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DE- REQUISITIONING

Oct 1944 - Jan 1945

Ref: P/870

23rd January 1945

SUBJECT: Request for the de-requisition
of premises in Via Veneto, Rome.

TO : Real Estate Section, R.A.A.C.,
APO 794, US Army.

Reference your letter P/870/3/21 of the 21st January 1945.

1. The address of the premises in question is:

Istituto Nazionale delle Assicurazioni,
Via Veneto,
ROME.

It is regretted that this information was not given before but it was presumed that on receipt of our letter P/870 of the 15th January (which formed the enclosure of our letter to you P/870 of the 20th January), Signor Basile would get into direct touch with you and at the same time supply all relevant information.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
REAL ESTATE SECTION
APO 794, US ARMY

JWP/wc

21 January 1945

RES/3/21

Subject: request for the de-requisition of premises
in Via Veneto, Rome.

To : Headquarters Allied Commission
Political Section
(Attn: H.L. d'A. HOPKINSON)

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter P/870 dated
20 January 1945.

2. The exact address of the premises to be derequisitioned
is not given in either the copy of the letter referred to in the
basic communication, nor in the basic communication itself.

3. Upon receipt of this information we shall be glad to
look into the facts of this case.

John Watt Page, Jr.
JOHN WATT PAGE, Jr.
Captain Inf.
Administration Officer

File

Ref: P/370

20th January 1945

SUBJECT: Request for the de-requisition
of premises in Via Veneto, Rome.

TO : Basil Estate, Rome Allied Area
Command.

From the enclosed copy of a letter addressed by
the Political Section of the Allied Commission to
Signor Basile, Secretary General of the Liberal-
Socialist Party, you will see that in reply to his
request for the de-requisition of certain premises
in Via Veneto, Rome, we have referred him to you.

For the Chief Commissioner:

H.L.A. HOPKINSON,
Acting Vice-President,
Political Section.

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1 enclosure: copy of letter dated
13.1.45 from Pol. Sec.
to Signor Basile.

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Ref: 870

13th January 1945

Sir,

I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 4813 of the 10th January and to inform you that he regrets his inability to intervene in this matter. It is suggested therefore that you should make application to the Home Allied Area Command for the re-regulation of the premises in question.

Yours truly,

H.L.A. BRIDGEMAN,
Acting Vice-President,
Political Section.

The Secretary General of the Liberal-Socialist Party
and of the Libera Accademia dell'Arte,
Galleria Regina Margherita, 7,
ROME.

Copy to RAAC

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Translation

Liberal-Social Party

n. 1913

Rome 10 January 1945

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SUBJECT: Request for the de-requisition of the premises of the Istituto Nazionale delle Assicurazioni in Via Veneto, seat of the Free Art Academy. List of other premises which might be requisitioned.

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We hope that your Excellency will intervene and have the premises of Via Veneto de-requisitioned, thus making it possible for the only democratic institution of Italian Art to function.

Thanking you, we remain,

THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE

LIBERAL SOCIAL PARTY

AND OF THE LIBERA ACCADEMIA DELL'ARTE

s. Basile

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Dr. H. H.

Translation

Liberal-social Party

n. 1915

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LIBERAL SOCIAL PARTY

AND OF THE LIBERA ACCADEMIA DELL'ARTE

S. Basile

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PARTITO LIBERO SOCIALE **(UNIONE LABURISTA)**

COMITATO CENTRALE

Prot. n. 4913

OGGETTO: richiesta di revoca di requisizione dei locali dell'Istituto Nazionale delle Assicurazioni in Via Veneto destinati quale Sede della Libera Accademia dell'Arte. Segnalazione di altri locali da requisire.

Roma, 10 gennaio 1945

GALLERIA REGINA MARGHERITA, 7 (Viminale)
Telefono 42383

Ammiraglio Ellery W. Stone
Commissario Capo della
Commissione Alleata
Piazza Venezia 11
R O M A

Sig. Ammiraglio, come forse è noto alla S.V. questo Partito Laburista - ancora privo di propria stampa perchè monopolizzata dai Partiti al Governo - anzichè fare delle inutili polemiche ha creato organismi di lavoro per alleviare i disagi della popolazione italiana ed ha portato, nei più svariati settori, un rinnovamento democratico, nettamente antifascista. Tra le molte istituzioni promosse da questo Partito è la LIBERA ACCADEMIA DELL'ARTE, unica istituzione democratica dell'arte esistente in Italia, assolutamente apolitica. Elemento basilare per il funzionamento di tale istituzione è il disporre di vesti locali, centrali, in cui svolgere manifestazioni di tutti i rami dell'arte e pertanto l'Istituzione Nazionale delle Assicurazioni si era dichiarato pronto a cederci in affitto i propri locali dell'ex Dopolavoro in Via Veneto, contro pagamento di un canone annuo di £ 600.000. Se nonchè è intervenuto l'ordine di requisizione della Zona Roma Area Comando, per adibirlo a locale di trattenimento. La grave penuria di locali idonei in Roma comporta la quasi impossibilità di funzionamento della LIBERA ACCADEMIA DELL'ARTE, tanto è vero che nella prossima manifestazione inaugurale, come da unito invito, è stata costretta a farsi ospitare in una Sala. D'altra parte si pensa che quali locali di trattenimento per le truppe potrebbero essere assai più indicati, altri locali, altrettanto centrali in cui abusivamente ballano i civili, impinguando le tasche di taluni speculatori, tutti centralissimi nella zona di Via del Tritone, quali la Sala Pichetti (locali terreni e superiori) in via

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PARTITO LIBERO-SOCIALE (UNIONE LABURISTA)

COMITATO CENTRALE

Roma,

GALLERIA REGINA MARGHERITA, 7 (Viminale)
Telefono 42-183

Si volge viva preghiera alla S.V., Sig. Ammiraglio, perchè con il Suo autorevole intervento, voglia rendere possibile all'unica istituzione democratica dell'arte italiana di poter funzionare nei locali di Via Veneto, facendo revocare l'ordine di requisizione.

