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| 74               | Ltr Sullivan | 1 Nov 46  | Dir Accademia<br>Americana       | Ltr of commendation fr Occhinero &<br>Cichetti   |
| 75               | Ltr Sullivan | 14 Nov 46 | Still                            | Ltr of Comm fr R.A. Panone                       |
| 76               | Ltr Sullivan | 20 Dec 46 | Lubrano                          | Tires fr Waldron's Jeep                          |
| 77               | Ltr Sullivan | 15 Jan 47 | S African Selection<br>Committee | Ltr of commendation fr Micozzi and<br>Panone     |
| 78               | Ltr Sullivan | 21 Jan 47 | Ceppe                            | Commendation for Micozzi                         |
| 79               | Ltr Charles  | 23 Jan 47 | Stone                            | Expressing appreciation re AC<br>Weekly Bulletin |
| 80               | Ltr Stone    | 25 Jan 47 | Charles                          | Ack of ltr of 23 Jan re Weekly Bulle             |
| 81               | Ltr Lee      | 25 Jan 47 | Stone                            | Expressing appreciation re Weekly<br>Bulletin    |
| 82               | Ltr Behn     | 29 Jan 47 | Hampton                          | Re whereabouts of Sgt Hemgraum                   |

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| 63<br>64         | Ltr 559/79/EC CC<br>Ltr 559/78/EC CC | 10 Sep 46<br>10 Sep 46 | Miller<br>Innocenti                 | Ltr of commendation fr Miller<br>Thank-You fr ltr re comm fr Col.<br>Miller & other Officers in Bolzano |
| 65               | Ltr Stone                            | 23 Sep 46              | Blood                               | Frwdng of ltr fm Fallon re request<br>of assistance fr Giusti                                           |
| 66               | Ltr Stone                            | 23 Sep 46              | Fallon                              | Reply to ltr of 29 Aug 46 re re-<br>quest of assistance fr Giusti                                       |
| 67               | Ltr Stone                            | 24 Sep 46              | Whom may concern                    | Appreciation of services - Cpl.<br>George C. Allen                                                      |
| 68               | Ltr Stone                            | 28 Sep 46              | Sr US Nav Repre<br>Mondello, Sicily | Ltr of Comm fr Antonini                                                                                 |
| 69               | Ltr Stone                            | 4 Oct 46               | Valleta                             | Commendation ltr fr Valva                                                                               |
| 70<br>3647       | Ltr Behn                             | 7 Oct 46               | Berutti                             | Ltr of introduction fr Sullivan                                                                         |
| 71               | Ltr Sullivan                         | 10 Oct 46              | Whom it may concern                 | Auth for Lt. Silipo transport<br>penicillin to Eberbach, Germany                                        |
| 72               | Ltr Sullivan                         | 22 Oct 46              | Synder                              | Ltr of introduction                                                                                     |
| 73               | Ltr 61/15984/127                     | 22 Oct 46              | CC                                  | Re type of work done by Chief LO<br>with AC                                                             |

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| 53               | Ltr 192/35/46   | 25 Jun 46 | CC              | Nomination of Pavitt to succeed Halford as Polad (B)                |
| 54               | Ltr Stone       | 28 Jun 46 | Charles         | Ack of ltr of 25 Jun 46                                             |
| 54a              | Ltr AC/14367/PB | 6 Jul 46  | Hq Commandant   | Conditions of Civilian Staff                                        |
| 54b              | Ltr AC/14367/PB | 6 Jul 46  | Bond            | Conditions of Civilian Staff                                        |
| 55               | Ltr Behn        | 10 Jul 46 |                 | Commendation ltr fr Pantellini                                      |
| 56               | Ltr Behn        | 13 Jul 46 | Clark           | Ltr of commend fr Bianchini                                         |
| 56a              | Ltr Witsell     | 15 Jul 46 | CC              | Recomm fr promotion fr Weber                                        |
| 57               | Ltr Behn        | 15 Jul 46 | UNRRA           | Recommendation fr Venturini                                         |
| 57a              | Ltr Stone       | 22 Jul 46 | Cevolotto       | Expression of appreciation fr services rendered prior to relinquish |
| 58               | Ltr Behn        | 23 Jul 46 | Whm may concern | Recommendation fr Marioli                                           |
| 59               | Ltr Behn        | 25 Jul 46 | Whm may concern | Recomm fr De Luca                                                   |
| 60               | Ltr Key         | 19 Aug 46 | CC              | Congrats re assist by Alcom fr Dodd and members of delegation       |
| 60a              | Ltr Innocenti   | 23 Aug 46 | CC              | Commandtn fr Miller & Officers fr work in Bolzano Province          |
| 61               | Ltr Stone       | 28 Aug 46 | Off Comm Brt AC | Appreciation fr services of Newbury                                 |
| 61a              | Ltr Fallon      | 29 Aug 46 | CC              | Request fr assistance fr Giusti                                     |
| 62               | Ltr Stone       | 6 Sep 46  | Timmons         | Commandtn re award fr Timmons                                       |

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| 42a              | Ltr Hoover                 | 25 Mar 46              | Stone             | Ltr of introduction fr C.F. Delzall                                 |
| 43               | Ltr Key                    | 27 Mar 46              | Stone             | Prop cont files of AC have been<br>turned over to Embassy           |
| 43a              | Ltr CC 571 Stone           | 2 Apr 46               | Timmons           | Commendation fr Col Menapace                                        |
| 43b              | Ltr Stone                  | 3 Apr 46               | Colonel Oxx       | Recommendation for Lt Com Apostolo                                  |
| 44               | Ltr Behn                   | 4 Apr 46               | Whm concern       | Ltr of Commend fr Ramondelli                                        |
| 44a              | Ltr Lee                    | 30 Apr 46              | Stone             | Marquise Dusmet, to see CC                                          |
| 45               | Ltr Behn                   | 3 May 46               | Keeny             | Commendation fr Gutteri                                             |
| 46               | <del>Ltr 260/EC Lush</del> | <del>6 May 46</del>    | <del>Braine</del> | <del>U.S.A. Medal of Freedom award to<br/>W.H. Braine</del>         |
| 47               | Ltr 732/107/EC             | 30 May 46              | Airey             | Ltr of commendation fr Alessandrini                                 |
| 48               | Ltr CC 571 Stone           | 9 Jun 46               | AFHQ              | Appreciation of Browning's Services                                 |
| 49<br>49a        | Ltr Stone<br>Ltr Browning  | 10 Jun 46<br>12 Jun 46 | Morgan<br>CC      | Recommendation fr award fr Browning<br>Forwdng of Browning's record |
| 50               | Ltr Stone                  | 13 Jun 46              | COMENMED          | Forwarding of ltr of commendation<br>fm Gen Browning; Incl          |
| 51               | Ltr Key                    | 19 Jun 46              | CC                | Expression of US congrats fr manner<br>elections were conducted     |
| 52               | Ltr Stone                  | 20 Jun 46              | Key               | Ack of ltr of 19 Jun 46                                             |

