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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APD 394

17th April, 1944.

Dear Marquess Serra,

I was very sorry indeed to learn of the incident at your family's house in Naples which you described in your letter of the 3rd April, and immediately instituted enquiries to try and discover who was responsible.

The British Town Major, who is the requisitioning authority concerned with the area in which your house is situated, assures me that no officer working under his direction has acted in the manner you describe, and he can only assume that the person concerned was someone acting on his own initiative. On learning of the incident he visited the house with his requisitioning officer and was assured by the portiere that this officer was not the person in question.

I am sorry not to be able to be more helpful and sincerely trust that there will be no further damage to the house.

Yours sincerely,

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Marquess G. R. Serra ~~Kassner~~ *to Cassner*
The Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
SALERNO.

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Subject: Alleged Incident

Harold Gacoin Esq.,
Political Section,
U.S. Armed Forces Commission

Re: Alleged Incident. - Your letter of 12th April 1954 refers

About four days ago I received a verbal account of the incident to which you refer. Regarding my own staff I profess to believe that they were in any way responsible. I have, however, since visited the flat with Captain TOWN and his interpreter and was assured by the witnesses that neither Captain TOWN nor the interpreter were the persons in question. I am afraid therefore that I can throw no further light on the matter.

Although I am the only representative authorized for British staff in Mexico it is possible that some of his staff were looking for accommodation for his own, and noted in the manner you describe. I am afraid in those days everyone is not as considerate as I personally would wish, but so far as my own staff is concerned I am satisfied that no such incident could occur.

The house in question is very well kept, and is filled with reliable staff. There has been one relative room which did not appear to have been searched as the walls were intact.

I return herewith your copy of the Italian Minister's letter.

12th April 1954

J. H. Haggan 5627
Colon Major (br) - 5627

Memorandum to: Major G. E. Haggan,
Town Major, Naples.

From: Political Section,
H.Q. Allied Control Commission.

12th April, 1944.

I attach a letter from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs about an incident which allegedly occurred at No. 14 Via Monte di Dio on March 27th. This happens to be the family house of one of the senior Italian officials at the Ministry.

I feel sure the facts cannot be as stated and I shall be most grateful if you will let me know what I can reply.

Would you please let me have the letter back with your answer as I have not kept a copy of it.

H. A. Caccia
Vice-President.

R. MINISTERO

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AFFARI ESTERI

Salerno, April 3rd., 1944.

Dear Mr. Caccia,

I take the liberty to appeal to your kindness and at the same time to bring to your knowledge an incident occurred recently at my family's house in Naples, due to the action of a British Officer.

No. 16
My family has in Naples, Via Monte di Dio, a house built by my ancestors in the XVII century which for its artistic importance is classified amongst the national monuments of the city of Naples. During the war the building was hit by three bombs and almost completely ruined and we had to collect in some rooms left undamaged, all the objects saved and which had most artistic importance.

Some days ago, and to be precise, in the afternoon of Monday the 27th of March, a British Captain accompanied by an interpreter called on the consierge of the palace and asked for the key of the biggest apartment which belongs to my nephew, the Duca of Cassano, who is at present in Rome. He was answered that my sister, the Marchioness Pulci Doria, had the key. The captain pointed out that he had no time to waste and by shoulder charges smashed the door of the flat. He then visited the rooms and shortly after left saying he would return again and to have the key ready at his disposal.

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AFFARI ESTERI

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I inform you of this, dear Mr. Caccia, begging you, if possible, to identify this Officer and try to save further damages to the unlucky house and the unfortunate family who owns it.

I beg you to excuse the trouble I am causing you and please accept, dear Mr. Caccia, the senses of my highest gratitude for what you will do in this unfortunate incident.

Very sincerely yours,

APB Santoluciano
R. Ministero Affari Esteri

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Alfredo Lombasiano
R. Ministra Affari Esteri

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Ref: P/305/28

11 January 1945

SUBJECT: Communication from Italian Consul
Giuseppe Setti.

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following message dated, Strasbourg, December 4, 1944, has been received from the Italian Consul, Giuseppe Setti, via the American Embassy at Paris and at Rome:-

"I am sending this message through the local French authorities. After my forced departure from Gile and various vicissitudes which I shall refer to as soon as possible, I succeeded finally in escaping from German control by taking advantage of military developments in this area. Together with my family I am now in Strasbourg where I formerly was in charge of the Consulate General, and I await decision of the French authorities in regard to myself. The Italian colony is composed, in addition to the regular residents, of several thousand former prisoners of war in German hands and conscripted laborers who are maintaining unity and discipline.

"I am retaining the Vice-Consul at Mulhouse, Basel, whose situation is the same as mine and who has acted with sentiments of loyalty toward the Royal Government, and is endeavoring to represent the national interests.

