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SANGRONIZ - 505

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

TEJ/wsw

1 January 1945

G-5: 091.112-19

SUBJECT: Spanish Ambassador to Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attn: Political Section)

1. Reference is made to your 505-SA of 26 December.
2. It is confirmed that the objections previously raised to Sangronix are withdrawn.

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

T. B. Jackman
Lt Col.
T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.

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Copy to: Brit Des Min
US Polad

Ref: 505-34

26 December 1944

SUBJECT: Proposed Spanish Ambassador to Italy,
 Signor Sangronis.

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters
 Copied to: U. S. Political Advisor
 British Resident Minister

1. G-5 Section Memorandum No. G-5: 091.112-13 dated 15 Dec 44.

2. Political Section understands that the State Department has withdrawn its objection to the appointment of Signor Sangronis as Spanish Ambassador to Italy. It appears, however, that his departure from Spain to Italy will be long deferred, on the following translation of the text of a telegram dated 17 December from the Italian Embassy in Madrid to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs indicated.

"No. 1432: By 1224. Sangronis is still in Paris and there is no news of his coming home soon. His mission, which in the beginning seemed to be easy, (see by 1152) has been getting more and more complicated due to the French irritation and intransigence determined by the ill-will with which the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs has treated the recognition of the De Gaulle Gov't (by 1254) and by the question of the former pandemonium and of the French request for closure of all Spanish consuls in Southern France. I add that even, rich industrialist, Mayor of Barcelona and nominated Ambassador last November, has very little interest to go to Paris (where atmosphere for Spain is one of the most difficult) only with official qualification which he would retain a loss in his adequate personal situation. On the other hand the French Gov't is still maintaining Gaullie as official agent and has postponed nomination of an Ambassador. I repeatedly tried to find out from the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs when Sangronis will leave for Rome but I had received only evasive answers."

3. In this connection, please see Political Section's Memorandum No. 192/345 of today's date, stating that the Italian Government now wishes to ask Cesare Gallarati Scotti to proceed to Madrid, to assume his post as Italian Ambassador, and has requested the necessary authorization for his journey.

For the Chief Commissioner:

WILLIAM W. BOWEN
 Vice President, Political Section

505-34
 Sangronis

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FROM: MAF B
DATE: 17 Dec 44

SUBJECT: Spanish political affairs.

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LIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

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MSG Center No : N47/19
 Classification :
 Precedence :
 From : MADRID
 To : ROME



Date Time Rec'd : 18 2300
 Date Time Sent :
 Reference NR : 1452
 Cite :

- 1- DICEMBRE 17 A FIRMA MASCLA 1452 • MIO TELEGRAMMA 1224 • SANGRONIZ EST SEMPRE PARIGI ET NON SI HA NOTIZIA DI UN SUO IMMINENTE RITORNO • SUA MISSIONE (MIO TELEGRAMMA 1152) CHE IN UN PRIMO TEMPO SEMBRAVA AGEVOLI, EST ANDATA COMPLICANDOSI PER IRRITAZIONE ET INTRANSIGENZA FRANCESE DETERMINATE DA LEGEREZZA CON CUI QUESTO MINISTERO ESTERI HA TRATTATO RICONOSCIMENTO GOVERNO DEGAULLE (MIO TELEGRAMMA 1254) SEGUE
- 2- 1452 SECONDA PARTE • ET SOPRAVVENUTE QUESTIONI GENDARMI ANDORRA ET RICHIESTA FRANCESE CAMBIAMENTO TUTTI CONSOLI SPAGNOLI NEL SLOFRANCA A • AGGIUNGO CHE OATEU, RICCO INDUSTRIALE, SINDACO BARGELLONA ET NOMINATO GRADO AMBASCIATORE SCORSO NOVEMBRE, HA SCARSO INTERESSE REGARSI OGGI PARIGI (OVE ATMOSPHERA PER SPAGNA EST DELLE PIU DIFFICILE) SOLTANTO CON QUALIFICAZIONE UFFICIOSA VLE RITENUTA PER DIRAUDALUI IN ADEGUATPA SUA SITUAZIONE PERSONALE. SEGUE
- 3- TERZA PARTE 1452 • DALTRO CANTO GOVERNO FRANCESE MANTIENTE QUI TUTTO RANRUJILE COME AGENTE UFFICIOSO KP HA RINVIATO NOMINA AMBASCIATORE CHE IN UN PRIMO TEMPO SEMBRAVA DOVESSE ESSERENO EL • HO PIU VOLTE CERCATO CONOSCERE DA QUESTO MINISTERO ESTERI APOCA PARTENZA SANGO ONIZ PER ROMA RICEVENDO SEMPRE RISPOSTE EVASIVE

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Is there any way
further we need do?
I am inclined to think not.
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Political Section
FJS/JJJr
Dec 13

W.S.