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| 32a              | Ltr De Gasperi            | 13 Feb 46 | CC             | Mr. N. Costantino                                                    |
| 33               | Ltr 45/04750/12<br>Prunas | 14 Feb 46 | Stone          | Expression of thanks to Alcom                                        |
| 34               | Ltr Stone                 | 21 Feb 46 | Prunas         | Acknowledge of ltr                                                   |
| 35               | Ltr Stone                 | 21 Feb 46 | Rothey         | Commendation                                                         |
| 35a              | Ltr Cavaliere             | 21 Feb 46 | Stone          | Request for help                                                     |
| 36               | Ltr Stone                 | 23 Feb 46 | Garibaldi      | Request for better work                                              |
| 37               | Ltr Stone                 | 23 Feb 46 | Kenney         | Request for better work; Incl ltr                                    |
| 38               | Chl 1371-Alcom            | 23 Feb 46 | Truscott       | Return of Italian PW from Russia                                     |
| 39               | Ltr Stone                 | 1 Mar 46  | Cleveland      | Commend Economic Section                                             |
| 40               | Ltr Stone                 | 4 Mar 46  | Com Gen MPOUSA | Promotion                                                            |
| 3674 -           |                           |           |                |                                                                      |
| 40a              | Ltr PR/P/006/34           | 13 Mar 46 | Stone          | Loan to Emb of files of PC Div by<br>AC                              |
| 41               | Ltr Stone                 | 15 Mar 46 | Charles        | Acknw of ltr of 13 Mar in regrd<br>to loan of files to Emb by PC Div |
| 42               | Ltr 506/50/EC CC          | 22 Mar 46 | De Gasperi     | Ltr of Comm fr Vicidomini fm SAC                                     |

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| 19               | Ltr Stone                 | 10 Nov 45 | Gen. Oxx      | Maj. Reilly and Capt. Beatty                           |
| 19a              | Memo Stone                | 16 Nov 45 | Chief of Sec  | info on Lt. DE NOUE                                    |
| 19b              | Ltr G-1E/16120/214/O Lush | 16 Nov 45 | GHQ CMF       | Retention of Lt. Col. Bullock                          |
| 20               | Ltr Stone                 | 16 Nov 45 | Bidault       | Appointment Capt. De Noue IS of UN                     |
| 21               | Ltr Stone                 | 16 Nov 45 | de Noue       | " " " " "                                              |
| 22               | Ltr Stearns               | 17 Nov 45 | Moullec       | " " " " "                                              |
| 23               | Ltr Stone                 | 21 Nov 45 | CG MFOUSA     | Promotion of Lt. Col. Warren                           |
| 24               | Ltr CC 571 Stone          | 27 Nov 45 | De Gasperi    | Commendation of Mr. Costantino                         |
| 25               | Ltr Stone                 | 4 Dec 45  | Whom it may   | Commendation of Miss Chalandon                         |
| 26               | Ltr 260/68/EC Lush        | 5 Dec 45  | Tomlin        | Recommend Resnik for an award                          |
| 26a              | Ltr Stone                 | 7 Dec 45  | Mc Candlish   | Papers re GUANI - proposed manager<br>Palermo Shipyard |
| 27               | Ltr Stone                 | 11 Dec 45 | Hume          | Effectiveness of AMG Operations                        |
| 27a              | Ltr Noue                  | 12 Dec 45 | Stone         | Recommendation to M. Bidault by Stone                  |
| 27b              | Ltr Noue                  | 16 Dec 45 | Stone         | Recommendation to M. Bidault by Stone                  |
| 28               | Ltr Behn                  | 21 Dec 45 | all concerned | Curiale of International T & T Corp                    |
| 28a              | Ltr 10951.14/1.1.26       | 1 Jan 46  | CC            | AMG                                                    |
| 29               | Ltr 558/91/EC             | 10 Jan 46 | Gasperi       | AMG                                                    |
| 30               | Ltr Stearns               | 12 Jan 46 | Lia Off AC    | Giovanni Schifini                                      |
| 30a              | Ltr Cooper                | 14 Jan 46 | CC            | Appointment for Ligutti                                |
| 31               | Ltr 255/52/EC Stone       | 17 Jan 46 | Gasperi       | Mr. N. Costantino                                      |
| 32               | Ltr Behn                  | 18 Jan 46 | Barnes        | Alfonso Cavaliere                                      |

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| 2                | Ltr Stone                    | 19 Mar 45              | State Dept     | Mr. Schott                                                                                          |
| 3                | Ltr Stone, 7002/125/EC       | 19 Mar 45              | RCs of - -     | RC, officers and men of Sicily, Sard-<br>inia, Southern, Lazio-Umbria, Abbruzzi-<br>Marche Regions. |
| 4                | Ltr Stone                    | 25 Mar 45              | Col FE Thos.   | Col F.E. Thomas for work in Sicily.                                                                 |
| 5<br>5a          | Ltr John Dunlop<br>Ltr Mayer | 28 Mar 45<br>30 Mar 45 | Stone<br>Linen | Tnx for kind message in (3).<br>Comm fr Bombastoi-Frescanà                                          |
| 6                | Hq 47 Bomb Wing, USA         | 28 Apr 45              | 15th AAF       | Commendation, Commodore Zirolì -<br>(with indorsements)                                             |
| 7                | CC-571, Lamin                | 4 Jun 45               | 47 Bomb Wing   | Commodore Zirolì.                                                                                   |
| 8                | AC/5502/IND, Stone           | 11 Jun 45              | Whoon Concern  | Lt Comdr J. SCHLEE.                                                                                 |
| 9                | Ltr, Stearns                 | 19 Jun 45              | Col Poletti    | Charlie Poletti (by Myron Taylor).                                                                  |
| 10               | 3672<br>Ltr, Stone           | 15 Jul 45              | Parkinson      | Brig Parkinson (fr Pres. of IRC).                                                                   |
| 11               | AC/3068/FH, Page             | 17 Sep 45              | ARC (CWR) Rome | Commendation of ARC (Civil War Relief                                                               |
| 12               | 16/37/EST, Stone             | 18 Sep 45              | Capt Alasia    | Captain Guido Alasia, (fr PP.TT.)                                                                   |
| 13               | Ltr, Lamin                   | 21 Sep 45              | TWINEC         | Mr Fred Schwarzwald (of PRB, AC).                                                                   |
| 13a              | Ltr C/2446 Alexander         | 28 Sep 45              | CO USNF NAW    | Commendation of Admiral Stone                                                                       |
| 14               | Ltr, PBS Gen OXX             | 15 Oct 45              | Stone          | Maj. Reilly and Captain Beatty.                                                                     |
| 15               | Ltr, Stone                   | 27 Oct 45              | Sgt. Edmiston  | Expression of Appreciation.                                                                         |
| 16               | Ltr, Stone CC 571            | 30 Oct 45              | General Oxx    | Maj. Reilly and Captain Beatty                                                                      |
| 17               | Ltr PBS OXX                  | 3 Nov 45               | Stone          | Maj. Reilly And Capt. Beatty                                                                        |
| 18               | Ltr Stone                    | 9 Nov 45               | PBS Gen OXX    | Maj. Reilly and Capt. Beatty                                                                        |

29 January 1947

Dear Colonel Hampton:

Admiral Stone has directed me to write you with regard to the following.

The bearer of this letter, Miss Emma Sabatini, came to this office in order to learn the whereabouts of a Sergeant Samuel Hemgrau who, she claims, is the father of her baby. According to her statement, he was attached at one time to Ciampino Air Base.

We are, therefore, sending Miss Sabatini to you as the competent authority to handle this matter.

Sincerely,

*E J B*  
EDWARD J. BEHN  
Lt(jg), USNR  
Aide to Admiral Stone

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Colonel Hampton  
Commanding Officer  
1419 AAFBU  
Ciampino Airfield, Rome

1947

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ccHEADQUARTERS  
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
U. S. ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

25 January 1947

My dear Admiral:

Will you please convey to the Editor and Staff of the ALLIED COMMISSION WEEKLY BULLETIN my grateful appreciation of the fine service they are now closing with No. 40 of Volume III.

So valuable have I found the WEEKLY BULLETIN that I have growled every time it came late. Recently it has been arriving practically on the day of publication. I shall miss it.

With continued best wishes to you and your associates,

Cordially yours,

*John C. H. Lee*  
JOHN C. H. LEE  
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone  
Headquarters, Allied Commission  
APO 794, U. S. Army

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25 January 1947.

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Thank you very much for your letter of the 23rd expressing your appreciation of the work of the present and former P.R.O.'s in their editorship of the A.C. Weekly Bulletin.

