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MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE, IN
OCT. 1944 - MAR. 1945

From: Air Marshal Sir John Slessor, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.
HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCES

JCS.1228

~~SECRET~~

5th February 1945

Dear Buscarlet

The Chiefs of Staff have recently drawn the attention of Commanders-in-Chief, not for the first time, to the importance of strict compliance with the rules and regulations concerning press interviews given by senior officers.

Fresh instructions have been issued by the Government on this subject, in the terms of the attached note which I am sending to all R.A.F. Commanders in MedAE. It is, of course, unlikely that any occasion will arise for you to consider giving an official press conference, but if it should do will you ensure that the regulations are carefully followed and that an advance summary is sent to the P.R.O. at M.A.A.F.

When properly handled I think "off the record" background talks can sometimes produce valuable results. They should not be overdone either in frequency or in their contents, but that is a matter I can leave to your judgement. I would, however, like you to arrange for the P.R.O. here to be kept informed of any off the record talks that are given by officers in your command.

I think this answers your letter
of 3 Feb in part anyway. I think it would be
unwise to give anything "off the record" to the Italian press

1968

Air Vice-Marshal W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet, C.B.E., D.F.C.,
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

Yours

J. Slessor

SECRET

From: - Chiefs of Staff, London.

29th January, 1945.

H.M. Government have had under consideration the extent to which Senior Officers should grant interviews to the press, hold press conferences, etc.

2. Statements on policy and the future conduct of the War are, in principle, reserved to Ministers and are NOT to be made without approval of H.M. Government, which in the case of Commands within the sphere of a Minister Resident, should be sought through the Minister (at the same time informing the service department concerned) and in other cases through the service departments concerned.
3. S.Os. are NOT to give press conferences, etc. on any operational matters without special permission being obtained beforehand from the service department concerned in each case. Any request for permission should contain a full summary of what it is proposed to say. If reference to operations of the other services or any other Theatres of War is intended, you should indicate whether the service authorities concerned have agreed.
4. The above instructions do NOT apply to "off the record" interviews and conferences to give background and guidance to the press, but it is essential that the information given on such conferences is NOT subsequently attributed either to the Senior Officer or to official sources. Nor does it apply to regular conferences held by Senior Public Relations Officers or Staff Officers whose duty it is to inform press conferences.
5. Os-in-C and Officers of similar status may, at their discretion, permit Junior Officers to give eye witness accounts of operations in which they have been participating and their names may be quoted.

1967

I KSLATION.

FROM: H.E. CASPAROTTO.
 TO: AIR VICE-MARSHAL W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET,
 REF: 6317/2058 COLL.
 DATE: 4TH. MARCH 1945.

Further to my previous letter in which I pointed out the urgent necessity of obtaining the authorisation for occupying the Air Ministry building.

I wish to inform you that on the morning of 1st/March two functionaries of the American Embassy (United States Information Service) presented themselves at Palazzo Caprera and enquired as to how many rooms were occupied by the Italian Air Force and what furniture these rooms contained.

It appears that this information was asked for because the American Embassy intends to occupy the premises situated in Palazzo Caprera or in Via Umbria;

In view of the afore-mentioned the restitution of the Air Ministry building is of extreme urgency, and it would permit of the systemising of my organisation, thus increasing its efficiency. At the same time, if the building was returned to us we could then meet the wishes of the Embassy.

I should therefore be most grateful if you would exert your influence in order that the desired solution be arrived at.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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SIGNED:

L. Gasparotto.

Roma, 4 MAR 1945 B

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Il Ministro dell'Aeronautica

681/2058 LL

Sig. Maresciallo,

a seguito della mia precedente lettera con la quale Le rappresentavo l'urgente necessità di avere la autorizzazione ad occupare l'edificio già sede del Ministero, Le comunico che la mattina del 1° marzo corr. si sono presentati a Palazzo Caprara due funzionari dell'Ambasciata Americana (United States Information Service) i quali hanno chiesto notizie circa il numero di ambienti occupati dalla R.Aeronautica nella sede di Palazzo Caprara, nonché del mobilio etc.

Gli stessi hanno chiesto anche notizie circa i locali occupati dall'Aeronautica nella sede dell'I. N.A. in via Umbria.

Le notizie di cui sopra, a quanto è stato possibile capire, sarebbero state richieste perché detta Ambasciata avrebbe in animo di occupare i locali di Palazzo Caprara o di via Umbria.

In vista delle necessità rappresentate dall'Ambasciata degli S.U. è perciò urgente la restituzione dell'edificio già sede del Ministero dell'Aeronautica; restituzione che permetterebbe la sistemazione della mia Amministrazione in modo organico, aumentandone l'efficienza e il rendimento, venendo incontro, nel contempo, ai desideri della predetta Ambasciata.

Le sarei grato, Sig. Maresciallo, se volesse interporre i suoi buoni uffici per raggiungere entro il più breve tempo possibile la soluzione desiderata e La ringrazio fin d'ora per quanto farà.

Vice Marshal
W.A.B.BOWEN-BUSCARLET, CBE, DFC
Director A.F.S.C. - A.C.
- R O M A -

Uso del
L. Caprara
1945

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FROM : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY.
 TO : A.V.M. W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET, CBE, DFC.
 AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, ROME.
 DATE : 28th FEBRUARY 1945
 REF : 5417/2002/COLL.

Sir,

The Italian Air Ministry has been requested to appoint urgently to Bari a Colonel of the Corpo di Commissariato Aeronautico, as ~~Unità Aerea Command Officer~~ ^{Inspector of the administrative offices} of the Operational Units.

