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**Una precisazione
sulla ripresa dei rapporti
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Negli ambienti bene informati di Roma si apprende oggi che, a seguito di informazioni assunte, la notizia pubblicata il 27 settembre dal « Corriere di Roma » e da altri quotidiani che il Consiglio dei Ministri avrebbe, tra l'altro, discussa la ripresa, senza intermediari, delle relazioni diplomatiche tra l'Italia e la Cecoslovacchia, è risultata del tutto priva di fondamento. (N. N. U.)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

29th September, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Acting Chief Commissioner

1. When I telephoned to Signor Prunas to point out the danger of the words proposed in the attached dementi about the resumption of direct diplomatic relations with London and Washington, I was told by Signor Fornari in Signor Prunas' absence that the Italian Undersecretary for Information had denied all responsibility for the statement about Czechoslovakia in the CORRIERE DI ROMA. He therefore thought that any dementi should be put out by us and not by the Italian Government. I told him that I would make enquiries from P.W.B.

2. Lt. Colonel Munro of P.W.B. said that he would go into this again but that it would take time. We therefore agreed that the best thing would be for P.W.B. to issue their own quite simple dementi and to go into the question of who was to blame separately. The proposed dementi would only say words to the effect that enquiry from well-informed sources in Rome had shown that the statement in the CORRIERE DI ROMA of 27th September about the resumption of diplomatic relations between Italy and Czechoslovakia was unfounded.

3. I then telephoned again to Signor Fornari and he agreed **6078**

- (i) That the proposed Italian dementi should be cancelled.
- (ii) That P.W.B. would issue a quite simple statement as described.
- (iii) That we could go into the question of responsibility for the original statement in the CORRIERE at leisure.

H. A. CACCIA
Vice President, Political Section

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