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| 34               | Ltr Lush, CG-225-5      | 13 Jan 45 | Bonomi | SAC OKs Gasparetto as Air Minister.                                                                                 |
| 35               | Memo, Air Forces S/C    | 13 Jan 45 | - -    | Thumb-nail sketch on Gasparotto.                                                                                    |
| 36               | Cbl, CCS, FAN-487       | 31 Jan 45 | SACMED | New CCS Directive. AC abandon practice approving It appts in Govt territory except in re Svc Ministers & mil appts. |
| 37               | Aide Memoire, Macmillan | 24 Feb 45 | Bonomi | New Deal for Italy. AC wont approve It appts in IG territory except Svc Min & military appointments.                |

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| 14               | Ltr, Stone              | 8 Dec 44  | Bonomi    | Col Remondino acceptable as COS, IAF, in lieu of Piacentini.                                       |
| 15               | Cbl Stone S-382         | 8 Dec 44  | AFHQ      | List of Ministers will be completed 9th; announcement 10th.                                        |
| 16               | Cbl Stone S-383         | 9 Dec 44  | AFHQ      | Advanced list of Ministers.                                                                        |
| 17               | Cbl Stone S-384         | 9 Dec 44  | AFHQ      | Final list of Ministers.                                                                           |
| 18               | Cbl Stone S-385         | 9 Dec 44  | AFHQ      | Distribution of Parties in Ministries                                                              |
| 18a              | FC(44) 35th Meeting     | 10 Dec 44 |           | US-UK views on approving Ministers.                                                                |
| 19               | Cbl Stone S-386         | 10 Dec 44 | AFHQ      | Official announcement on 11th.                                                                     |
| 20               | Cbl Stone S-387         | 10 Dec 44 | AFHQ      | List of Under-Secretaries.                                                                         |
| 21               | Cbl Stone S-388         | 10 Dec 44 | AFHQ      | Bonomi has signed documents on institutional question and armistice.                               |
| 22               | Cbl Stone S-390         | 11 Dec 44 | AFHQ      | COS, IAF, choice is Lt Gen Aymone Cat                                                              |
| 23               | Cbl Stone S-391         | 11 Dec 44 | AFHQ      | U/Secy for Instruction, PW & Foreign Affairs will be chosen 12 Dec meeting.                        |
| 24               | Ltr, Bonomi             | 11 Dec 44 | Stone     | Gen Aymone Cat as COS, IAF.                                                                        |
| 24a              | Ltr Stone CC 225-5      | 11 Dec 44 | CofS AFHQ | Transmittal of signed Ital commit-                                                                 |
| 25               | Ltr, Stone              | 11 Dec 44 | Bonomi    | Gen Aymone Cat as COS, IAF. ( ments                                                                |
| 25a              | Ltr Buscarlet AFSC/R/17 | 12 Dec 44 | Stone     | Gen Pellegrini as U/Secy for Air                                                                   |
| 26               | Cbl Stone S-392         | 12 Dec 44 | AFHQ      | Gen. Pellegrino Under Secy for Air                                                                 |
| 27               |                         | 12 Dec 44 |           | List of Ministers and U/secretaries                                                                |
| 28               | Ltr, Stone              | 12 Dec 44 | SACMTO    | List of Ministers and U/secretaries                                                                |
| 29               | Ltr Stone, P/520.1      | 12 Dec 44 | ACI       | List of Ministers and U/secretaries; Ital Govt's undertakings.                                     |
| 30               | Cbl Stone, S-406        | 29 Dec 44 | AFHQ      | Gen Luigi Chatrian new U/Secy of War                                                               |
| 31               | Ltr Bonomi 3019         | 11 Jan 45 | Stone     | Scialoja resigning, want to replace                                                                |
| 31a              | Memo for - -            | 12 Jan 45 | Bonomi    | him with Gasparetto as Minister of Air                                                             |
| 32               | Cbl Stone, S-413        | 12 Jan 45 | AFHQ      | Scialoja has resigned, Bonomi wants Gasparetto as Minister for Air. Recommend you approve soonest. |
| 33               | Cbl AFHQ F-83750        | 12 Jan 45 | ALCOM     | Gasparetto as Air Minister approved,                                                               |

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| 1             | Cbl S-371 Stone    | 26 Nov 44 | AFHQ         | Bonomi Govt has resigned<br>MAAF's views on Air Ministry.<br>Request instructions as to whether you require certain men be re-apptd; require all names of ministers and v/secy's be submitted you. |
| 1a            | Memo Air Forces SC | 27 Nov 44 | CC           |                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2             | Cbl S-373 Stone    | 27 Nov 44 | AFHQ         |                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 3             | Cable S-374 Stone  | 28 Nov 44 | AFHQ         | Badoglio's undertaking on governmental appts includes FM; shd I inform HRH, CC's ok must be obtained                                                                                               |
| 4             | Cbl AFHQ, F-59731  | 28 Nov 44 | AC for Stone | Procedure-forms of last time shd be followed; unnecessary send names ministers/u/Secy's except...; we welcome democratic solutions...                                                              |
| 4a            | Memo               | 29 Nov 44 |              | US Govt outlook on crisis.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 5             | Ltr Stone          | 29 Nov 44 | COS AFHQ     | Suggested program to comply with F-59731; procedure to be followed<br>INCLS: 2 undertakings of Ital Govt                                                                                           |
| 6             | Draft Cbl, Stone   | 30 Nov 44 | AFHQ         | HRH intends ask Bonomi but Left want Rinali.                                                                                                                                                       |
| 7             | Draft Cbl, Stone   | 30 Nov 44 | AFHQ         | Summary of events leading to crisis; and thereafter.                                                                                                                                               |
| 8             | Cbl S-377 Stone    | 30 Nov 44 | AFHQ         | HRH charges Bonomi form new Govt                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 9             | PC(44) 34th Mtg    | 30 Nov 44 |              | Retention of Piacentini as CofS IAF; De Courten as M. of Marine.                                                                                                                                   |
| 10            | Ltr, Buscarlet     | 3 Dec 44  | Stone        | Col Remondino acceptable as CofS, IAF, in lieu of Piacentini.                                                                                                                                      |
| 11            | Ltr, Kirk          | 6 Dec 44  | Stone        | US State Dept's stand with regard Italian Cabinet crisis.<br>HMG views appointments to Govt                                                                                                        |
| 11a           | Memo, Mr Broad     | ?         | AFHQ         |                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 12            | Ltr, Stone         | 7 Dec 44  | Kirk         | US State Dept's stand with regard Italian Cabinet crisis.                                                                                                                                          |
| 13            | Ltr Lush 302/29/   | 7 Dec 44  | Stone        | Suggest strong representations to HRH & Bonomi for govt w/out delay to study major policy matters.                                                                                                 |

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24th February 1945

AIDE MEMOIRE FOR COMMUNICATION TO THE ITALIAN  
GOVERNMENT BY THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE  
COMMITTEE OF THE NEW DIRECTIVE ON THE  
FUNCTIONS OF THE ALLIED COMMISSION -----

EXTRACT:

7. It will no longer be necessary for the Italian Government to obtain approval of the Allied Commission for Italian appointments, whether to national or local offices, in territory under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government except with regard to the attached list (Appendix "A") of positions having military significance. The Italian Government will have the right to alter appointments made previously by AMG authorities.

## APPENDIX "A"

List of Italian Government appointments requiring  
prior approval by the Allied Commission

Minister of War  
Minister of Marine  
Minister of Air  
Any other Minister of Armed Forces who may be created  
Under-Secretary for Telecommunications  
Director of Railroads  
Director General of Pubblica Sicurezza  
Commanding General CC.RR.  
Chief of Staff, CC.RR.  
Commanding General, CC.FF.  
Appointments in the Army, Navy, and Air Force in accordance  
with current practice.

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FROM: AGWAR FROM THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF (BOOK MESSAGE)

TO: ALEXANDER FOR ACTION

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31 January 1945

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DIRECTIVE FROM COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

For File # 225-5/CC

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D. The Allied Commission shall abandon the practice of approving any Italian appointments in territory under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government except in regard to Service Ministers and such military appointments as you may determine.

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H.E. LUIGI CASPAROTTO, MINISTER FOR AIR.

Newly appointed Minister for Air, to succeed Doctor Carlo Scialoja who is retiring because of his ill-health.

Luigi Casparotto, who was born on 31st. May 1873 in Sacile, in the Udine Province, started his career as a teacher of elementary school, later graduating in law and practising in Milan.

Taking up politics he was returned to Parliament for the Radical Party which had its headquarters in the city of Milan, and he worked energetically for many years on behalf of the old Lombardia democracy.

He is a veteran of World War I, during which he fought most val-  
crously, and he is one of the founders of the Italian War Veterans' Association, later becoming its president.

In 1921 he was elected Vice-President of the Chamber of Deputies, and in July of that year he became Minister of War in Bonomi's Government. Whilst holding this Portfolio he brought about reforms in the military administration, was responsible for the one year subscription term and the establishing of permanent mobilisation centres throughout the country.