Coi più vivi ringraziamenti e distinti ossequi.



IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE
DEL PARTITO LIBERO SOCIALE
(Unione Laburista)
e DELLA LIBERA ACCADEMIA DELL'ARTE

Amiraglio

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

GH/AM/A

17 January 1945

SUBJECT: Requisitioning and Derequisitioning Authority.

TO : See Distribution.

1. Authority previously delegated to the Allied Commission to requisition and derequisition civilian motor vehicles has been rescinded by:

a. Paragraph 11, Allied Force Headquarters, Administrative Memorandum 59, dated 13 December 1944, subject: "Requisitioning and Derequisitioning of Civilian Motor Transport."

b. MTOUSA letter, AG 451/764 D-C, dated 17 December 1944, subject: "Requisitioning, Derequisitioning, or Rental of Civilian Motor Vehicles by United States Military Forces."

2. Effective this date, requisitioning and derequisitioning of civilian motor vehicles will cease in Headquarters and in all Regions of Allied Commission.

3. It is also necessary at this time to decrease the number of requisitioned vehicles on our strength, and a careful examination of the G-4 (A) files indicates that there are many unserviceable vehicles in Headquarters and in Regions.

4. The Headquarters Commandant, AC Headquarters, and Regional Commissioners of Regions listed below are directed to scrap, in accordance with paragraph 7, Establishment Memorandum Number 21, dated 3 September 1944, the number of requisitioned motor vehicles shown below and forward scrap certificates to G-4 (A), this Headquarters, by not later than 1 February 1945:

<u>Section or Region</u>	<u>No. of Vehicles to be Scrapped</u>
a. Headquarters Commandant, AC Headquarters	50
b. Sicilia Region	25
c. Southern Region	25
d. Lazio-Umbria Region	10
e. Abruzzi-Marche Region	3083

Ltr, Hq AC, Establishment Section, dtd 16 January 1945, File 64/41/A.
sub: Requisitioning and Derequisitioning Authority.

5. Your utmost and immediate attention is directed to completing the above-mentioned scrapping of vehicles within the time specified since completion of same must be reported to higher Headquarters by 1 February 1945.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

ROBERT E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:



C. F. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Executive Officer (US)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

2 December 1944

My dear Mr. Minister:

I refer to my letter reference 870 of November 13 and preceding correspondence in the subject of the apartment belonging to Senora Mercedes Cardella, Ven. Regue in Naples.

The attached letter of November 20 from the Spanish Consulate in Rome, which deals with the same subject, has been received by the Political Section from Headquarters, Southern Region, Allied Commission. That Headquarters has taken no action on the letter in view of the fact that a decision already had been reached on the matter and communicated to you in my letter of November 13.

I regret that as of the present date there has been no alteration in the facts that previously have been communicated to you.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice President

H. E. Don Eduardo Garcia Comin
Charge d' Affaires
Embassy of Spain
Via Della Botteghe Oscure, 34
R O M E

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

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R/4286

28 November 1944

SUBJECT: Derequisition of Apartment of Mrs. Mercedes Begue'.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(Attention: Political Section).

1. The attached letter from the Spanish Consulate in Rome is forwarded to you since the subject has already been handled and report made to you in our letter R/4201, above subject, dated 11 November 1944.

2. It is suggested that the Spanish Consulate be informed through the Spanish Charge d'Affaires that the request for derequisition for Mrs. Begue's apartment had already been made and refused.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Joseph Bellotti
JOSEPH BELLOTTI,
1st Lieut., M.I.,
Asst. Adjutant.

1 Incl.
Letter from Spanish Consulate
dated 20/11/1944.

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The Spanish Consulate
File No.81.

[Signature]
To: Regional Commissioner
of the Province of Naples

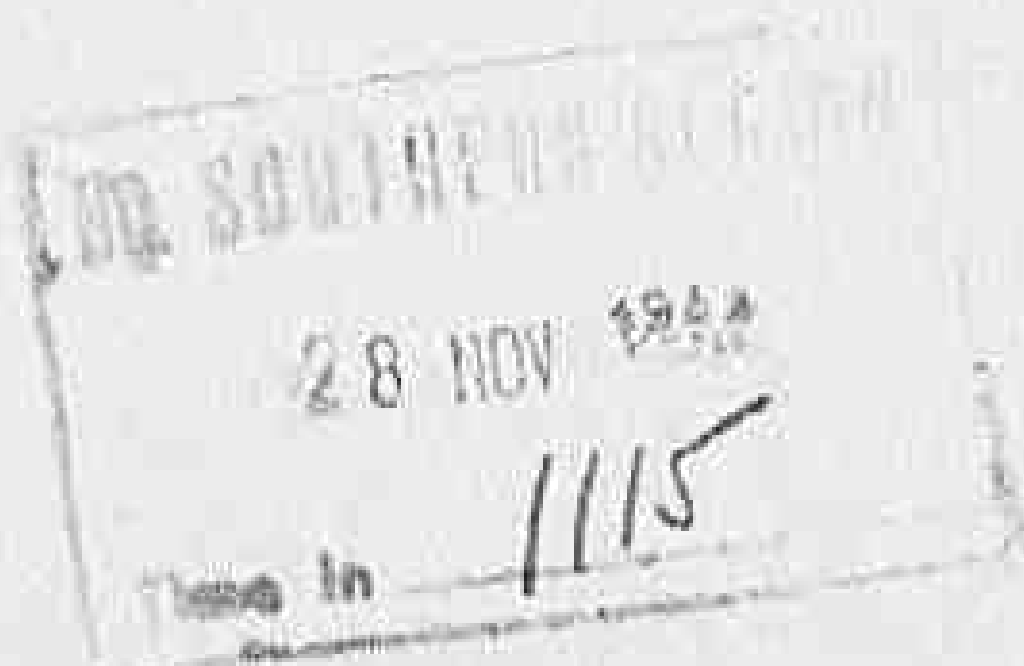
20 Nov. 1944.