"I hope that my previous messages, which I sent whenever it was possible, have been received. I shall be most grateful if my father, Comm. Mario Setti, residing at 21 Palagoli in Naples could be informed that I am in good health and together with all my family. I should also be grateful if some news of him could be sent me, as I have had none from him since August 1943. I should appreciate an indication that this message has been received. - First Secretary of Legation Setti."

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WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice President, Political Section

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AIRGRAM SENT

Confidential

From: Paris France
Date: December 28, 1944 11 AM

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ROME

A.----- FROM REBER

I have been requested by French Liaison Officer, Sixth Army Group, to transmit the following message to the Italian Government from the former Italian Consul, Guiseppe Setti, now at Strasbourg:

"Strasbourg, December 4 - Confidential

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN EMBASSY

Rome, January 8, 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Political Section, Allied Commission

SUBJECT: Report from Giuseppe Setti, Former Italian
Consul, Now at Strasbourg.

There is attached hereto a copy of a communication,
the contents of which it is requested be brought to the
attention of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Enclosure:

Airgram no. 1, Paris, to
AMDEL, Rome.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'R. H. H.' or similar, located at the bottom right of the page.

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Pol. Sec. *WVS*
EWS/dfo

Ref: 3613/26/COS

2 November 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I refer to your letter 13503-3/1/1.26 of 27th October.

On 5 September I replied to your memorandum of 29 August, No. 3961, and stated that I regretted that at the moment I could not grant permission for H.E. Dr. Leonardo Severi to visit Fano as it was within the army line. I regret therefore that I can do nothing to facilitate Dr. Severi's return to Rome, since he has never been given permission to go to Fano.

Very truly yours,

EWS

ELERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

cc: Chief of Staff Section
Political Section
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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9 October 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

With further reference to the request that H.E. Dr. Leonardo Severi be granted a permit to travel to Rome, I am sorry to say that at the present time it is impossible to grant this request. However, when conditions allow it, a permit will be granted His Excellency.

Very truly yours,

(Sec) EWS

EMERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

The Political Section has been consulted and concurs in action taken.

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cc: "A" file
Capt. Section
Political Section

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A/CC 614.331-2

5 September 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Your memorandum of 29 August 1944, No. 3961, requesting travel authorization for H. E. Dr. Leonardo Severi, Counselor of State, to visit Fano, has been received. I am sorry to state that at the moment such requests cannot be granted, as Fano is within the Army line. However, as soon as conditions warrant travel to this area, permission will be granted for His Excellency's journey.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

(Drafted by Political Section)

c.c. Political Section. ✓

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Acting Chief CommissionerDraft Reply to Bonomi's Request
attached herewith

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Rec'd 4 Sept 1950

By

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A/c 014.331-2

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Drafted by: Political Section

LWS.

Please return
this to Pol. Sec.
for approval.

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thru, LOS

To: Political Section

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Translation RV.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
Cabinet of the Minister

29 August 1944.

N. 3961

Subject : H.E. Dr. Leonardo Severi - Authorization to reach Fano.

To : A.C.C. Chief.

H.E. Leonardo Severi, counsellor of the State, formerly Minister of Public Instruction in the 1st Badoglio Government, would like to be authorized to reach Fano, as soon as military operations would consent it.

Taking advantage of said travel, it would be my intention to entrust H.E. Severi with the inspection of Public Services conditions in Fano and Pesaro zones and to gather Informations and to give advises on said matter, which in view of his experience could be useful also to your Control Commission.

I beg you , to give provisions, so that, as soon as possible, said request may be benevolently considered.
Many thanks

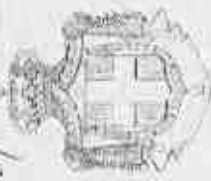
The Minister
Sgd. Ivanoe Bonomi

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Ministero dell'Interno

GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

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OGGETTO S.E. Dr. LEONARDO SEVERI - Autorizzazione a recarsi
a Fano.

COMMISSARIO CAPO DELLA
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CON-
TROLLO - R O M A

29 Agosto

1944

Robert Safety Sk
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S.E. il Dr. LEONARDO SEVERI, consigliere di Stato, già
Ministro dell'Istruzione Pubblica nel primo Governo Rado-
glio, desidererebbe essere autorizzato a recarsi a Fano,
non appena lo sviluppo delle operazioni lo consentirà.

In occasione di questo suo viaggio, sarebbe mia inten-
zione incaricare S.E. Severi di esaminare lo stato dei pub-
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re al riguardo notizie e formulare suggerimenti che, data
la sua grande esperienza, potrebbero riuscire utili anche
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La prego, perciò, di disporre che questa segnalazione
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Translation attached

IL MINISTRO

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Translated Summary

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James J. Sullivan

Political Section A.C.C.

PlE.

I am advised that this is a political mission and not a Public Works mission. So please handle this.

W. J. Sullivan, et al
Dir. P.W. & U. S/C.

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