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Roma, 15 giugno 1946

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DEL R. ESERCITO

DELLA R. MARINA

DELLA R. AERONAUTICA

Una travagliata vicenda politica scuote le fondamenta dello Stato Italiano.

Uomini furiosi e senza scrupoli affrettano, senza alcun rispetto per la legge e per la vera volontà del popolo, l'avvento di una repubblica, imprecisata nelle forme, ignota negli scopi.

S. M. il Re ci ha sciolti dal giuramento alla Sua Persona: ma non da quello alla Patria ed alle sue leggi. Nessun nuovo giuramento dovrebbe esserci quindi richiesto prima delle decisioni che al riguardo saranno stabilite dalla nuova Costituzione. Ma quali limiti ha mai l'audacia degli attuali sovversivi delle Istituzioni?

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Non dimentichiamo che questo nostro sventurato Paese ha bisogno *soprattutto* di pace. Ma ricordiamoci pure che i fedeli sostenitori della Monarchia costituiscono la vera maggioranza del popolo italiano, ne formano, e ne formeranno sempre più, l'omogeneo inattaccabile tessuto connettivo, di fronte al quale l'eterogenea coalizione repubblicana non potrà avere lunga vita fondata com'è sulla sabbia della campagna elettorale.

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S. M. Umberto II, prima di lasciare l'Italia ha rivolto alla Nazione il seguente proclama:

ITALIANI!

Nell'assumere la Luogotenenza Generale del Regno prima, e la Corona poi, io dichiaro che mi sarei inchinato al voto del popolo. Liberamente espresso, sulla forma istituzionale dello Stato.

Eguale affermazione ho fatto subito dopo il 2 giugno, sicuro che tutti avrebbero atteso le decisioni della Corte Suprema di Cassazione, alla quale la legge ha affidato il controllo e la proclamazione dei risultati definitivi del referendum. Di fronte alla comunicazione di dati provvisori e parziali fatta dalla Corte Suprema; di fronte alla sua riserva di pronunciare entro il 18 giugno il giudizio sui risultati e di far conoscere il numero dei votanti e dei voti nulli; di fronte alla questione sollevata e non risolta sul modo di calcolare la maggioranza io, ancor ieri, ho ripetuto che era mio diritto e dovere di Re attendere che la Corte di Cassazione facesse conoscere se la forma istituzionale repubblicana avesse raggiunto la maggioranza voluta.

Improvvisamente, questa notte, in spraglio alle leggi e al potere indipendente e sovrano della Magistratura, il Governo ha compiuto un gesto rivoluzionario assumendo con atto unilaterale ed arbitrario poteri che non gli spettano e mi ha posto nell'alternativa di provocare spargimento di sangue o di subire la violenza.

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Mentre il Paese, da poco uscito da una tragica guerra, vede le sue frontiere minacciate e la sua stessa unità in pericolo, io credo mio dovere fare quanto sta ancora in me perché altro dolore ed altre lagrime siano risparmiate al popolo che ha già tanto sofferto.

Confido che la Magistratura, le cui tradizioni di indipendenza e di libertà sono una delle glorie d'Italia, potrà dire la sua libera parola ma, non volendo opporre la forza al sopruso, non rendermi complice dell'illegalità che il Governo ha commesso, io lascio il suolo del mio Paese, nella speranza di scongiurare agli Italiani nuovi lutti e nuovi dolori.

Compiendo questo sacrificio nel supremo interesse della Patria sento il dovere, come Italiano e come Re, di elevare la mia protesta contro la violenza che si è compiuta: protesta nel nome della Corona e di tutto il popolo, entro e fuori i confini, che aveva il diritto di vedere il suo destino deciso nel rispetto della legge e in modo che venisse dissipato ogni dubbio e ogni sospetto.

A tutti coloro che ancora conservano la fedeltà nella Monarchia, a tutti coloro il cui animo si ribella all'ingiustizia, io ricordo il mio esempio e rivolgo l'esortazione a voler evitare l'accendersi di dissensi che minaccerebbero l'unità del Paese, frutto della fede e del sacrificio dei nostri padri, e potrebbero rendere più gravi le condizioni del trattato di pace.

Con l'animo colmo di dolore, ma con la serena coscienza di aver compiuto oggi sforzo per adempiere ai miei doveri, io lascio la mia Patria.