It would be my intention to recall Colonel Commissario Sommella Gaetano (on permanent service) who has already been favourably discriminated, and to appoint him to Bari, with the Unità Aerea.

With reference to what has already been communicated to you by the Chief of the Stato Maggiore of the I.A.F., I would like to ask you to let me know if there is any objection against the above proposal.

Utmost regards.

Sincerely yours

L. GASPAROTTO (Sgd.)

translated by Paola Bompard

1963

Yes. Agreed. *[Signature]*
[Signature]



Roma, li 20 FEB 1945

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Il Ministro dell'Aeronautica
 5417 / 2002 boll.

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Signor Maresciallo,

Il Ministero dell'Aeronautica è stato interessato per l'urgente assegnazione a Bari di un Colonnello del Corpo di Commissariato Aeronautico, al quale il Comando Unità Aerea affiderebbe compiti di ispezione agli uffici amministrativi dei Reparti operanti.

Avrei per tale incarico pensato di richiamare in attività di servizio il Colonnello Commissario in s.p.e. SOMMELLA Gaetano, già favorevolmente discriminato, destinandolo a Bari presso l'Unità Aerea.

Con riferimento a quanto ha già avuto occasione di comunicarle al riguardo il Capo di Stato Maggiore della R.Aeronautica, La prego farmi cortesemente conoscere se nulla vi sia in contrario all'attuazione della proposta in oggetto.

Con i sensi della più viva considerazione, mi creda

per
Garofalo

1962

Signor Vice Maresciallo dell'Aria
 W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET, CBE, DFC.
 Air Forces Sub Commission
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From : Air Vice-Marshal G.B.A. Baker, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.

PERSONAL

HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCES
C.M.F.

GB.33

28th February 1945

My dear BB

With regard to Morrow, I have had a talk with General Chauncey, who was approached from the American side, and have explained to him that there is a Service necessity for posting Morrow, and very regretfully we must carry this out.

The C-in-C has written officially to the American Ambassador to the Vatican, Mr. Myron Taylor, and informed him in the same sense.

General Chauncey is explaining the circumstances to the Americans concerned. I hope that this will put the matter clear.

G.B.A. Baker
G.B.A. Baker.

Air Vice-Marshal W.A.B. Towne Ruscarlet, C.B.E., D.F.C.,
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

1960

TRANSLATION.

35^A

FROM: AIR MINISTRY - CABINETTO - AFFARI GENRALI.

TO: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ROME.

DATE: 27th February, 1945.

REF: 5743/AG.

I wish to replace Major Gen. C.C.a.a. Carlo REZZA member of the 1st and 2nd Screening Commission for Military personnel.

As your Sub-Commission is aware, the above officer was recalled to service to take on the above duties, as it was considered advisable to appoint to the Screening Commission an individual capable, by reasons of his knowledge of personnel, of giving advice with regard to the officers belonging to the Air Force Commissariat.

Major Gen. C.C.a.a. GIAGGEDDU Antonio being now at disposal I wish to appoint him to the above post, and at the same time employ him as Head of the Commissariat Direction of the R.A.

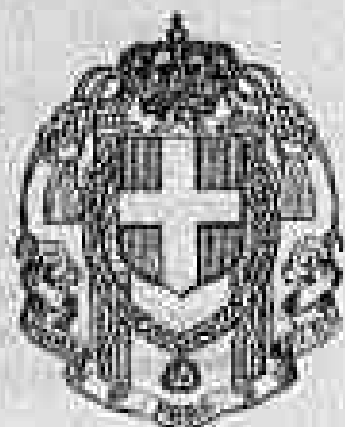
Gen. Giaggheddu took an active part in the fight against the Germans, has been favourably screened and the epuration commission has awarded him a favourable sentence.

In consequent of the above, Major Gen. REZZA would be retired.

Will you kindly let me know if you have any objection.

THE MINISTER.

1959



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 Roma, 27 FEB 1945 ^{Mod 1231} 35 13 Anno

Ministero dell'Aeronautica

 CABINETTO DEL MINISTRO
Affari Generali

 Divisione 5743/AG *Legge dell.*
Prot. N. *Allegati*

 All AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. = R O M A =

 Risposta al Toglio del
Dir. *Legg.* *N.º*

OGGETTO Richiesta di benestare.

Ho in animo di sostituire il Maggiore Generale del Corpo di Commissariato Aeronautico in Ausiliaria REZZA Carlo nello incarico di membro aggiunto della 1ª e della 2ª Commissione Ministeriale per il personale Militare.

Come è noto a cotesta Sottocommissione il predetto Ufficiale Generale venne richiamato in servizio per assolvere lo incarico suddetto, essendosi ravvisato l'opportunità di assegnare alle Commissioni predette un elemento che fosse in grado, per la conoscenza del personale, di dare il proprio giudizio in sede di discriminazione degli Ufficiali appartenenti al Corpo di Commissariato Aeronautico.

Essendo oggi disponibile il Maggiore Generale di Commissariato in S.P.E. GIAGHEDDU Antonio, avrei pensato di affidargli l'incarico suddetto, e nel contempo di impiegarlo anche quale Capo della Direzione di Commissariato della R.A.-

Il Generale Giagheddu che ha attivamente partecipato alla lotta contro i tedeschi, è stato favorevolmente discriminato e, sottoposto a procedimento di epurazione, è stato dichiarato immune.