The Spanish Consulate in Rome, begs me to communicate to Y.E.
as follows:

The Spanish Citizen, Mrs. Mercedes Rennella married Beguè, who had evacuated to Rome, is obliged to leave her dwelling in this City because the proprietor has returned and has need of the house. Mrs. Beguè did live in Naples, before evacuating, in an apartment of her own property in Via Partenope No.1, but she cannot return there because the apartment is occupied by American Officers. As it regards a citizen of a Neutral Country, and also because she has no other habitation, this Honourable Commissaryship is begged, if possible, to derequisition and return said apartment to Mrs. Mercedes Rennella Beguè.

With respectful regards,

The Spanish Consulate.
Administrator: Conrado Telarico.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref: 870

13 November 1944

H. E. Don Eduardo Garcia Comin
Charge d'Affaires
Embassy of Spain
Via delle Botteghe Oscure, 32
Rome

My dear Mr. Minister:

Reference is made to your letter dated 31 October 1944 regarding the return of a furnished apartment, 1 Via Partenope, Naples, belonging to Senora Mercedes Benella, Ved. Bogus.

In reply to an inquiry concerning the possibility of derequisitioning the above-mentioned apartment, the following information has been received from the appropriate Allied Military Authorities:-

"There are four Officers, all of the 8th Port Transportation Corps, who are living in this apartment, and it is, therefore, impossible to derequisition the apartment in favor of the woman."

I regret this negative reply to your request and trust that in the near future circumstances will have altered themselves so that Senora Bogus may be permitted to regain her apartment.

Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice President, Political Section 3076

HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

CBM/CI

R/4201

11 November 1944

SUBJECT: Derequisition of Apartment of Mrs. Mercedes Begue.

TO: Headquarters AC, (Attention: Political Section). ✓

1. Reference your 870, above subject, dated 3 November.
2. In response to our inquiry concerning the possibility of derequisitioning the above-mentioned apartment, the following information has been received:

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For the Regional Commissioner:



Joseph Bellotti
JOSEPH BELLOTTI,
1st Lieut., M.I.,
Asst. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref: 670

3 November 1944

SUBJECT: Requisition of Apartment of Mrs. Mercedes Regue

MEMORANDUM TO: Regional Commissioner,
Southern Region

1. Reference is made to your letter No. R/456 dated August 26, 1944 regarding the requisitioned apartment of Mrs. Mercedes Regue at Via Partenope No. 1.

2. There has now been received a communication from the Spanish Charge d'Affaires in Rome stating that Mrs. Regue, who is of Spanish nationality, is in urgent need to return to her house, since her family must relinquish its leased apartment in Rome on account of the return of the owners who were refugees in Florence.

3. Will you kindly inform the Political Section if and when the apartment at Via Partenope No. 1 can be made ready, so that we may inform the Spanish Embassy.

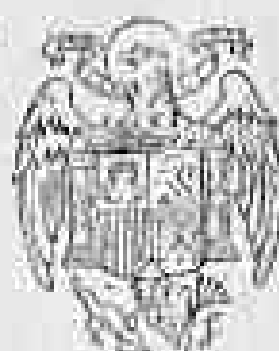
By Command of Commodore Stone;

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice President, Political Section

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Embajada de España
EN
ITALIA

Rome, October the 31st 1944.

Dear Mr. Schott,

The Spanish Consulate in Rome has addressed (2-8-44) to the Political Section of the Allied Commission a request referring the return of a furnished apartment, 1 Via Partenope, Naples, belonging to Señora Mercedes Renella, Ved. Begue, of Spanish nationality who is in urgent need to go back to her house.

This family has on lease here in Rome another furnished apartment which has to be left on account of the return of the owners who were refugees in Florence.

Anything that will be done to help this family to return into its house will be very appreciated.

With thanks in advance, believe me, dear Colleague and friend, faithfully yours

Eduardo Garcia Comin

Eduardo Garcia Comin
Minister Plenipotentiary
Charge d'Affairs.

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Mr. William W. Schott
Vice-President, Political Section
Allied Commission
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref #870

31 August 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Consulate of Spain, Via Della Botteghe Oscure, 32, Rome.
SUBJECT : Requisition of Apartment of Mrs. Mercedes Begus.

1. This is in reply to your memorandum of August 2.

2. The following information has been received from the Regional Commissioner of the Allied Control Commission at Naples:

"Lt. Luddy stated that the items mentioned in the basic communication had been removed from the apartment in question and taken to three or four other apartments in Via Partenope No. 5 because these apartments had scarcely anything in them.

