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PARTICIPATION OF ITALY IN GERMAN ARMISTICE
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File under No. 205 PARTICIPATION OF ITALY IN GERMAN ARMISTICE

~~TOP SECRET~~Office of the
Chief Commissioner

ALLIED COMMISSION

SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
1	Ltr 1/646 Bonomi	30 Sep 44	Stone	Request that Italy be allowed to participate in armistice to be imposed on Germany.
2	Ltr A/CC 000.1-2 Stone	1 Oct 44	SACMED	Transmission of Bonomi's request, pls advise.
3	Ltr A/CC 000.1-2 Stone	1 Oct 44	Bonomi	Ltr ack'd, will advise you.
4	Per 4 Minutes 27th Meeting	4 Oct 44	Pol Comm AFHQ	SACMED invites, political advisers, after discussion, to submit views.
5	Per 3 Minutes 28th Meeting	12 Oct 44	Pol Comm AFHQ	Mr MacMillan presents British views; US awaited.

Extract from PC (44) 28th Meeting of Political Meeting AFHQ

12 October 44

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3. ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE GERMAN ARMISTICE:

(previous reference PC (44) 27th Meeting - Conclusion 4 (b))

MR. MACMILLAN reported that the Foreign Office were of the opinion that ITALY should neither be represented at the armistice discussions with GERMANY nor participate in its enforcement. If some instrument were required to close the state of war existing between GERMANY and ITALY it could be negotiated by the Control Commission which would be set up in GERMANY and the Allied Control Commission in ITALY. He added that these comments had been transmitted to the U.S. State Department whose views on the subject were awaited.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note of the above.

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Extract from PC (44) 27th Meeting of the Political Committee AFHQ 4 Oct 44

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4. USE OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN SOUTHERN FRANCE

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THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER reported that the Acting Chief Commissioner of the Allied Control Commission had received a letter from the Italian Prime Minister requesting that ITALY be allowed to participate actively in the armistice to be imposed on GERMANY in the name of the United NATIONS. This question was akin to that under discussion, as being further evidence that the Italian Government were feeling their way towards the status of an Ally.

MR. MACMAILLAN pointed out that there might well not be a formal armistice with GERMANY. If there were, a clause would be required providing for the association with the United Nations of the cobelligerent nations, as such.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

(a) * * * * *

(b) Invited the U.S. Political Adviser and the British Resident Minister, in conjunction with G-5, to submit at the next meeting recommendations as to the answer to be sent to the Italian Prime Minister's letter regarding Italian participation in the German armistice.

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EWS/dfe

A/CC 000.1-2

1 October 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 30 September requesting in the name of your Government that Italy be enabled to participate actively in the Armistice to be imposed on Germany in the name of the United Nations.

Your request has been forwarded today to higher authority, and I shall communicate with you further as soon as a reply has been received.

Very truly yours,

ELLEN W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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

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1 October 1944

SUBJECT: Request by Italian Government for permission to participate in armistice to be imposed on Germany

TO : Supreme Allied Commander, Allied Force Headquarters

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2. It is requested that I be given instructions on which to base a reply to this request.
3. Receipt of the Prime Minister's letter has been acknowledged with the statement that the matter has been referred to higher authorities.

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WILSON E. STONE
Captain, USA
Acting Chief Commissioner

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N. 1/bho, 30 Sept 44

cc: U.S. Political Advisor
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Hon. Alexander Kirk
Sir Noel Charles
Political Section, Hq ACC

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ELMER R. STONE
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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO
DEI MINISTRI

ROUGH TRANSLATION

Roma, 30th September, 1944.

N. 1/646

HQ ACC. APO 394
157 Copy Gen. 1015
Rec'd # 10 Oct 44
By DFE

Dear Admiral,

I should like to draw your kind attention, in the name of my Government, on the advisability that Italy be enabled to participate actively in the armistice that undoubtedly will be imposed in the near future on Germany by the Allied High Command in the name of the United Nations.

The reasons on which our request is based appear to me evident: for one year Italy has been in a state of war with Germany, together and alongside the United Nations; Italian land, sea and air forces contribute to war operations against the common enemy in a manner which has been repeatedly appreciated by the Allied Command, under whose directions the Italian forces operate. The campaign which is being carried out by Italian patriots in occupied Italy has, on the other hand, assumed the proportions and the character of veritable war operations and the patriots themselves have consequently been included by the Allied Command in the forces that form the Allied Expeditionary Forces in Italy.