In conseguenza di quanto precede il Maggiore Generale REZZA sarebbe ricollocato in congedo.

Prego farmi cortesemente conoscere se nulla vi sia in contrario.

IL MINISTRO

Si prega trattare per ogni lettera un solo argomento e indicare, nella risposta, il numero della lettera e la Divisione a cui si risponde.

ATTIVITA' PUBBLICATA DALL' STATO

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
APO 394
Regional Security Officer
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Ref.S/1425

22 February 1945

SUBJECT : Chinese Air Forces

TO : Air Forces Sub - Commission A.C. HQ.
(Att.Air V.Marshal BOWEN BUSCARLET)

1. Reference is made to Subject.
2. Attached please find one telephone intercept which is submitted for your information and for whatever use you may deem advisable.
3. This R.S.O. believes caller (PELLEGRINI) refers to a civilian pilot of "Ala Littoria". William LISARDI, whose phone was used, is an employee by the Motor Transportation Division, these HQ. He was formerly a pilot of "Ala Littoria" too. The callee (Comandante) is unknown.
4. If further inquiries are contemplated, this R.S.O. will be glad to assist in any way possible.

1957
W. Gene Caprio
Gene CAPRIO
1st Lt. Inf.
Asst. Regional Security
and Int. Officer

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1st Lt. Inf.
Asst. Regional Security
and Int. Officer

Rome /11745
(Serial number)

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CONFIDENTIAL
CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP
TELEPHONE

F. ROME. Date Mailed 21/2/45
(Station)

From:		To: Telephone 875062 LISARDI WILLIAM Via Chelini 16 (Callee - Comandante)	
(Caller - Pellegrini)			
Number of previous comment sheets:	Disposition:	Language: - Italian.	Observation started 0905
Caller	Passed	Recording No.	Total time: 2 Mins.
Callee R/T/11729	Refused	None.	Date 21 Feb. 1945
	Caller warned		
	Callee warned		
	Call cut off		

COMMENT

AVIATION

Il chiamante - Pronto, comandante; Parla Pellegrini. Desideravo sapere se oggi ci potevamo vedere perchè le dovevo parlare di certe cose.
Il chiamato - Io oggi non vado in ufficio!
Il chiamante - Ho saputo che il Cap. Schimitzki, quel silurante tipo Buscaglia, fa arruolamenti per l'aviazione cinese con uno stipendio di 18 dollari d'oro al mese. In più lui si è vantato che un colonnello inglese gli ha dato l'incarico di direttore tecnico per le vie aeree civili. Secondo me, credo che sia una mancanza di tatto verso di noi. Schimitzki non c'entra niente con la nostra aviazione civile.
Il chiamato - Stai tranquillo Pellegrini, io cercherò di sapere come stanno le cose e poi ti telefonerò.
Il chiamante - Va bene, commendatore.

1955

R.A.F.

Comment by—
Monitor 112

Reviewed by—
E.C. Austin
Capt. I.C.

Copy to—
JSEC INT

LW CCG

FILE

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W. D. A. G. O. Form No. 912b
February 16, 1943

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FROM: Brigadier G. R. UPJOHN.

Ref: D.O. 9/3.1A/CA.

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

17 February 1945

Dear *Air Vice Marshal*

The Legal Sub-Commission has informed me of the extremely valuable cooperation they have received from both the Ministry of Air and your sub-commission in setting up the Military Tribunal for Northern Italy.

I understand that without your help it would have been impossible to find a sufficient number of officers to allow this court to function with any degree of efficiency.

I am personally very grateful to you for having understood so readily the importance of the work this court is going to perform and for the generous assistance you have given to the Legal Sub-Commission in this matter.

Yours

*Sincerely**G. R. Upjohn*

1954

Air Vice Marshal
W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet
Director
Air Forces Sub-Commission
HQ AC

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AIR MINISTRY.

4315.

Rome.

15th February, 1945.

AIR VICE MARSHAL,

Referring to the talks on the question of the main Air Ministry building, I should be very grateful to you if you would use your good influences to have this returned to the Ministry of which I am the Head.

As I have already had the honour to point out, the question is of particular importance, I am sure, in as much as a systemisation such as I am asking for, besides having noticeable moral reaction on the personnel of the whole of the various aeronautical services.

Since the building in question is actually unoccupied, I consider that there is nothing now to prevent my wish being fulfilled.

I thank you for what I am sure you will do, and I send you my best wishes.

Sgd. L. GASPAROTTO.

A.V.M. Bowen-Buscarlet, CBE, DFC,
A.F.S.C.
A.C.
Rome.

1953

on 14th Feb 1945
to L. Gasparotto on 15th
24/2/45

Il Ministro dell'Aeronautica

Roma li 15 Febbraio 1945

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Sig. Maresciallo,

riferendomi ai colloqui avuti sull'argomento, Le sarei vivamente grato se volesse interporre la sua autorevole influenza, perchè l'edificio sede del Ministero dell'Aeronautica venga restituito all'Amministrazione di cui sono capo.

Come già ho avuto l'onore di accennarle, la questione è di particolare importanza in quanto sono sicuro che una sistemazione come quella che richiedo, oltre i notevoli riflessi morali sul personale, si ripercuoterebbe favorevolmente su tutto il complesso dei vari servizi aeronautici.

Poichè l'edificio in questione è attualmente libero, ritengo che nulla ormai possa opporsi ad un accoglimento del mio desiderio.

La ringrazio fin d'ora per quanto sono sicuro farà e Le invio i più devoti saluti.