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Rivolgo il pensiero a quanti sono caduti nel nome d'Italia ed il mio saluto a tutti gli italiani. Qualunque sorte attenda il nostro Paese, esso potrà sempre contare su di me come sul più devoto dei suoi figli.

Viva l'Italia!

Roma, 13 giugno 1946

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3	Cbl AC 1217 Stone	1 Aug 44	AFHQ	Prunes to Naples to speak to king
4	Cbl S-304 Stone	2 Aug 44	AFHQ	King will not go to Brindisi & will return to his old villa.
5	Ltr 1768 Infante	20 Nov 44	Stone	Would like king & queen to go to villa in Posillipo
6	Ltr Stone	29 Nov 44	Infante	Delay because must consult Wilson.
7	Ltr Infante	5 Dec 44	Stone	Will wait. Thanks.
8	Ltr Myron Taylor	10 Jan 45	Stone	Encl request that king & queen be allowed to go to Posillipo.
9	Ltr CC 84 Stone	17 Jan 45	Taylor	Tnx for ltr; it has been forwarded
10	Ltr, Bonomi	31 Mar 45	Stone	Party leaders in Govt don't object and no newspaper comments to be made if King moved to Villa Maria Pia.
11	CC-216, Stone	4 Apr 45	Bonomi	In view of assurances H.M. the King may move to Villa Maria Pia, Naples.
12	CC-216, Stone	4 Apr 45	Ex C	Keep in touch w Infante determine date when H.M. moves to Naples.
13	3222/AC, Infante	19 Apr 45	Stone	King to Villa Maria pia 26 April.
14	CC 216, Quayle	21 Apr 45	Embassies, etc	King to Villa Maria Pia 26 April.
15	CC 216, Quayle	21 Apr 45	CSO to EC	King to Naples on 26 Apr; Pennycuik to arrange for guard-protection.
16	Cbl AC Naples NO/1165	26 Apr 45	AC EXC	King & Queen arrive Naples 26 Apr.
16a	Cbl 2175 Stone	29 Mar 46	SACMED	Effect of abdet of It King on ICQ
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6 BARI 7 TREVISO 8 LIVORNO 9 BOLOGNA 10 LIQUORIA 11 PIEDIGORIE 12 BOZZANO

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KING LEFT ITALY THIS AFTERNOON

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AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE UNCLE SUGAR FOLAD BRITISH RESIDENT

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KING ACCOMPANIED BY PARTY OF NINE TOOK OFF FROM CIAMPINO AT SIXTEEN ZERO FIVE BAKER TODAY IN ITALIAN PLANE PD AT SEVENTEEN FOUR FIVE BAKER I WAS VISITED BY LUCIFERO MINISTER OF THE ROYAL HOUSEHOLD WHO INFORMED ME THAT THE KING HAD LEFT ITALY AND WHILE HE WOULD NOT CONFIRM HE IMPLIED THAT THE DESTINATION WAS PORTUGAL PD ITALIAN AIR OFFICIALS STATE DESTINATION IS PORTUGAL BUT PARTY EXPECTED TO SPEND TONIGHT AT MADRID DUE TO WEATHER PD

PARA TWO PD LUCIFERO STATED THAT A PROCLAMATION FROM THE KING WOULD BE RELEASED THIS EVENING BY RADIO AND IN THE PRESS PD I ASKED HIM IF IT WOULD BE ISSUED BY THE HOUSEHOLD OR BY THE GOVERNMENT PD HE REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT RECOGNIZE QUOTE A REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT UNQUOTE SET UP BY A COUP DETAT PD

PARA THREE PD BRITISH AND UNCLE SUGAR EMBASSIES NOTIFIED

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HILBERT W. STONE, Rear Admiral, USNR
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Dear Elbert

Am sending attached after
discussion with Fogarty & Brodie.

Routes 18 narrow are dead - A & B
will do the London one.

Maurice

shall be home till 2140 then at Guy's River.

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JUN 6 REC

OUTGOING MESSAGE.

TO : AMEQ

5th June 1946.

FROM : ALCON CITE STONE

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Subject moves of Italian Royal Family.

Chief of Italian Air Staff has informed Director Air Forces Subcommittee that following plans have been made for tomorrow June 6 by Italian Aircraft.