"He promises that after the apartments are no longer needed for officers of the 8th Port Command, all the items would be restored to the owner's apartment."

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

R/4466

SUBJECT: Civilian Inquiry.

TO : Political Section, Hq. A.C.C.
(Attn Mr. William W. Schott)

1. Reference your memo date 19 August 1944.
2. The following information has been obtained:

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For the Regional Commissioner:

Neil C. Baker
NEIL C. BAKER,
1st Lt., QMC,
Adjutant.

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*Political Sect.**for file**W.S. R. will
prepare reply letter
26 August 1944. you want
to do.*

Headquarters Allied Control Commission

August 19, 1944.

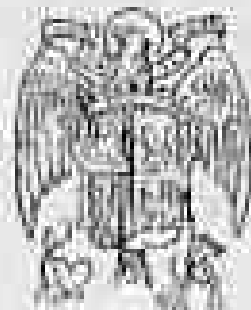
MEMORANDUM TO: Regional Commissioner, REGION III

There is enclosed a Memorandum from the Spanish Embassy concerning Mrs. Marcelas Bague who has an apartment in Naples which was taken over by military authorities and is stated to be held at present by some American officers of the VI Port.

Will you kindly investigate the matter and inform this office of your findings so that they may be communicated to the Spanish Embassy?

William W. Scott
Political Section
Allied Control Commission

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CONSULADO DE ESPAÑA
ROMA

Num. 17 - R/5.

All'On.le Commissione Alleata di Controllo

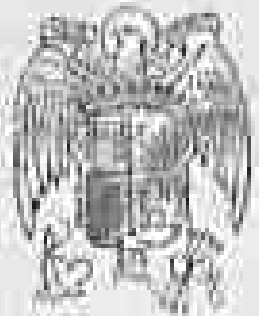
ROMA

Il Consolato di Spagna a Roma ha l'onore di rivolgersi a codesta On.le Commissione al fine di esporre quanto segue:

1° - La suddita spagnola Signora MERCEDES RENNELLA VELOVA BEQUE', domiciliata a Napoli, Via Partenope n.1 e residente momentaneamente in Roma, dovette abbandonare, causa i continui bombardamenti di cui era oggetto la città, la sua residenza di Napoli, la cui abitazione, secondo quanto ha dichiarato l'interessata, fu occupata in un primo tempo da Ufficiali Inglesi, più tardi (fine di gennaio 1944) dall'VIII Port. U.S. e attualmente da Ufficiali Americani del VI Port.

2° - La Signora Begué asserisce di essere stata informata che dal suo appartamento sono scomparsi, per l'uso e per le ragioni a lei ignote, tutti i soprammobili antichi e moderni di grande valore, del guardaroba completo maschile e femminile, di tutta la biancheria di casa, di alcuni materassi e degli utensili da cucina, restando solo i mobili e completamente vuoti.

3° - Che in vista di quanto precede e trattandosi di suddita di un paese neutrale, desidererebbe che il menzionato appartamento fosse rimesso a sua disposizione, e in qualsiasi caso essere risarcita per l'occupazione del medesimo ed eventualmente risarcita anche dei danni subiti dell'arredamento della casa.



CONSULADO DE ESPAÑA
ROMA

4° - Con il fine di darsi esattamente conto dello stato di tutti i suoi beni mobili contenuti nel suddetto appartamento e per sincerarsi sulla veracità delle informazioni ricevute in proposito, desidererebbe la Signora Begué ottenere da codesta On.le Commissione l'autorizzazione per potersi recare a Napoli e visitare la sua casa.

Questo Consolato di Spagna in accoglimento del desiderio della menzionata suddita spagnola, ha l'onore di pregare l'On.le Commissione Alleata di Controllo a Roma di voler prendere in benevole considerazione le richieste della Signora Begué che sembrano giustificate.

Roma 2 Agosto 1944.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref: 870

12 November 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome

1. Reference is made to the Ministry's Memorandum No. 6/730/318 dated 12 October 1944.

2. The question of the derequisitioning of the apartment of Mr. Di Stefano again was brought to the attention of the Real Estate Office, R.A.A.C., who in turn referred Political Section to S.C.I. Unit 7, AFHQ. An officer of this Unit, Captain R.O. Bellin, now has stated that the premises at 25 Via Archimede were duly requisitioned upon the Allied entry into Rome because they were used for living and operational purposes by a bona fide notorious German personage known as Baroness Elisabetha Rosenberg who was at that time, and still is, a component of the German Armed Forces. It is pointed out that the apartment was occupied by the Baroness prior to the Italian Armistice, hence the statement of Mr. Di Stefano that there was a question of compulsion is found to be incorrect.

3. As the apartment now is being used for living and operational purposes by the above-mentioned Unit, its transfer from this location at the present time is not considered desirable.

4. The Real Estate Office has stated, however, that the apartment will be derequisitioned as soon as its present purposes are served.

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WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice President, Political Section

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W.S.

S.C.I. Unit Z
AFHQ

4 November 1944

To: Mr. William Schott, Political Section, Allied Control Commission
From: Captain Robinson O. Bellin
Subject: Apartment at No. 25 Via Archimede

Supplementing our telephone conversation today, I present herewith a statement of the position of this unit with reference to the premises duly requisitioned at No. 25 Via Archimede.