A.V.M.

W.A.B. Bowen BUSCARLET

C.B.E. AFC - A.F.S.C. - A.C.

R O M A

Suo obb.

Carpani

1952

TRANSLATION. A

14/2/43

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TO: A.V.M. BOWEN-MUSCARLET.

FROM: H.E. GASPAROTTO.

Ref. SF/964/1A.

I enclose copy of list, handed by me today to H.E. Bonomi, which contains the names, together with particulars, of the Italian technicians now in Switzerland, and who we wish to repatriate with a view to the National reconstruction.

The names are numerous but, as I have pointed out to H.E. Bonomi, many of these individuals will not accept the offer of repatriation because of family reasons.

Yours very truly,

L. Gasparotto.

P.S. The request will be made by H.E. Bonomi.

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Il Ministro dell'Aeronautica

Roma, 14 FEB 1945

Air Vice Maresciallo

W.A.B. BOWEN - BUSCARLET

A.C.

R O M A

SP/964/1-A. Le invio copia dell'elenco - da me
 trasmesso in data odierna a S.E. BONOMI - dei
tecnici italiani in Svizzera che sarebbe uti
 le far rimpatriare ai fini della ricostruzio
 ne nazionale, con note illustrative dell'atti
 vità di ciascuno di essi. *I uomini sono molti,*
ma, come ho scritto a Bonomi, parecchi
di essi non accetteranno l'offerta per
ragioni di famiglia.

Devoti saluti.

Obb.

Caporaso

1950

La richiesta sarà fatta da S. E. Bonomi.

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CASAGRANDE Luigi - BERNA
CODA Dante - BERNA
ARPESANI Giustino - BERNA

Dirigenti di grande aziende milanesi. Sono in rapporti di affari con tutte le maggiori imprese dell'Alta Italia e già designati a questo scopo dal Comitato Nazionale di Liberazione per l'immediata ripresa dell'attività industriale.

TINO Adolfo - LUGANO

Specializzato nella Legislazione Sociale, nativo e già residente a Roma, e poi a Milano particolarmente utile per la coordinazione delle Leggi sociali già applicate nell'Italia liberata con il Nord d'Italia.

Ing. VALERIO Giorgio - LUCERNA

Già dirigente della Società di Eletticità "Edison" di Milano e progettista dei maggiori impianti idroelettrici dell'Alta Italia. Necessario per le riparazioni alle Centrali elettriche ecc.-

JARACH Emilio - Hotel *Schönbühl* - BERNA

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Prof. Mario Giacomo LEVI - Ordinario di Chimica Industriale al Politecnico di Milano, attualmente a Losanna. D'accordo con S.E. Gronchi si è richiesta la chiamata del Prof. Levi perchè la persona che potrebbe essere incaricata degli studi relativi ai carboni, alle ligniti, ecc.
Il Prof. Levi è già stato in altri tempi consulente

del governo italiano per tutti questi problemi e a lui conteremmo di affidare la direzione di uno dei servizi presso questo Consiglio delle Ricerche.

Dott. Franz ELTER - Già direttore generale delle Miniere della Soc. An. Cogne, attualmente a Losanna. Intenderemmo affidare a lui, appena fosse autorizzato a rientrare in Italia, lo studio di tutto un gruppo di problemi minerari e metallurgici a proposito dei quali è da considerarsi come uno degli specialisti più competenti. La sua venuta è da considerarsi come urgente in vista del lavoro utile che potrebbe fare per la ripresa di sfruttamento delle miniere della Sardegna.

Ing. Franco LEVI - E' stato, prima delle leggi razziali, assistente alla Scienza delle Costruzioni nel R. Politecnico di Torino. Attualmente a Losanna. Si tratta di uno specialista in costruzioni di cemento armato precompresso di cui io avrei bisogno qui per affidargli tutti gli studi relativi alla regolamentazione delle strutture in cemento armato in vista nella ricostruzione edilizia. Anche l'Ing. Levi verrebbe quindi preposto ad uno dei servizi del Consiglio delle Ricerche.

Dott. Luigi SZECÔ - Già professore incaricato dell'Università di Milano e Direttore del Laboratorio ricerche della Soc. An. Fibre Tessili artificiali Chatillon, attualmente a Losanna. E' uno specialista negli studi relativi alle industrie tessili che intenderei utilizzare presso questo Consiglio delle Ricerche chiamandolo a far parte del Comitato che dovrà occuparsi della ricostruzione industriale.

1948

Comm. Mario DARMON - Hotel Palace - LUGANO

Già dirigente della nota Conceria milanese LA BARONA, tessile nell'incetta delle pelli nelle varie regioni

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tecnico nell'incetta delle pelli nelle varie regioni
d'Italia e per la successiva la vorazione.

ENRICO DALL'OGGIO - LOCARNO

o DALL'OGGIO - LOCARNO
Già dirigente e proprietario della Casa Editrice Cor
baccio, uno dei maggiori esponenti dell'industria.

Dott. Gino Battisti, figlio del martire Battisti
BRESSO - LUGANO

BRESSO - LUGANO

già amministratore di una Società produttrice di prodotti chimici collegata colla Montecatini. Ha spiccate competenze anche nel campo dell'organizzazione Cooperativistica generale.

Prof. Ettore TIBALDI - Via C. Maderni, 10 - LUGANO
Professore di patologia all'Università di Pavia.
Capo dei Partigiani e già Presidente della Giunta di Governo dell'Ossola. Viene richiamato per la sua competenza tecnica in materia sanitaria e perchè stabilisca un collegamento solido coi partigiani dell'Ossola attualmente in movimento.