Always anti-fascist, Casparotto left Italy for Switzerland after the Armistice and returned to this country again a day or two after the forming of the present Government. His son, who was active on behalf of the anti-fascist --anti-German movement during the German occupation of Rome, was arrested by the S.S. here, imprisoned and tortured, and died before the liberation of the Capital.

While the new Air Minister is not an official member of any political party, his tendencies are, however, Labour Democratic.

Since his return to Rome he has been appointed President of the War Veterans' Association. In this capacity he made a public speech on Thursday, January 11th. when he went very fully into the Sicilian question.

*Luigi Bonita*

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Air Forces Sub-Commission.  
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13 January 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

It is with regret that I have heard of the nervous breakdown and resignation of M. E. Carlo Scialoja. The proposed appointment of Sig. Luigi Gasparetto as Minister for Air meets with the full approval of the Supreme Allied Commander.

Very truly yours,

*W. S. Lind*  
Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff,  
For the Chief Commissioner.

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

cc: { A/President  
Col S  
Pol. Sec.  
Air S/C

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Hon. Alexander Kirk } mailed  
Sir Noel Charles } 15 Jan.

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Appointment of LUIGI GASPARETTO as Italian Minister for Air  
vice SCIALOJA is approved. Reur 3 413 of 12 January. This confirms  
telephone approval already given.

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*Hon. Alexander Kirk } mailed  
Sir Noel Charles } 15 Jan.*

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12 JAN 45

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PARA ONE PD PRIME MINISTER INFORMS ME THAT MINISTER FOR AIR SCIALOJA HAS  
 RESTORED FOR REASONS HEALTH AND THAT HE WISHES APPOINT LUDIX GASPARETO IN  
 HIS PLACE PD AIR COMMISSIONER CONCUR HIS APPOINTMENT AND UNDERSTAND AIR  
 MARSHAL SLENDER VIEWED SUCH APPOINTMENT WITH FAVOUR WHEN SUGGESTED PREVIOUSLY  
 PD RECOMMEND YOUR APPROVAL PD IN MEANTIME HAVE ASKED PRIME MINISTER NOT  
 YET NOT MAKE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT PD

PARA TWO TO AFHQ FOR SACRED CMA CHIEF JUDGE POLAD AND BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER  
FROM HQ ALCON SIGNED STONE PAREN

PARA TWO PD MR MACILLAN HAS BEEN CONSULTED AND IS ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN YOUR  
 EARLY APPROVAL TO AVOID POLITICAL COMPLICATIONS

DISTRIBUTION:

Hon. Alexander Kirk                      A/President, Alcon  
 Sir Noel Charles  
 Air V/M Bowen-Duscarlet  
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M. S. LUSH  
 Brigadier, Chief of Staff  
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M. S. LUSH  
 Brigadier  
 Chief of Staff

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12 January 1945

MESSAGE FOR PRIME MINISTER BONGHI

Admiral Stone has been notified of the proposed change of Air Minister, and he has instructed Brig. Lush to get Air Vice Marshal Bower-Dunbar's opinion and to send off messages to AFHQ for Field Marshal Alexander. It will be necessary to have the Field Marshal's approval before announcement may be made to the press. These dispatches are being sent off highest priority and we hope to have an answer by tomorrow morning.

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You will be informed through Brig. Lush's office as soon as approval is received.

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

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Rome, 11 January 1949

Dear Admiral,

I communicate to you that the Minister of Air, H. Mr. Carlo Scialoja is again suffering from an acute nervous breakdown and has asked me as a favour to accept his resignation from an office which he feels he can no longer fulfil.

I have agreed to his request and offered the Air-Force Department to the on. Luigi Gasparotto, who has lately come back from Switzerland where he had taken shelter after the occupation of Milan by the Germans. The on. Gasparotto belongs to the old radical democratic party; when I was minister in 1921, he was minister of war; he is a well known anti-fascist, and his son has been killed by the Nazi-fascists.

The Allied Command which Scialoja had consulted before accepting the charge of minister had approved two names, that of Scialoja, and that of Gasparotto. I therefore believe there can be no difficulties in accepting the substitution which I propose.

I should like to have the answer of the Allied Commission on Saturday, for I want the new minister to take his oath to the Lieutenant at once. The Lieutenant of the Kingdom has been informed of the substitution and has approved it.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

S. I. Bonomi

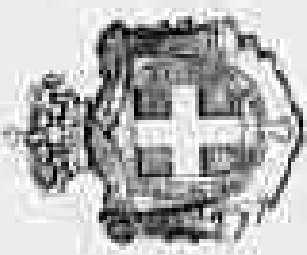
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Chief Commissioner  
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*Al Presidente  
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Roma, 14 II gennaio 1945.

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Caro Ammiraglio,

Le comunico che il ministro dell'Aviazione, S.M. Carlo Scialoja, è stato ripreso da una forma acuta di esaurimento nervoso, talchè ha fatto appello alla mia amicizia perchè lo liberi da un ufficio che non ritiene di poter più oltre coprire.

Afferendo alle sue vive insistenze ho offerto il dicastero dell'Aviazione al'on. Luigi Casparotto, testè venuto dalla Svizzera dove si era rifugiato dopo l'occupazione tedesca di Milano. Il Casparotto appartiene all'antico partito democratico radicale, è stato, nel 1927, nel mio antico ministero, ministro della guerra, è un antifascista ben noto, dolorosamente provato dalla morte per morsi negli-fasciste del figlio.

Il Comando Alleato col quale lo Scialoja si era consultato prima di accettare la carica di ministro aveva approvato due nomi: quello dello Scialoja e quello del Casparotto. Credo perciò che non vi possano essere difficoltà a consentire la sostituzione da me proposta.

Al Sig. Ammiraglio  
ELIOT H. STONE  
Capo della Commissione Alleata

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Desidererei avere notizie riformate di sabato il presidente  
della Commissione d'elezione, volendo far subito sapere il mio  
vo ministro delle mani del tuo potente del ramo, che è stato  
informato della sostituzione da lui approvata.

Cordiali saluti

*W. H. H. H.*

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WITH THE APPROVAL OF MYSELF AND GENERAL BROWNING

PAID TO AFHQ FOR SACRED CMA UNCLE SUGAR FOLAD AND BRITISH RESERVE FROM HQ ALONGPERSONAL FROM STONE PAIDGENERAL LUIGI CHATRI<sup>al</sup> HAS BEEN APPOINTED UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR VICE  
GENERAL. GILITADISTRIBUTION:Sir Noel Charles  
Hon. Alexander Kirk  
Land Forces Sub-Com.  
Chief of Staff  
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ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral  
Chief CommissionerCONFIDENTIAL

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Your Excellency:

I have the honor to inform you that Sig. Ivanoe Bonomi has completed the constitution of a new Italian Government. A complete list of the Ministers and Under Secretaries is attached for the information of the Advisory Council.

The appointments of the Ministers for War, Navy and Air, together with those of the Under Secretary for Communications and the Director General of Railroads, have received the approval of the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater.

I enclose copies of a letter signed today by Sig. Bonomi embodying the undertakings entered into by him on behalf of the new Government in regard to acceptance by the members of the Government of all obligations assumed by previous Italian Government, including the terms of the Armistice signed on 29 September 1943. I also enclose a copy of a letter in which Sig. Bonomi, on behalf of the Italian Government, specifically reaffirms the undertaking assumed by previous Governments in regard to the institutional question.

Very truly yours,

MILLY W. STONE  
Commodore, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency George Exintaris  
Chairman in Rotation  
Advisory Council for Italy  
Via Romagna, 42  
Rome

cc - Pol. Sec.  
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Subject: Composition of New Cabinet in Italian Government

To: Supreme Allied Commander - Mediterranean Theatre  
Allied Force Headquarters  
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Enclosed is final list of ministers and under-  
secretaries comprising the new cabinet in the Italian Govern-  
ment.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Commodore, USN  
Chief Commissioner

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cc: U.S. Political Adviser  
British Resident Minister  
G-5 Section  
U.S. Ambassador  
British Ambassador

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12 December 1944

COMPOSITION OF THE BONOMI CABINET

Presidency of the Council  
of Ministers

|                                             |                                              |                                 |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| President                                   | Prof. Avv. Ivanoe Bonomi                     | Independent                     |
| Vice Presidents<br>Without Portfolio        | Dott. Palmiro Togliatti<br>On. Giulio Rodino | Communist<br>Christian Democrat |
| Undersecretary                              | Avv. Giuseppe Spataro                        | Christian Democrat              |
| Undersecretary for Press<br>and Information | Avv. Francesco Libonati                      | Liberal                         |

Agriculture

|                |                          |                    |
|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Minister       | Avv. Fausto Gallo        | Communist          |
| Undersecretary | Prof. Avv. Antonio Segni | Christian Democrat |

Air

|                |                            |                |
|----------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Minister       | Avv. Carlo Scialoja        | Labor Democrat |
| Undersecretary | General Ernesto Pellegrini | Independent    |

Finance

|                |                       |           |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Minister       | Prof. Antonio Pesenti | Communist |
| Undersecretary | Avv. Cesare Gabriele  | Liberal   |

