo Gutierrez 1038, Acassuso, FCCA.

Samuel Reber
Vice President Allied Control Commission
Political Section

505 - RAIMONDI

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Civil Affairs Office

May 5, 1944

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

SUBJECT: Desire of Juan Battista Reimondi to return to Italy.

Reference is made to your memorandum of April 5, 1944, on this subject, transmitting the Italian Foreign Office request for the address of Signor Reimondi in Buenos Aires, and for further details concerning him.

The substance of your memorandum was communicated to the Department of State which now has informed this office that Signor Reimondi's address is Ricardo Miliarez 1033, Acassuso, PBA.

The Department also states that the American Embassy in Buenos Aires comments that the Italian Charge d'Affaires there easily could have ascertained Reimondi's address from the Italian Libre Group in that city.

For the U.S. Political Advisor:

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Copy to: G-2, AFHQ
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Mr. Kirk

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 394

U.S. ARMY

April 6, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Civil Affairs Section, Allied Force Headquarters.

Reference is made to Civil Affairs Memorandum dated March 27, 1944, concerning the desire of Juan Bautista Raimondi to return to Italy. Signor Raimondi's request for service under the Italian Government was transmitted to the Italian Foreign Office on January 8, which inquired through its Mission in Buenos Aires for further details concerning him. The Italian Charge d'Affaires in Buenos Aires replied that he was unable to trace Signor Raimondi. Requests addressed to the members of the Partito Popolare regarding Signor Raimondi have not elicited any detailed information concerning him, his political views or capabilities.

In these circumstances the Italian Foreign Office has asked for further details regarding Signor Raimondi, and his address, in order that the Italian representative in Buenos Aires may get into touch with him.

Samuel Reber
Vice President, Allied Control Commission
Political Section

605-RAIMONDI

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Civil Affairs Office

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March 27, 1944.

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

From: Civil Affairs Office.

SUBJECT: Desire of Juan Bautista Raimondi to return
to Italy.

There is enclosed a copy of a despatch from the American Embassy at Buenos Aires to the Department of State, dated September 13, 1943, which contains information concerning one Juan Bautista Raimondi, and his desire to return to Italy.

Raimondi's request for service in Italy under the Allied authorities was turned down. Later, an amended request for service under the Italian Government was transmitted to the Allied Control Commission in a telegram dated January 3, 1944.

This office now has received from the Department of State a telegram reading, in substance, as follows:

"No longer insisting on a post in the Italian Government, ~~and~~ Juan Bautista Raimondi wishes to return to Italy to use his influence among democratic elements in favor of their forgetting minor differences and concentrating on the major objective of collaborating with the Allies to drive the nazis from Italy'. Please ascertain if there is any objection in the Italian Government or in AFHQ to his return at this time to Italy."

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It would be appreciated if you would report the attitude of the Italian Government and the Allied Control Commission in the matter.

K. F. Reinhardt
C. F. Reinhardt

Enclosure:
Copy of despatch.

Copies to: MCS, G-2, and British Resident Minister

C O P Y

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Buenos Aires, Argentina, September 10, 1945.

No. 11903

Subject: J. Juan Bautista Reimondi, former Italian
Deputy, Recommended to Embassy by Church
Authorities for Service in Italy.CONFIDENTIALThe Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the Embassy has received a formal letter from the Ecclesiastic Curia signed by Monsignor Antonio Rocca, titular Bishop of Augusta, Auxiliary to the Cardinal, recommending J. Juan Bautista REIMONDI, former Italian deputy of the Popular or Christian Democratic party, now residing in Argentina, for service in Italy under the Allied occupation authorities. Reimondi himself has called at the Embassy and submitted a long letter offering his services and setting forth his Christian, democratic and pro-allied sentiments.

Msr. Rocca's letter translated reads as follows:

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"Msr. Rocca thanks the Chargé d'Affaires in advance for whatever he is able to do in favor of

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Bishop de Andres, the Argentine Bishop who visited the United States last year at the invitation of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, has also earnestly interceded on behalf of Raimondi before this Embassy.