Ing. Marcello HIRSCH - Via Nassa, 19 - LUGANO
Ingegnere costruttore di grande valore specializzato nello studio dei problemi della ricostruzione. La sua presenza è ritenuta utilissima per l'inizio delle grandi opere di demolizione e ricostruzione.

Prof. Giuseppe DELOGU - Obstgarteubstrasse - ZURIGO
Professore d'arte, direttore collezioni artistiche.

AVV. Raimondo TARGETTI - BELLINZONA
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(Non sarà facile ottenere l'adesione al ritorno per motivi di famiglia).

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AVV. Ezio VIGORELLI - Piazza Dante, 1 - LUGANO
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Legislazione sociale e per le sue relazioni coi
Partigiani della Val d'Ossola. (Due figli morti
lo scorso anno combattendo volontari in Val Gran-
de).

Marchese DE NOBILI Rino - Montagnola - LUGANO
E' un ex diplomatico, che ha rinunciato all'Uffi-
cio quale Consigliere di Legazione per incompati-
bilità politica col fascismo; risiede da molti an-

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ni in Svizzera; è marito di una Kathon, della storica famiglia nota in Inghilterra, ed è particolarmente utile per la riattivazione in Italia, di una industria di origine del proprio padre. Competente in opere assistenziali.

Conte Achille OLCESE - GUIDO DI BELLINZONA

E' il capo della S.A. Cotonificio Vittorio Olcese, proprietario di otto cotonifici in Liguria, Piemonte e Lombardia, la maggiore azienda cotoniera d'Italia, espatriato per non collaborare col nemico. (Si prevede che non accetterà l'invito per ragioni di famiglia; comunque si ritiene utile metterlo in nota, per l'utilità del suo intervento.

Dott. Luigi PADOIN - GUIDO DI BELLINZONA

E' amministratore delegato di Società Lombarda, per confezioni di abiti e consulente tecnico di varie aziende (Cotonificio Olcese, Manifattura Val Brenbana, T.I.S. ecc.). Competente per organizzazione industriale e impianti contabili.

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TRANSLATION

ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY

Ref. 3640.

Rome 14th February 1945

Air Vice Marshal,

as I must substitute in the Legal Medical College, Col. RUDDAS Silvio, placed on the reserve on the 7th January last, owing to his age, I would like to assign to the said College the Professor Col. Casella Benedetto, throat specialist, who has been carefully chosen.

In the meantime in order to regularise the functioning of the Supreme Medical Commission which has to examine the numerous legal medical matters concerning I.A.F. personnel wounded and sick in the present war, it is necessary to name the President, and I would have picked Col. Doctor MARINUCCI Marino, also carefully chosen, and who possesses the necessary capabilities to carry out this work.

Your approval would be appreciated.

signed Luigi Gasparotto

A.V.M.

N.A.F. Bowen-Bucralet

C.F.E. APC - A.F.G.C. - A.C.

Rome

Nothing known against these individuals. If you approve of nomination, a letter for the signature is attached.

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Il Ministro dell'Aeronautica

Roma 14 Febbraio 1945

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Sig. Maresciallo,

dovento provvedere a sostituire presso il Collegio Medico Legale il Col. medico ZUDDAS Silvio, inviato in ausiliaria il 7 gennaio u.s. perchè colpito dai limiti di età, desidererei assegnarvi il Col. medico CASELLA Prof. Benedetto, specialista in otorinolaringoiatria, favorevolmente discriminato.

Nel contempo, per regolarizzare il funzionamento della Commissione Sanitaria di Appello, che deve esaminare i numerosissimi provvedimenti medico legali conseguenti alle ferite e malattie riportate dal personale della R.A. nel presente conflitto, è necessario provvedere alla nomina del Presidente, che avrei scelto nella persona del Col. medico MARINUCCI Marino, anch'egli favorevolmente discriminato e che possiede i requisiti per assolvere il compito cui verrebbe destinato.

Nel dargliene comunicazione, Le sarei grato, Signor Maresciallo, di un cenno di benestare.

A. V. M.

W.A.B. Bowen BUSCARLET

C.B.E. AFC - A.F.S.C. - A.C.

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L. Saporito

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: MF13402

Message Centre No: D/1836

Date Time of Origin: FEB 131710A

Date Time Rec'd: FEB 141200A

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AIR COMPONENT SHAEF MISSION (?) (FRANCE) SIGNED LEWIS

TO: ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION ROME RPTD HQ MAAF CASERTA

SECRET.

Party as follows:

Eta ROME 1500 hrs GMT. Brigadier General WOOD, Air Commodore FORBES, Colonel HARTEMANN, Major FRANCINE, Wing Commander JACKSON. Appreciate arrangements for accommodation for 1 or 2 nights and transport to meet on arrival. Request HOPKINSON British Embassy ROME be advised. Propose to proceed to CASERTA 15 or 16 February.

ACTION

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AIR FORCE 3/C.
ACTION: ~~Relief of Sec 2~~
INFO: A/President
Chief Commissioner
C.O.S.
File

SECRET

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HEADQUARTERS
14 FEB 1945
A. C.

Ref: 212/COS

17 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Coordination with Political Section.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.
 Economic Section.
 Establishment Section.
 Independent Sub-Commissions.
 PRO.

