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From:- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Command, Rome.
 To :- Italian Air Ministry, Directorate of Civil Aviation.
 Copy: Air Forces Sub-Commission Detachment, Bari.
 Date:- 16th December, 1946.
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TEST FLIGHTS OVER CIAMPINO OR URBE AIRFIELDS.

With reference to your letter 6166/3621 Coll. of 28th October, 1946, and to our conversation with the Air Minister on 13th December, we consider that neither Ciampino nor Urbe Airports should be used for a training centre by day or by night.

2. As regards Ciampino it is unlikely that the USAAF Air Transport Command would agree, and furthermore the legitimate traffic is heavy and is likely to increase and therefore at no time would it be desirable for training and test flights to be undertaken at this airport either by day or by night.
3. As regards Urbe we consider it unfit for night flying in modern aircraft especially during the winter. Indeed it would appear that Urbe might just as well be returned to agriculture provided your Directorate and the Stato Maggiore agree.
4. The principle of forming a training centre for civil aircrew is agreed and furthermore it is strongly recommended that civil aircrew again undertake night flying training at an early date.
5. It is therefore suggested that this training could be best done at Bari, where all facilities for day and night flying are in full operation and which has recently been turned back to the Italian Air Force from the Royal Air Force. Alternatively Capodichino may be turned back by the Americans to the Italians not later than the 31st January, 1947 (this, however, requires confirmation) and therefore if you so desire it may be more convenient (from a geographical point of view) to inaugurate the school at Capodichino but we cannot state at this moment that the airfield will be left in full operational condition for night or day flying.
6. ~~Although~~ Since the detailed overall plan for internal civil airlines, which is expected at an early date from you, has been approved by us there will be no objection ~~whatever~~ to night and day test flights and training locally over the Base itself or on operational routes. But until night flying facilities are made available at the airfields on the routes suggested in your letter above quoted we consider it would be inadvisable to do test flight by night. We assume that no fare paying passengers will be carried on training flights or operational test flights in accordance with international custom if not international regulations.
7. The training centre may be set up and operated at Bari forthwith if you so wish.
8. It is requested that you will inform the A.F.S.C. as to any decision you may take in this matter and the date upon which you expect the school to begin functioning.

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