Foreign Affairs

|                                       |                         |                    |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Minister                              | Dott. Alcide De Gasperi | Christian Democrat |
| Undersecretary                        | Dott. Rugenio Peale     | Communist          |
| Undersecretary for<br>Italians Abroad | Avv. Renato Morelli     | Liberal            |

Industry, Commerce and Labor

|          |                        |                    |
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| Minister | Prof. Giovanni Gronchi | Christian Democrat |
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| <u>Vice Presidents</u><br>Without Portfolio | Dott. Palmiro Togliatti<br>On. Giulio Rodino | Communist<br>Christian Democrat |
| Undersecretary                              | Avv. Giuseppe Spataro                        | Christian Democrat              |
| Undersecretary for Press<br>and Information | Avv. Francesco Libonati                      | Liberal                         |
| <u>Agriculture</u>                          |                                              |                                 |
| Minister                                    | Avv. Fausto Gullo                            | Communist                       |
| Undersecretary                              | Prof. Avv. Antonio Segni                     | Christian Democrat              |
| <u>Air</u>                                  |                                              |                                 |
| Minister                                    | Avv. Carlo Scialoja                          | Labor Democrat                  |
| Undersecretary                              | General Ernesto Pellegrini                   | Independent                     |
| <u>Finance</u>                              |                                              |                                 |
| Minister                                    | Prof. Antonio Pesenti                        | Communist                       |
| Undersecretary                              | Avv. Cesare Gabriele                         | Liberal                         |
| <u>Foreign Affairs</u>                      |                                              |                                 |
| Minister                                    | Dott. Alcide De Gasperi                      | Christian Democrat              |
| Undersecretary                              | Dott. Eugenio Leale                          | Communist<br>3521               |
| Undersecretary for<br>Italians Abroad       | Avv. Renato Morelli                          | Liberal                         |
| <u>Industry, Commerce and Labor</u>         |                                              |                                 |
| Minister                                    | Prof. Giovanni Gronchi                       | Christian Democrat              |
| Undersecretary for<br>Industry and Commerce | Sig. Umberto Fiore                           | Communist                       |
| Undersecretary for Labor                    | Prof. Enrico Paresce                         | Labor Democrat                  |
| <u>Interior</u>                             |                                              |                                 |
| Minister                                    | Prof. Avv. Ivano Bonomi                      | Independent                     |
| Undersecretary                              | Avv. Enrico Mole                             | Labor Democrat                  |

Justice

## Minister

Avv. Umberto Tupini

Christian Democrat

## Undersecretary

On. Avv. Dante Veroni

Labor Democrat

Navy

## Minister

Amm. Raffaele de Courten

Independent

## Undersecretary

Avv. Carlo Bassano

Labor Democrat

Undersecretary for  
Merchant Marine

Prof. Giuseppe Montalbano

Communist

Occupied Italy

## Minister

Dott. Mauro Scoccimarro

Communist

## Undersecretary

Marchese Aldovrandi Medici Tornaquinci

Liberal

Post and Telegraph Communications

## Minister

Avv. Mario Cevolotto

Labor Democrat

## Undersecretary

Ing. Mario Fano

Independent

Public Instruction

## Minister

Prof. Vincenzo Arancio Ruiz

Liberal

## Undersecretary

Dott. Bernardo Mattarella

Christian Democrat

Public Works

## Minister

Avv. Meuccio Ruini

Labor Democrat

## Undersecretary

Avv. Cennaro Cassiani

Christian Democrat

Railroad Transportation

## Minister

Avv. Francesco Cerabona

Labor Democrat

## Undersecretary

Prof. Giambattista Rizzo

Liberal

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| <u>Undersecretary</u>                     | Avv. Carlo Bassano                     | Labor Democrat     |
| <u>Undersecretary for Merchant Marine</u> | Prof. Giuseppe Montalbano              | Communist          |
| <u>Occupied Italy</u>                     |                                        |                    |
| <u>Minister</u>                           | Dott. Mauro Scoccimarro                | Communist          |
| <u>Undersecretary</u>                     | Marchese Aldovrandi Medici Tornaquinci | Liberal            |
| <u>Post and Telegraph Communications</u>  |                                        |                    |
| <u>Minister</u>                           | Avv. Mario Cevolotto                   | Labor Democrat     |
| <u>Undersecretary</u>                     | Ing. Mario Fano                        | Independent        |
| <u>Public Instruction</u>                 |                                        |                    |
| <u>Minister</u>                           | Prof. Vincenzo Arancio Ruiz            | Liberal            |
| <u>Undersecretary</u>                     | Dott. Bernardo Mattarella              | Christian Democrat |
| <u>Public Works</u>                       |                                        |                    |
| <u>Minister</u>                           | Avv. Meuccio Ruini                     | Labor Democrat     |
| <u>Undersecretary</u>                     | Avv. Gennaro Cassiani                  | Christian Democrat |
| <u>Railroad Transportation</u>            |                                        |                    |
| <u>Minister</u>                           | Avv. Francesco Cerabona                | Labor Democrat     |
| <u>Undersecretary</u>                     | Prof. Giambattista Rizzo               | Liberal            |
| <u>Treasury</u>                           |                                        |                    |
| <u>Minister</u>                           | Avv. Marcello Soleri                   | Liberal            |
| <u>Undersecretary</u>                     | Prof. Avv. Salvatore Secca             | Christian Democrat |
| <u>War</u>                                |                                        |                    |
| <u>Minister</u>                           | Sen. Conte Alessandro Casati           | Liberal            |
| <u>Undersecretary</u>                     | Avv. Mario Palermo                     | Communist          |
| <u>Minister without Portfolio</u>         | Avv. Manlio Brosio                     | Liberal            |

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12 DEC 44

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FURTHER TO MY SUGAR THREE EIGHT SEVEN OF TEN DECEMBER

PAREN TO AFHQ PERSONAL FOR SACRED CMA AIR COMMANDER IN CHIEF CMA UNITED STATES

POLAD AND BRITISH RESMIN FROM HQ ALCOM FROM STONE PERSONAL PAREN

GENERAL PELLEGRINO IS UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR AIR PD THIS APPOINTMENT

IS ENTIRELY AGREEABLE TO AIR VICE MARSHAL BOWEN BUSCARLET AND MYSELF

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Hon. Alexander Kirk  
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Major, R. A.  
Staff Officer to CC

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,  
ROME.

PERSONAL AND  
TOP SECRET.

AFSC/P/17/SEC INT.

12th December, 1944.

Dear *Commodore Stone*.

I have just heard through unofficial channels that General  
PELLEGRINO has been offered the post of Under Secretary for Air, and  
has accepted it.

Yours sincerely,

*W. B. Brewster*

Commodore Ellery W. Stone,  
Chief Commissioner,  
Allied Commission,  
Rome.

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EWS/afe

11 December 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I thank you for your letter of December 11th  
informing me of the forthcoming appointment of the  
new Chief of Staff of the Royal Air Force.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE  
Commodore, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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

cc: Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet  
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EWS/dfe

CG 225-5

11 December 1944

Subject: Transmittal of Two Signed Commitments Received from the  
President of the Council of Ministers

To: Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

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Pursuant to my cable S-388 of 10 December, I enclose herewith  
in original the two undertakings signed by Signor Bonomi on the formation  
of his new Government.

ELLERY W. STONE  
Commodore, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

2 Encls:

- 1--Ltr, 10 Dec 44, accepting obligations  
towards Allies
- 2--Ltr, 10 Dec 44, undertaking not to  
re-open the institutional question, etc.

cc: Sir Noel Charles  
Hon. Alexander Kirk  
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cc: Advisory Council - see 29

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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO  
DEI MINISTRI

To: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, USNR  
Chief Commissioner  
Allied Commission  
APO 394

On behalf of the Royal Italian Government I accept all obligations towards the Allies entered into by the former Italian Governments since the conclusion of the Armistice signed on the 3rd September, 1943.

I declare that every member of the Government has acquainted himself personally with the terms of all such obligations including the terms of the Armistice signed on the 29th September 1943.

ROME, 10 December 1944.

/s/ Ivanoe Bonomi

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO  
DEI MINISTRI

To: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, USNR  
Chief Commissioner  
Allied Commission  
APO 394

Without the prior consent of the Allied Governments  
the Royal Italian Government undertakes not to re-open the  
institutional question until such time as Italy has been  
liberated and the Italian people have the opportunity of  
themselves determining the form of Government.

ROME, 10 December 1944.

/s/ Ivanoe Bonomi

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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Translation

The President of the Council  
of Ministers

Rome, 11 December 1944

Dear Admiral,

I assure you that at the first meeting of  
the new Council of Ministers, Generale di Squadra Aerea  
H. E. Mario Aymone Cat will be appointed Chief of Staff  
of the Royal Airforce.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

s/ I. Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone  
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission  
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Trans. E.C.