The premises referred to, consisting of one apartment owned by one De Stefani, were used prior to Allied entry into the city of Rome for living and operational purposes by a bone fide and notorious German personage known as Baroness Elisabetta Hoderberg who was at that time and still is a component of the German Armed Forces. Her occupancy of the apartment was commenced prior to the Italian armistice, hence there can be no question of compulsion as was incorrectly stated by Mr. De Stefani. In accordance with the Allied policy of requisitioning quarters formerly employed by members of the German Armed Forces, the apartment in which Hoderberg had been living was duly processed by the proper requisitioning authorities and placed at the disposal of this unit.

At the present time, the apartment is being used for the billeting, the messing, and the operations of a considerable portion of this unit. Because of the situation of the war in Italy as well as the nature and extent of the work of this unit and the present status of our operations, a transfer to the location mentioned should be considered ill-advised.

Even if statements were made by Mr. De Stefani in good faith, he should realize that during wartime dislocation even of innocent persons is inevitable, as many soldiers who have been overseas can testify. It is evident, however, that he has neglected to mention some of the details which served as the basis for requisitioning this apartment and which must be considered important.

Robinson O. Bellin
ROBINSON O. BELLIN
Captain, Air Corps.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref 870

30 October 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Lt. Colonel R. H. Carrara, Real Estate Officer,
Rome Allied Area Command.

SUBJECT : Derequisitioning of Apartment of Mrs. Marie Di Stefano.

1. Reference is made to your memorandum RSC 169 of August 15, 1944, on the above subject.

2. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs again has requested that this apartment be derequisitioned and a copy of the Ministry's memorandum in the process, No. 5/730/319 dated October 12, 1944, is attached for your information.

3. An early reply to this memorandum would be appreciated.

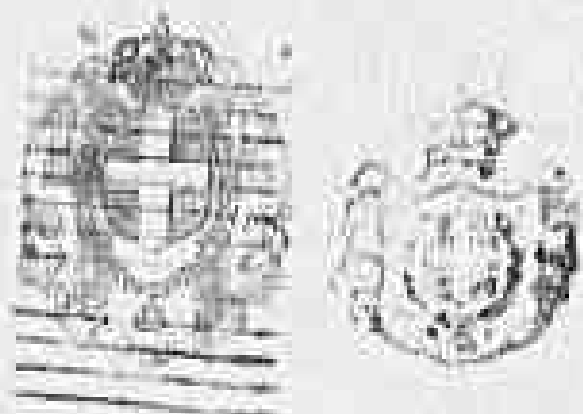
For the Chief Commissioner:

WILLIAM F. SCHMIDT
Vice-President, Political Section

Encl:

cy am 5/730/319;
15 Oct 44; PEA.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.

Not in files
Robert asked for another copy
This Ministry would be very grateful if the Political Section would be so good as to reply to Memorandum of August 12th, N.6/231/110 concerning the derequisition of the apartment owned by the wife of Counselor of Legation Mario Di Stefano, situated at Via Archimede 25, Rome.

Signor Di Stefano, incidentally is at present working with this Ministry as Chief of Office that deals with American and Far Eastern Affairs.

A favourable solution of the matter is all the more urgent as Counselor Di Stefano and his wife, having not been able to find another dwelling, due to the congested situation of Rome are lodged at the Convent of the Sacred Heart at Villa Lante, 18, which, however has to be considered a purely temporary solution.

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Rome, October 12th, 1944. 306



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To prevent the flat from German requisitioning James T. of Palermo (Cons. of Belgium) took it and said he would see to the restitution of same at the Allies' arrival. Such in agreement with Stefano. So on June 4th Stefano went back to his house and then requisitioning by Allies took place.

505-Di Stefano

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Sam -

June 16

"Here is some more
dope" in the apartment
acquainted by us and
regarding which he spoke
yesterday (Di Stefano)
and Sauli)

AMBASSADE DE POLOGNE
PRÈS LE SAINT-SIÈGE

Vatican, le 10 juin 1944.

En transmettant l'aide-mémoire ci-joint à la Légation des Etats-Unis près le Saint-Siège l'Ambassade de Pologne certifie par la présente que M. Di Stefano, ancien secrétaire d'Ambassade d'Italie à Varsovie, a fait beaucoup pour aider, fin 1939 et commencement 1940, différents Polonais à quitter la Pologne occupée par les Allemands et rejoindre l'étranger.

Prescrizione dell'ordine di
Requisizione applicato sulla
porta dell'appartamento

- Requisition Notice - June 1944
- Notice is herewith given that
this premises are requisitioned
by the Office of Strategic Services
Allied Armies in Italy - Aps 777
U. S. Army - subject to the
approval by the Real Estate
Office - City Administration
Section

Major Andrew A. Berding
Office of Strategic Services

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La M. D. Francesco dei Marchesi Sauri all'atto del suo matrimonio col R. Consigliere di Legazione Mario di Stefano fu lenatore Giuseppe ebbe in dote un appartamento in Roma sito in via Archi mede 25 dove gli sposi andarono subito ad abitare. - Nel febbraio 1942 ottenendo d'urgenza partire per l'estero per seguire la marito trasferito dal Regio Ministero degli Affari Esteri, la signora di Stefano incaricò l'agenzia Cesariano di via Veneto di affittare l'appartamento. L'agenzia Cesariano presentò come inquilino certa baronessa Hoderberg maritata Poto raccomandata dai consoli generali di Germania di Napoli e Roma. Tale persona era che tutto conosciuto ai diff. di Stefano ma l'affitto si dovette concludere per i seguenti motivi:

