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From:-- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, AFCE.  
 To :-- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat, c/o. Rear A.H.Q., Italy.  
 Date:-- 8th August, 1946.  
 Ref :-- AFSC/57AIR.

FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL AVIATION - ANNUAL CONFERENCE, LONDON.

The attached is a copy of a letter dated 7th August, 1946, received from Air Commodore Whitney Straight (ret.), which is forwarded for your consideration.

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ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.



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With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(SGD) WHITNEY STRAIGHT.

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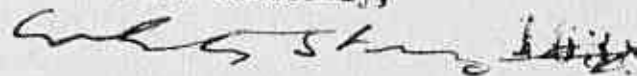
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FROM: AIR FORCE, SUB-COMMISSION,  
ALLIED COMMISSION, HOME.

TO: ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY (200983)

DATE: 24TH JUNE, 1946.

REF: AFAC/53/AD.

CIVIL AVIATION.

The R.A.F. Commanding Officer at Fiesse (Wing Commander Glover) informs us that Mr. Minio has again asked that he may fly his Italian aircraft as he understands that civil aviation is now permitted in Italy. It is also understood that Mr. Minio wishes to form an Aero Club.

2. It is requested that you will inform Mr. Minio that authority has only so far been given for Internal Civil Airlines to be operated in Italy, and until the Allied Commission receives a memorandum from the Italian Government upon the subject of civil aviation as a whole, no authority can be granted for the type of civil aviation which Mr. Minio is asking for.

3. It is, therefore, requested that you will also inform Mr. Minio that his aircraft must continue to remain grounded until further notice.

4. By letter AFAC/236/AD of the 12th September 1945 (to Italian Air Ministry only), refer.

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*[Signature]*  
 I.S. BODIN,  
 AIR VICE-MARSHAL,  
 DEPUTY,  
 AIR FORCE SUB-COMMISSION.

COPI: WING COMMANDER A.M. GLOVER.

Your letter DO/AC dated 19th June refers - for which  
 many thanks.

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Royal Air Force Station

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EMAS,

C. M. F.

D.O/AE.

19th June, 1946.

Dear Air Vice Marshal,

Mr. Minio has again requested that he may be allowed to use his Saimen aircraft. I have told him that until I have orders to the contrary the aircraft is grounded. I have seen your D.O. letter to Bryden AFSC/326/ENG. marked confidential and dated 19th September, 1945. I am assuming that the details of paragraph 4 still hold good.

Apparently, this time he wants to get an Aero Club going and he tells me through the Italian authorities that it has the blessing of the Italian Air Ministry. I should be grateful if you would give me some guidance in this matter.

I hope you are keeping fit. I am sorry I have been unable to make my number with you, but reduction of staff keeps me tied to the island.

Yours sincerely,



Wing Commander, Commanding  
R.A.F. Station EMAS, C.M.F.

Air Vice Marshal I.E. BRODIE, O.B.E.,  
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