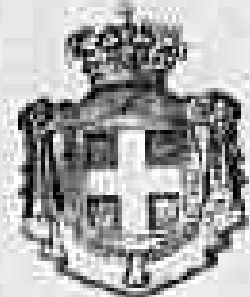
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cc: to BB (A.V. 101 Bowen - Casarlet)

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*Il Presidente  
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Roma 11 dicembre 1944

Caro Ammiraglio,  
desidero assicurarla che nella prima seduta del nuovo  
Consiglio dei Ministri sarà nominato Capo di Stato Mag-  
giore della Regia Aeronautica il Generale di Squadra  
Aerea S.E. Mario Aymone Cat.  
Con molti cordiali saluti.

*Italo Burzio*

Al Sig. Ammiraglio  
Ellery W. Stone  
Capo della Commissione Alleata

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cc: (of trans.) = A. J. M. Bowen - Buscarlet

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11 DEC 44

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FURTHER BY SUGAR THREE EIGHT SEVEN OF TEN DECEMBER

PAREN TO AFHQ PERSONAL FOR SACRED CMA UNCLE SUGAR POLAD AND BRITISH RESHIN

FROM HQ ALCOM FROM STONE PERSONAL PAREN

THE DECISION AS TO THE CHOICE OF THE ALTERNATIVELY PROPOSED UNDERSECRETARIES  
FOR THE MINISTRIES OF INSTRUCTION PUBLIC WORKS AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL BE  
TAKEN AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DECEMBER TWELVE

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Commodore  
Chief Commissioner

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11 DEC 44

MOST IMMEDIATE

SECRET PD

REFERENCE MY SUGAR THREE EIGHT THREE OF NINE DECEMBER

PAREN TO AFHQ PERSONAL FOR SACRED CMA UNCLE SUGAR POLAD AND BRITISH RESMIN  
FROM HQ ALCOM FROM STONE PERSONAL PAREN

CHIEF OF AIR STAFF IS NEITHER PIACENTINI NOR RAIMONDIRO BUT LIEUT GENERAL  
AIMEONE CAT WHO IS PREFERRED BY AIR COMMANDER IN CHIEF

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10 DEC

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SECRET PD

BOROMI HAS DELIVERED TWO SIGNED COMMITMENTS TO ME IN THE IDENTICAL FORMS AS THOSE  
EXECUTED IN JUNE CMA

PAPER TO AFHQ PERSONAL FOR SIGNED CMA UNCLE SMOOR POLAD AND BRITISH RESMIN FROM HQ

ALCOM FROM STONE PERSONAL PAPER

ONE ON THE INSTITUTIONAL QUESTION CMA THE OTHER ACCEPTING ALL ARMISTICE AND POST DASH

ARMISTICE OBLIGATIONS OF FORMER GOVERNMENTS AND CERTIFYING THAT EACH MEMBER OF

GOVERNMENT IS PERSONALLY FAMILIAR WITH ALL OBLIGATIONS INCLUDING LONG TERMS ARMISTICE PD

ORIGINALS BEING FORWARDED TO YOU

AUTHENTICATED BY:

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J. A. QUAYLE  
Major, R. A.  
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10 DEC

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FOLLOWING IS LIST OF UNDERSECRETARIES CLM

PASSE TO AFHQ PERSONAL FOR SACRED CMA WHILE SUGAR POLAD AND BRITISH RESERVE FROM NY ALUM  
FROM STAKE PERSONAL PAMM

PASSE ABLE PAMM CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT CLM PRESIDENCY CMA SPATANO SINGLE INSTRUCTION CMA  
 JERVOLINO OR MATTAPELLA SINGLE TREASURY CMA EGGOCA SINGLE PUBLIC WORKS CMA MATTAPELLA  
 OR CASSIANI SINGLE AGRICULTURE CMA SECHI SINGLE

LIBERAL

PASSE BARRIS PAMM ~~REPUBLIC~~ CLM PRESS AND INFORMATION CMA LIBERATI SINGLE ITALIANS ABROAD  
 CMA MORELLI SINGLE FINANCE CMA GARRIBOLDI SINGLE TRANSPORT CMA BIRLO SINGLE OCCUPIED  
 ITALY CMA MEDICI SINGLE

PASSE CHARLES PAMM LABOR DEMOCRAT CLM INTERIOR CMA MOLE SINGLE JUSTICE CMA TIRONI SINGLE  
 CMA  
 LABOR/PAMMOR SINGLE NAVY CMA SACCHANO SINGLE

PASSE BOG PAMM COMMUNIST CLM FOREIGN ~~REPUBLIC~~ CMA DEALIA OR RENARDI SINGLE INDUSTRY  
 CMA VIGORE SINGLE WAR CMA PALERMO SINGLE MERCHANT MARINE CMA MONTALBANO PD

PASSE BAST PAMM INDEPENDENT CLM POSTAL COMMUNICATIONS CMA YANG PD

PARA AVIATION UNDECIDED PD BERGAMI PAMM ~~REPUBLIC~~ CMA PAMM BECOMES COMMISSIONER GENERAL  
 FOR FOOD PD NO DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN ON FORMATION OF NEW MINISTRY FOR REPATRIATES  
 THEREFORE IT WILL NOT BE ANNOUNCED

Chief Commissioner

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NOTIFICATION

Hon. Alexander Kirk  
 Sir Noel Charles

J. A. QUAYLE

Pol. Sec.

Major, R. A.

Chief of Staff

Staff Officer to CC

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Undersecretaries

|                       |                            |              |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Pres. dem. cy         | - Spataro ✓                | C.D.         |
| Pres. - inform.       | - Libonati ✓               | L            |
| Interior              | - Moli ✓                   | C.D.         |
| Italians abroad       | - Monelli ✓                | L            |
| Extra Foreign Office  | - Picale or Negarville ✓   | C            |
| Gen. Justice          | - Verone ✓                 | C.D.         |
| Instruction           | - Jerosimo or Mitinella ✓  | C.D.         |
| Finance               | - Gabriel ✓                | L            |
| Treasury              | - Socca ✓                  | C.D.         |
| Public works          | - Kulturella ✓ a Cassini ✓ | C.D.         |
| (Industry -<br>Labor) | - Fiore ✓                  | C            |
|                       | - Paracca ✓                | C.D.         |
| Agriculture           | - Segni ✓                  | C.D.         |
| Transport             | - Rizzo ✓                  | L            |
| Postal comm.          | - Fano ✓                   | Ind.         |
| War                   | - Belarini ✓               | C            |
| Wing                  | - Bassini ✓                | 3508<br>C.D. |
| Purchase M.           | - Montalban ✓              | L            |

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|                                |   |                         |        |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------|
| Italians abroad                | - | Monelli ✓               | L      |
| Extra Foreign Office           | - | Meale or Megawille      | L      |
| Justice                        | - | Veroni ✓                | L D    |
| Instruction                    | - | Perotino or Vittorelli  | L D    |
| Finance                        | - | Galvini ✓               | L      |
| Currency                       | - | Sococa ✓                | L D    |
| Public works                   | - | Kultruffa ✓ or Cassiani | L D    |
| Industry                       | - | Fiorini ✓               | L D    |
| (Labor)                        | - | Parasci ✓               | L D    |
| Agriculture                    | - | Segni ✓                 | L D    |
| Transport                      | - | Piniggi ✓               | L      |
| Postal comm.                   | - | Farnet ✓                | Ind.   |
| War                            | - | Belarini ✓              | L      |
| Navy                           | - | Bassani ✓               | L 3508 |
| Merchant M.                    | - | Montalbanov ✓           | L      |
| Education                      | - | ?                       | L      |
| Occupied Italy                 | - | Medici ✓                | L      |
| Commissioner general for Italy | - | Bergami                 | L      |

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10 DEC

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TOP SECRET PD

REFERENCE MY SUGAR THREE EIGHT THREE OF NINTH DECEMBER CMA

PAREN TO AFHQ PERSONAL FOR SACMED CMA UNCLE SUGAR POLAD AND BRITISH RESIDENT

MINISTER FROM HQ ALCOM FROM STONE PERSONAL PAREN

PRESENT PLAN IS TO MAKE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT NOT REPEAT NOT SUNDAY BUT MONDAY

cc: Hon. Alexander Kirk  
Sir Noel Charles  
Political Section  
Chief of Staff  
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Chief Commissioner  
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Major, R. A.  
Staff Officer to CC

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AFHQ Political Committee

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35th Meeting

10 December 1944

11. FORMATION OF NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

The SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER inquired what was the position regarding the submission of the names of the New Italian Government for approval by the Allied authorities, with particular reference to the precedent set at the time of the last change of government.

MR. KIRK replied that the situation at the last change of government was a special one in that the British Government, on being informed of the composition of the new government, asked that an extraordinary meeting of the advisory council should be held to express its opinion on Signor BONOMI and his government which had not taken office until that opinion had been expressed. Mr. Kirk observed that the United States Government now took the position that the composition of the Italian Government was entirely a matter for the Italians themselves, although any new government must subscribe to the same commitments towards the Allies as had been undertaken by the previous government, and the Supreme Allied Commander might, if necessary for military reasons, veto the appointment of the heads of service ministries.