- 1) l'urgenza della partenza da Roma
- 2) il desiderio espresso confidenzialmente dal servizio competente del Comando Supremo Italiano che l'appartamento fosse affittato alla richiesta onde seguire l'eventuale attività
- 3) la necessità in cui il Consigliere di Stefano si trovava di evitare che un rifiuto, sostanzialmente ingiustificabile, rinforzasse i sospetti nutriti contro di lui negli ambienti Tedeschi di Roma, per l'attività filo-Polacca da lui svolta quasi incaricato d'affari d'Italia a Varsavia durante i primi mesi dell'occupazione Tedesca. Per questo

città egli era stato richiamato dalla
Polonia bruciana, in sole 48 ore, in
seguito ad intervento diretto di
Ribbentrop - Il Siff. di Stefano non
ebbero alcun contatto con la Hodenberg
Tranne per la formulata della corsa
fra dell'approvamento - Nel marzo
1943 la Hodenberg lasciò la casa, e
perdurando l'assenza da Roma del
Siff. di Stefano, l'agenzia Cesarono
affittò l'appartamento al Dottor
Prinzinger addetto culturale all'Amba-
scata di Germania, il quale vi rimase
fino all'8 settembre 43. In tale
breve tempo l'appartamento fu ripre-
sto dai proprietari nel frattempo tor-
nati a Roma - Il Siff. di Stefano in-
sieme alla vecchia madre che con-
giunse - di 77 anni - visse pressoché
clandestini momenti nella loro casa
fino al nov. 43 quando si rese indispen-
sabile far perdere ogni loro traccia a
fracchi. 1) Come auspicato il Consigliere
A. Stefano aveva giustificati motivi
di tenere rappresentanza Tedesche -
2) egli non intendeva iscriversi al
P.N.F. Repubblicano e con vari pretesti
aveva rifiutato di trasferirsi nel
Nord Italia - I suoi congiunti che
vennero anche nascondersi in un
contatto per sfuggire possibili
rappresaglia nazifascista - Onde
sottrarre l'appartamento a requisiti
delle Forze Tedesche esse venne affidato
al Siff. James Jaffarvia affidato da
Palermo dove ricopriva la carica di

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conoscere on. due Belfio. Questi si vennero ad
 chiedere il 14 nov. 43 alla moglie, nota Pi.
 cipressa di Calvaruso; il fratello Paolo
 Tagliavia, marito d'una cittadina brit.
 Tanica, padre d'un attadino Britannico
 internato in un campo di concentraz.
 nista presso Parma. e tra i giovani mi.
 poti - Le Duca Duemet de l'incurs della
 corte di S. A. R. e P. di Piemonte, R.
 abito solennemente per breve periodo
 de l'g. Tagliavia prese l'impegno di resti.
 Tuna l'appuntamento dopo l'arrivo a
 Roma delle truppe alleate
 I l'ff. di Stefano Vittorio f' neri alla
 macchina in continuo pericolo - finché
 nente li berati dall'incubo nazi fascista
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 Tante Americana a sfornare l'appar.
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 I proprio 1944. L'intervento dei Condi.
 gliere di Lapina di Stefano presso
 l'office of Strategic Services (Roma,
 via Sicilia angolo Via Toscana) fu infru.
 tuoso. Il nazione Berding f' comen.
 nio che l'appuntamento era stato requi.
 sito "perché occupato da un ³¹⁵⁵ del
 governo tedesco." Ne f' neri che
 Di Stefano avrebbe prefato di attendere
 alcuni giorni, finché la questione

Veniva trattata dall'ambasciata di
America con Autorità Militari com-
petenti, e neppure rispose che l'Amb-
asciata presso la quale egli era
fu noto, avrebbe potuto parlare ad
lui della cosa, ma che la decisione
era irrevocabilmente presa. Il collo-
quio di chiusura con la domanda fatta
dal signore se il Consigliere era stato
iscritto al P.F. al che naturalmente
egli diede risposta affermativa: è
notorio che tutti i funzionari Italiani
dovevano essere iscritti obbligato-
riamente. Sembra che il sign. Berdine
chiederà personalmente l'appartemen-
to del quale il suddetto Office ha preso
possessione il 7 giugno 1944.
Questo ordine di requisizione pone in
grave imbarazzo i sign. di Stefano, i
quali pur rendendosi pienamente
conto della necessità di alloggiare
agli Ufficiali Americani, dopo tanti
mesi di continue ansie per la loro
incolumità personale, si trovano
oggi senza casa e senza possibilità
di trovare una confortevole sistemazione.
Grazie alla compresenza
del Domo del Sacro Cuore di Villa
Lante (Via S. Francesco di Sales 18)
essi fanno un letto per me per
inutilizzare ragioni questa situa-
zione non può prolungarsi a
lungo.

Political Section

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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
REAL ESTATE SECTION
APO 794, US Army*DD - [unclear]*

FILE: REQ 168

August 15, 1944 *WS*

Subject: 25 Via Archimede

To : ACC HQ Political Section
APO 394

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R. H. Camrass
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Lt Col AQMG
Real Estate Officer
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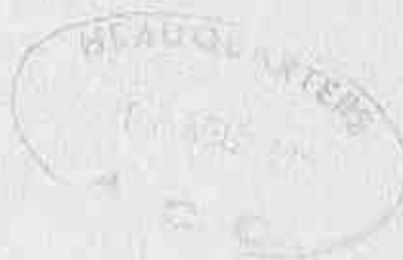
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Headquarters Allied Control Commission
APO 394

August 14, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Lt. Colonel R. H. Carrass,
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This case appears to be a worthy one and an early and favorable consideration of it would be appreciated.