(1) One C42 leaves ROME for PORTOFINO where it picks up Princess VIOLETTA and family and continues direct to ALMAZAR where it refuels and then continues direct to BRISCELLE.

(2) One 375 from ROME picks up 14 persons PORTOFINO returns ROME and picks up COME DE TORINO and DUC D'ACOSTA and continues direct to BRISCELLE.

In addition to above one 375 will stand by as from tomorrow to take King to LISBON when required (presumably June 8).

Above notified to Air Vice Marshal BOCARTY in ROME.

OF PRIORITY.

Ex. Commissioner.

(Sgd) W.S. LUSH, Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALCOM ROME

INFO MAIN 13 CORPS

ROUTINE

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Para 1. Agree your views, but please ensure that any advanced information which you can obtain of visits which are likely to lead to demonstrations or incidents in places frequented by Allied Forces is passed to this Headquarters and, where appropriate, 13 corps. Reur 13 corps 0-489 FO 2 June and your 3459.

Para 2. No approach will be made to the Italian government on this subject

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HQ ALCON

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[Signature]

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FURTHER BY THREE THREE SIX FOUR DATED TWO EIGHT MAY 19
HAVE NOW RECEIVED DETAILS OF PLAN WHICH IF EFFECTIVELY
CARRIED OUT APPEAR TO BE ADEQUATE

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EX COMMISSIONER M. S. LUSH

M. S. LUSH, BRIGADIER

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HQ ALCON BOWEN STONE

3 JUNE 1954

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REFERENCE THIRTY CORPS SIGNAL, ENDS FOUR EIGHT NINE OF TWO JUNE 50 (25)
WE COULD ONLY ADVANCE THIS BY INSISTING ON ITALIAN GOVERNMENT GIVING NOTICE OF SUCH
VISITS 50 I CONSIDER THIS WOULD BE CONTRARY TO POLICY ENACT AS REGARDS AEG TERRITORY 50

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MAIN 13 CORPS

ATTN: ALCOM

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Yesterday King Umberto made a speech in Venice which led to some disturbance and the firing of a shot. Corps Comd feels that we could have been given some warning of the visit. Request some arrangements by which we could have warning in advance of these visits which have inevitable security aspect.

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: SAFETY

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ALCOM NEGATIVE COMMISSIONER ROME / INFO: PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION ROME.

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HM King Umberto arrived Genoa by sea-plane on the 31/5/46 at 1745 hrs and unknown to the general public visited certain points in the city incognito. At 1900 hrs he visited Persatturo. Where he received certain administrative and Italian service officials. His presence became known and a crowd of some thousand persons assembled outside the building and when he departed at 2000 hrs he received a mixed reception from the monarchists and antimonarchist sections which later developed into a scuffle with the parties concerned. Not serious. The King dined at the house of the Marchesa di Grappallo Genoa, where until midnight he received and audience of certain genovese residence. The King remained in the house until 0530 hrs, when he left for Milan accompanied by a small entourage in a covey of 3 motor cars.

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P. SAFETY
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General

Admiral St. John

The Press Office of the Ministry of the Royal House announced yesterday: "Today at 1200 hours in Naples, King Victor Emanuel III has signed the decree of abdication. According to the tradition, he left for voluntary exile. As soon as the new King will be back in Rome, The Council of Ministers shall be given official communication."

- Messaggero reports that ~~the~~ Crown Prince Umberto, who now is the new King with the name of Umberto II, will issue a declaration to the country stating that he ~~take over~~ legally takes over the Royal title, although continuing to exercise the same functions he had up till now exercised in his capacity of Lieutenant General. In the proclamation the new King will reaffirm the pledge to respect the the outcome of the referendum, and therefore all laws signed by him as Lieutenant ~~General~~ General. The paper says that this resolution is confirmed by the rumor that, contrary to the routine rules, upon abdicating the King will not ask the Government to resign. The new King's proclamation will be delivered this morning to De Gasperi, and the Council of Ministers will then meet to discuss the situation. Messaggero also says that De Gasperi's absence has doubtless delayed the decision of the King, also because, on account of the present constitutional situation, the Crown felt the duty to notify the Government of its intention. This was done during the meeting De Gasperi had the day before yesterday with the Minister of the Royal House, Lucifero, and during the long conference De Gasperi had yesterday at the Quirinale Palace with Prince Umberto before the latter left for Naples. Soon after ~~the~~ De Gasperi received at the ~~Viminale~~ *Viminale* Palace the Vice-President of the Council, Nenni, and the Minister of Interior, Romita, to whom he reported on the conference he had had with the Lieutenant General. At the end of the meeting Nenni stated that the abdication was "a private event of the House of Savoy" which could have its logical and normal development only after June 2. He also expressed his