BRIGADIER LUSH said that the composition of the new government would be notified to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, in the course of the day and that the Chief Commissioner would inform the United States and British representatives in Rome and would report the names to AFHQ. It had not been stipulated that the composition of the government required approval by AFHQ.

THE COMMITTEE took note of the above.

1. At the request of Mr. Broad the following amendment is issued to the Minutes of the 35th Meeting of the Political Committee :-

Item 11. Add after Brigadier Lush's statement the following :-

"MR. BROAD said that H.M Government considered that it was necessary to adhere to the existing agreement under which proposed appointments must all be submitted to the Allied Commission for approval".

2. Copy holders are requested to amend their copies accordingly.

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J.H. LASCELLES,  
COLONEL,  
SECRETARY.

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9 DECEMBER 1944

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SEE MY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING TELEGRAM NUMBER SUGAR THREE EIGHT FOUR PD  
PAREN TO AFHQ PERSONAL FOR SACRED CMA UNCLE SUGAR POLAD AND BRITISH RESMIN  
FROM HQ ALCOM FROM STONE PERSONAL PAREN

FOLLOWING IS DISTRIBUTION OF PARTIES CLN LIBERAL DASH BROSIO CMA SOLERI CMA  
 CASATI CMA ARANGIO ~~CMA~~ RUTZ PD CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS DASH DI RODINO CMA DE  
 GASPERI CMA GRONCHI CMA TUPINI PD COMMUNISTS DASH TOGLIATTI CMA PESENTI CMA  
 SCOCCHIMARO CMA GULLO PD LABOR DEMOCRATS DASH RUINI CMA CEVOLOTTO CMA  
 SCIALOJA CMA GASPAROTTO <sup>CMA CERABONA</sup> PD INDEPENDENTS DASH BONOMI CMA DE COURTEN PD

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Staff Officer to CG

1. Benoni - President ~~for~~, Interior, Italian Africa
2. Loggiatti - Vice president without portfolio
3. Di Rodino - " "
4. Brusio - Min. without portfolio
5. Foreign Office - ~~De Gasperi~~  
Public works - ~~Brusio~~
6. ~~Justice~~ - ~~Infante~~
7. ~~Justice~~ - ~~Infante~~  
Public works - ~~Brusio~~
8. Finance - ~~Perenti~~
9. Treasury - Soleri
10. Instruction - Arangio Ruiz
11. Industry, C. & L. - Gronchi
12. Agriculture - Gello  
Railroad transportation - ~~Carabona~~  
Communications - ~~Levi-Strauss~~
13. Post & telegraph communications - ~~Levi-Strauss~~
14. Occupied Italy. - ~~Scoccimarro~~
15. War - Casati.
16. Navy - De Courten
17. Aviation - ~~Scoccimarro~~ Scilla
18. Assistance to the returned  
(civilian - military)
19. Gasparotto (A)

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\* Still not certain

Parties

Liberal: Brusio, Soleri, Casati, Arangio Ruiz

- 6. Public works - ~~public~~ <sup>public</sup> ~~works~~ <sup>works</sup> ~~gaspari~~ <sup>gaspari</sup>
- 7. Justice - ~~justice~~ <sup>justice</sup> ~~public~~ <sup>public</sup> ~~works~~ <sup>works</sup> ~~Benini~~ <sup>Benini</sup>
- 8. Finance - ~~finance~~ <sup>finance</sup> ~~Benini~~ <sup>Benini</sup>
- 9. Treasury - ~~treasury~~ <sup>treasury</sup> ~~Soleri~~ <sup>Soleri</sup>
- 10. Instruction - ~~instruction~~ <sup>instruction</sup> ~~Arangio~~ <sup>Arangio</sup> ~~Benini~~ <sup>Benini</sup>
- 11. Industry, C. & L. - ~~industry~~ <sup>industry</sup> ~~Granchi~~ <sup>Granchi</sup>
- 12. Agriculture - ~~agriculture~~ <sup>agriculture</sup> ~~Gullo~~ <sup>Gullo</sup>
- 13. Philbrick Transportation - ~~philbrick~~ <sup>philbrick</sup> ~~transportation~~ <sup>transportation</sup> ~~Carabona~~ <sup>Carabona</sup>
- 14. Post & telegraphic communications - ~~post~~ <sup>post</sup> ~~telegraphic~~ <sup>telegraphic</sup> ~~communications~~ <sup>communications</sup> ~~Carabona~~ <sup>Carabona</sup>
- 15. Occupied Italy - ~~occupied~~ <sup>occupied</sup> ~~Italy~~ <sup>Italy</sup> ~~Saccinmarro~~ <sup>Saccinmarro</sup>
- 16. War - ~~war~~ <sup>war</sup> ~~Carabona~~ <sup>Carabona</sup>
- 17. Navy - ~~navy~~ <sup>navy</sup> ~~De Courten~~ <sup>De Courten</sup>
- 18. Aviation - ~~aviation~~ <sup>aviation</sup> ~~Scialoja~~ <sup>Scialoja</sup>
- 19. Assistance to the returned (civilian & military) - ~~assistance~~ <sup>assistance</sup> ~~to the returned~~ <sup>to the returned</sup> ~~(civilian & military)~~ <sup>(civilian & military)</sup> ~~Gasparotto (A)~~ <sup>Gasparotto (A)</sup>

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x Still not certain

Parties

- Liberal : Brosio, Soleri, Carabona, Arangio Benini
- Christian Democrats : Di Rodino, De Gasperi, Granchi, Benini
- 17 APP Communists : Loggisti, Benini, Saccinmarro, Gullo
- Labour Democrats : Benini, Carabona, Scialoja, Gasparotto
- Independents : Benoni, De Courten

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9 DECEMBER 1964

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PENDING IN ADVANCE LIST OF MEMBERS OF NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH IS SUBJECT TO A FIVE ALTERNATION WHICH ARE INDICATED BELOW PD FINAL LIST EXPECTED ABOUT ONE EIGHT ZERO ZERO PD OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE SUNDAY PD LIST OF UNDERSECRETARIES WILL BE AVAILABLE LATER PD

PAPER TO APPEL PERSONAL FOR SACRED CMA ENRIE SUGAR POLAR AND ELITIDE KESMIN  
FROM HA ALCON FROM STONE PERSONAL PAPER

PRESIDENT AND MINISTERS OF INTERIOR CMA BORINI CMA NO PARTY ALTHOUGH FORMERLY LABOR DEMOCRAT PD VICE PRESIDENT WITHOUT PORTFOLIO CMA TOGLIATTI CMA COMMUNIST PD VICE PRESIDENT WITHOUT PORTFOLIO CMA DI SANTI CMA CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PD MINISTERS // WITHOUT PORTFOLIO CMA MASIO CMA LIBERAL PD

FOLLOWING ARE MEMBERS OF MINISTRIES CMA FOREIGN AFFAIRS CMA DE GASPERI CMA CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PD JUSTICE CMA RITTO PORTO OR ARANCO ROTA PD BOTH LIBERALS PD INSTRUCTION CMA TUPINI CMA CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PD THIS NOMINATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE PD FINANCE CMA PRESENTI COMMUNIST PD TREASURY CMA GULINI CMA LIBERAL PD PUBLIC WORKS CMA RUINI CMA LABOR DEMOCRAT PD INDUSTRY COMMERCE AND LABOR CMA GRUARI CMA CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PD AGRICULTURE CMA GULLO CMA

Chief Commissioner

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 Major, E. A.  
 Staff Officer to CC

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9 DECEMBER 1944

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COMMUNIST PD COMMUNICATIONS CMA DEVOLVED CMA LABOR DEMOCRAT CMA WITH FANG  
 UNDERSECRETARY AND GENERAL DI RAJENDRO DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RAILROADS AS  
 REQUESTED BY US PD THIS MINISTRY MAY BE SPLIT INTO MINISTRY OF POSTS AND  
 TELEGRAPHS AND MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION WITH FANG AND DI RAJENDRO UNAFFECTED  
 PD AVIATION CMA SCIALOJA CMA LABOR DEMOCRAT PD CHIEF OF STAFF TO BE EITHER  
 GENERAL PIACENTINI OR COLONEL REMONDINO PD NAVY CMA ADMIRAL DE COURTES CMA NO PARTY PD  
 OCCUPIED ITALY CMA NEW MINISTRY TO DEAL WITH ECONOMIC AND PATRIOT PROBLEMS  
 IN NORTH CMA SCOCCHIMARO CMA COMMUNIST

cc- Hon. Alexander Kirk  
 Sir Hall Charles  
 Political Section  
 Chief of Staff  
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 Major, R. A.  
 Staff Officer to CC

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~~SECRET~~ CABLE TO: AFHQ PERSONAL FOR SACRED CIA U.S. POLAD AND BRITISH RESININ

TOP SECRET PD

FOLLOWING IS ADVANCE LIST OF MINISTERS OF NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH IS SUBJECT TO A FEW ALTERATIONS WHICH ARE INDICATED BELOW PD FINAL LIST EXPECTED ABOUT 1800 PD OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE SUNDAY PD LIST OF UNDER-SECRETARIES WILL BE AVAILABLE LATER PD