1. With the growing activity of the Committees of National Liberation in Kesselring's Italy, the political aspect of problems at this HQ is daily assuming more and more importance. Many matters which, in the past, were not referred to Political Section because it was thought that they were non-political would now, if reviewed again, most definitely require political consideration. Indeed almost every important problem at this HQ has now some political aspect.

2. I would be glad if Sections would, in future, in considering every problem give thought to whether there is a political implication. If there is, the question should be referred to Political Section for their comments before it is put up to a higher level. The letter or signal which finally issues on this question should also be copied to them. I shall be glad if you will bring this matter to the notice of your officers.

Stubbins
 Brigadier,
 Chief of Staff.

(Absent on duty)

Copy to: Political Section.

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION. ROME.

AFSC/SPEC.INT./1.

January 2nd. 1945.

TOP SECRET.

Spec Int 14/20^A, 17/37^A, 33^A, 28^A
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My Dear Elliot.

Herewith the papers on Italian politics and the Air Ministry of which I spoke when we met the other day. Will you please let me have these back when you have finished with them?

My Wing/Commander Minter, who will bring them to you, will arrange to return them to me.

With my best wishes for your quick recovery.

Yours, ever,

B-B.

W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding,
Air Forces Sub-Commission.
Allied Commission.

My dear B.B. Many thanks for sending me these most interesting papers. As we were so in Italy it seems to me that we shall have democracy

Air Vice Marshal W. Elliot, C.B., C.B.E., D.F.C.

A.O.C.

B.A.F.

with its charge in bringing our fault to democrats in their charge!

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[Signature]

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref: 301/383
365/385

29 November 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters

SUBJECT : Appointment of Air Attaches to London and Washington.

1. The Head of the Air Forces Sub-Commission has been approached by the Italian Air Ministry with the request that following the appointment of the Italian Representatives in London and Washington, the Italian Government should be allowed to appoint Air Attaches to their Missions in both places. Air Vice-Marshal W. A. Brown-Munro thinks that this is largely the outcome of the refusal to allow Italian representation at the Chicago World Civil Aviation Conference, but it is, no doubt, also in part due to the desire of the Italian Government that Italy should resume its place on a normal footing as regards to diplomatic representation.

2. The matter will presumably be decided by the British and U. S. Governments respectively. The Political Section doubt, however, whether the Foreign Office at any rate would wish to have an Air Attache at the Italian Mission in London for the present. In the first instance, the Political Section would be glad to know whether AFHQ would have any views on the principle involved.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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

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12^ABRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

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22nd November 1944

CONFIDENTIAL*Dear Air Vice-Marshal*

I have only today seen your letter AFSC/R/1/SPEC.INT. of November 7th to the Ambassador. I do not know whether he has spoken to you at all on the subject. He is away for some days.

2. I very much doubt if the Foreign Office would wish to have an Air Attaché at the Italian Mission in London for the present. In any case, I am sure that the question should in the first place be raised with Allied Force Headquarters and the Combined Chiefs of Staff at Washington. Would you like the Political Section to take it up with G-5, or will you take it up through your channels at Allied Force Headquarters? I think that as it involves the principle of whether Service Attachés as a whole would be accepted, it would perhaps be better if we should handle it.

*Yrs. sincerely.**Fr. L. d'A. Hopkinson*

Air Vice-Marshal W.A. Bowen-Buscarlet,
Air Forces Sub-commission,
Allied Commission.

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Personnel and Confidentiality

Air Forces Sub Commission
H.Q. Allied Commission
R o m e

25th November 1944

Dear *Mi Vice Moushol.*

Col. REMONDINO called on me yesterday morning for an informal talk. He stated he recently accompanied the journalists who visited the operational Units in the Puglie and found that they were all very distressed at the reports which are circulated regarding a possible change at the Ministry.

All the crews were whole-heartedly behind Gen. PIACENTINI and they had the utmost confidence in him and felt that no other General could replace him as Minister and far less as Chief of Staff.

Col. REMONDINO thought that if Gen. PIACENTINI were forced out of the Ministry as the result of political intrigue, this would react detrimentally on the morale of the Air Force. He personally had only learnt to appreciate PIACENTINI since the latter had been appointed Minister, and he considered he had done an excellent job and was a very honest man. He did not belong to any political party, but in his position he was obliged to have contacts with all parties, and unfortunately there are many parties in Italy.

Undoubtedly I must be aware of the possibility of changes in the Cabinet and what was my opinion? I told him that the political situation does not interest me personally as I only deal with Air Intelligence, but I had heard of possible changes though I did not know to what extent they would affect the Minister. What did Col. REMONDINO think

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He thought that they might possibly appoint a ¹²³⁵⁶ ~~12356~~ Lian as Minister. It would be difficult if not impossible to find a General who could take PIACENTINI's place as Minister. In that case he would at least be retained as Chief of Staff and he must retain that position whatever happens though it would be better if he could continue as Minister and Chief of Staff.

A second alternative which it was rumoured was being discussed was the possibility of the R.Aeronautica coming under the Ministry of War. I pointed out that a similar solution was considered last May and was turned down. Had he anything to support his rumour? He said he had not, but in so far as the R.Aeronautica was concerned it would be the last straw.

W. Piacentini file
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Col. REMONDINO then referred to the excellent morale of the crews he met in Lecce. They did not belong to any party and made no bones about telling the journalists that they were not interested in politics but only in carrying on with the war. REMONDINO then raised the following points; also in the course of friendly conversation:

What would happen to the Units at present in the Puglie area when the Balkan Air Force moved across the Adriatic?