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the new King will reaffirm the pledge to respect the the outcome of the referendum, and therefore all laws signed by him as Lieutenant ~~xxx~~ General. The paper says that this resolution is confirmed by the rumor that, contrary to the routine rules, upon abdicating the King will not ask the Government to resign. The new King's proclamation will be delivered this morning to De Gasperi, and the Council of Ministers will then meet to discuss the situation. Messaggero also says that De Gasperi's absence has doubtless delayed the decision of the King, also because, on account of the present constitutional situation, the Crown felt the duty to notify the Government of its intention. This was done during the meeting De Gasperi had the day before yesterday with the Minister of the Royal House, Lucifero, and during the long conference De Gasperi had yesterday at the Quirinale Palace with Prince Umberto before the latter left for Naples. Soon after ~~xxx~~ De Gasperi received at the ~~Viminale~~ Palace the Vice-President of the Council, Nenni, and the Minister of Interior, Romita, to whom he reported on the conference he had had with the Lieutenant General.

At the end of the meeting Nenni stated that the abdication was "a private event of the House of Savoy" which could have its logical and normal development only after June 2. He also expressed his opinion that Victor Emanuel's ~~successor~~ successor would not be able to swear in because the ceremony should take place with a full meeting of the two Houses, which now ~~xxx~~ were not functioning. After a short time De Gasperi received again Nenni, who this time was accompanied by the Minister for Justice Togliatti. At the end of the meeting Togliatti stated to the press that: a) King Victor Emanuel had already abdicated in Naples on April 1944, retiring to private life; b) that the Lieutenancy had originated from a two-sided act, between the Crown and the anti-Fascist parties, which, therefore

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could not be modified by one of the signatories without the consent of the other; c) that the present abdication misplaces the terms of a pledge already accepted; d) that proceedings for the succession could not be taken inasmuch the law on the Constituyente assigned to that Assembly, upon cessation of the institutional truce by the referendum, the power to decide on the physical person who should take over the post of Head of the State. Yesterday evening, instead, De Gasperi stated that "the main thing is that whatever change be outlived and overtopped by Crown's pledge to entrust its destiny to the decisions of the referendum and of the Constituyente. And I have not the least reason to doubt of this." The abdication decree shall be counter-signed by De Gasperi in his capacity of Crown Notary.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

8 May 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
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Mr. Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
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To A.F.H.Q.

From ALCOM cite STONE.

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Subject moves of Italian Royal Family.

Chief of Italian Air Staff has informed Director Air Forces Sub Commission that following plans have been made for tomorrow June 6th by Italian Aircraft.

(1) One G 12 leaves Rome for Pomigliano where it picks up Princess Yorlando and family and continues direct to Almaza Egypt refuelling el Adem if necessary.

(2) One S 75 from Rome picks up 14 persons Pomigliano returns Rome and picks up Conte de Torino and Duc d'Aosta and continues direct to Brussels.

In addition to above one S 95 will stand by as from tomorrow to take King to Lisbon when required (presumable June 8th)

Above notified to Air Vice Marshal Fogarty in Rome.

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His Majesty's Government do not consider that the King is obliged to seek the agreement of the signatories of the Armistice on the Allied side before deciding to abdicate. Since the King has however deemed it advisable to consult His Majesty's Government and has asked for their candid and honest advice. His Majesty's Government wish him to be assured that they see no objection to the King's abdicating whenever it pleases him. But they feel bound to state that so far as they are concerned they regret that they could not agree to the King's taking residence in the United Kingdom or in any other territory under the jurisdiction of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, and for their part they would regard the choice of Egypt as the King's future place of residence as unfortunate for the time being. As regards the King's funds in the United Kingdom, His Majesty may perhaps be aware that sums in the United Kingdom belonging to Italian residents in Italy are subject to the control of the Custodian of Enemy Property and must remain so until a decision is taken as to their disposal under the Peace Treaty. His Majesty's Government would find it most difficult to except funds belonging to the King of Italy from treatment accorded to funds of other Italians.