G-5: 091.112-19

15 December 1944

SUBJECT: Proposed Spanish Ambassador to Italy - Senor Sangroniz.

I have taken

that to

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

State Dept. have

1. Reference is made to your 392 of 29 November.
2. Final action is being delayed pending decision of State Department.

of this appointment

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

The Honorable

I think we should
inform the Po of this hold-up
in case they want to discuss with
State Dept (was an hour very nice)

F. J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, A.G.D.

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Dec 18

HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 594

Ref: 592

29 November 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters

SUBJECT: Information Concerning Senor Sangronix,
Proposed Spanish Ambassador to Italy.

1. The instructions in your letter OYI.112-19 of the 24th November are noted. At the same time the Political Section would like to point out that Senor Sangronix was previously accepted as Spanish Representative at Algiers where it is understood he was co-operative and displayed no signs of pro-Axis sympathies.

2. It is suggested that before any decision to block this appointment is taken, the allegations contained in the letter from the Office of the United States Political Adviser to SACRED should be carefully checked, particularly, as was explained in a letter from this Section, to Mr. Steele of the British Resident Minister's Office, of the 15th November, the Italian Government have already informed the Spanish Government that they have created their agreement.

For the Chief Commissioner:

SANGRONIX

H. E. S. A. HOPKINSON
Acting Vice President, Political Section

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 091.112-19

24 November 1944

SUBJECT: Information concerning Jose Sangroniz
proposed Spanish Ambassador to Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

1. It is requested that no action be taken
in regard to the approval of appointment of the
above named person until further instructions are
received from this Headquarters.

2. U.S. Polad memorandum of 14 November, copy
furnished you, refers.

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

F. J. Slaughter
F. J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, A.C.D.

Please attach pp.

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FROM: TID
TO: TTRI ROMA
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TERMINATION
No. 1044. The official communiqué that ARGENT is going to Paris to take leave of the French authorities as part of the installment shortly of MAT. With the same status of "semi-official agent" is another instance of the difficulty of re-establishing normal relations between Spain and France. By the French it has been understood that after they had concluded the "agreement" for a TID successor to ARGENT in the same status, the Spanish Government would immediately and officially recognize the TID Government in which a TID would then receive the status of ambassador. The failure of the Spanish to make this recognition has resulted in misunderstandings in Paris, and has produced in regard to this problem a rapprochement between France and the group of exiled governments like Belgium, Holland, Norway, Yugoslavia and Greece who have been maltrated in the past by the Spanish Government and whose position in regard to diplomatic representation is the same.

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*Spanish relations
w/ France
Argentine*

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No : 57/10
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 Precedence :
 From : madrid
 To : ROMA

Date Time Rec'd :
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 Reference NR :
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PART ONE

UNO DUE CIN QTT ALT MIMI TELEGRAMMI UNO DUE ZER NOV ET UNO DUE DUE QTT ALT COMUVICATO
 UFFICIALE CIRCA NIAGGIO SANGRONIZ TARIGI PER CONGEDARSI DA AUTORITA FRANCESIE PROSSIMO
 INSEDLAMENTO MATEU CON MEDESSIMA QUALIFICADI AVIRG AGENTE UFFICIOSO CVIRG CONFERMA DIFF-
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 FRANCESE SI ERADATO PER INTESO CHE INSEGUITO CONCESSIONES SEQUE

PART TWO

SEGUITO UNO DUE CIN QTT ALT ERADIMCO MATEU QUALE SUCESSORE SANGRONIZ CONUTESSA SUA
 QUALIFICA VER GOVERNO SPAGNOLO AVREDBE SUBITO RICONOSCIUTO UFFITIALEMENTE GOVERNO DEGUALLE
 SE AUTOMATI CAMENTE MATEU AVREBBE AVUTORANGO AABASCIATORE ALT MANCATO RICONOSCIIMENTO
 DAPARTE SPAGNOLA HA PRODOTTO SEQUE

PART THREE

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FROM: MADRID
DATE: 31 Oct 44

*Subject: Italian-Spanish
Exchange of Ambassadors*

No. 1197: Italian govt. has recognized Don Antonio Sangroniz as Spanish Ambassador to Rome and Spanish Govt. has recognized Duke Gallarati Setti as Italian Ambassador to Madrid.