William W. Schott
Political Section

Memorandum No. 6/231/110 enclosed

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R. MINISTERO
DEGLI
AFFARI ESTERI

Nr. 6/231/110

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ROME, AUGUST 12TH, 1944.



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref #370

26 October 1944

SUBJECT: De-requisition of Teatro Eliseo (REQ 49)

TO : Brigadier Alban Low, Deputy Commanding General, RAAC.

1. Reference your letter AG-800 dated 12 October 1944.

2. The American Ambassador again has expressed the desire that this case be reviewed and, pointing out that it is the only privately owned theater in Rome and that the arguments in favor of its de-requisition are sufficiently strong to warrant favorable action. It would be appreciated if it could be found convenient to derequisition this theater at the earliest moment or that a positive decision regarding its release on November 10 be made and ACC so notified.

By order of the Chief Commissioner:

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref 2870

25 October 1944

SUBJECT: De-requisition of Teatro Eliseo (REQ 49)

TO : Brigadier Alban Low, Deputy Commanding General, RAAC.

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Vice-President, Political Section

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Submitted by
J. L. Stone, Jr.
Army - 17 Schott
to Mr. H. H. H. H.
in the R.A.H.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Chief of Staff

ROUTING SLIP

Date.....

FROM

TO

..... Lt.Col. Shipp	.....
..... Major Talbot	.....
..... Major Stearns	.....
..... Capt. Oden	.....
..... Capt. Morden	.....
..... J/Cdr Mason	.....
..... J/Cdr Hopkins-Radulovic	.....
<u>Liaison Division:</u>	
..... Lt.Col. Brown	.....
..... Capt. The Earl of Ranfurly	.....
..... Chief Clerk	.....

Folio(s) referred:

Necessary Action
Information
Prepare Draft
Comment & Recommendation
Speak to me
Note and return

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21st October, 1944

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I have received your letter of October 19th. I will do what I can to get the Eliseo Theatre derequisitioned before November 10th and will let you know if I have any success.

ELIOT W. STONE
Comodoro, U.S.N.
Acting Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk
U. S. Representative to the
Advisory Council for Italy
Via Vittorio Veneto, 119
R O M E.

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Dear Commodore:

I understand that the Eliseo Theater is the only privately owned theater in Rome and in view of the arguments set forth in the enclosed correspondence would it not be possible to release the theater before Nov. 15th.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ A. Kirk

Oct 19

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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND

APO 794, US ARMY

AG-600

RSM/AL/ef
12 October 1944

Subject: De-requisition of Teatro Eliseo (REQ 49)

TO : Mr William W. Schott
Vice President Political Section, Allied
Commission
Corporations Building, Via Vittorio Veneto

1. Reference your letter No. 870 dated 1 Oct. 44.
2. We have gone into the matter of de-requisitioning the Teatro Eliseo and in view of the recent bookings it will not be possible to release it before 10 November 1944.
3. On or about 1st November 1944 further consideration will be given and a firm answer given as to disposition of the theater after 10th November 1944.

/s/ ALBES LOW
Brigadier
Deputy Commanding General

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COPYTRANSLATION

L'ALTO COMMISSARIO PER LE SANZIONI CONTRO IL FASCISMO

Palazzo Viminale, Roma.

Rome, October 3, 1944.

Dear friend:

I have so much esteem for my friend Vincenzo Terrace, the intimate collaborator of my dear colleague Senator Albertini, and such happy memories of old Crane, with whom I worked in the Near East, that I take the liberty of warmly and urgently recommending to your consideration the matter raised in the attached letter.

Terrace is so conscientious and honest that I am sure he does not exaggerate when he speaks of "Italian speculators who are exploiting the good faith of the Allies". Such things happen everywhere - but they must be avoided when possible.

I thank you with all my heart for taking an interest in this matter.

Affectionately yours,

(signed) Sforza.

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TRANSLATIONCOPY

Rome, October 2, 1944

Dear Count,

For the first time in many years I am obliged to turn to you for a personal matter. After I left journalism when it became fascist, the administration of the Eliseo theatre gave me a job by which I could live. Since the arrival of the Allies, although there are communal and state theatres in Rome, the Eliseo theatre has been requisitioned for American military entertainment. A few days ago, however, and I believe it was through the courteous interest taken in the matter by Ambassador Kirk, we were officially notified that by October 31 the theatre would be de-requisitioned. So the theatre managers, in order to continue operations, made haste to draw up a contract for shows to begin November 1. Suddenly, however, we were again notified yesterday, that the theatre will continue to be operated by the Allies until December 31, for the presentation of ballets with Italian artists of the Opera theatre. In addition it was stated that these shows are not only for the entertainment of the Allied troops but open to the Italian public, so that the scope of the requisition is not only that of offering entertainment to Allied soldiers, which is just, but also of procuring profits to whosoever is directing the shows.

It is evident that behind the Allies there are some Italian speculators who are exploiting the former's good faith. Also, the Eliseo Theatre, which was building for the purpose of producing plays, is so poorly adapted for ballets that yesterday the artistic director openly declared to the Allied officers, in our presence, that in view of the small stage and musicians' pit of the theatre, it would be necessary to give up the most important part of the program.

