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Thank you very much for your letter UV/741 of 4 September 1944 about General Uitto. I discussed his troubles with Major General Browning who asked his liaison officer to find out from the Italian Under-Secretary of War what is being done in cases where Italian officers had their property seized because they are serving with Allied forces. As a result the liaison officer has written the following report:

"Italian nationals who have lost homes and property can be divided into two categories:

(a) those who have suffered such losses in the ordinary course of battle by destruction, looting, etc.

(b) individuals who can prove to have had property seized as reprisals.

No arrangements have yet been made for dealing with either category -- General Uitto (i.e. Under-Secretary of War) will discuss (b) -- he may be interested himself when he gets up north."

I will let you know about developments but send you this line to show that your letter has not been lost sight of.

Many thanks indeed for the note about my brother-in-law. I will write again as soon as I hear further.

Major Ellick Verney
The Headquarters,
Ninth Army,
C.M.F.

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5-05-47

Mr. Catana ble Date
 May 10. Spoke to him about this.
 The attached is the result.
 So DINE's case is now known

11 Sep

L. Browning
 Maj. Gen.

General Browning



I attach an

interim reply to Major Verney
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Is it all right?

Alexander

Seth

O.K.

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Major
Bourne 12.0.11.11.11.11

Ask him what
we should do & what
happens in cases like
this. It's not clear

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homes and property can be
divided into two categories

- (a) Those who have suffered such
losses in the ordinary course of
battle by destruction, burning etc
- (b) Individuals who can prove to have
had property seized as enemies

NO arrangements have yet been made
for dealing with either category -
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interested himself when he sets up NORTH,

September 8, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: General Browning, *Personal*
Army Sub-Commission

May I have your advice on this? If the Italian Government have already worked out a scheme, presumably General Utile should apply through the regular channels. If not, would it be wise to try to do something exceptional in his case?

HAC
Harold Caccia

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIALFrom: Major Ulick VerneyTAC ~~HEAD~~ HEADQUARTERS,
EIGHTH ARMY,
C.M.F.

ARMY COMMANDER'S OFFICE

UV/781

4 Sep 44

My dear Harold,

I don't know whether you know of General UTILE of the Italian Army, who commands the Corps of Italian Liberation, which has been a part of the Eighth Army for some two months. General Oliver considers that he has served us well, and that his troops have performed a modest role satisfactorily.

I discovered from him the other night, although he made no parade of it, that because he was commanding the C.I.L. the Germans had seized his house, all his belongings and his securities in the Bank. General Oliver was sorry for this and under the circumstances wanted me to find out whether he had any hope of recovering the value of his property and securities from the Italian or from our own Government.

Could you please pass this letter on to the proper authority and ask whether they can take any action, for instance by asking him to put forward a claim?

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He made no complaint about it in any way and was accepting it as one of the normal consequences of war. But I think all the more it might be a good thing to help him if possible.

Do come up here and see us again soon. General Oliver will always be delighted to have you to stay and you only have to send a signal.

The battle has gone amazingly well and we are already twelve miles beyond the Gothic Line at a cost of under 1300 casualties! Surprise was apparently complete and they were hustled out of the Line, which was even stronger than we had thought, with extensive minefields.

All best wishes. Yrs. Ulick

Harold Caccia, Esq.,
Allied Control Commission,
ROME.

*Ulick*P.T.O.

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I hear from the Brigadier R.A. that your
brother in law, tho' some way from us, is
very well & his Regiment in good shape.

M.V.

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