So long as they were rooted at Lecce their equipment would still serve, but they would have to be entirely re-equipped if they were moved overseas.

In his opinion the MC Squadrons would be short lived and would have to be replaced by Allied a/c.

There was no lack of pilots and crews, so much so that they would get their pick of the best.

Another matter which seemed to worry Col. REMONDINO was the question of the fifteen Cadets which should have attended the Air Academy. Why was not the R.Aeronautica granted the same privileges as the Navy and the Army?

I would repeat that this was a quite informal talk as Col. REMONDINO had actually come to see S/Ldr WALTON.

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Yours sincerely

P. M. Skinner
S/Ldr

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P. Bushman
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A.V.M. W.A.B. BOWEN BUSCARLET
A.O.C. AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION

Tel. 348

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Ref. AC/5519/IND

17 November 44

SUBJECT : Personnel - Prof. Pasquale Saraceno
 TO : Aircraft Sub-Commission
 (Att. Air-Vice-Marshal W.A.B. Bowen Buscarlet)
 FROM : Industry Sub-Commission

1. Referring to our interview of the 14th November '44 we have made enquiries regarding the above subject.

2. We find that Prof. Saraceno is now working for H.E. Gronchi, in the Ministry of Industry Commerce & Labour. Our liaison officer, Major Thornitt-Smith, submits the following regarding this person :-

" S. was appointed to the post of chief of the Technical Secretariat for reconstruction by Minister Gronchi. Since H.E. was himself one of the leaders of the underground movement in Rome, presumably he judged his man well before appointing him.

I have worked with S. for some 3 months or so and have nothing to take exception to. He is a weak character, but is intelligent, works hard and his integrity is not in question.

Without doubt he has collaborated with the Germans, in the production of scientific works, no more, no less than many others, and he accepted a German honour. He is not pro-German, he is simply pro-wife and five children, and the acceptance of the honour was a piece of human vanity on a par with that of some of our officers who have accepted Italian decorations.

I consider him quite harmless politically and no useful purpose - rather the reverse - would be served by removing him at this juncture.

His mannerisms towards subordinates are said to be unfortunate, though I have never observed it, and the recent attacks are inspired by two of his ex IRI employees for personal motives. "

3. If we can be of further assistance in this case please do not hesitate calling upon us.


 W. S. VAUGHAN

Director,

Industry Sub-Commission.

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DIRECTORATE OF OVERSEAS OPERATIONS,



AIR MINISTRY,

LONDON, S.W.1.

11th November 1944.

TELEPHONE: ABBEY 3411

Extn.

Any communications on the subject of this letter should be addressed to:—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, AIR MINISTRY,

and the following number quoted:—

CS. 23884/0.0hs 3. 3819.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your D.O. letter to Air Commodore Fressanges, reference AFSC/R/1/SPECINT of 4th November.

2. Air Commodore Fressanges has now left this Directorate but the report which you enclose is of great interest to us and will be circulated to the appropriate Branches in the Air Ministry.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

H. T. B. [Signature]
S/Lt.

for Director of Overseas Operations

Air Vice-Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet, C.B.E., D.F.C.,
Air Officer Commanding,
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
ROME.



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Ministero dell'Aeronautica

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Dirigenti S.A. "Alfa Romeo".

Roma, 12-11-1944 Anno

ALL'AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION

(tramite Ufficio di collegamento)

R O M A

Risposta al Foglio del

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Si fa riferimento al foglio n.º AFSC/R/I/SPEC/INT/816
in data 3 novembre c.a.-.

2º)- Curatore speciale della S.A. "Alfa Romeo" fu nominato,
con Decreto del Tribunale di Bari in data 6 giugno c.a., il
Sig. Ing. DE RITIS Ruggero.

3º)- All'epoca del suddetto Decreto, l'unico stabilimento
della S.A. "Alfa Romeo" esistente nella zona liberata era quello
di Pomigliano d'Arco (Napoli); ma si ritiene che l'autorità del
sopra citato curatore debba intendersi estesa a tutti gli stabili-
menti della stessa Ditta, che vengono a trovarsi nelle Regioni
d'Italia successivamente liberate, finchè non sarà possibile en-
trare in rapporti con la Direzione Generale della Società in
MILANO.

4º)- Da parte dell'Amministrazione Aeronautica non è stata
richiesta la nomina di altri Dirigenti.

d'ordine

p. IL CAPO DI GABINETTO t.a.
L'UFFICIALE SUPERIORE ADDETTO
(Ten. Col. A.A.r.n. A. CASSINERIO)

Cassinero

Si prega l'ufficio per ogni lettera un solo argomento, indicare nella risposta
il n.º di protocollo e la data di arrivo a cui si risponde

ISTITUTO AERONAUTICO DELLO STATO

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SECRET

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2nd November 1944.

Dear

*Bowen-Buscarlet**Spec 2nd 10-11-44*

The appreciation sent under separate cover AFCS/Int. dated October 11th is of considerable interest and we should welcome further papers of this kind. At the same time I am afraid that it cannot be reproduced in the A.M.W.I.S., since we have agreed with the Foreign Office that the political situation in Italy and elsewhere was to be covered by the Weekly Political Commentary to the exclusion of independent articles on political questions. The reason for this is that the A.M.W.I.S. is given a very wide circulation, and is read by our Allies, including the Russians. Careful discrimination is therefore necessary when reporting political developments.

Yours sincerely

J. P. G. G. G.

Air Vice-Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet, CBE., DFC.