Your letter will be deeply appreciated by the present incumbent to whom I shall have much pleasure in forwarding it.

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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3669 Sir Noel Charles, Bt., KCMG, MC,  
British Ambassador,  
84 Via XX Settembre,  
Rome.

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The British Embassy,  
ROME.

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23rd January, 1947.

*My dear Admiral*

I see with regret that the issue of January 20th is the last issue of the A.C. Weekly Bulletin.

We shall all miss it, for the Weekly Bulletin has been a most valuable record of events in Italy and has at all times been very well produced and edited.

I should be very grateful to you if you would convey to the present editor and staff our thanks for the excellent work of themselves and their predecessors, and our best wishes for their personal future.

*Believe me*

*Very sincerely yours*

*Malcolm*

*5/1/47*

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone, K.B.E.,  
Chief Commissioner,  
Allied Commission,  
ROME.

See ☐

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21 Gennaio 1947.

Egregio Onorevole Cappa:

A cagione della riduzione del personale civile che e' in corso alla Commissione Alleata, a malincuore dobbiamo licenziare il Rag. Amleto NICOSI. Questo intelligente, sincero e consciencioso giovane e' stato impiegato alla Commissione Alleata da oltre un anno alle mie dirette dipendenze. Durante questo periodo egli ha svolto i suoi incarichi amministrativi e contabili con molta abilita'.

Mi e' stato detto che nell'Istituto del Drama Italiano sarebbero vacanti vari posti di contabile, e vorrei quindi raccomandare il Signor Nicosi come elemento esinientemente qualificato per essere assunto ad uno di questi posti.

Le sarei molto grato se volesse essere cosi' gentile di informarmi circa la sua decisione in merito.

Cordialmente,

EDWARD D. O'SULLIVAN  
Maggiore dell'Aeronautica,  
Segretario Particolare dell'  
Ammiraglio Stone.

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On. Paolo Cappa.  
Sottosegretario di Stato,  
Presidenza del Consiglio,  
Roma.

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15 January 1947.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that the Committee which you head is engaging Italian Civilian employees. If my information is correct I should like to recommend Signor Ambeto Micozzi who has been employed by the Allied Commission for the past year.

This young accountant has worked under my personal supervision for the greater part of his time with the Allied Commission and I know him to be intelligent, sincere, hard-working, and energetic. I recommend him most highly for any position of trust which may be confided to him.

Unfortunately Signor Micozzi does not speak very fluent English, but this has had no adverse effect on the performance of his duties as an accountant with the Military Mission to the Italian Army Section in this Headquarters. There he has been charged with the preparation of shipping tickets, covering the transfer of military supplies to the Italian Army and the subsequent accountability therefor, and has performed his duties, which included the conversion of pound sterling and dollar values to lire, in a most creditable manner.

I hope that you will consider Signor Micozzi for a position with the Immigration Selection Committee and am certain that he would be pleased to present himself for an interview at an hour and place designated by you. His home address is Via Monterone 20, or he may be reached by telephone at the Allied Commission. (489881, Extension 334).

I believe you have already received a letter from Signorina Margot Panone setting forth her qualifications. I should like to add my recommendation of this exceedingly competent typist-interpreter to that made to you by Major H. J. O. Prinsloo. I am attaching a testimonial from the Italian War Office in support of her request for employment.

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I should appreciate it very much if I could be informed  
of your decision concerning these two worthy individuals.

Very sincerely yours,

EDWARD D. S. SULLIVAN  
Major, Air Corps,  
Chief Staff Officer to  
Admiral Stone.

Chairman of the South African  
Immigration Selection Committee

ROME.  
Via delle Botteghe Oscure, 46  
Tel: 684100

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20 December 1946

Dear Dr. Lubrano:

Mr. Henry T. Waldron, an American Official of this Commission, recently had all of the tires stolen from his jeep. Inasmuch as Mr. Waldron is performing various important liaison missions with Italian Agencies in connection with his duties, the loss of the tires represents a severe inconvenience to him. Would it be possible to authorize the assignment of five 600x16 tires and tubes for Mr. Waldron?

Very sincerely yours,

EDWARD D. SULLIVAN  
Major, Air Corps  
CSO to Chief Commissioner

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Doctor Lubrano  
General Direction, Industry & Mines  
Ministry of Industry and Commerce  
Italian Government  
Rome

14 November 46

My dear Mr. Still:

This will introduce Ragioniere Alfredo Panone who is well and favorably known to this office.

Any consideration which can be given to his request would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD D.S. SULLIVAN,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Chief Staff Officer  
to Admiral Stone.

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Mr. Still  
O.F.L.C.  
Loughorn, Italy

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1 November 1946

My dear Sir:

Signor Pasquale Cechinera and Signor Amerigo Gichetti, an American citizen, are most anxious to secure employment with the Accademia Americana delle Belle Arti and have been recommended highly by Dr. Cassiani, Under-Secretary of State for Labor. Any favorable consideration you may be able to give to their requests for employment will be appreciated by this office.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD D.S. SULLIVAN  
Major, Air Corps  
CSO to Chief Commissioner

3662 The Director of the Accademia Americana  
- - delle Belle Arti,  
Via Angelo Masina No. 5,  
Rome.

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Spett. Accademia Americana  
delle belle Arti

(Roma)

Via Angelo Marini # 5

Il sottoscritto Cochinero R. squale fu Francisco di  
anni 33 propuso con la famiglia della Veneta Cyndia  
e residente a Roma in Via Appia Nuova # 103  
Int. 4 ridotti intesa a cedere Accademia affinché  
voglia ammettere come improprio od altre manovra.

Sicuro di ottenere tanto rindanza

*Antonio*

Roma 31 Ottobre 1916

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CASSIANI

per la prima  
sottoscrizione e fatto ad  
Ministero del lavoro

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Via Angelo Mariani # 5

Il sottoscritto Cochino Pasquale fu Francesco di  
 anni 33 proprio con la famiglia della Venezia Giulia  
 e residente a Roma in Via Appia Nuova # 103  
 Sub. 4 rispose intesa a costituire Accademia affinché  
 voglia aumentare come imprevisto od altra manzione.

Siuno di ottenere tanto rindanza

*Antonio Pasquale*

Roma 31 Ottobre 3.10.0

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CASSIANI

via Capone  
 Battaglini & Stato al  
 Ministero del lavoro

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Spett. Accademia Americana  
delle belle Arti  
(Roma)

Via Angelo Moana 4.5

Il sottoscritto Cicchetti Amerigo di Bernardino  
(cittadino Americano) di anni 29 residente a Roma in  
Via dei Sabelli 38 risolve istanza a coerenza Acade-  
mia affinché voglia assumersi come improprio o con  
altre mansioni

Sicuro di ottenere tanto  
Cicchetti Amerigo

Roma 31 Ottobre 346

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Via Angelo Mosca n. 5

Il sottoscritto Cicchetti Amerigo di Bernardino  
(cittadino Americano) di anni 29 residente a Roma in  
Via dei Sabelli 38 risolve intanto a espressa Acade  
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Cicchetti Amerigo

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Secretary General

61/15984/127

Rome, 28 October 1946.

Dear Admiral,

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I have been particularly pleased to take note of what you kindly let me know in your letter of the 15th instant about the job done by Mr. Adolfo Alessandrini in his quality of Chief of the Liaison Office with the Allied Commission.