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No attempt will be made herein to appraise Raimondi's character or capacity. He has indicated that he is well known personally or by reputation to Count Bforce, Max Ascoli and Don Luis Sturzo, from any or all of whom the Department can no doubt obtain reliable information about him if it is interested. At the Department's request, the Embassy will of course be glad to make a more detailed inquiry into Raimondi's reputation and activities in the past and present.

Briefly, Raimondi's career appears to have been the following: Until 1923, he was active in politics as a provincial deputy of the Province of Alexandria in Piemonte and as the Popular Party's candidate from Tortona, Piemonte. He came to Argentina in August, 1923, after it became clear that men of democratic stamp were no longer safe in Italy if they wished to take part in public affairs.

He became a naturalized Argentine and as an expert in wine culture, was given a post in the Ministry of Agriculture. He has a brother and two sisters in Italy and a daughter in Argentina married to a wealthy manufacturer. He states that he has considerable means of his own and intends to return to Italy as soon after the war as possible on his own account, if unable to obtain the consent of the Allies to do so. The Ministry of Agriculture here has created him indefinite leave without pay.

Raimondi believes he could be of use to the occupation authorities in many capacities and states that he is willing to serve in an administrative post or as a journalist, or wherever he can be most helpful. From the short conversation the Embassy had with Raimondi, however, the feeling was gathered that he entertained aspirations of a rather high order. He mentioned that his experience in Italy and in the Ministry of Agriculture here in Argentina gave him special qualifications to tackle the Italian food problem. He had prepared a plan for providing Italy not only with meat and other foods for immediate consumption, but also with livestock to improve and increase her depleted herds and flocks. The plan entails the utilization of the blocked Italian credits in Argentine deriving from the sale two years ago to the Argentine Government of the Italian ships which now form part of the Argentine Government's merchant fleet.

It was explained to Raimondi that in general the United States Government does not favor the sending to Italy of expatriates, who have not lived in Italy for many years, to serve in administrative posts (see Department's telegram No. 1172, August 6, 6 p.m.) but that nevertheless his offer would be made known to the Department in case advantage could be taken of it.

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The British Embassy here has forwarded Raimondi's offer, together with a note recommending him, to its Government in London.

Respectfully yours,

(s) EDWARD L. REED

Edward L. Reed,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim.

File 800.
JME:mjb
Original for recall to Dept.

March 27, 1944.

To: Political Section,
Allied Control Commission,
Naples.

From: Civil Affairs Office.

SUBJECT: Desire of Juan Bautista Raimondi to return
to Italy.

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Raimondi's request for service in Italy under the Allied authorities was turned down. Later, an amended request for service under the Italian Government was transmitted to the Allied Control Commission in a telegram dated January 3, 1944.

This office now has received from the Department of State a telegram reading, in substance, as follows:

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Enclosure:
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Copies to: MOS, G-2, and British Resident Minister

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Respectfully yours,

/s/ EDWARD L. REED

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From: Civil Affairs Office.

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This office now has received from the Department of State a telegram reading, in substance, as follows:

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Enclosure:
Copy of despatch.

Copies to: MRG, G-2, and British Resident Minister

C O P YEMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Buenos Aires, Argentina, September 13, 1943.

No. 11303

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"Msr. Rocca thanks the Chargé d'Affaires in advance for whatever he is able to do in favor of this request."

Bishop de Andres, the Argentine Bishop who visited the United States last year at the invitation of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, has also earnestly interceded on behalf of Raimondi before this Embassy.

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No attempt will be made herein to appraise Raimondi's character or capacity. He has indicated that he is well known personally or by reputation to Count Sforza, Max Ascoli and Don Luis Sturzo, from any or all of whom the Department can no doubt obtain reliable information about him if it is interested. At the Department's request, the Embassy will of course be glad to make a more detailed inquiry into Raimondi's reputation and activities in the past and present.

Briefly, Raimondi's career appears to have been the following: Until 1924, he was active in politics as a provincial deputy of the Province of Alexandria in Piedmont and as the Popular Party's candidate from Tortona, Piemonte. He came to Argentina in August, 1923, after it became clear that men of democratic stamp were no longer safe in Italy if they wished to take part in public affairs.