# AREM

PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF INTERIOR, ECONOMY, NO PARTY ALTHOUGH FORMERLY  
LABOR DEMOCRAT PD VICE PRESIDENT WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, SOCIALLY, COMMUNIST  
PD VICE PRESIDENT WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, DI MODINO, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT, PD  
MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, EGOSTO, LIBERAL PD

**FOLLOWING ARE HEADS OF MINISTRIES:**

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DE GASPERI, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PD *BOTH*  
JUSTICE, ETHEL FORTE CR. ALVARO RUIZ PD ~~LIBERAL~~ *LIBERALS*

1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

INSTRUCTION, TUPIDI, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PD THIS NOMINATION SUBJECT TO

CHANGES 2D

FINANCE, PRESIDENT

TEASURY, SOLNRY, LIBERAL PD

PUBLIC WORKS, RUINI, LAION DEMOCRAT PD

THOUSAND COMMERCIAL AND LABOR, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PD

AGRICULTURE, GULLO, COMMUNIST PD

COMMUNICATIONS, CEVOLOTO, LABOR DEMOCRAT, WITH FAND UNDERSECRETARY AND 3499

GENERAL DI RAFAELLO DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RAILROADS AS REQUESTED BY US PD

THIS MINISTRY MAY BE SPLIT INTO MINISTRY OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS AND

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION WITH YANO AND DI RAJIMMO UNAFFECTED PD

AVIATION, SCIALOJA, LABOR DEMOCRAT PD CHIEF OF STAFF TO BE EITHER

GENERAL PIACENTINI OR COLONEL REMONDINO PD

NAVY, ADMIRAL DE COURTEM, NO PARTY FD

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LABOR DEMOCRAT PD VICE PRESIDENT WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, SOCIALIST, COMMUNIST  
PD VICE PRESIDENT WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, DI RODINO, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT, PD  
MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, NEGRO, LIBERAL PD

FOLLOWING ARE HEADS OF MINISTRIES:

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DE GASPERI, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PD  
JUSTICE, EITHER FORTE OR AGOSTO RUIZ PD ~~LIBERAL~~ <sup>BOTH</sup> LIBERALS

~~PD FOR AMONG THE IN THE~~

INSTRUCTION, TUPINI, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PD THIS NOMINATION SUBJECT TO

CHARGE PD

FINANCE, PESENTI <sup>COMMUNIST</sup> PD

TREASURY, SOLERI, LIBERAL PD

PUBLIC WORKS, RUINI, LABOR DEMOCRAT PD

INDUSTRY COMMERCE AND LABOR, GRONCHI, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PD

AGRICULTURE, GULLO, <sup>COMMUNIST</sup> PD

COMMUNICATIONS, CEVOLOTTO, LABOR DEMOCRAT, WITH FANO UNDERSECRETARY AND 3493

GENERAL DI RAIMONDO DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RAILROADS AS REQUESTED BY US PD

THIS MINISTRY MAY BE SPLIT INTO MINISTRY OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS AND 3493

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION WITH FANO AND DI RAIMONDO UNAFFECTED PD

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GENERAL PIACENTINI OR COLONEL REMONDINO PD

NAVY, ADMIRAL DE COURTEN, NO PARTY PD

WAR, CASATI, LIBERAL PD

OCCUPIED ITALY, NEW MINISTRY TO DEAL WITH ECONOMIC AND PATRIOT PROBLEMS

IN NORTH, SCOCCIALIGO, COMMUNIST

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LIST OF MINISTERS OF NEW GOVERNMENT COMPRISING AT LEAST FOUR OF THE SIX PARTIES  
 EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED SATURDAY MORNING PD. THEY WILL BE SUPPLIED TO YOU AND  
 TO BRITISH AND AMERICAN AMBASSADORS IN WORK PRIOR TO ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH I HAVE  
 ARRANGED NOT TO BE MADE UNTIL SUNDAY PD.

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR SACRED CMA UNCLE SUGAR POLAD AND BRITISH RESMIN FROM HA  
ALCOM PERSONAL FROM STONE PAREN

ALL OUR REQUESTS ON SERVICE MINISTRIES AND OFFICIALS HAVING FUNCTIONS IMPORTANT  
 IN THE MILITARY INTEREST HAVE BEEN AGREED TO

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HILARY W. STONE  
 Commodore, USNR  
 Chief Commissioner

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EWS/dfe

8 December 1944

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

First, I want to congratulate you upon your success in securing the support of four of the six Parties.

With reference to appointments in the military ministries, I desire to modify the request which I made regarding the Chief of Staff for the Air Ministry. At the time when we requested that General PIACENTINI be retained as Chief of Staff, we were unaware of certain incidents in his past service which might cause embarrassment either to your Government or to the Supreme Allied Commander. We are unable to evaluate the seriousness of these incidents which your Government alone is able to determine.

Consequently we feel you should have more latitude with respect to this appointment and propose an additional name, namely

(10)

Colonel Aldo BELLONCHI

who will be equally acceptable. Presumably he could be promoted to suitable rank if selected.

Having the records of both officers available to you, and reposing the fullest confidence in your judgment and your desire to make the fullest contribution to the Allied war effort, we shall accept your choice of either of these two officers.

Very truly yours,

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ELLERY W. STONE  
Commodore, USNR  
Chief Commissioner 3495

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

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cc: Air Sub-Comm.  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 361/29/003.

7 December 1944.

STUBS: Italian Government.

TO : Chief Commissioner.

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2. Discussion on the following matters of policy has had to be postponed owing to the lack of Government:-

- (i) Devastated areas (The Committee has not sat since the Government resigned).
- (ii) Various local government matters (including the appointment of the Sindaco of LATERA).
- (iii) Partisans.
- (iv) Evacuation.
- (v) Distribution of food in Italian territory by the Italian Government.
- (vi) Development of I.C.E.
- (vii) Housing reconstruction.
- (viii) Ration scales.
- (ix) Amassing of Olive Oil.
- (x) Organisation of E.M.A.C.

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- (x) Organisation of E.M.A.C.
- (xi) Organisation of C.O.S.E.N.A.
- (xii) Establishment of Ministry for Foreign Trade.

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Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff.

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7 December 1944

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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for sending over to me the text, which I herewith acknowledge, of the Department's statement in regard to its position concerning the Italian Cabinet crisis.

Sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE  
Commodore, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk  
The American Ambassador  
American Embassy  
119 Via Vittorio Veneto  
Rome

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H.M.G. agree with A.F.H.Q. that procedure laid down when the Government was changed last June, should be followed on this occasion and that similar undertakings on the armistice, institutional and other obligations should be signed.

As regards Government appointments, H.M.G. hold that the existing agreement should hold under which cabinet appointments should be submitted to the Allied Commission for approval. H.M.G. do not approve of the concession suggested by A.F.H.Q. that the Italian Government have freedom of appointment of all officials who are not connected with the war effort.

The proposal that A.F.H.Q. should nominate the service Ministers goes further than really justified by any agreement with the Italian Government; but since the Americans presumably agree, H.M.G. do not suggest that any communication already made to the Italians should be cancelled. H.M.G. hope however that the Italians will not make an issue of this question.

Mr. Broad, in the absence of Mr. Macmillan, has been requested to inform A.F.H.Q. of the views of H.M.G.

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cc 1078  
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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE  
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Rome, December 6, 1944.

Dear Commodore Stone,

I am sending you herewith the text of the  
Department's statement in regard to its position  
concerning the recent Cabinet crisis in Italy  
which was quoted in this morning's press but which  
I have just received.

Sincerely yours,

A. Rich.

Enclosure as stated.

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Commodore Ellery Stone,  
Chief Commissioner,  
Allied Commission,  
Rome.

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STATEMENT MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO  
THE PRESS DECEMBER 5TH

The Department has received a number of inquiries from correspondents in regard to its position concerning the recent Cabinet crisis in Italy. The position of this government has been consistently that the composition of the Italian Government is purely an Italian affair, except in the case of appointments where important military factors are concerned. This Government has not in any way intimated to the Italian Government that there would be any opposition on its part to Count Sforza. Since Italy is an area of combined responsibility we have reaffirmed to both the British and Italian Governments that we expect the Italians to work out their problems of government along democratic lines without influence from outside. This policy would apply to an even more pronounced degree with regard to governments of the United Nations in their liberated territories.

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From:- Air Vice-Marshal W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet,  
Air Forces Sub-Commission,  
Allied Commission,  
Rome.

PERSONAL AND  
~~TOP SECRET~~

To:- Commodore Ellery Stone,  
Chief Commissioner,  
Allied Commission,  
Rome:-

Date:- 3rd December, 1944.

My Dear Commodore Stone,

With reference to our conversation of this morning, the name of the Italian Air Force Officer who we might regard favourably for the post of Chief-of-Staff, in the event of certain eventualities is:-

Colonel Aldo REMONDINO

Yours sincerely,

W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet

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AFHQ Political Committee

34th Meeting

30 November 1944

EXTRACT

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6. ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY

(Previous reference PC (44) 33rd Meeting - Minute 12)

LIEUTENANT GENERAL GAMMELL observed that, in advancing the Allied Government's desiderata in connection with the new Italian Cabinet, the Allied Commission had asked that General Piacentini, the Italian Chief of Air Staff, be relieved of the additional role of Secretary of Staff for Air and that a non-service Secretary of State be appointed.