I am glad that the work of this functionary has been appreciated by you and thank you for your kind communication, remain with best regards,

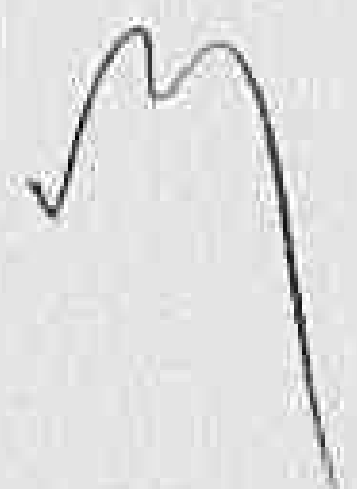
Sincerely yours,

/s/ R. Brunon

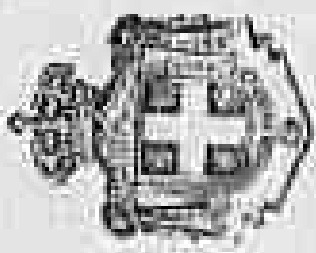
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Admiral Albery W. Stone  
-Chief Commissioner  
Allied Commission  
Rome.



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*Ministero degli Affari Esteri*

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

Roma, li 22 OTT. 1946

Signor Ammiraglio,

Mi è stato particolarmente gradito prendere atto di quanto Ella ha voluto comunicare con la Sua lettera del 15 corrente circa l'opera svolta dal Dr. Adolfo Alessandrini nella sua qualità di Capo dell'Ufficio Collegamento con la Commissione Alleata.

Sono lieto che l'opera di questo nostro funzionario sia stata apprezzata dalla S.V. Ill.ma e nel ringraziarla per la Sua cortese comunicazione, La prego di accogliere, Signor Ammiraglio, gli atti della mia alta considerazione.

*Molto cordemente*  
*R. Fumai*

~~Ammiraglio~~ LIO TILLEY W. STONE  
Capo della Commissione  
Alleata in Italia  
ROMA

## HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

22 October 1946

My dear Mr. Snyder;

This will introduce Mr. Ettore Silvi, an American citizen now in Italy for business reasons, who has made application to Admiral Stone for the release of his property here in Rome. The apartments concerned are two:

1. A three room apartment at 119 Viale Mazzini now occupied by a Commendatore Bonfigli.
2. A four room apartment at 8 Via Petrarca now occupied by Signora Artemia Pietrosanti.

I should like to stress that these apartments are not requisitioned nor have they been taken over by the "Commissariato Per Gli Alloggi del Comune di Roma" during the absence of Mr. Silvi in America. Both of these apartments were rented to their present occupants by associates of the owner and with his knowledge. However, Mr. Silvi will be in Rome on business for an extended period of time and finds himself forced to live in hotels at great personal expense because of the difficulty involved in evicting the occupants of his two apartments.

Mr. Silvi would prefer to have both apartments released but, if this is impossible, would be quite content if one of them could be made available for his use in the near future.

I understand from Doctor Bombassei, the Italian Foreign Ministry's representative to Admiral Stone, that the proper channel to accomplish this end is through our Consulate and -- accordingly -- I address myself to you in the hope that you may be able to help Mr. Silvi.

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Yours sincerely,

EDWARD D. B. SULLIVAN,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Chief Staff Officer to  
the Chief Commissioner.

Mr. Byron B. Snyder  
American Consulate  
Rome.

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10 October 1946

SUBJECT: Transport of Penicillin

TO : Whom it May Concern

1. The bearer of this letter, Lieutenant Silipo, Italian liaison officer at Hanover, is carrying 6,000 units of penicillin which has been issued by the Penicillin Section of the High Commissariat for Hygiene and Public Health.
2. This penicillin was issued to Dr. Senel of the University of Rome by Penicillin Section delivery note 15205 for delivery to Ernst Bussche, a patient at Roekenau Hospital, Eberbach, Germany.
3. The penicillin mentioned above has been obtained legitimately through the prescribed channels.

EDWARD D.S. SULLIVAN,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Chief Staff Officer to  
the Chief Commissioner.

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7 October 1946

Dear Mr. Berutti:

This will introduce to you Major Edward  
D.S. Sullivan, Chief Staff Officer to Admiral  
Stone, whom I trust you will be able to help.

Sincerely,

E. J. BEHN  
Lt(jg), USNR  
Flag Lt to CC

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- Dott. Luigi Berutti  
Manager  
American Express Company, S.A.I.  
38 Piazza di Spagna  
Rome

4 October 1946.

My dear Professor Valletta:

You will recall that some months ago I spoke to you about Marchese Giuseppe d'Ayala Valva, an industrial-electrotechnical engineer who has specialized in radio and was formerly engineer with Marconi's Wireless, Ltd., in Rome and Genoa and was for some time with the Ansaldo Works in Genoa.

Since the work he is now doing with UNERA will be coming to a close before long, I hope it may be possible for you to make use of his excellent qualifications and energy in either the aeronautical or radio fields.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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Professor Valletta,  
The Director,  
FIAT,  
Corso IV Novembre, 300  
Torino.

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(Filed Encl. this (m.))

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28 September 46

TO: Senior U.S. Navy Representative  
Mondello  
Sicily

Please permit the bearer, Mr.  
LUIGI ANTONINI, an American citizen who is  
President of the Italian-American Labor Council,  
and his party, to inspect the premises at Mondello  
early in the week beginning September 29, 1946.

Any facilities or courtesies  
which you can extend to Mr. ANTONINI will be ap-  
preciated.

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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24 September 1946

SUBJECT: Appreciation of Services - Cpl. GEORGE C.  
ALLEN.

TO : Whom It May Concern:

Corporal GEORGE C. ALLEN, 42174680, has served as my personal driver for a period of four months. During this time he has performed his duties in a highly satisfactory manner and his work has been characterized by his faithfulness, conscientiousness and loyalty. I sincerely regret the fact that I shall be deprived of his services due to his release from the Army.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE,  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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23 September 1946.

My dear Mr. Congressman:

I am forwarding to the Commanding General of the Peninsular Base Section at Leghorn the information contained in your letter of 29 August concerning Mr. Renzo Giusti, in the hope that there may be some position in that Command for which his experience would qualify him.

Since my official assignment in Italy is that of Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission, and not Commander of the American Forces as stated in the address of your letter, there are no positions available to Italian nationals which I might offer to Mr. Giusti. All of the engineering activities formerly carried on by the Allied Commission were transferred to the Italian Government and to UNRRA in their entirety some time ago. UNRRA, as you no doubt know, is due to be liquidated soon and both UNRRA and this Commission are cutting down, rather than enlarging, our Italian staffs.

I regret my inability to be of service to you in this connection, but feel certain that Brigadier General Kenneth T. Blood, USA, commanding the Peninsular Base Section, will give your recommendation every consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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ELLEERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief CommissionerThe Honorable George H. Fallon  
House of Representatives  
Congress of the United States  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
U.S.A.

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23 September 1946.

My dear General Blood,

I am forwarding to you a letter from the Honorable George W. Fallon, Representative from Maryland, recommending a Mr. Renzo Giusti of Pisa for a position with the American Government in Italy.

As I explained in my reply, a copy of which is attached, the Allied Commission no longer can utilize the services of Italian Civil Engineers since the turn back to the Italian Government of all Public Works and Utility functions. Possibly PBS could use Mr. Renzi in some capacity.

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]* Ellery W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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Brigadier General Kenneth T. Blood, U.S.A.  
Commanding General, PBS,  
Leghorn, Italy.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

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Ref: 559/78/EX

September 1946

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Dear Dr. Innocenti,

I thank you for your letter of 23 August 1946 expressing your appreciation of the Allied Military Government and the work performed by Colonel Miller in Bolzano.

I am sure much of the success of AMG and of Colonel Miller was achieved by the willing cooperation and assistance given by yourself and the civil authorities of Bolzano.

Your appreciation has been conveyed to Colonel Miller and on behalf of all those Allied Officers who served in Bolzano I would like to acknowledge with thanks your expressions of esteem and recognition for the work done.