He became a naturalized Argentine and as an expert in wine culture, was given a post in the Ministry of Agriculture. He has a brother and two sisters in Italy and a daughter in Argentine married to a wealthy manufacturer. He states that he has considerable means of his own and intends to return to Italy as soon after the war as possible on his own account. If unable to obtain the consent of the Allies to go now. The Ministry of Agriculture here has granted him indefinite leave without pay.

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It was explained to Raimondi that in general the United States Government does not favor the sending to Italy of expatriates, who have not lived in Italy for many years, to serve in administrative posts (see Department's telegram No. 1172, August 6, 1918, 3 p.m.) but that nevertheless his offer would be made known to the Department in case advantage could be taken of it.

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The British Embassy here has forwarded Raimondi's offer, together with a note recommending him, to the Government in London.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ EDWARD L. REED

Edward L. Reed,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim.

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Original for Madrid to Dept.

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SVC/RELAY NO.

M/C NO : 22/7

CLASS : CONFIDENTIAL

REF NO : NONE

PREC : ROUTINE

FILED : JAN 03

FROM : FREEDOM SIGNED GENE CITE PRECIV

REC'D : JAN 071510A

TO : PATERA

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Transmitting paraphrase of State Department telegram 239 January 1.

"Giovanni Battista Raimondi wishes to offer his services to Italian Government. He feels he could be useful in post of some importance. Should no such post be available in present Italian Government or administration, he would prefer to wait until war is over. Raimondi's offer of service should be transmitted Italian Government and if he can be used approval for his return should be obtained. Since Raimondi was member of Partito Popolare Romano could supply information should Raimondi be unknown to present Government.

"Our Ambassador at Buenos Aires reported that Raimondi has support of certain church officials in Argentina who while in minority have been combating development of "Catholic Fascism" in Argentina. Ambassador believes that Vatican is interested in Raimondi's return. Department has received communication from British Embassy expressing approval of Raimondi return if his services can be used by Italian Government. Reported that Raimondi is prepared to renounce his Argentine citizenship and that Argentine authorities will raise no difficulties to such act."

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- 1 - Diary
- 1 - Gen. Taylor INFO
- 1 - Mr. Caccia ACTION

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In reply refer to:
201 Raimondi

8 January 1944

His Excellency don Renato Prunas
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Information has been received that Mr. Giovanni Battista Raimondi desires to offer his services to the Italian Government, if he can be useful in a post of some importance. He would prefer to wait until the war is over if no such post is available in the present Italian Government or administration. Mr. Raimondi was a member of the Partito Popolare, and it is believed that Rodino could give information concerning him, if Mr. Raimondi is unknown to the present Government. It is reported that Mr. Raimondi has the support of certain church officials in Argentina who have been combating the development of "Catholic Fascism" in Argentina. It is believed by responsible sources that the Vatican is interested in Mr. Raimondi's return. It is also reported that Mr. Raimondi is prepared to renounce his Argentine citizenship, and that Argentine authorities will raise no difficulties in this case.

Will Your Excellency please state whether it is desired that Mr. Raimondi be returned to Italy at this time.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.C.C.
Secretary of Commission

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Transmitting paraphrase of State Department telegram 259 January 1.

"Giovanni Battista Salimanti wishes to offer his services to Italian Government. He feels he could be useful in post-war reconstruction. Should no such post be available in present Italian Government or administration, he would prefer to wait until war is over. Salimanti's offer of service should be transmitted Italian Government and if he can be used approval for his return should be obtained. Since Salimanti was member of Italian Regime could supply information should Salimanti be unknown to present Government.

"Our Ambassador at Buenos Aires reported that Salimanti has report of certain church officials in Argentina who while in minority have been combating development of "Catholic Fascism" in Argentina. Ambassador believes that Vatican is interested in Salimanti's return. Department has received communication from British Embassy expressing approval of Salimanti return if his services can be used by Italian Government. Reported that Salimanti is prepared to renounce his Argentine citizenship and that Argentine authorities will cause no difficulties to such act."

