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I suggest you send a memo to the C.C. (the Ex Comm) in draft form recording in above, with a request asking for the C.C.'s approval to send to (A) & (B) Embassies and M.A.A.C. for information.

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For P. Proctor
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Frank E. Maud
Lt. Col., A. C.

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FROM : AIR FORCE SUB-COMMISSION, A.C. ROME
 TO : THE ASSISTANT POLITICAL ADVISER (A),
 HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
 DATE : 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1946
 REF : AFCE/CO/VR

ESTABLISHMENT OF RUSSIAN AIRLINES TO ITALY

Please refer to your memorandum dated 16th September, 1946.

2. Information is furnished that no jurisdictional rights are exercised by the AFCE or HACC over Italian controlled airfields. However, in order to enable this Headquarters efficiently to supervise and guide the Italian Air Force, it is a common practice for the Italian Air Ministry to seek our recommendations as to the use of Italian controlled airfields. Likewise the Italian Air Ministry is accustomed to seek the advice of this Sub-Commission before putting into effect any major alterations to its airfields.

3. This Sub-Commission has no further knowledge concerning the establishment of Russian Civil Airlines to Italy. Any further developments on this project will be immediately relayed to your office.

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 FRANK E. MARKE,
 Lt. Col., Air Corps
 Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Political Adviser (A)

September 16, 1946

MEMORANDUM TO: Air Forces Sub-Commission
SUBJECT: Establishment of Russian Airlines to Italy

With reference to your memorandum of August 20 (Ref. AFSC/66/Air), enclosing a copy of minutes of a meeting with the Russian Air representative on the establishment of Russian civil airlines to Italy, I should be grateful if you could inform me what jurisdiction, if any, the Air Forces Sub-Commission or MAAC has over airports in Italy other than those operated by the Allies.

I should also be grateful to know of any further developments which may arise in connection with the presumed intention of the Soviet Government to institute a civil air service to Italy.

Joseph H. Greene, Jr.
Assistant Political Adviser (A).

cc: AFPOAD, Caserta

D.D.
I think you can answer this one adequately.
The AFSC is the correct channel of communication for the initial stages between the Allies and the I.A.M.

note:
I conversed with S/L Womelsky who confirmed that M.A.A.C. have no jurisdiction over Italian controlled airfields. J/H 27/9/46



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FROM : AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C. ROME

TO : THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
THE BRITISH EMBASSY
A.A.A.C. SECRETARIAT

DATE : 20TH AUGUST 1940

REF : AFSC/66/AIR

ESTABLISHMENT OF RUSSIAN AIRLINES
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2. The conference was occasioned by the knowledge obtained from the Italian newspapers and requests made by the Russian Representative to Alcom for copies of the law and road contracts with the Italian Government, that it can be assumed it is the intention of the U.S.S.R. to establish civil airlines between Russia and Italy and possibly internal civil airlines in Italy.

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L. COL. AIR CORPS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Incl:- Copy of Minutes

Chief Commissioner.

P203 submitted. The 'conference' was at
the instance of the Russian Rep. who asked
to see & was shown the BOTC contract.

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TO: The Chief Commissioner.
(Through Executive Commissioner)

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16 August 1946.

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Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Deputy Director,
Air Forces Sub-Comm, A.C.

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