Yours very truly,

Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

3648 Dr. S. Innocenti,  
3648 In Consigliere di Stato,  
Reggente la Prefettura,  
3648 BOLZANO.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner.  
Colonel S.W. Miller, AGLO, BOLZANO.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

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Ref: 559/79/EC

10 September 1946

Dear Colonel Miller,

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I enclose a letter received from Dr. Innocenti the Prefect of Bolzano and my reply.

I wish personally to congratulate you on a job well done and to thank you for the excellent work you have carried out in a difficult province.

Yours very truly,

/s/ EMERY W. STONE  
EMERY W. STONE,  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Colonel S.W. Miller, MC.  
AC Chief Liaison Officer,  
BOLZANO.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner.

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6 September 1946.

Dear Lane:

While I was on a week's leave early in August HTOUSA at last came through with your Legion of Merit as per the attached General Order No. 151. I do not know whether or not you have been advised of this award. If not, you should present the enclosed to the War Department and receive your decoration. When they pin it on you, will you just bear in mind that nothing would give me greater pleasure than to be there myself to do it.

You did a wonderful job for me and I can't tell you how happy I am to see you finally get this recognition which you so richly deserve.

With all good wishes to you and Ed,

Very sincerely yours,

ELMER W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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Lieutenant Colonel Benson E. L. Timmons, Cav., AUS,  
c/o Hon. E. H. Foley, Asst. Secretary of the Treasury,  
Treasury Department,  
Washington, D.C.

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GEORGE H. FALLON  
4TH DISTRICT MARYLAND

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

Washington, D. C.  
August 29, 1946

Admiral Stone  
Commander of American Forces in Italy  
Rome, Italy

Dear Admiral Stone:

I wonder if you will be good enough to give me the benefit of any suggestions you may have in connection with my efforts to assist a friend of mine in Italy. His name and address are as follows:

NAME: RENZO GIUSTI  
ADDRESS: FATTORIA ROMANI, USIGLIANO DI LARI, PISA, ITALY.

Mr. Giusti is a graduate of the University of Pisa with a degree from the Engineering School in Civil Engineering, and is anxious to secure a position with the American Government in Italy. I am interested in helping him find a position worthy of his ability and experience and am informed that any connection he could make with the American Government comes under the jurisdiction of the Theater Commanders.

I do not hesitate to recommend Mr. Giusti both as to reputation and ability. He is held in the highest regard in the community in which he lives and I know him to be extremely competent. I believe his services would benefit both him and also us. For your information, Mr. Giusti is a relative of Maestro Romani, of Baltimore and New York, who was the singing teacher and coach of Rosa Ponselle before she retired from the Metropolitan Opera as one of the world's outstanding dramatic sopranos. Miss Ponselle also has known Mr. Giusti for a long time and she does not hesitate to recommend him both as to reputation and ability.

I shall be grateful to you if you would look into this matter fully exploring the possibilities in Mr. Giusti's behalf, and can assure you any assistance rendered to him would be a personal favor to me, and also deeply appreciated by Miss Ponselle and Maestro Romani.

Sincerely yours,

*George H. Fallon*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Office of the Chief Commissioner  
A P O 794

28 August 1946.

SUBJECT: Appreciation of Services - Pte. Samuel SEEBURY, ASLI.  
TO : Officer Commanding, British Detachment, Allied Commission, C.M.F.

I wish to take this opportunity to put on record my personal appreciation for the splendid work that Pte. Samuel SEEBURY, ASLI, has performed as my orderly in the nearly two years he has been on duty with me. He has at all times performed all duties assigned to him in a most superior manner and, as you know, I have repeatedly recommended him for promotion. His faithfulness, devotion to duty, conscientiousness, dependability, and loyalty have been of the highest order and it is with deepest regret that I am losing his services due to his release from active service.

/s/ Elmer W. Stone

ELMER W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Chief Commissioner

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TRANSLATION

Bolzano, 23 August 1946.

Dear Admiral,

After eight months of government of the Province and other seven of not less important activity in liaison service, the Allied Officers are going to leave this city.

I feel that I would fail in a precise duty of mine if I would not draw your attention to the regret with which the population and the authorities of this Province see the departure of the Allies who have been very popular here for their incomparable personal qualities and particularly for the care taken of the local interests, always followed with careful attention and efficient promptness.

Whenever necessary, the assistance of the Allied Authorities, full of the highest sense of human solidarity, has never failed; and there has never been a particular local situation in which, if necessary, said Authorities did not intervene with clear understanding and perfect tactfulness.

I wish particularly to point out to you the special success of esteem and consideration achieved here by Colonel S.W. Miller, first Provincial Commissioner and then Chief of the Liaison Office of the Allied Commission. This officer has exceptional qualities of character, broadness of mind and exquisite tact and everybody here will remember him, especially for the perfect objectivity with which he fulfilled his task in a difficult local situation characterized by the co-existence of two distinct ethnical groups.

I believe that if you would express, to Colonel S.W. Miller particularly, your praise for these feelings of wide popularity which he and his officers are leaving behind in the Province, this would respond to the sincere desire of the whole local population.

I avail myself with particular and sincere pleasure of this opportunity to confirm to you the expression of my highest consideration.

Ec. Dist - 31 August

Act: EC  
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Reggente la Prefettura

/s/ S. Innocenti

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Admiral Elery W. Stone  
Chief Commissioner  
Allied Commission  
Rome.

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21 Aug 46

Lt Col Snapp:

For your information. Please return by Friday. You may make copies if you so desire, especially in view of last paragraph.

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Noted RRL Major ✓  
CSOta cc



THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AUG 21 1946

American Embassy, Rome,  
August 19, 1946.

Dear Admiral Stone:

This is to thank you and members of your staff who assisted in providing information to the Under Secretary of Agriculture, Norris E. Dodd, and members of his delegation.

Mr. Dodd told me that he was greatly impressed and highly appreciative of the interview which you gave him. He feels that your frank statement of views on the Italian situation will be extremely helpful as background information for subsequent consideration of programs for Italy in which he participates.

I should like also to commend the assistance of Lt. Col. Roscoe R. Snapp, who worked with the agricultural officers of the Embassy in planning the program for Mr. Dodd.

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Sincerely yours,

*David McK. Key*  
David McK. Key  
Charge d'Affaires ad interim

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

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*seen by CC*  
*also noted by Col Snapp*

25 July 1946.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that DE LUCA, Maria has been employed by the Allied Commission, Naples, since 13 November 1943 as typist and general office clerk. During this period she has had complete charge of the cable section, the distribution of incoming mail and all duties connected therewith. She has always exercised her duties in an excellent manner and proved to be a conscientious person at all times. She has a very good knowledge of the English language.

As the office of the Allied Commission in Naples is now closing, I recommend her very highly for any position that she might be considered.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

/s/ Edward J. Behm  
EDWARD J. BEHM  
Lt (j.g.) USNR  
Aide to CC.

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23 July 1946.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that MARIOLI, Francesco was employed by the Allied Commission for a period of over two years as a laborer, during which time he was always conscientious and his work regarded excellent. I recommend him very highly for any future position that he might be considered.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

EDWARD J. BEHN,  
Lt (j.g.) USNR  
Aide to Chief Commissioner.

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22 July 1946.

My dear Mr. Minister:

Thank you for your courtesy in sending me your good wishes on the occasion of your relinquishing your post as Minister for Air. At the same time, I wish to express to you my sincere thanks and appreciation for the cooperation and assistance you have given to the Allied Commission during the time when you were Minister for Air and Minister for Communications.

Very sincerely,

/s/ Elery W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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Avv. Mario Cevolotto,  
Via Valadier 35,  
Roma.

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15 July 1946.

SUBJECT : Recommendation.