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In reply refer to:
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8 January 1944

His Excellency Don Renato Prunas
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Information has been received that Mr. Giovanni Battista Rainaldi desires to offer his services to the Italian Government, if he can be useful in a post of some importance. He would prefer to wait until the war is over if no such post is available in the present Italian Government or administration. Mr. Rainaldi was a member of the Partito Popolare, and it is believed that Rodino could give information concerning him, if Mr. Rainaldi is unknown to the present Government. It is reported that Mr. Rainaldi has the support of certain church officials in Argentina who have been combating the development of "Catholic Factories" in Argentina. It is believed by reasonable sources that the Vatican is interested in Mr. Rainaldi's return. It is also reported that Mr. Rainaldi is prepared to renounce his Argentine citizenship, and that Argentine authorities will raise no difficulties in this case.

Will Your Excellency please state whether it is desired that Mr. Rainaldi be returned to Italy at this time.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ROBERT E. DOB
Major, A.C.C.
Secretary of Commission

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Base document (letter or telegram)
from AFHQ (?) is missing.

A careful search of the Brindisi
files, the Sec'y General's files, and
the Political Section files has been
made and the document has not been
found.

DM Decker

28 March 1944

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R. MINISTERO
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No 1549

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

Reference is made to the letter N.201 dated January 8, concerning the former member of the "Partito Popolare" Signor Raimondi, who wishes to return to Italy provided that assurance be given to him of his appointment to an important post in the Government or Administration.

Information requested amongst other old members of the "Partito Popolare" as to Signor Raimondi's personality, political past, capacities etc. have not given much elucidation. On the other hand the Italian Chargé d'Affaires in Buenos Ayres, who had been asked to get in touch with Signor Raimondi, has been unable to trace him.

Under the circumstances this Ministry will be much obliged to the Allied Control Commission for any further details about Signor Raimondi and his exact present whereabouts.

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Salerno, March 24, 1944.

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The following is no. 42 from the Italian Legation, Lisbon, for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dated March 11.

The following cable, no. 51, is forwarded by this Legation to the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the request of the Royal Charge d'Affaires in Buenos Aires: "Individual untraceable but research continues. If possible please send his address. Garbaccio. Reference Ministry's Telegram No. 13."

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10 Mar 1944

SPECIAL

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March 14, 1944

TO: Political Section,
Allied Control Commission,
Naples.

SUBJECT: Telegrams for Italian Ministry of Foreign
Affairs.

There are enclosed three telegrams for the Italian
Ministry of Foreign Affairs from its Legation at Bern,
and two from its Legation at Lisbon.

G. F. Reinhardt

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Telegramma in PARTENZA

Nº. coll: 138

Oggetto: Giovanni Battista Raimondi

Data: February 21, 1944

Tramite: C.A.C.

Diretto a: Italian Embassy - BUENOS AYRES

Testo: (originale)

Nº. 13 February 21 (.) Please wire information on Giovanni Battista Raimondi(,) now living in Buenos Ayres (,) who apparently belonged to disbanded Italian Popular Party and would now desires to repatriate (.)

Prunas

(Traduzione)

N. 13 febbraio 21 (.) Prego telegrafare informazioni circa Giovanni Battista Raimondi(,) costi' residente(,) il quale avrebbe appartenuto disciolto Partito Popolare Italiano et desidererebbe ora rientrare in Italia (.)

Prunas



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Consegnato a: C.A.C.

Il: 22 *full*

505 - Raimondi, GB

BUENOS AIRES 2352Raimondi

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8 January 1944

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Will Your Excellency please state whether it is desired that Mr. Raimondi be returned to Italy at this time.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ROBERT E. DON
Major, A.C.C.
Secretary of Commission

505- Raimondi, Giovanni Battista

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File

Ref: P/505-RA

6 January 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Consul
General at Bucharest.

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters.

1. There has been received from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Memorandum No. 6/22/8 dated 4 Jan 45 requesting the assistance of Allied Authorities in obtaining the repatriation from Bucharest of the Italian Consul General in that City, Sig. Andrea Reinaldi, who has been recalled to Rome.