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76 SIGNAL RECEIVED FROM CHIEF COMMISSIONER, ALLIED COMMISSION DATED 29 MARCH 1946 TO THIS HEADQUARTERS STATES; THIS IS NAF 1126. QUOTE I HAVE RECEIVED UNOFFICIAL WORD FROM THE PALACE THAT THE KING IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING ABDICATION PRIOR TO REFERENDUM IN JUNE. IF HE SHOULD DO SO THE EFFECT WOULD PROBABLY BE TO STRENGTHEN POSITION OF THE CROWN PRINCE, WHO WOULD THEN AUTOMATICALLY BECOME KING AND NO LONGER LUOGOTENENTE.

THIS MESSAGE IS TOP SECRET. THE SO-CALLED INSTITUTIONAL TRUCE WAS BASED ON THE ACTION OF THE PRESENT KING IN APPOINTING THE LUGOTENENTE IN 1944 AND WAS CONFIRMED IN DECREE 151 OF 25 JUNE 1944, ON WHICH DECREE IN TURN THE PRESENT REFERENDUM DECREE 98 OF 10 MARCH 1946 IS BASED.

IF ABDICATION SHOULD OCCUR NOW THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED TO HOLD A REFERENDUM, PARTIES FAVORING A REPUBLIC MAY CLAIM THIS GIVES UNFORSEEN ADVANTAGE TO CROWN IN REFERENDUM AND CONSTITUTES VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT OF WHICH THE TRUCE IS BASED. APPEAL MAYBE MADE TO THE COMMISSION AS THE AGENCY WHICH HAS EXACTED THE INSTITUTIONAL OBLIGATION FROM EACH GOVERNMENT WHICH SUCCEEDED THE BADOGLIO GOVERNMENT.

MAY I HAVE INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHAT POSITION I SHOULD TAKE;

- SHOULD OUR OPINION BE OFFICIALLY SOUGHT IN ADVANCE OF ABDICATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OR LUGOTENENTE, AND;
- IF ABDICATION SHOULD TAKE PLACE SUDDENLY WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH OR NOTICE TO COMMISSION. UNQUOTE.

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IN MY VIEW, ABDICATION IS A POLITICAL EVENT OF THE POSSIBILITY OF WHICH ALL PARTIES MUST HAVE LONG BEEN AWARE AND WHICH CANNOT BE SAID TO BE EITHER AN ABNORMAL OR AN UNFORSEEABLE DEVELOPMENT. IT DOES NOT EFFECT THE DEFACTO CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS OF PRINCE UMBERTO WHICH HE WILL RETAIN WHETHER HE IS LIEUTENANT OF THE REALM OR KING, NIETHER DOES IT APPEAR TO BE A BREACH OF THE INSTITUTIONAL TRUCE.

YOUR GUIDANCE IS REQUESTED AS TO THE ACTION WHICH I AM TO TAKE IF THE MATTER IS OFFICIALLY REFERRED TO ME IN EITHER OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES ENVISAGED IN PARA FOUR OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONERS SIGNAL.

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MY ONE FIVE FIVE FIVE OF FOUR MARCH AND ONE FIVE NINE ONE OF NINETEEN MARCH REFER PD
I HAVE RECEIVED UNOFFICIAL WORD FROM THE PALACE THAT THE KING IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING
ABDICATION PRIOR TO REFERENDUM IN JUNE PD IF HE SHOULD DO SO THE EFFECT WOULD
PROBABLY BE TO STRENGTHEN POSITION OF THE CROWN PRINCE WHO WOULD THUS AUTOMATICALLY
BECOME KING AND NO LONGER LUOGOTENENTE PD

PARA TWO PD THE SO CALLED INSTITUTIONAL TRUCE WAS BASED ON THE ACTION OF THE PRESENT
KING IN APPOINTING THE LUOGOTENENTE IN ~~1944~~ ONE NINE FOUR FOUR AND WAS CONFIRMED IN DECREE ONE FIVE ONE
OF TWENTY FIVE JUNE ONE NINE FOUR FOUR CMA ON WHICH DECREE IN TURN THE PRESENT
REFERENDUM DECREE NINE EIGHT OF SIXTEEN MARCH ONE NINE FOUR SIX IS BASED PD