The most suitable juridical way of previously specifying the position of Italy in respect of the conclusion of an armistice with Germany seems to me that of accepting our adherence to the Atlantic Charter and to the Declaration of the United Nations signed at Washington on January 1st, 1943. As a result of the adherence to this Declaration, the armistice with Germany would be concluded by the Allied High Command also in the name of Italy and,

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.

Acting Chief Commissioner,

Allied Commission.

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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO
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consequently, the serious Italian interests connected with the state of war with Germany would be safeguarded.

I need hardly add that should Italy, on the conclusion of an armistice with Germany not find herself in a position corresponding to the legal and the facto conditions of her participation in the fight against the common enemy, the shock on Italian public opinion would be very strong and its probable effects detrimental to everybody.

Although I am certain that this is not the intention of the Allied Governments, however, I would ask you kindly to examine the advisability that an assurance in the above sense be given us, at the same time acquainting us with the form under which, bearing in mind the present situation, Italy also would be allowed to participate in the eventual armistice of the United Nations with Germany.

At a period particularly delicate as the one we shall be going through at the moment of the German retreat or collapse in Northern Italy, I should consider it absolutely necessary to give to the masses in the North the clear sensation that the United Nations are acting in a spirit of equity and justice : this would undoubtedly contribute to strengthen the elements of stability and order throughout the Country.

Believe me, dear Admiral,
Yours sincerely,
sga. I. BONOMI.

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*Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Roma, 30 SET. 1944

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By OFE

Signor Ammiraglio,

Desidero attirare fin d'ora, a nome del R. Governo, la Sua cortese attenzione sull'opportunità che l'Italia possa attivamente partecipare all'armistizio che sarà certamente in un prossimo avvenire imposto alla Germania dal Comando Supremo Alleato a nome delle Nazioni Unite.

I titoli sui quali è fondata tale nostra richiesta mi sembrano evidenti: da un anno l'Italia è infatti in stato di guerra con la Germania come le Nazioni Unite e al fianco di esse; le forze militari italiane di terra, di mare e di aria, portano alle operazioni belliche contro il nemico comune un contributo che è stato ripetutamente apprezzato dal Comando Alleato, sotto la direzione del quale le dette Forze Italiane agiscono. La campagna condotta dai patrioti nell'Italia occupata ha assunto d'altra parte proporzioni e carattere di vere e proprie operazioni di guerra, ed i patrioti stessi sono stati in conseguenza inclusi dal Comando Alleato nelle Forze che fanno parte del Corpo di Spedizione Alleato in Italia.

La via giuridicamente appropriata per *decidere* preventivamente la posizione dell'Italia nei riguardi della conclusio-

Ammiraglio Ellery W. Stone U.S.N.R.
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Ammiraglio Ellery W. Stone U.S.N.R.
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

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ne di un armistizio con la Germania potrebbe essere l'accettazione della nostra adesione alla Carta Atlantica ed alla Dichiarazione delle Nazioni Unite, firmata a Washington il 1° gennaio 1943. Per effetto dell'adesione a questa Dichiarazione, l'armistizio con la Germania sarebbe concluso dal Comando Supremo Alleato anche in nome dell'Italia e, per conseguenza, tenendo conto dei gravi interessi italiani connessi allo stato di guerra con la Germania.

Io non ho bisogno di dirle che, se al momento della conclusione di un armistizio con la Germania, l'Italia non si vedesse riconosciuta una posizione corrispondente alle condizioni di diritto e di fatto della sua partecipazione, insieme con le Nazioni Unite, alla lotta contro il nemico comune, l'opinione pubblica italiana ne resterebbe fortemente colpita e gli effetti che potrebbero derivarne sarebbero certamente dannosi.

Par essendo sicuro che non è questa l'intenzione dei Governi Alleati, io la prego tuttavia di voler esaminare l'opportunità che ci possa essere data un'assicurazione nel senso sopraindicato, facendoci al tempo stesso conoscere la forma nella quale, tenuto conto della presente situazione, potrebbe essere consentito anche all'Italia di partecipare all'eventuale armistizio delle Nazioni Unite con la Germania.

In un periodo particolarmente delicato quale è quello che attraverseremo al momento della ritirata o del collasso tedesco nell'Italia settentrionale, riterrei assolutamente necessario dare anche alle masse del Nord, la sensazione netta dello spirito di equità e di giustizia con cui le Nazioni Unite agiscono: ciò che varrebbe indubbiamente a rafforzare gli elementi di stabilità e di ordine in tutto il Paese.

Mi creda, caro Ammiraglio,

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149) M 147	CC	13 "	Fdm	Giunta held mtg. as result of King's dec.
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