2. It would be appreciated were G-5 Section to consider this matter and take what action it deems appropriate.

For the Chief Commissioner:

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice President, Political Section

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

Ufficio Collegamento

MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.S.

Signor Andrea RAIMALDI, Italian Consul General at Bucarest, has been recalled to Rome.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be grateful if the Political Section could kindly approach the competent Allied Authorities in order to obtain that all possible travel facilities be granted to Signor Raimaldi for his journey from Bucarest.

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Rome, 4th January 1943



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Cable from FATIMA REAR to FREEDOM; #2201 of 28 January 1944:

From Italian Foreign Ministry to Lisbon Legation:

Professors Repanotti, Petrone, and Passina
who were recalled last August are to repatriate as soon as possible.
Ministry of Education will find position for them.

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ROUTINE

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FREEDOM

261854A Oct

WIDEST rptd PATIA 15th Army Group for
 AMG signed Eisenhower cite FIMOS

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Reference your 9431 of 19th October. Information received 15th that Doctor Curtis
 now in Addis Ababa. His son should therefore be sent Ethiopia.

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

13 November 1943.

MS 382-6

SUBJECT: Ethiopians found in Italy.

TO : H. 1st Army Group
Allied Military Mission, 1st, British.
HQ 406, 1st.

The following is a copy of a memorandum received from the Office of the British Resident Minister.

His Majesty's Charge d'Affaires at Cairo reports that he has been called on him on October 22nd to express his deep appreciation of the kindness shown to him by the Allied authorities in Italy and of the arrangements made to transport him and his party to Egypt. He asked that his thanks should be conveyed to the Allied authorities and be accompanied by special gratitude of the help which he had received from the Military Government at Turin.

[Signature]
H. E. JACKSON
Lt. Colonel

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M/C NO: 7/27

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

REF NO: 2577

PREC: ROUTINE

FILED: 261854A

FROM: FREEDOM

REC'D: 270601A

TO: MIDEAST rptd FATIMA 15th Army Group for
 AMF signed Eisenhower cite FLEGS

Reference your 9341 of 19th October. Information received 15th that Doctor Martin
 now in Addis Ababa. His son should therefore be sent Ethiopia.

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

M/C NR : 6/21

CLASS : SECRET

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PREC : OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FILED : 201055A

FROM : AMOT 15 ARMY GROUP

REC'D : 210534A

TO : WRENCH for MOB rptd MIDEAST FATIMA

Your 9341 of 19th October paragraph 4. (A) Paa Imru escaped party of Ethiopians in company of British Officer left for Cairo by air 20th October Middle East informed. (B and C) To be answered by Fatima. (D) Estimated time of arrival Cairo 1300 hours 20th.

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SVC/RELAY NR:

M/C NR : 41/20

CLASS: SECRET

REF. NO. 70

PREC : PRIORITY

FILED : 201948A

FROM : FREEDOM

RWG'D : 212345A

TO : FATHA

Matter becoming complicated owing receipt cables and information both from you and
 and 15th Army Group. FATHA signed BLANKENHORN cite VIMMO reference your 490 of
19 October. Request you answer forthwith questions in paragraph 4 our 9341 of
 19 October addressed 15th Army Group for AM copy to you. Resident Ministers
 office this Headquarters wish warn embassy CAIRO arrival AM IMMO and desire
 information reference MARTIN. Essential you coordinate with MIDWEST and in-
 form reference screening etc.

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201 - Paris France

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

REFERENCE COPY #490

19 Oct

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FATIMA SIGNED TAYLOR PD PRESUME THAT THERE CAN THEREFORE BE NO QUESTION OF THEIR
DORA FIDES AND THAT THE SCREEN THEY ARE SENT TO MIDEAST FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION
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FROM : RATTIA

TO : WHEEDON for MGS

R/C NR :

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 AND THAT THE SOURCE THEY ARE SENT TO WHEEDON FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION THE REASON TO
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 AND NOTE TO ADVISE YOU EARLIEST OF DATE ETC
Captain Morris - Rattia PD HQ ME have been informed PD. Macdon
remains for moment call of AM 607 Region Two.