ADMIRAL CUNNINGHAM reported that the Allied Commission had at his request also asked for the retention of Admiral de Courten as Minister of Marine.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note of the above statement.

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BOROMI HAS BEEN CHARGED BY THE RUSSIAN TROOPS  
FARM TO AFHQ PERSONAL FOR WILSON CHA INFO TO BRITISH RESERVE AND UNCLE SUGAR  
POLAD FROM HQ ALCON FROM STERN PERSONAL PAREN  
TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT

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ELBERT W. STONE  
Commodore  
Chief Commissioner

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DRAFT TELEGRAM

TO: AFHQ

The Governmental crisis which has paralyzed Italian public life for the past 10 days appears to be nearing its conclusion. It began with the necessity for a reallocation of Posts on departure of Count Carandini for London. The Parties of the left took the opportunity to seek stronger representation of the Government which crystalized into a demand for Ministries of Interior, Foreign Affairs and War. These demands were strenuously resisted by Sig. Bonomi and moderate Parties. On failure of Sig. Bonomi to reach agreement and <sup>on</sup> resignation of Government on November 26 Lieutenant General of the Realm undertook task of consultation with Party Leaders and other politicians while discussions among <sup>six</sup> Parties themselves were transferred to Committee of National Liberation of which Sig. Bonomi resigned Chairmanship in favor of Count Sforza. Parties of left continued pressure for key posts and concentrated on appointment of Count Sforza as Minister of Foreign Affairs. An indication from Sig. Bonomi that this would not be ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ acceptable to British Government led to a ~~despatch~~ on November 28 of deputation ~~XX~~ representing CNL to <sup>to inform him</sup> British Ambassador <sup>would only be</sup> stating that six Parties ~~will~~ prepared to serve in Government provided Count Sforza became Minister of Foreign Affairs. <sup>and must</sup> British ~~government~~ informed deputation of their unwillingness to accept Count Sforza's appointment to Ministry of Foreign Affairs on grounds that they had no confidence in him and pointed out that deputation's approach was tantamount to an ultimatum. This led to resignation of Count Sforza as Chairman, CNL and protests on part of Socialists and Action Parties against external interference ~~XX~~ in Italian political life. Socialists <sup>348</sup> also produced far reaching program for consideration by CNL directing inter alia against foreign intervention and including proposal for recognition

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of CNL for ~~XXXXXXXX~~ North Italy as executive organ of Government in occupied Italy. Socialist and Action Parties declared unwillingness to enter Government under Sig. Bonomi, <sup>which</sup> ~~were~~ continuing participation in CNL. Present indications are that remaining four Parties represented in the CNL ~~would~~ be willing to enter Government under either Sig. Bonomi, Sig. De Gasperi, or Sig. Ruini. In absence of direct offer to this effect, Lieutenant General of the Realm proposed to invite Sig. Bonomi to form Government.

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DRAFT CABLE

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TO: AFH, FOR SACRED, INFO TO U.S. POLAD AND BRITISH RESMIN

Reur F-59731 of 28 November. Upon request of the Luogo Tenente, I met with him early this morning. He stated that he desired as far as possible to work in harmony with the majority of the six Parties comprising the National Committee of Liberation, that following my meeting with him Minister without Portfolio Ruini (Labor Democrat) was to advise him whether the six Parties had agreed on a man under whom a majority of the Parties would serve. I went through the drill laid down in para 1 of my letter of yesterday to Chief of Staff to which he readily agreed. He stated that if majority of Parties had not reached agreement by noon today he would offer task of forming Government to Bonomi, which subsequently he did because Ruini reported no agreement had yet been made by majority of Parties. Bonomi accepted provided he could get support of Christian Democrats. This he did but three Parties of the Left voted not to support. The three Parties of the Left then advanced name of Ruini, which together with support of his own party gave him majority of Committee. He is now endeavoring to secure backing of Christian Democrats but Liberal Party reported as opposing.

I communicated the views of the U.S. and H.M. Governments to Luogo Tenente this morning. ~~State~~ H.M. Government's position is no change in the head of the Government can be named without the prior approval of the Allies. ~~the Luogo Tenente is now seeking an expression of opinion from British Ambassador as to acceptability of Ruini. I pointed out to Luogo Tenente that U.S. position is that the composition of the Cabinet is regarded by the United States Government as wholly an Italian problem, but it views with concern the present delay in reaching a solution of the crisis.~~

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## HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

EWS/dfe

29 November 1944

FROM: Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission

TO : Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

① Following is the suggested program to comply with instructions in AFHQ Signal F-59731 of November 29th.

1. Chief Commissioner to see Lieutenant General of the Realm today and ask him to advise whoever he invites to form a Government that he will be expected to carry out certain requirements of the Allies as in the case of the previous Prime Ministers. For the information of the Prince, Chief Commissioner might state that these requirements are:

a. Undertaking not to re-open the institutional question until after liberation.

b. Acceptance of all obligations towards the Allies entered into by former Italian Governments beginning with the Armistice of September 3, 1943, and giving of declaration that every member of the Government has acquainted himself with the terms of such obligations including long Armistice terms.

c. Admiral de Courten and certain other key posts to be retained on military grounds.

d. Full list of Ministers to be submitted to Chief Commissioner before announcement.

The Prince should not be asked to communicate details of these requirements to the new Prime Minister, but it should be left for Chief Commissioner to do once the latter has been selected.

2. When the Lieutenant General of the Realm has invited someone to form a new Government, Chief Commissioner should see the latter and advise him as in para 1 above. Copies of the letters required on (a) and (b) are attached. The requirements of the service authorities under (c) are as follows:

(i) Admiral de Courten to be re-appointed Minister of Marine.

(ii) Air Ministry to be kept separate from War Ministry and

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Minister of Air to be a civilian with General Piacentini as Chief of Staff.

(iii) If possible, Minister of War, Casati, to be retained.

(iv) Dr. Fano to be retained as Undersecretary for Posts and Telegraphs.

(v) General di Raimondo to be retained as Director General of Railroads.

Finally, the new Prime Minister should be requested to submit all names of members of his Government to Chief Commissioner under (d) on the completion of his Cabinet before announcement.

3. Once the Cabinet is formed, new Prime Minister to see Chief Commissioner and submit names of all members of his Cabinet.

4. Chief Commissioner to submit names of heads of military ministries of the Cabinet to AFHQ for approval, and all names to the U.S. and British Embassies and to AFHQ before announcement.

5. After approval of names, Prime Minister to be asked to sign letters under 1 (a) and (b) above. /It is suggested that in the present instance it will not be necessary to ask Advisory Council to approve formation of new Cabinet since the conditions which they laid down in their resolution of the 17th July will already have been completed. It is also for consideration whether it is necessary to repeat the formal statement to the President of the Council made by the President of the Allied Control Commission in informing him of the terms of the Advisory Council's resolution, as follows:-

"I take the opportunity of reaffirming that under the Regime of the Armistice, the Italian Government is bound to carry out promptly and efficiently all orders given by the United Nations. It is, therefore, essential that prior agreement of myself as President of the Control Commission should be obtained and that the Governments concerned should be considered through the machinery established for this purpose before any important decisions of policy are put into effect"

*W. H. Stone*  
 ELLERY W. STONE  
 Commodore, USNR  
 Chief Commissioner

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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO  
DEI MINISTRI

To : Lieutenant General Sir Noel W. Mason MacFarlane,  
K.C.B., DSO., M.C.

Chief Commissioner  
Allied Control Commission.

Without the prior consent of the Allied  
Governments the Royal Italian Government undertakes not  
to re-open the institutional question until such time as  
Italy has been liberated and the Italian people have the  
opportunity of themselves determining the form of Govern-  
ment

SALERNO, June 18th, 1944.

/s/ Ivanoe Bonomi

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO  
DEI MINISTRI

To : Lieutenant General Sir Noel F. Mason MacFarlane

K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.

Chief Commissioner,

Allied Control Commission.

On behalf of the Royal Italian Government I accept all obligations towards the Allies entered into by the former Italian Governments since the conclusion of the Armistice signed on the 3rd September, 1943.

I declare that every member of the Government has acquainted himself personally with the terms of all such obligations including the terms of the Armistice signed on the 29th September 1943.

SALERNO, June 18th, 1944.

/s/ Ivanoe Bonomi

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF  
MINISTERS

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The continuation of the government crisis in Italy can only produce the most unfortunate repercussions on American public opinion particularly when consideration of the establishment of complete diplomatic relations with Italy is imminent before the Congress of the United States and when the nomination of an Ambassador from the United States to Italy may be sent to the Senate during the present week.

The Government of the United States regards as important the representative character of the previous government in Italy and hopes sincerely that this representative character will be maintained in whatever solution is reached in the present crisis.