TO : U.N.R.R.A.,  
Carrara  
Attn : Mr. Horton)

1. Sig. Venturini, Rolando served with the Allied Commission as military driver.

2. During the period of his services he has always proved to be a careful and efficient driver and has an excellent technical knowledge of motor vehicles, for which he is highly recommended.

3. He is in great need of work due to the fact that his father has been deported to Germany during the war, therefore the responsibility to maintain the entire family is solely his own.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

EDWARD J. BEHN,  
Lt (j.g.) USNR  
Aide to CC.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
AGPR-P 201 Weber, John K.  
(10 Jun 46)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



15 July 1946

- Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR  
Chief Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission  
APO 794, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

Dear Admiral Stone:

I have your letter of 10 June 1946 recommending the promotion of Colonel John K. Weber, Infantry Reserve, to the grade of Brigadier General, upon his relief from active duty.

Your recommendation will receive careful consideration, and Colonel Weber will be informed of the decision at the earliest practicable date.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the War Department.

Sincerely yours,

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EDWARD F. WITSELL  
Major General  
The Adjutant General

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13 July 1946.

General Mark W. Clark,  
The Commanding General  
USFA.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Maria Teresa Bianchini, who is at  
present in Austria to attend the affairs of her  
father who recently passed away is well known to  
Admiral Stone, Chief Commissioner, ALCOM, Rome.

The Admiral would appreciate very much  
any courtesies you might extend to her to facilitate  
her stay in Vienna.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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EDWARD J. BEHN,  
Lt. (j.g.) USNR  
Flag Officer to CG.

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Rome, Italy,  
10 July 1946

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that RIGGARDO PAMELLINI  
has worked in the Office of the Chief Commissioner  
since September 1945 in the capacity of Clerk. He  
is now leaving on his own volition to better his  
position.

I wish to take this opportunity to recommend  
him as an honest, intelligent young man who has at  
all times demonstrated a willingness to co-operate in  
the general routine work of this office.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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*E. J. B.*  
EDWARD J. BAHN,  
Lt (j.g.) USNR  
Aide to Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

JUL 8 RECD

Ref. AG/14367/P3

6 July 1946

SUBJECT: Conditions of Civilian Staff.

JUL 8 1946

TO : Major Bond  
Public Safety Division.

The Chief Commissioner wishes to commend you for your excellent report regarding the civilian staff.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE,

N. W. HIND-SMITH

Chief Staff Officer  
to Executive Commissioner

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JUL 8 RECD

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. AC/14367/P3 -

6 July 1946

SUBJECT: Conditions of Civilian Staff.

TO : HQ. Commandant.

The Chief Commissioner wishes to commend you for the very good condition amongst the cleaners etc. in this building as shown by Major Bond's report.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE

N. W. HIND-SMITH

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Chief Staff Officer  
to Executive Commissioner

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28 June 1946.

Thank you for your letter of

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25 June. I shall be very glad to have Mr. Pavitt act as successor to Mr. Halford. He has already demonstrated an excellent grasp of our problems and I am sure he will be most helpful to me.

ELERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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Sir Noel Charles, Lt., RCMG,  
British Ambassador,  
84 Via XX Settembre,  
Rome.

Copy to: Mr. David McK. Kay.

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JUN 27 1946

BRITISH EMBASSY,  
ROME.

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25th June, 1946.

*My dear Admiral*

If agreeable to you, I should like to nominate Mr. B.P. Pavitt, Second Secretary at this Embassy, to be your British Political Adviser in succession to Mr. Halford.

In view of the progressive transfer of business from the Allied Commission to the Embassies, it will be necessary for Mr. Pavitt to work mainly in this Embassy as indeed Mr. Halford has recently been doing: but he will of course be available for meetings and consultations at the Allied Commission at any time as may be necessary.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Key at the United States Embassy.

*Believe me**Very sincerely yours**Forster*

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

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20 June 1946.

My dear Mr. Key:

51 Thank you for your letter of  
19 June. I am calling on the Prime Minister  
tomorrow, 21 June, to convey the congratula-  
tions of the United States Government on the  
manner in which the recent elections were con-  
ducted and, by authority of the British Em-  
bassy, will associate the British Government  
with this message.

Sincerely yours,

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

Mr. David McK. Key,  
Charge d'Affaires,  
American Embassy,  
Rome.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy, Rome.

June 19, 1946.

My dear Admiral,

I have been instructed by the Department of State to request you to express to the President of the Council of Ministers the congratulations of the United States Government upon the orderly manner in which the first free elections since pre-fascist days have been carried out in Italy, and to add that the United States Government has been particularly impressed by the large number of the electorate who participated in the elections thus demonstrating their appreciation of the responsibility of each citizen in a democracy.

It is my understanding that the British Embassy may also wish to associate the British Government with any message which you may send in this sense to Signor de Gasperi.

Sincerely yours,

*David W. Key*

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

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OFFICE OF THE G. O. C.  
MILITARY MISSION TO THE ITALIAN ARMYJune 4<sup>th</sup> 1946

My dear Colonel,

Reference our  
phone talk today,  
herewith my state-  
-ment re Colonel  
KERR. I have ad-  
-dressed it to Col. MOUSA  
but I know you  
will take the ne-  
-cessary action

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Yours sincerely  
Langley BrowningCol. Ross.  
(50) CO. 2675 Regt.

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ROUTING SHEET  
Headquarters 2675th Regiment  
APO 794

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 794,  
13 June 1946

TO: Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army  
(thru: Commanding Officer, Rose Area Allied Command, APO 794)

I take pleasure in forwarding and heartily concur in General Browning's appreciation of the services of Colonel Clayton P. Kerr while on duty in the Allied Commission.

/s/ ELLERY W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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From: Major General L. BROWNING, CB, OBE, MC,  
General Officer Commanding,  
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,  
(Military Mission to the ITALIAN Army),  
APO S/551 - CMF.

4 June 1946

TO : Commanding General,  
MTOUSA

I am very glad to put on record my opinion of Colonel CLAYTON P KERR,  
U.S. Army, as follows:-

Colonel KERR has been my Deputy Commander in M.M.I.A. since April 1944. Our task was firstly to create out of chaos a new ITALIAN Army for the war effort and secondly to reduce that Army (totalling 350,000 at the time of the GERMAN surrender) to 140,000 and reorganise it on a peace basis. In addition, for the last 6 months M.M.I.A. has had the added responsibility of repatriating 360,000 P.W. and reorganising the Carabinieri, 75,000 strong. This HQ has throughout been a fully integrated Anglo-American HQ.

3625 Colonel KERR's work, efficiency, loyalty to me (while still upholding U.S. interests), tact, breadth of outlook, soundness of judgement, initiative, wisdom in decision, foresight, power of command and capacity for hard work during this period has been beyond all praise. Invariably cheerful, he has been invaluable to me in helping to keep my sub-commission a "happy party". There has been no friction whatever and all problems have been mutually resolved, as a result, on a basis of common sense and mutual understanding. He has a wide knowledge of soldiering, and now of politics and diplomacy, in all its aspects. He has an exceptional capacity for organisation and administration. His staff work is of a particularly high order and he expresses himself clearly and logically.

In short, Colonel KERR is one of the very best officers I have ever met in any army in my 35 years service and I would place him in the highest possible grade.

He has been awarded the "Order of the British Empire" for his work in M.M.I.A.

*L. Browning*  
Major General  
General Officer Commanding  
Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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OFFICE OF G. J. C.  
MILITARY MISSION TO THE ITALIAN ARMY

June 12<sup>th</sup> 1946

My dear Admiral,

Ref. our talk  
this morning & the  
possibilities of next  
week, it strikes me  
that you may like  
to read the attached,  
as it gives an outline  
of my record.

I do not wish it to be  
"produced in evidence"  
next week & I merely  
send it to you as a  
"brief."