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 1 - Mr Cecelia

AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT S. DOE
 Major, A.C.D.
 Secretary of the Mission

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

M/C NR : 07/18

CLASS: SECRET

REF. NO: 8494/17

PREC : ROUTINE

FILED : 171414A

FROM : FREEDOM

REC'D : 180723A

TO : FATIMA

Agree you arrange for Ras Ibru to proceed Egypt soonest as he is wanted in Addis Ababa. TO FATIMA SIGNED BISHOPMAN CITE HIDE IN REPLY YOUR MESSAGE 409 OF 14 OCTOBER 1943.

Remaining Ethiopian subject there held pending screening which should be arranged earliest.

Foreign Office being contacted reference Harlin (?) and you will be informed whether he shall await screening or be conveyed forthwith United Kingdom.

Widest will be informed by this headquarters regarding Ras Ibru and remainder Ethiopian subjects and on receipt from you of estimated time of arrival Ras Ibru in Egypt this headquarters will request Widest make all arrangements including preparations for onward journey to Addis Ababa.

Please report whether you consider it necessary screen all Ethiopian subjects less Ras Ibru and also if latter requires retainers for his journey. If retainers required state whether such persons are available among party who have either been screened or whose Bona Fides are established.

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REFERENCE COPY # 409

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HENNELL REPORTS THAT HAS IMRU AND EIGHTEEN OTHER ETHIOPIAN SUBJECTS HAVE BEEN FOUND IN COLABRIA PD THEY ARE NOW HOUSED IN HOTEL AT CORIGLIANO PD TO FREEDOM RPT AFTER ADVANCE COMMAND POST AT AMILCAR FROM FATMA SIGNED TAYLOR FREEDOM PASS IN CLIPPER HELD PD PARA I AM TRYING TO ARRANGE FOR THEM TO LEAVE IN CHARGE OF AN OFFICER BY SHIP FOR ALEXANDRIA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE CMA EXCEPT FOR MARTIN CMA WHO WISHED TO JOIN HIS FATHER DOCTOR MARTIN IN ENGLAND AND WHO I AM THEREFORE SENDING TO ALGIERS PD PARA I WILL TRY TO GIVE ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROBABLE DATES OF ARRIVAL SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE IN EGYPT AND ALGIERS FOR ONWARD JOURNEY

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

BYC/RELAY NR:

CLASS: SECRET

PREC: ROUTINE

FROM: NATINA

TO: FREEKIN

M/C NR: 16/14

REF NR: 409

FILED: 142033A Oct

REC'D:

RENNELL REPORTS THAT RAB IMRU AND EIGHTEEN OTHER ETHIOPIAN SUBJECTS HAVE BEEN FOUND IN CALAFRIA PD THEY ARE NOW HELD IN HOTEL AT CORICLIANO PD TO FREEDOM INT. THE ADVANCED COMMAND POST AT AMISAT FROM NATINA SIGNED TAYLOR PD

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AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.C.D.
Secretary of the Mission

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - COMING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS: SECRET

PREC: ROUTINE

FROM: FR33004

TO: FAFLEA

M/C NO: 07/18

REF NO: 3494/17

FILED: 171414A Oct

REC'D: 180723A

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SVC/RELAY NR:

M/C NO: 29/20

CLASS: MOST SECRET

REF NO: 9341

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FILED: 191442A Oct

FROM: FROEDGM

REC'D: 201605A

TO: 15 ARMY GROUP for AMG repeated
FATIMA repeated to MIDEAST

Reference your 405 of 14 October reference our 3493 of 17 October reference your message 14 of 15 October. To 15 ARMY GROUP repeated FATIMA repeated to MIDEAST signed ESTERHOSE cite FIMES. Request clarification of position regarding Ras Iaru and 12 other Ethiopian subjects. Para 1. Information received under Fatima 409 of 14 October that Ras Iaru and 12 other Ethiopian subjects in Calabrie as stated and that arrangements are being made for them to leave for Alexandria earliest except Martin who wishes to join his father, Doctor Martin, in England. Para 2. (?) This office dispatched to Fatima in our 3494 of 17 October. Likely Ras Iaru proceed Egypt soonest but remaining Ethiopia to be held pending screening. Stated you were being consulted regard Martin and that information would be forwarded whether he should await screening or be conveyed to UK forthwith. Para 3. Mideast given information by this office in cable 3493 of 17 October that Ras Iaru and 12 other Ethiopia subjects found and that arrangements are being made for Ras Iaru proceed Alexandria earliest and that remaining Ethiopia being held pending screening. Mideast were requested to arrange onward move Ras Iaru to Addis Ababa. Para 4. Please state and inform Mideast if not done (A) if Ras Iaru in party now proceeding to Mideast (B) whereabouts Martin (C) have Ethiopia _____? (D) expected time arrival and place direct to party in Egypt.

This message received badly corrupt

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ARMED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

L/C NO: 6/21

CLASS: SECRET

REF NO: MG 24

PREC: OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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FROM: ARMOY 15TH ARMY GROUP

REC'D: 210534A

TO: FREEDOM for MGS rptd MIDEAST FATIMA

Your 9341 of 19th October paragraph 4. (A) Has Inru escaped party of Ethiopians in company of British Officer left for Cairo by air 20th October Middle East informed. (B and C) To be answered by Fatima. (D) Estimated time of arrival Cairo 1300 hours 20th.

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INFO NO MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS: SECRET

PREC: PRIORITY

FRC: FREEDOM

TO: RTTMA

M/C NO: 41/20

REF NO: 70

FILED: 2019/84 Oct

REC'D: 212345A

Matter becoming complicated owing receipt cables and informatio both from you and
 AMF 15th Army Group. RTTMA signed ELBERHOWER cite FMAG reference your 490 of
19 October. Request you answer forthwith questions in paragraph 4 our 9341 of
 19 October addressed 15th Army Group for AMG copy to you. Resident Ministers
 office this Headquarters wish warn embassy CAIRO arrival PMS ERFU and desire
 information reference MARTIN. Essential you coordinate with MIDEST and in
 form reference screening etc.

ARMED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

M/C NO: 17/19

CLASS: SECRET

REF NO: 490

PREC: PRIORITY

FILED: 192206Z Oct

FROM: FATMA

REC'D:

TO: XFREEDOM FOR MGS

RECEIVED EIGHT FOUR NINE FOUR PD REGRET MY MESSAGE NUMBER FOUR ZERO NINE DID NOT MAKE SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR THAT THESE ETHIOPIAN SUBJECTS WERE ALL FOUND TOGETHER WITH RAS EMRU HAVING BEEN INTERVIEWED IN A SINGLE PLACE BY ITALIANS PD TO FREEDOM FOR MGS FROM FATMA. SIGNED TAYLOR PD PRESUME THAT THERE CAN THEREFORE BE NO QUESTION OF THEIR BONA FIDES AND THAT THE SOONER THEY ARE SENT TO MIDEAST FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION THE BETTER PD ANY SCREENING CONSIDERED NECESSARY CAN BE BETTER DONE BY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL IN HQ. MIDEAST ESPECIALLY AS DUBIETY OF SCREENING IS NOT CLEAR TO US PD I AM ACCORDINGLY ALLOWING PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOVEMENT TO STAND AND PARTY LEAVES BARI BY AIR OCTOBER 20 FOR CAIRO IN CHARGE OF CAPTAIN GROVES-PAINES PD HQM HAVE BEEN INFORMED PD BARTIN REMAINS FOR AGENT CARE OF AMSCOT SECTION II

AUTHENTICATED:

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ROBERT E DOE.

Major, A.G.O.

Secretary of the Mission

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

December 18, 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO: Political Section, Allied Commission

SUBJECT: Mario Orsini Ratto, former Italian Consul General.

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a communication which has been received through the American Embassy in Paris from the American Vice Consul in Nice concerning Mario Orsini Ratto, former Italian Consul General.