The composition of the Cabinet is regarded by the United States Government as wholly an Italian problem but the degree of cooperation with and friendliness for the United Nations and the war effort of the Allies in Italy which any new Italian government would demonstrate is naturally a matter of interest to the American Government.

Any new Italian government would necessarily be required to confirm all Italian commitments to the Allies since the 3rd of September 1943.

Before the United States Ambassador can be instructed to present Letters of Credence to the Italian government the foregoing factors would have to be considered.

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(REUR S 373 of 27 November and S 374 of 28 November).

Para 1. The procedure and forms laid down when Government changed last time should be followed. Similar undertakings on Armistice, institutional and other obligations should be signed.

Para 2. In cases in which you are advised that it is in the military interest that certain ministers or officials, in particular those mentioned in your S 373 be reappointed you should request the Italian Government to include these individuals.

Para 3. It will not be necessary to submit names of ministers and undersecretaries other than the above to this Hq for approval but prior to any official announcement this Hq should be informed. You will undoubtedly have consulted the British and American ambassadors in ROME through whom the views of the Governments should be obtained.

Para 4. Our object and policy continue to be <sup>to</sup> welcome democratic political solutions worked out by the Italian people themselves in furtherance of the war effort.

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American Ambassador

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PARSED TO AFHQ PERSONAL FOR WILSON CMA INFORMATION TO UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER  
AND BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER FROM R. ALCON FROM STONE PERSONAL PARKER

AS TO COMMISSIONS AUTHORITY IN THE MATTER OF GOVERNMENTAL APPOINTMENTS CMA WOULD  
 POINT OUT THAT BY EXCHANGE OF LETTERS IN MARCH AND MAY ONE NINE FOUR FOUR GENERAL  
 MAGNANIMITY AGREED AND BRITISH AGREE THAT QUOTE NO GOVERNMENTAL APPOINTMENTS WOULD  
 BE MADE WITHOUT PREVIOUS AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMISSION UNQUOTE PD THIS UNDERTAKING  
 OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS ASSURED BY THE ROMANI GOVERNMENT AS ONE OF THE FORMER  
 GOVERNMENTS OBLIGATIONS AND HAS BEEN OBSERVED BY IT PD FURTHER CMA SINCE THE  
 LANGUAGE OF THIS UNDERTAKING INCLUDES THE POST OF PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS  
 CMA SHALL I ADVISE ROMANI GOVERNMENT THAT CMA EXCEPT AS TO ROMANI FROM THE ALLIED  
 GOVERNMENTS HAVE PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED CMA THE COMMISSIONS AGREEMENT MUST BE OBTAINED  
 AS TO ANY OTHER PERSON FROM HE MAY APPOINT TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT

*225-51/c*

cc: Hon. Alexander Kirk  
 Sir Noel Charles  
 Political Section  
 Chief of Staff  
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ELERY W. STONE  
 Commodore, USNR  
 Chief Commissioner

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GENERAL MACFARLAND'S MESSAGE TWO FIVE THREE JUNE ONE SIX REFERS PD

PAREN T. AFHQ SACRED PERSONAL FOR WILSON CMA UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISOR AND  
 BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER FROM HIS ALCOH FROM ST. HE PERSONAL PAREN

REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHETHER I AM TO INFORM LUOGO TWENTY AND WHOEVER HE CALLS  
 ON TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT THAT ON BEHALF OF ALLIED GOVERNMENTS YOU WILL

PAREN ASKS PAREN REQUIRE CERTAIN OFFICIALS TO BE REAPPOINTED BECAUSE OF MILITARY  
 REQUIREMENTS CMA

PAREN ASKS PAREN REQUIRE ALL NAMES OF MINISTERS AND UNDER SECRETARIES TO BE SUBMITTED  
 TO YOU THROUGH ME FOR APPROVAL BY ALLIED GOVERNMENTS BEFORE TAKING OFFICE AS WAS DONE  
 IN JUNE PD

AS TO PAREN ASKS PAREN CMA CHARLIE DASH IN DASH CHARLIE HED HAS REQUESTED ME TO  
 REQUIRE THAT ADMIRAL DE COURTEN BE REAPPOINTED AS MINISTER OF MARINE CMA AIR CHARLIE  
 DASH IN DASH CHARLIE HAS REQUESTED THAT AIR MINISTRY BE KEPT SEPARATE FROM WAR MINISTRY  
 AS AT PRESENT AND THAT MINISTER BE A CIVILIAN WITH GENERAL PIACENTINI AS CHIEF OF STAFF  
 PD GENERAL BROWNING OF LAND FORCES SUBCOMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT MINISTER OF WAR CASATI  
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 RETAINED AS UNDER SECRETARY FOR POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS AND GENERAL DI RAIMONDO AS DIRECTOR  
 GENERAL OF RAILROADS AS WE REQUESTED IN JUNE PD ASSUME ANY NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL  
 BE REQUESTED TO SIGN SAME UNDERTAKINGS ON ARMISTICE INSTITUTIONAL AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS  
 WHICH WERE REQUIRED IN JUNE PD SEE MY CHARLIE CHARLIE SLANT GEORGE SLANT FOUR ZERO  
 SIX OF ONE FIVE JUNE PD GRATEFUL FOR EARLIEST INSTRUCTIONS

## DISTRIBUTION:

Hon. Alexander Kirk  
 Sir Noel Charles  
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AUTHENTICATED:

ELMER W. STONE  
 Commodore, USNR  
 Chief Commissioner

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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION

ALLIED COMMISSION

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27th November 1944

Subject: New Italian Cabinet and prospective changes at the Air MinistryTo: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, USNR.  
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

Air Vice-Marshal W.A.B. Bowen-Duscarlet 'phoned me this morning from Bari and requested me to convey the following message to you:

2. On receipt of the news of the Cabinet crisis he consulted M.A.A.F. by telephone and was informed that Air Marshal Sir John Slessor's policy with regard to the Air Ministry is as follows:

- ✓ a) On no account is there to be a combination of Italian Army and Air Force under the Minister for War.
- ✓ b) The posts of Minister for Air and Chief of Staff must be held separately and not jointly by one individual as was the case up to the present.
- ✓ c) It would be preferable if a civilian were appointed Minister for Air.
- ✓ d) General P. Piacentini, up to the present Minister for Air and Chief of Staff, should remain Chief of Staff.
- 3. Air Vice-Marshal W.A.B. Bowen-Duscarlet has also been in touch with the C.inC. who holds substantially the same views.

P. M. Shum

(P. de Hean S/Idr. 34.3)

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Squadron Leader de Hean has to quote Air Vice-Marshal

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Air Vice-Marshal W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet 'phoned me this morning

from Bari and requested me to convey the following message to you:

2. On receipt of the news of the Cabinet crisis he consulted

M.A.A.T. by telephone and was informed that Air Marshal Sir John

Slessor's policy with regard to the Air Ministry is as follows:

a) On no account is there to be a combination of Italian Army

and Air Force under the Minister for War.

b) The posts of Minister for Air and Chief of Staff must be

held separately and not jointly by one individual as was the case  
up to the present.

c) It would be preferable if a civilian were appointed Minister  
for Air.

d) General P. Fiascentini, up to the present Minister for Air and  
Chief of Staff, should remain Chief of Staff.

3. Air Vice-Marshal W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet has also been in touch  
with the C.inC. who holds substantially the same views.

P. M. Shaw

(P.de Haan S/Idr. 34.0)

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C.C.

Squadron Leader de Haan has to phone Air Vice Marshal

Bowen-Buscarlet this afternoon & let him know your reactions

to the above

I have therefore given the Sqdn Ldr an

appointment with you at 4.30 this afternoon.

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T.A. Shaw

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BENONI THOMAS RESIGNATION OF HIMSELF AND MINISTERS TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL OF THE  
 ARMY AT NOON TODAY THE TWENTY SIXTH PD

PASSEN R. AFHQ FOR SIGNED CMA UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER AND BRITISH RESIDENT  
MINISTER FROM HQ ALCOM FROM STARS PER GENERAL PASSEN

WE INFORMED PRESS CONFERENCE HALF AN HOUR LATER PD BY FIRST INFORMATION WAS  
 BAKER BAKER CHAIRMAN BROADCAST AT ONE FOUR ZERO ZERO HOURS PD THIS HAS SINCE  
 BEEN CONFIRMED BY VERBAL MESSAGE FROM BENONI IN RESPONSE TO MY REQUEST FOR  
 OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION PD REASONS ARE UNWILLINGNESS OF MODERATE ELEMENTS IN  
 INCLUDING BENONI  
 CABINET/TO MEET DEMANDS OF LEFT FOR KEY MINISTRIES PD LIEUTENANT GENERAL OF  
 THE ARMY IS SAID TO BE CONSULTING HEADS OF PARTIES ALSO MENTIONED CMA DELLAYTORETTA  
 AND DE SIGOLA PD BENONI HIMSELF THINKS THAT HE WILL BE ASKED TO FORM ANOTHER  
 GOVERNMENT PD WILL SIGNAL FURTHER NEWS AS RECEIVED

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