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ESTERI ROMA =

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DIRAMATO STASERA AD AGENZIE GIORNALISTICHE SEGUENTE
COMUNICATO DUEPUNTI VIRGOLETTE GOVERNO ITALIANO
CONCESSO GRADIMENTO NOMINA DON ANTONIO SANGRONIZ
AAD AMBASCIATORE SPAGNA ROMA IN ACCOGLIMENTO
RICHIESTA GOVERNO SPAGNOLO VIRGOLA CHE IN PRECEDENZA
NEL MESE SETTEMBRE CONCESSE DELPARI GRADIMENTO DUCA

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ESTERI ROMA

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GALLARATI SCOTTI AD AMBASCIATORE ITALIA MADRID ALT
NUOVO AMBASCIATORE ITALIANO SOSTITUISCE MARCHESE
PAULUCCI DI CALBOLI CHE HA RICOPERTO DETTA CARICA
NELLA CAPITALE SPAGNOLA SINO AD ORA VIRGOLA POICHE
RELAZIONI DIPLOMATICHE TRA ITALIA ET SPAGNA
CONTINUANO NELLACOMPLETA NORMALITA CHE NON EST VENUTA
MENO IN NESSUN MOMENTO VIRGOLETTE MASCIA ++

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PLEASE PASS TO POLITICAL SECTION
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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 Precedence :
 From : MADRID XPO26B1
 To : ESTERI ROMA

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FIL UNO UNO CIN DUE ALT MILEI UNO ZER SEI NOV EF UNO ZER NOV NOV ALT SANGRONIZ
 PARTIRA IN QUESTI GIORNI VIA AEREA PER LONDRA E PARIGI ALT AFIRMA MASCHIA ALT GOVERNO
 FRANCESE HA GLIATO GRADIMENTO PER AMBASCIATORE MATEU ALT SANGRONIZ HA INCARICO PRENDERE
 PRIMI CONTATTI CON NUOVO GOVERNO FRANCESE PREPARANDO TERRENO PER ARRIVO MATEU E
 ATTENDENDO COLA GRADIMENTO DEL REGIO GOVERNO ALT DELICATEZZA RAPPORTI FRANCO SPAGNOLI NEL
 PERIODO ATTUALE CONSIGLIANO IMMEDIATA PRESENZA A PARIGI DI UNO FILE RAPPRESENTANTE
 SPAGNOLO ALT

FROM: Madrid
 DATE: 25 Oct 44

SUBJECT: Spanish Affairs

No. 1152: My 1069 and 1099. Sangroniz will leave soon by air for London and Paris. The French Government has given approval for Ambassador MATEU. Sangroniz is to make first contact with the new French Government preparing the ground for arrival of MATEU and awaiting there the approval of the Royal Italian Government. The delicacy of Franco-Spanish relations in the present period make advisable immediate presence in Paris of a Spanish Representative.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Madrid
DATE: 6 Sept 44

No. 786: Paulucci. The attitude of the Spanish Government toward the Representation here of the De Gaulle Government begins only now to rapidly adapt itself to the new situation created following cessation of activity of the Vichi Authority and the abandonment of functions on part of Ambassador Pietri (see my telegrams in clear 780, 748 and 750) thought not having taken place.....French Government and remaining...its representative in non-official position, activity of diplomatic officials and consuls of provision government is recognized...; consulates.....into effect and , ...Vichy Embassy, wish to continue assure protection of French interests and ...to Minister Truelle. Spanish Representative at Algiers, Sr. Sangroniz is in Madrid and his name is given as Ambassador to France in near future.

Minister Truelle has been received several times by Le Querice; with whom Cordial contacts from beginning (see Telespress 450 of March 1) Truelle is one who....has passed several years ..in course of our conversations....proved his.. in the interest shown toward me, butour colony ..orders. ..protection our...consular...during this first period of...