There is also attached hereto a copy of a telegram which Signore Orsini Ratto had apparently desired to have transmitted to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

It would be appreciated if Signore Orsini Ratto's message might be transmitted to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, should no objection be perceived thereto.

Enclosures:

- Copy of communication from
American Vice Consul in Nice.
- Copy of telegram.

Copy enclosed to H. Cottrell - Dec. 19
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AMERICAN CONSULATE
Nice, France, November 24, 1944

CONFIDENTIAL

Hugh S. Fullerton, Esquire,
American Consul General,
Paris.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith the text of a telegram addressed to the Italian Foreign Office at Rome by Mario ORSINI RATTO, former Italian Consul General.

Mr. Orsini Ratto confirms that he had obtained the consent of Major General Fredericks, former General Commanding in this area, to send the telegram to Italy through the Army signal service but General Fredericks left this area before the telegram could be sent. Colonel Hamilton, Chief of Staff of the present General Commanding in this area, expressed no objection to sending the telegram to Italy, but, since I have arrived at Nice, he preferred to refer Mr. Orsini Ratto to me.

In an interview Mr. Orsini Ratto stated that he was the Italian Consul General at Strasbourg and was evacuated to Dijon in 1939 and later proceeded to Rome after the outbreak of war in June 1940 between France and Italy. He stated that he was permitted to return to Strasbourg after the Franco-Italian armistice to obtain his furniture which he managed to take to Menton in the autumn of that year. He claimed that he had always been an anti-fascist and merely a career Italian consular official so that, claiming that he was sick, he was permitted to remain for three years in Menton with a status of an official Italian foreign officer but without a regular post. He stated that he was suspected by the fascists and was watched by them and the German authorities during this period. After the fall of Mussolini in July 1943 he claimed that he refused to adhere to the neo-Fascist party and telegraphed his adhesion from Menton to the new Government of Badoglio which replied accepting him as a member of the new Foreign Office (Menton remained under the Badoglio Government from July 1943 to September 9, 1943). On this latter date Mr. Orsini Ratto claimed to have been arrested by the Germans and made a prisoner with his wife, his mother-in-law and his 12 year old son until the entry of the American troops in September, 1944. On or about September 14, of this year Mr. Orsini Ratto took a small car which he had hidden from the Germans to drive to Nice with his 80 year old

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mother-in-law because she had been badly wounded in fighting in Menton. He was arrested in Nice by members of F.F.I. but was released and given freedom by the French authorities here who recognize him as an antifascist Italian official without any precise position.

I am transmitting to the Embassy the enclosed telegram as I remember that in Bern the American Legation transmitted and received telegraphic communications between the Italian Legation and the Italian Government at Rome. I do not believe that my instructions permit me to send such a message on behalf of Mr. Orsini Ratto to his Government, but the Embassy may be in a position to take action thereon. I should appreciate being informed what action, if any, has been taken in this matter.

After interviewing Mr. Orsini Ratto and in view of his age and the fact that he has a Polish wife who has lost valuable property in Poland due to German action, I do not believe that he is engaged in any action inimical to allied interests, and the fact that he was presumably accepted by the Badoglio Government in 1943 would lead me to believe that he would be acceptable as a consular official of the present Italian Government.

Mr. Orsini Ratto was Italian Consul General at Philadelphia from 1930 to 1932.

Very truly yours,

Lee D. Randall
American Vice Consul

Enclosure:
1 copy.

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MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

ROME

It is my duty to inform that arrival American Army in Monton has put an end to my forced residence at Carcy where I was confined by German authorities having refused to sign Adhesion to Fascist Republicans in September 1943. I am actually in Nice Hotel des Nations Avenue Dumas where French authorities keep me free after severe control. My personal papers and documents found in this Italian Consulate archives with the result that has been proved my antifascist activity since 1941. I would like to receive orders through this American headquarters and to be of any help in the circumstances over here and trusting in the confidence Italian Government to whom I heartedly been associated with.

ORSINI RAPTO

ROYAL ITALIAN CONSUL GENERAL

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