PARA THREE PD IF ABDICATION SHOULD OCCUR NOW THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED TO HOLD
A REFERENDUM CMA PARTIES FAVORING A REPUBLIC MAY CLAIM THIS GIVES UNFORESEEN
ADVANTAGE TO CROWN IN REFERENDUM AND CONSTITUTES VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON WHICH
THE TRUCE IS BASED PD APPEAL MAY BE MADE TO THE COMMISSION AS THE AGENCY WHICH
HAS EXACTED THE INSTITUTIONAL OBLIGATION FROM EACH GOVERNMENT WHICH SUCCEEDED THE
BADOGLIO GOVERNMENT PD

PARA FOUR PD MAY I HAVE INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHAT POSITION I SHOULD TAKE PAREN AILE
PAREN SHOULD OUR OPINION BE OFFICIALLY SOUGHT IN ADVANCE OF ABDICATION BY THE

PRIORITY

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GOVERNMENT OF THE LUOGOTENIENTE CMA AND PAREN BAKER PAREN IF ABDICATION SHOULD
TAKE PLACE SUDDENLY WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH OR NOTICE TO COMMISSION

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ELLERY W. STONE, Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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FM Queen of ITALY arrived VILLA MARIA PIA, NAPLES 0805 hours 26 April 45. HQ
King of ITALY arrived VILLA MARIA PIA, NAPLES 1105 hours 26 April 45. Both journeys
without incident.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

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CG 216

21 April 1945

TO: The American Ambassador, Rome
The British Ambassador, Rome
U.S. Political Adviser, AFHQ
British Resident Minister, AFHQ
A/President, Hq A.C.
G-5 Section, AFHQ

The attached letter from General Infante to the Chief
Commissioner, Allied Commission, referring to the move which
H.M. The King of Italy is making to Naples, is passed to
you for information.

J. A. Quayle

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CG

Chief Commissioner

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21 April 1945

TO: CSO to Exec Comm'r, Hq AC

1. Please see attached correspondence.
2. Please inform Col. Pennyquick of this move and instruct him to take the matter up with the local military commander so that adequate guard and protection be provided for Their Majesties while they are residing in AMG territory.

/s/ J. A. Quayle

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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Translation

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Rome, 19 April 1946

Dear Admiral Stone,

In reference to your kind communication and to confirm what I have already mentioned to you, I want to tell you that their Majesties will leave ROME on Thursday 26th, to go to Naples, in their residence, villa Maria Pia.

I remain,

Truly yours,

S. A. Infante

(General A. Infante)

Admiral Hilary STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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IL PRIMO AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE
DI S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO

Roma, 19 Apr 45

APR 20 RECD
CC 1534

Care Ammiraglio Stone,

in riferimento alla di Lei gentile
comunicazione e a conferma di quanto ebbi ad
accennarLe, ho cura di informarLa che le Loro
Maestà lasceranno giovedì 26 corr.mese RAITO
per trasferirsi a Napoli, nella residenza di
Villa Maria Pia.

Le porgo i miei distinti saluti.

Adolfo Infante
(Generale Adolfo Infante)

Al Signor Ammiraglio Ellery STONE
Commissario Capo della Commissione Alleata

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4 April 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Commissioner.

Please keep in touch with Infante to determine the approximate date when the King will be moved. I think III District might well provide an escort for security purposes. Upon the King's arrival at Naples, Pennycuik should arrange to see that the property is adequately guarded, both as regards the neighboring streets and the bay.

You will realize that if anything should happen to the King, the change in the Prince's position from Luogotenente Generale del Regno to that of King would have the gravest political repercussions. It is therefore important to ensure that there is no possibility of untoward ^{incident} interference by Extremists.

13/ Ellery W. Stone
 ELLERY W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

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4 April 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In view of your assurances of agreement between party leaders and that there will be no newspaper comment, His Majesty the King may remove his household from Auito to the Villa Maria Pia in Naples.

Yours very truly,

[s] Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
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Admiral Stone--

Capt. Cecil, Military Aide
to Mr. Macmillan, states that
the A/President has taken
this subject up with his po-
litical advisers at AFHQ who
had voiced no objection.