(Text very badly garbled--translation impossible)

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PART THREE: SCRITTO SET OTT DEL ALT RAPPRESENTANTE SPAGNA RICCHI SICHON
SARCHONIL TROVARE MADRID ET SI FA SUO NOME QUALE AMBASCIATORE IN FRANCIA IN UN
PROSSIMO FUTURO ALT A CARO ALT MINISTRO TRUCCHE EST STATO RICEVUTO AVANTI E
RITRARE DALE SUE RICACHE ALT DOMINANTISSIMO CONOSCIBILIAI CONTATTE DI TEMPO
INVIANTI PAR VEDI TELESPRESSO SET CIN MAR MARZO UNO PAR ALT BRIGUE 3566

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PLEASE PASS TO POLITICAL SECTION

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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MSG Center No : 37/08
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From : _____
To : _____

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PART FOUR : SEGNITO SET OTO SET LT DOMERO RIFERITO VET TUNELLE EST
PERENNITICANO STONAZBEDOVE HA TRACORSO VAGHANTISWACERRIA NGOLT NER.
CORSO NOSTRE CONVERSAZIONI SOTUOVANTORI PROVA SUO ISMUTIMENTI NEL VIVONTE
REMNEDINO OTTA TONIPERO ITPATIONS NOSTRE COLLETTIVITA E IPR QUASTI ORDINE
RENSITUTELA NOSTRI VITALICONCOLARI MPTANULA DERANIE QUASTO PRIMO PERIODI ESSE
STAMENTO ALL FINE

NOTE : PARTS TWO AND FOUR WERE VERY BADLY GARBLED AND WORDS NOT CLEAR

AMERICAN CIPHER
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I sent out a signal from A.F.H.Q.
about this yesterday with a request
for previous papers.

[Signature]
Nov. 28

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Mrs
 H.H.

November 14, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Supreme Allied Commander, AFHQ.

SUBJECT: Information concerning Jose Antonio Mangronis, proposed Spanish Ambassador to Italy.

Reference is made to a letter from the Allied Commission dated October 22, 1944 (No. 220-27) concerning the appointment of Antonio de Mangronis y Castro as Spanish Ambassador to Italy.

A telegram had been received from the Department of State, substance of which is given below for the information of the military authorities for appropriate action.

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A reliable source has furnished information to the effect that Mangronis and his wife, immediately before their departure for Spain on April 2, 1943, were utilizing Germany's frozen funds in Venezuela for the purchase of diamonds. A reliable source has reported that these purchases, made through intermediaries, amounted to \$100,000 during the period of March to December, 1942, and in 1943 one purchase alone amounted to \$25,000. On their trip to Spain, it was alleged that his wife carried a large number of diamonds with her.

There was no action taken to prevent the diamonds from reaching Spain when the boat on which Mangronis and his wife traveled touched at Trinidad, because of his position as Spanish Minister. It is reported that Mangronis not only succeeded in getting the much needed diamonds to Europe, but he acted as the medium by which the frozen funds were freed.

It is believed that the jobbery in diamonds carried out by Mangronis was known in detail in Lisbon, and it is said that money supplied by the Germans made possible the organized smuggling.

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This information should be made available to the appropriate Allied military authorities who will undoubtedly wish to give the most careful consideration, on the grounds of military security, to the authorization for Sangronis to enter the Italian Theater.

The files of the Department of State concerning this man are available to G-2 of the War Department if the military authorities at AFHQ desire further information.

For the U.S. Political Advisor:

C. Office

A. Office

Copies to:

1. Deputy AGO.
2. Chief of Staff.
3. Deputy Chief of Staff.
4. G-1.
5. G-2.
6. British Resident Liaison.
7. Army, AGO, AGO.
- ✓ 8. Mr. Smith, AGO-Res., Political Section, AGO.

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W.S.

NOTE:

The other day Mr. McBride brought in the Embassy's copy of this letter from Mr. Offie. He wanted to know if you had received your copy.

He says it is filled with erroneous information.

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POLITICAL ADVISER
to the
ALLIED COMMANDER IN CHIEF
Mediterranean Theater

November 14, 1944

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MEMORANDUM TO: Supreme Allied Commander, AFHQ.
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For the U.S. Political Adviser:



C. Offie

Copies to:

1. Deputy SAC.
2. Chief of Staff.
3. Deputy Chief of Staff.
4. G-2.
5. G-5.
6. British Resident Minister.
7. Amrep, ACI, Rome.
8. Mr. Schott, Vice-Pres.,
Political Section, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref: 220-SP