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From: Air Mars Sir John Slessor, K.C.B., D.S., M.C.

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SECRET and PERSONAL

26th October 1944

Spec 2nd 1/3

Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet, who runs the Air side of A.C.C. and looks after the Italian Air Force, recently had an "off the record" talk with Signor Scialoja the Under-Secretary of State for Air, of which I enclose his notes.

I must say I have felt for some time that this arrangement whereby Piacentini doubles the roles of Air Minister and C.A.S. is unsatisfactory. I was opposed to it at the time, and told Mason Macfarlane that I thought some suitable civilian should be found to take the job of Air Minister. But apparently no-one suitable was forthcoming, and so I rather reluctantly agreed that Piacentini should double the roles. The idea was, however, that the appointment as Air Minister should be largely nominal, and that Piacentini would not concern himself with politics except when they touched the I.A.F.

Piacentini is a good Air Force Commander and I think should remain as C.A.S. But I really think it is time we got Bonomi to appoint a civilian as Minister. It is wrong in principle and is not working out in practice to have a serving officer as Minister. There must be some suitable Italian civilian, of some standing and experience as an administrator, who could be found as Minister - I am doubtful whether it would be wise to put in Scialoja. I don't know him, but it might create difficulties, especially as Piacentini evidently regards himself as being Scialoja's superior in the present dispensation.

If you agree, perhaps you would take up the matter through the appropriate channel, which I imagine would be Sir Noel Charles.

Incidentally when I was in London at the end of last month I told the V.C.A.S. and Sir Orme Sargent that I thought it is high time some policy is decided on the future of the Italian Air Force - are they or are they not to have one after the war? If, as I understand, they are to be allowed to have a small Navy, I see no logical reason for refusing them a small Air Force. And if they are to have one it should continue to be organised and trained on our lines, and equipped by us until they can once again

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The Right Honourable Harold C. Macmillan, P.C., M.P.,
British Resident Minister,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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get an aircraft industry going. If an I.A.F. is to exist after the war, there are strong grounds for including it in the South-East Europe regional air defence system which I have already advocated.

Anyway we really should make up our minds. Orme Sargent's view was that it would be difficult, and on the whole not desirable, after they have fought alongside us for a year or more (even though not very effectively), to refuse to allow them to retain any Air Force after the defeat of Germany. I don't feel particularly strongly one way or the other - I should never rely on any Italian Air Force as a fighting ally of any importance. But the Air Staff in London are examining it and I hope we shall soon get a line on policy.

I have sent a copy of this letter to Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet.

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HEADQUARTERS,
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCES.

AVM W.A. Bowen Buscarlet, O.B.E., D.F.C.,
Air Sub-commission,
Allied Control Commission.

I attach a copy of a letter
from Air Marshal Slessor to Mr Macmillan
on the subject of your Air Force.

N. J. Hayward

Squadron Leader,
PA to Air Marshal,
C. in C. RAF MEDME.

30.10.44.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394

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ED/4.14/AC

31 October 1944

SUBJECT : Transfer of Professors.

TO : Air Forces Subcommittee.
(Att: Air Vice Marshall WAB Bowen-Buscarlet).

Reference your AFSC/R/10/Spec. Int. of 18th October.

1. The application of Prof. Franchini for transfer to the University of Rome has been discussed with the Minister of Public Instruction in the light of your request.

2. As you know, the University of Rome is in Italian Government Territory and therefore we have no authority over it. It is under direct control of its own rector, under the Minister of Public Instruction.

3. The Minister informs us that no faculty posts at the University will be filled until northern Italy is liberated and Rome professors there have an opportunity to return to their posts, and all professors have an opportunity to apply for such vacancies as still remain. He informs us further that the only way a professor can be appointed or transferred to the University is to submit his application to the faculty on which he wishes to teach and to be regularly elected by that faculty. The Minister does not appoint or transfer University professors. Nor does the Rector.

4. I regret that we are unable to be of more help to you.

Carleton W. Washburne

CARLETON W. WASHBURNE
Major, AUS
A/Director of Education.

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CONFIDENTIAL

British Embassy,

R O M E.

25th October, 1944

Dear Air Vice-Marshal,

Many thanks for your letter AFSC/R/1/Spec.Int.
of October 20th about Piacentini, which I read with
great interest.

I will certainly bear in mind what you tell
me if I am asked my views in the future.

Yours sincerely

Noel Charles

Air Vice-Marshal
W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet,
A.O.C. Air Forces
Sub-Commission
Allied Control Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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4th November, 1944

SUBJECT: Visits of Ministers to Army Areas.

TO : Economic Section.

1. Reference is made to 800/11/COS dated 25 October addressed to the Prime Minister, copy to you.
2. If you have not already done so will you please ensure that each Sub Commission has a copy of the letter.
3. Any application received from a Minister to visit an Army area will, if recommended, be sent to Lt.Col.E. Brown, Liaison Division, HQ. A.C.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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23 October 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Recent incidents arising out of the visits of certain Ministers of the Italian Government to areas in liberated Italy still in the military operational zone, that is to say, in the Army areas, have led General Alexander to the conclusion that it is undesirable that such visits should be repeated.

I do not deny the value, both to the population and the Ministers themselves, of such visits but my duty is to ensure that nothing should occur in these operational zones which may cause anxiety to the Military Commanders, a duty which I am sure you will help me to perform.

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Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE

Commodore, USNR

Acting Chief Commissioner.

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers, Italian Government.

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