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The President of the Council of Ministers

Rome, 31 March 1945

Dear Admiral,

I informed the party leaders belonging to the Government about the transfer of His Majesty the King from Gaito to Naples, in the Villa Maria Pia. There was no opposition and no newspapers polemics are to be foreseen.

I therefore believe that this transfer can be authorized.

Wishing you a happy Easter, I remain,

Truly yours,

G. L. G. L. G.

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Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri

-2 APR. 1945

Caro ammiraglio,

Ho comunicato
ai capi partiti facenti parte
del Governo il trasferimento
di S. M. il Re da Roma a
Napoli, nella Villa Maria Pia.

Nessuna opposizione e nessuna
previsione di polemiche
giornalistiche.

Reputo dopo ciò che si possa

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consentire il trasferimento.

Con i migliori auguri per
la Pasqua.

dev.

Luigi Bonanni

Roma, 31 marzo 1945

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17 January 1945.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

(2) This is to acknowledge your letter of January 10th forwarding a memorandum with reference to a certain high personage and his wife.

This matter has already been handled with Mr. Macmillan and with the aide-de-camp of the Lieutenant General of the Realm.

Very sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Hon. Myron C. Taylor,
Personal Representative of the
President of the United States
to His Holiness the Pope,
2 Via Boncompagni,
Rome.

cc: CS

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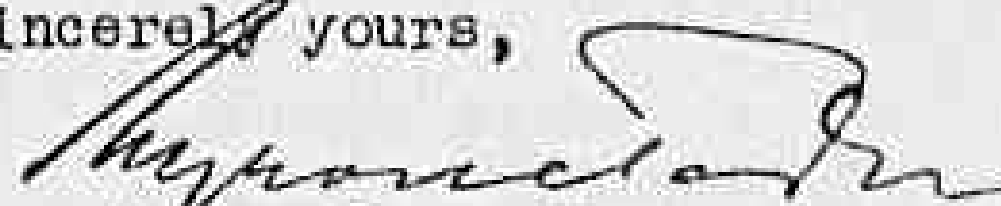
THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO HIS HOLINESS THE POPE

Rome, January 10, 1945.

Dear Admiral Stone:

I am sending you herewith a memorandum which came
to me and which I realize is a matter within your province.
Will you therefore please take the matter up with Mr.
Macmillan and others who might have jurisdiction so that it
may be given appropriate attention.

Sincerely yours,



Myron C. Taylor

Personal Representative of the
President of the United States
to His Holiness the Pope

Enclosure:

Memorandum.

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Chief Allied Commission
Rome.

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Translation

Rome, 5 Decembre 1944

Dear Stone,

I recieved your kind letter of 29 November,
about the projected transfer of their Majesties from
the Villa of Raito to Villa Maria Pia in Naples.

I am very grateful for your kind interest, and
I am waiting for the decisions which will be taken
after the return of Mr Macmillan.

I remain, my dear Commodore,

Truly yours,

/s/ A. Infante

(Gen. Adolfo Infante)

Commodore Ellery Stone
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
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IL PRIMO AILUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE
DI S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO

Mio Caro Stone,

ho ricevuto la Sua cortese lettera del 29 novembre scorso riguardante il progetto di trasferimento delle Loro Maestà dalla Villa di Raito alla residenza di Villa Maria Pia a Napoli.

Le sono particolarmente grato del suo premuroso interessamento e rimango in attesa di conoscere le decisioni che saranno prese dopo il ritorno di Mr. Macmillan.

Le rinnovo, caro Commodoro Stone, i miei più cordiali saluti.

A. A. Infante
(Generale Adolfo Infante)

Al Signor Commodoro Ellery Stone
Commissario Capo presso la Commissione
Alleata in Italia -

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29 November 1944

Dear General Infante:

(5) I regret the delay in replying to your letter of 20 November. Before your letter had been received, I had already discussed this matter with Mr. Macmillan and with General Wilson. I am hopeful of concluding it to the satisfaction of Their Majesties, The King and Queen, immediately upon Mr. Macmillan's return.

Sincerely,

(7) HENRY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
First Aide de Camp General
To the Lieutenant General of the Realm
Rome

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Translation

Il Primo Aiutante di Campo Generale
di S.M.R. il Luogotenente Generale del Regno

1768/L.C.