13 November 1944

You will have received a copy of Political Section's memorandum 220-SP of 22nd October to G-5, Allied Force Headquarters, about the appointment of Senor Sangronis as Spanish Ambassador to the Quirinale. We have now had a reply from G-5 No. 091.112-19 of 4th November in which they state that the British and United States Governments have been advised of the Spanish Government's request for Senor Sangronis's agreement. The memorandum goes on to say that the "Ministers" - which presumably refers to Mr. Macmillan and Mr. Kirk - point out that no further action is necessary until the Italian Government ask for the agreement of the Allied authority which they have not yet done. It appears that in fact the Italian Government did not think it necessary to ask for any formal agreement since on 26th October they sent a telegram to Madrid saying that the agreement had been given. This telegram was passed by Political Section who, knowing that the British and United States Governments had not raised any objection to the appointment, considered it adequate notification and let it pass. The Political Section also took into consideration the fact that if Allied Force Headquarters had any objection to the appointment they were in a position to block it by simply refusing facilities to Senor Sangronis to come to this country.

I hope that in the circumstances you will agree that no harm has been done. Incidentally as the Governments of the United Nations such as Brazil and Poland are now in direct contact in regard to the resumption of diplomatic relations and the appointment of Ambassadors, I do not think that we can attempt to maintain control over the agreement of neutral heads of missions, apart from our ability to refuse travel facilities in any case in which we objected to a given appointment.

H. L. d'A. HOPKINSON
Acting Vice President, Political Section

C. Steel, Esq., M.V.O.,
Office of the British Resident Minister
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta

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Mr. Hopkinson

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

C O P I A

Telegramma in Partenza

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R. Ambasciata
MADRID

26/10/44

Oggetto:

Gradimento per nuovo
Ambasciatore

CERIM.
A. Pol. -Pers.

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Gradimento per nuovo Ambasciatore è
stato concesso.

F.to VISSONTI VENOSTA

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

C O P I A

Telegramma in arrivo

Cifra 2

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R. Ambasciata

MADRID

Madrid - 17-10-44

Roma - 19 " "

A.FOL.
CHRM.

Richieste gradimento nuovo
Ambasciatore di Spagna.

1099 - Questo Ministero Esteri mi ha stamane pres-
sato chiedere gradimento R. Cervero per nomina ad Ambasciatore
a Roma di Antonio de Sangroniz y Castro attualmente rappresen-
tante spagnolo presso Generale De Gaulle. Signor Lequerica
ha aggiunto aver preferito in questo momento non nominare
personalità politica facendo cadere scelta su uno dei loro
migliori funzionari carriera. Egli sperava così che scelta
fosse di nostro gradimento poiché teneva particolarmente che
tra due paesi si ristabilissero al più presto normali rela-
zioni. Indubbiamente Sandroniz è una dei più abili diplomatici
spagnoli: uomo intelligente, astutissimo, fu Segretario della
Monarchica "Azione Nazionale" trasformatesi poi in "Azione
popolare" con Gil Robles et gode quindi appoggi fra monarchici
e popolari. Nei primi tempi guerra civile egli si mise in
vista presso il Generale Franco che lo nominò a capo del
Gabinetto diplomatico, posto dal quale nel 1937 diresse i con-
tatti con Ambasciata Gran Bretagna at Hendaye et con quella
di Francia at Saint Jean de Luz. Nel 1938 fu nominato Capo
del Cerimoniale del Ministero Esteri. Quando Serrano Suner
successe at Jordana, si preoccupò sua abilità et invadenza
et lo allontanò, inviandolo prima come Ministro poi Ambascia-
tore straordinario nel Venezuela. Risulta che Sangroniz ab-
bia molto parlato dell'Italia in questi ultimi tempi dimo-
strando vasta conoscenza avvenimenti nostro Paese. ³³³³ ~~3333~~ in
precinto di partire per Parigi ove darebbe subito consegne
qualora sua designazione fosse di nostro gradimento.

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Telegramma in arrivo

Cifra 2

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R. Ambasciata

MADRID

Madrid - 17-10-44

Roma - 19 " "

A. POL.
CNRH.Richiesta gradimento nuovo
Ambasciatore di Spagna.

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Gabinetto diplomatico, posto dal quale nel 1937 diresse i con-
tatti con Ambasciata Gran Bretagna et Hendaye et con quella
di Francia et Saint Jean de Luz. Nel 1938 fu nominato Capo
del Cerimoniale del Ministero Esteri. Quando Serrano Suner
successe et Jordana, si preoccupò sua abilità et invadenza
et lo allontanò, inviandolo prima come Ministro poi Ambascia-
tore straordinario nel Venezuela. Risulta che Sangroniz ab-
bia molto parlato dell'Italia in questi ultimi tempi dimo-
strando vasta conoscenza avvenimenti nostro Paese. Sangroniz è in
procinto di partire per Parigi ove darebbe subito consegna
qualora sua designazione fosse di nostro gradimento.