I would like to ask you a favour: could not you, with your influence, ask Ambassador Kirk, who is always so courteous and understanding, to avoid, by his authoritative intervention, that this supplementary damage and injustice be suffered not only by me but by my American partner John Crane? Is it admissible that our interests be damaged to the benefit, probably, of Italian speculators who are working behind Opera ballet?

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I should be very sorry if this matter, already known in Anglo-American press circles, should become gossip in foreign newspapers.

If the Allied Command still requires theatres, it might well call upon the managers of other Roman theatres, some of which are more adapted to their use than the Eliseo, to take the same sacrifice as has the administration of the Eliseo, who have not even been reimbursed for the rental on the theatre.

Please forgive me for troubling you, and accept my appreciation for what you may be able to do in the matter.

With kindest regards,

Yours,

(Signed) Vincenzo Terracc

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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND

APO 794, US Army

AG-600

RSM/AL/af
12 October 1944

Subject: De-requisition of Teatro Eliseo (REQ 494).

To ; Mr William W. Schott
Vice President Political Section, Allied Commission
Corporations Building, Via Vittorio Veneto

1. Reference your letter No. 870 dated 1 Oct 44.
2. We have gone into the matter of de-requisitioning the Teatro Eliseo and in view of the recent bookings it will not be possible to release it before 10 November 1944.
3. On or about 1st November 1944 further consideration will be given and a firm answer given as to disposition of the theater after 10th November 1944.

Alban Low
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Brigadier
Deputy Commanding General

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Ref #870

1 October 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Lt. Colonel R. H. Camrass
Real Estate Officer
Rome Allied Area Command

SUBJECT: Derequisition of the Teatro Eliseo .

1. There is attached hereto copy of a memorandum prepared by the Managing Directors of the Teatro Eliseo which was brought to the attention of the American Representative on the Advisory Council for Italy by Count Sforza, Italian Minister-without-Portfolio, who asserted that the managers of this theater consistently had been anti-Fascist and that an American citizen is involved in the ownership of the theater.

2. It would be appreciated were you to investigate this case and to afford the Political Section, A.C.C., a report thereon for reply to the American Representative on the Advisory Council.

WILLIAM V. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

Encl:
by memo "Teatro Eliseo"

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C O P Y

Il Teatro Eliseo è stato requisito ai primi di luglio dal Comando Americano per il periodo di sei settimane, che finiva il 15 agosto. Ma a tutt'oggi non solo il Teatro non è stato derequisito, ma, da vaghi accenni, è lecito pensare che non lo sarà per molto tempo ancora.

Si fa notare quanto segue:

1. = Dei Teatri di prosa romani - Argentina, Quirino, Eliseo - l'Eliseo è il solo di proprietà privata, appartenendo l'Argentina al Comune di Roma ed il Quirino ad un Ente Parastatale: l'E.R.I.-

Essendo stato l'Argentina requisito dal Comando Britannico, il Quirino poteva servire per gli spettacoli del Comando Americano. O, quanto meno, sarebbe stato giusto per lo meno che l'occupazione americana fosse distribuita in parti eguali fra Quirino ed Eliseo. Ma non si comprende davvero perché un Teatro parastatale debba essere escluso dal pagare il suo tributo alle truppe occupanti, mentre un Teatro privato debba pagarlo per se e per gli altri.

Non ci sono ragioni tecniche a difesa di tale ingiustizia, perché il Quirino ha lo stesso numero di posti dell'Eliseo ed ha una attrezzatura tecnica superiore (palcoscenico più grande, impianto di luce più ricco e più moderno, ecc.)

2. = Il Teatro Eliseo è stato costruito con capitali della famiglia Albertini fra le più note per il suo antifascismo e per le persecuzioni subite ed è gestito dal Dott. Vincenzo Terracciano, che dove lasciare il giornalismo per antifascismo e fu nel 1928 espropriato, sempre per antifascismo, della casa che egli possedeva nella cooperativa dei giornalisti.

Questi dettagli non sono ricordati per legittimare una posizione di privilegio del Teatro Eliseo, ma per giustificare l'aspirazione ad avere, presso le armate occupanti, almeno la stessa considerazione degli altri teatri.

3. = Non un centesimo è stato versato finora al gestore del Teatro, il quale è tuttavia obbligato a pagare la pigione al proprietario. Sono danni che ammontano a cifre assai rilevanti. E' possibile che le armate occupanti impongano ad un privato cittadino un particolare tributo, così pesante, solo perché egli ha la disgrazia di possedere un'attività che alle dette armate piace confiscare a tempo indeterminato?

4. = E' necessario per lo meno fissare una data per la restituzione del Teatro, affinché siano disdetti i contratti di recite che non potranno essere espletati, e si stabilisca la programmazione per il giorno in cui il Teatro sarà lasciato libero. Senza di che, finita la requisizione, il Teatro dovrà continuare a rimanere chiuso. E certo le armate delle Nazioni Unite non vorranno alla requisizione aggiungere i danni di una paralisi a requisizione finita.

Conclusione - Se l'Armata Americana ha bisogno ancora di un teatro di prosa a Roma, sarebbe giusto, dopo avere occupato per due mesi il Teatro Eliseo, che occupasse a turno, per periodi trimestrali, gli altri Teatri di Roma.

Mr. Schott:

You asked for the reference underlined the other day. This was never received by this Section, and an investigation throughout the building shows that there is no trace of its having been received by A.C.C.

Shall we go across the street to the Press and Information Bldg. and ask for a copy?

D.M.D.

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