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File 3

When I apply to my War  
Office for their assistance  
in obtaining further Govern-  
ment employment of  
a different variety,  
I shall send in the attached  
with my covering letter

Yours very gratefully  
Langley Browning

Appx "A"

## General record of Service

of

Major General L. BROWNING, CB, OBE, MC

| Period  | Appointment                             | Remarks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|---------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1925-26 | Student Staff College                   | Awarded Grade "A" on outstanding merit - a very limited award. Diploma of honour in Economics at the Metropolitan College St. ALBANS.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1927-33 | Various appointments                    | In each case an AF 194D submitted. Brevet Majority awarded in 1930 and Brevet Lt. Colonelcy 1 Jan 1933.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1933-35 | Instructor Staff College                | AF 194D submitted each year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1936-37 | Regimental duty                         | ditto                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1938-39 | Instructor Senior Officers School       | ditto                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1939-40 | Inspector R.A. (Major General)          | <p>Specially selected. Two AF 194D submitted by two separate D.M.T's. Field Marshal Lord IRONSIDE (C.I.G.S.) and General Sir WALTER KIRIE (C-in-C, Home Forces) can bear witness having on many occasions expressed themselves to me as pleased with my work. During this period I was "head gunner" at Home and was charged with the vast task of organising and training the Royal Regiment, at a time of intense activity, flux and development without precedent. In this year, the foundations of the not unworthy War Effort of the Royal Regiment were, as proved by results, securely laid.</p> <p>On downgrading of the appointment of Inspector R.A. from Maj Gen to Brigadier (in view of the institution of a M.G.R.A., Home Forces) on 1 Sep 1940, I was promoted to "Temporary Maj Gen", downgraded to Brigadier and sent as C.R.A. 4 Div (all on that date) pending the re-organisation of A.A. Command, for which I was destined.</p> <p>AF 194D submitted on me as the C.R.A., 4 Div by Lt General Sir JOHN SWAYNE.</p> |
| 1940    | C.R.A., 4 Div (Brigadier)               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 1940-42 | G.O.C. 10 A.A. Division (Major General) | <p>I had to create a new A.A. Division to guard the vital area of LINDS - SHEFFIELD - HULL at a vital time. My command included anything over 50,000 troops with several hundred guns and searchlights, varying continuously. I was informed that my Division was the best in A.A. Command. Results in</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| Period             | Appointment                                                                                                               | Remarks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| 1942<br>(4 months) | G.O.C., R.A., Training<br>Establishments<br>(Major General)                                                               | 44. AT 194D submitted by Commander 2 A.A.<br>Corps.<br><br>By early 1942, with the growth and variety of Artillery, the training of reinforcements had become somewhat chaotic and inefficient. In view of my record and the fact that I was one of the very few senior Gunners with knowledge of all branches of the R.A., I was specially selected for the task of putting things right. My Command was some 70,000 troops in some 60 different Training Regiments. In about 4 months I reorganised the whole system and results thereafter continued to be increasingly satisfactory.<br>Being promoted Substantive Maj Gen in 1941, no further AT 194D's were submitted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1942-44            | G.O.C., R.A.T.D.<br>and<br>M.G.R.A., Training<br>(Major General)                                                          | It had become apparent that one senior Artillery officer was necessary at the War Office to co-ordinate all Artillery Training and tactical policy. Accordingly in mid 1942 I was entrusted with the task of creating a new "M.G.R.A., Training Branch" at the War Office, while in dual capacity my duties as G.O.C., R.A.T.D. still continued. The three major Artillery Schools (Field, A.A. and C.D.) came under me and the whole Branch was set in motion with world wide ramifications over all the theatres of war. The success of my efforts is epitomized perhaps by -<br>(a) the publicly expressed opinion of my successor (Maj Gen PRATT, an officer with the widest fighting and R.A. experience) and of Maj Gen LUND (D.R.A. and Senior Executive Officer in the R.A.) that I left behind me "a 100% suitable and efficient organisation".<br><br>(b) the fact that that organisation continued throughout the war without any major modification.<br>I was awarded the C.B. in Jan 1944. |
| 1944-46            | G.O.C. Land Forces Sub<br>Commission, Allied Gen-<br>Mission (Military Mission<br>to the ITALIAN Army)<br>(Major General) | On joining C.M.F. in April 1944 I found a chaotic ITALIAN rabble of soldiers, half a million strong, with a few officers and clerks acting as the ITALIAN War Office. As Field Marshal ALEXANDER's direct representative, I was given the task of reorganising the ITALIAN Army to aid the Allied War Effort, with full powers of control. I thus became virtually C-in-C of the ITALIAN Army, during                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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(Major General)

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Remarks

out precedent. The Chief Administrative Officer, A.F.H.Q. (Lt Gen Sir BRIAN ROBERTSON) informed me that without this Army the ITALIAN campaign would not have been possible at all; and the C.G.S., A.F.H.Q. (Lt Gen Sir WILLIAM MORRIS), that without the five Inf Divs, the final and decisive offensive could not have been launched. Field Marshal ALEXANDER publicly eulogized the works and deeds of the new ITALIAN army on many occasions, his latest remarks being "as allies of the GERMANS the ITALIANS record on the battle fields was not distinguished, but when they transferred to the Allied Armies their record was very different, and they played a very important part in the final phases of the victory", ("The Times" - 5 December 1945). The AMERICAN view of my efforts are shown at Appendices "B" and "C". Mr LITSON and Captain BELLINGER<sup>(2)</sup> will remember a resume of the ITALIAN situation given to them while on tour in ITALY early in 1945 by Mr HAROLD MACMILLAN at his house in Rome, in which he stated that I had done "a most wonderful job". I would mention that all this reorganization was carried out with an Anglo-American staff, working conjointly - a state of affairs which inevitably is more difficult to handle than a purely national staff - and under delicate, difficult and unprecedented political and economic conditions. Since the GERMAN surrender I have been engaged in the highly complicated task of reducing the ITALIAN Army to an interim strength of 140,000 and reorganising it again onto a peace basis, suitable to modern conditions, taking account of ITALIAN characteristics and in accordance with the orders of the U.S. and British Governments. The whole Army, including the War Ministry, is being rebuilt afresh, to replace the temporary ad hoc arrangements hurriedly constituted during the War. This is being successfully accomplished. Since Jan 1946 I have been entrusted with the task of reorganising the Carabinieri (Police) 75,000 strong. To do this I have been given 10 British Police officers, compared with other British Police Missions several hundred strong under a top-flight British Police official in GERMANY and GREECE. My success in this unusual task is epitomized at Appx "C".

I might also mention that in addition to the

(1) Present British War  
Minister

(2) Present Financial  
Secretary to the War Office

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① Present British War Minister

② Present Financial Secretary to War Office

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35 years Service

7 years as a General.

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I might also mention that in addition to the above two vast tasks, I have, since Oct 1945, been responsible for Repatriation of ITALIAN Prisoners of War. During this period to date some 360,000 have been repatriated from all over the world and distributed to their homes. My staff remains Anglo-American.

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Appendix "B"

C O P Y

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

CITATION FOR LEGION OF MERIT  
Degree of Commander

Major General Langley Browning, British Army, displayed exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Director of the Land Forces Sub-Commission Allied Commission in Italy, from April 1944 to August 1945. Responsible for reorganizing and rehabilitating the Italian Army after the Armistice, he applied dynamic energy, keen foresight, superior initiative and a thorough understanding of the political and military problem involved to accomplish his task so completely that the Allied armies were served by three-hundred-fifty thousand Italian troops at the conclusion of hostilities. He retrained the demoralized Italian personnel with new weapons, overcoming the doctrine to which they were accustomed, instilling new vigor into units and directing the formation of five combat groups in a remarkable short period. By his long-range planning and ready solution of many intricate problems, General Browning raised the morale of the Italian Army and Government, produced new respect for the military by the population and made a highly valuable contribution to the allied war effort.

signed Harry TRUMAN

C O P Y

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10 June 1946.