Rome, 20 November 1944

Dear Commodore Stone,

As you well know, Their Majesties the King and Queen are still at paito, in the Guariglia villa. After the liberation of Pisa, it was thought that they might go to the Royal Estate of San Rossore, which would have been very convenient from every point of view for a permanent residence, but this isn't possible because of the very great war damages the estate suffered from.

The Guariglia villa, in which it has been possible for Their Majesties to spend the summer months is not suitable for the coming season, for it isn't equipped for the winter; there is no possibility of heating it, and this is not only uncomfortable, but bad for the health of their Majesties.

Will you kindly see whether it would be possible for Their Majesties the King and Queen to leave paito and go to Posillipo, to the Villa Igea Pia, the only royal residency which is still untouched, and which would enable them to spend the winter in more comfortable conditions.

As you know, His Majesty the King has handed over all his attributions to S.M.R. the Lieutenant General, and does not concern himself with any affairs of political and national character; I am authorized to say that the King has no intention of modifying his attitude, and will go on considering himself as retired from public life.

Trusting in your comprehension, I am waiting for your answer, and I remain,

Truly yours,

/s/ L. Infante
(Generale Adolfo Infante)

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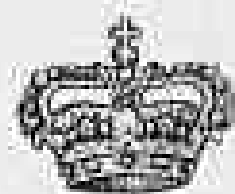
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Roma, 20 NOV 1944

IL PRIMO AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE
DI S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO

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Caro Comm. Ellery Stone,

Come Le è ben noto, le Loro Maestà il Re e la Regina, miei Augusti Sovrani, sono tuttora a Raito nella Villa Guariglia. Con la liberazione di Pisa si riteneva possibile il Loro trasferimento nella Real Tenuta di San Rossore, che si sarebbe prestata molto bene sotto ogni riguardo, per una definitiva residenza; ma gli eventi della guerra hanno completamente escluso tale possibilità, a causa dei gravissimi danni colà verificatisi.

La Villa Guariglia, dove le Loro Maestà hanno potuto adattarsi per trascorrere i mesi estivi, non è certo indicata per la stagione alla quale andiamo incontro, non essendo attrezzata per un soggiorno invernale data la mancanza di impianti di riscaldamento, circostanza che, oltre a creare non lieve disagio, si ripercuote sulle condizioni di salute degli Augusti Ospiti.

Sento quindi impellente il dovere di pregarLa vivamente a volere esaminare la possibilità che S.M. il Re e S.M. la Regina si trasferiscano da Raito a Posillipo, alla Villa Maria Pia, la sola residenza Reale rimasta intatta e che darebbe modo di trascorrere l'inverno in condizioni più confortevoli.

Come Lei sa, S.M. il Re, dopo aver interamente devoluto a S.A.R. il Luogotenente Generale ogni Sua attri-

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Al Commodoro Ellery STONE
Commissario Capo presso la Commissione
Alleata in Italia

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buzione, è rimasto estraneo agli affari di carattere politico-nazionale e sono autorizzato a precisare che è intendimento dell'Augusto Sovrano di non modificare in alcun modo l'attuale Sua astensione, continuando a considerarsi a vita privata.

Sicuro della Sua comprensione in proposito ed in attesa di un Suo cortese riscontro, Le porgo i miei migliori saluti.

aff m A. Infante

(Generale Adolfo Infante)

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PAREN BUT TO RETURN TO HIS OLD VILLA AT REVELLO

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AS BRUNAS WAS UNABLE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE VILLA ROSEBERRY
 YESTERDAY BY TELEPHONE HE LEFT FOR NAPLES BY AIR THIS MORNING IN
 ORDER TO EXPLAIN MATTERS TO THE KING OF ITALY PD PAREN TO ATHQ
 FOR CACHED FROM HQ ACC FROM STONE PERSONAL PD REMEMBER MY SUGAR
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 THREE ZERO TWO OF YESTERDAY PAREN I WILL REPORT FURTHER ON HIS
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Captain, USMC
Acting Chief Commissioner

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CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

Movements & conduct of the King of Italy

FOR ALL CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUS TO 31 JULY 1944, See CC File 225

There will be found therein documents pertaining to the residence of the king, his abdication, and conduct in wishing to go to Rome directly upon its liberation.

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