F.to. MASCIA

1938

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

TBJ/BMR/WSW

Political

Sect 2492

G-5: 091.112-19

4 November 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Spanish Ambassador to Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your Political Section's memo #220-SP of 22 Oct 44.

2. H. M. Brittanic Government and the U. S. Government have been advised of the Spanish Foreign Minister's request. The Ministers point out, however, that no further action is necessary until the Italian Government ask for the agreement of the Allied authority, which they have not yet done.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 OFFICIAL SECTION
 250 394

Ref: 250-49

22 October 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters,
 Copies to: British Resident Minister,
 U. S. Political Advisor.

SUBJECT: Appointment of Spanish Ambassador to Italy.

There has been received by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs a telegram from the Italian Charge d'Affaires at Madrid regarding the appointment of Antonio de Sanguin y Castro as Spanish Ambassador to the Vatican. The text of this telegram is quoted for your information as follows:

From: Madrid
 To: Rome
 No.: 1096

Il signor Sanguin. Questo Ministro Interi si ha sempre pregato chiedere gradimento Regio Governo per nomina ad Ambasciatore a Roma di ... Antonio de Sanguin y Castro attualmente rappresentante Consolato presso Generale de Gaulle. Signor Sanguin ha sempre aver preferito in questo momento avvicinarsi personalità politica facendo carriera eccito ad una dei loro migliore carriera. Egli sperava così che avrebbe potuto di nostro gradimento poiché conosceva particolarmente che tra due paesi si stabilissero al più presto buone relazioni. Inconferenza Sanguin era uno dei più abili diplomatici spagnoli come intelligente, entusiasta, fu segretario della monarchia e, "Azione Nazionale", trasferito al poi in "Azione Popolare" per Silrobian ed ebbe quindi appoggi fra monarchici ed et popolari. Nei primi tempi Guerra Civile egli assisteva in vista presso il Generale Franco che lo nominò a capo del Gabinetto Diplomatico, posto al quale nel 1937 si trasferì con Ambasciata Gran

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Protezione tedesca et con quelle di Francia et Belgio Jean del
 Re. Nel 1933 fu nominato Capo del Dipartimento del Ministero
 Esteri. Come ambasciatore fu accettato in Francia, si occupò
 più volte et in modo et lo aiutò in modo et lo aiutò in modo
 Ministro del Dipartimento straordinario nel Venezuela. Risulta
 che l'ambasciatore ebbe molto parlato dell'America in questi ultimi
 tempi dimostrando una conoscenza veramente buona. Gli
 era in grado di parlare per anni come l'ambasciatore
 prima sua designazione fosse di basso gradimento."

For the Chief Commissioner:

WILLIAM F. SCOTT
 Vice-President, Political Section

Copies for:
 U. S. Representative, U. S.
 British High Commissioner

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1941

FROM: Madrid
DATE: 17 Oct 44

SUBJECT: Spanish Ambassador
to Italy

No. 1099: The Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs this morning requested me to ask the approval of the Royal Government for appointment of an Ambassador to Rome....Antonio De Sangro MI Dycastro (?) present Spanish Representative to General De Gaulle. Sr. Lequerica added that he preferred in this moment... political personality, selecting one of their best career officials. He hoped thus that the selection would meet with our approval, since he particularly wished that between the two countries...normal relations would be established as soon as possible.

Undoubtedly -
by Sangro is one of the most able Spanish diplomats: a very intelligent man, very wise. Was secretary of the Monarchy, National Action, transformed later in "Popular Action"....therefore...between monarchy and populars. In the first days of the Civil War he was sent in visit to General Franco who appointed him chief of the diplomatic cabinet, a post to which in 1937with contacts with British Ambassador to XXXXX and with that of France at Saint Jean....in 1938 he was appointed head of ceremony of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. When Loner was succeeded by Jorain, he was sent as Minister, later Ambassador, to Venezuela. Sangroniz...of Italy in these. He has broad knowledge of our country. He is about to leave for....appointment, if his designation meets with our approval.

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 DE GAULLE ALT SIGNOR LE QUERICA HA AGGIUNTO AVER PREFERITO IN QUESTO MOMENTO
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 GRADIMENTO ALT FINE

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