In connection with the early detachment of General Browning and the possibility of a suitable award to him for the splendid work he has done in Italy, it occurs to me that although he has already received a CB, he might well be awarded promotion in the Order of the British Empire, from the grade of Officer (OBE) to Commander (CBE). This would match the award of Commander of the Legion of Merit which he received from my government.

I realize that this is purely a British question and hope therefore you will not feel that I have presumed as an American to make this recommendation.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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Lieutenant General Sir William D. Morgan,  
KCB, DSO, MC,  
Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean  
Theater,  
Allied Force Headquarters,  
C.M.F.

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HEAD-QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Office of the Chief Commissioner  
APO 794

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9 June 1945.

From: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission (Italy).  
To: Allied Force Headquarters.  
Subject: Major General L. BROWNING, CB, CBE, MC -- appreciation of services.

1. With the termination of the Allied Commission imminent it is desired that the following appreciation of the services rendered by General Browning be made a part of his official record.

2. Since April 1944 General Browning has been under my direct command in his capacity as General Officer Commanding, Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, and has at all times performed in an outstanding manner his duties in this Anglo-American organization under very difficult and unprecedented conditions. During this time he has created an organized Italian Army of over 300,000 which helped materially in the Allied victory in the Italian campaign; since he assumed responsibility in January of this year he has reorganized the 75,000 Carabinieri police in the short space of four months with a very limited staff and has raised the morale and efficiency of this force considerably; since October 1945 when he assumed responsibility he has been in charge of repatriating 300,000 Italian prisoners of war to their homes.

3. From personal observation of General Browning's work he has demonstrated, and the results of his work have proved, his power of command and capacity to get things done despite all difficulties; his capacity for organization and administration on a high level and to think clearly; his temperament, manner and personality in getting the best out of people and in working successfully in harmony with Americans, Italians, and other nationalities, and his considerable knowledge and experience of political and diplomatic matters and success in handling them; his initiative and energy and creative capacity in tasks without precedent.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR

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## HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 732/107/90

30. May 1946.

Dr. Alessandrini, the head of the section in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs who deals with A.C. work called today and told me that under the arrangements by which Italian Liaison officers deal with visas and permits to enter Italy from Venezia Giulia and Yugoslavia, Consul JUSTI and Dr. RELLI have been assigned to Venice and Udine.

Alessandrini (who is a good chap) told me frankly that JUSTI is an excellent man and is their informant on Venezia Giulia affairs both zone 'A' and 'B'. He thinks that it might be quite useful if you and General Harding had a talk with him. I think you might find him interesting and not a party to intrigues.

M. S. LUSH

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Brigadier T. AIREY,  
B.G.S.  
XIII Corps.

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3 May 1946

Dear Mr. Keeny:

The Admiral has asked me to write you with reference to Dr. Giorgio Gautteri, the son of Countess Frances Gautteri, who is personally known to the Admiral.

Would you be so kind as to give him an appointment and see if he could be useful to you in some capacity?

Sincerely,

EDWARD J. BEHN  
Lt(jg), USNR  
Flag Lt to Chief Commr

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Mr. S. M. Keeny  
Chief  
UNRRA Italian Mission  
Via Nicolo da Tolentino 78  
Rome

File 67M

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VIA DI VILLA SACCHETTI 5

Dear Admiral Stone

As I do not want to waste your precious time on my account by accoring me a personal interview, I am writing you the present note to ask you to be so kind as to write a letter of introduction for me to Mr. Henry in view of obtaining a good post for my son at the U. N. R. R.

~~My~~ son who is D<sup>r</sup> in law has a wife & child to support. He can furnish such references that I

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Am sure Mr. Keeney will appreciate.

If you think fit to do so, a good word on behalf of my son would be certainly very useful, but if not I should be equally grateful for a simple letter of introduction. Your kindness to me on other occasions makes me hopeful that you will help me once more.

In order that I can come & fetch the letter would you please ask your secretary to phone me to 53408 -

With my best thanks  
Sincerely yrs  
Countess Frances Johnson Gauthier

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION

30 April 1946

Dear Admiral Stone:

This will introduce to you Marquise Dussat who is well known to me. She would like to speak to you about a matter that concerns her.

I will appreciate it, and I am sure she will be very grateful, if you will give her a few minutes of your valuable time.

WILLIAM L. IRE  
Brigadier General, U.S.A.

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone  
Chief Commissioner  
Allied Commission  
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Rome, Italy,  
4 April 1946.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Domenico Ramondelli  
has served at the Mess of Admiral Stone as cook  
since February 1945 to April 1946. He has always  
proved to be very capable and honest, doing his  
work in the most efficient manner.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

EDWARD J. BEHN,  
Lt (j.g.) USNR  
Flag Officer to  
Chief Commissioner.

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3 April 1946

My dear Colonel Oxx:

The bearer of this letter of introduction is Lieutenant Commander Peter Apostolo, USNR, who has been working on my staff as personal liaison officer since September 1943 following the moves of the Commission from Brindisi and Salerno to Rome.

As he has always served loyally, I would like to assist him in getting re-established in civilian life.

Lieutenant Commander Apostolo expects shortly to leave the Italian Navy and has been offered a position of responsibility with an Italian industrial and financial group. He informs me that Peninsular Base Section frequently has put up for disposition on the Italian market large lots of salvaged and/or surplus materials. If this be the case, it would be appreciated if you could direct him to the authorities in your organization with whom he should properly deal.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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Colonel Francis H. Oxx  
Commanding Officer  
Peninsular Base Section  
APO 782, US Army

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# HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

CC 371

2 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Lieutenant Colonel Benson E. L. TIMMONS,  
Director, Finance Branch, and Chief Financial Adviser.

1. I take pleasure in adding my commendation to that of Colonel Menapace for the exceptionally valuable services you have rendered to the Allied Commission in the fields of finance and economics.

2. You have been connected with the Allied Commission almost from its inception. From October, 1943, to September, 1945, you served as Executive Officer of the Finance Sub-Commission, in which position you carried, as Colonel Menapace points out, a very large share of the work of policy formulation, and the translation of such policies into directives, letters, and reports. I consider that the accomplishments of the Finance Sub-Commission, covering the many fields of fiscal problems, currency supply, foreign exchange, supply accounting, banking, and insurance, has been one of the most successful phases of the Allied Commission's work; much of this success is due to the high degree of technical knowledge and the practical experience you have brought to bear on financial and economic problems, coupled with your vast capacity for hard work and outstanding devotion to duty.

3. I am particularly pleased to commend you for the period 1 October 1945 to 31 March 1946. During this period you were successively appointed Deputy Director, Finance Sub-Commission; Director, Finance Sub-Commission, and Chief Financial Adviser to me (upon the departure of Colonel Menapace); and, on 1 March 1946, Deputy Vice-President, Economic Section.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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AMERICAN EMBASSY

Rome, March 27, 1946

My dear Admiral Stone:

The property control files of the Allied Commission with respect to American property in Italy, have now been turned over to the Embassy and the files pertaining to their respective consular districts have been transmitted by the Embassy to the various American consular offices in Italy, including Naples, Florence, Genoa, Milan and Turin.

These files will be very useful to American consular offices in connection with the desequstration of American property and any claims which may arise in relation to such property and I wish to thank you for the helpful decision of the Allied Commission to lend these files to the Embassy for the use of American consular offices in Italy. In connection with this matter the Embassy greatly appreciates the kind assistance given by the office of Major N. M. Harrison, Archivist, Archives Branch, Allied Commission, in segregating and compiling these files separately for each of the American consular offices in Italy.

Sincerely yours,

David McK. Key

Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

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

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HERBERT HOOVER

Grand Hotel  
Rome  
March 25, 1946

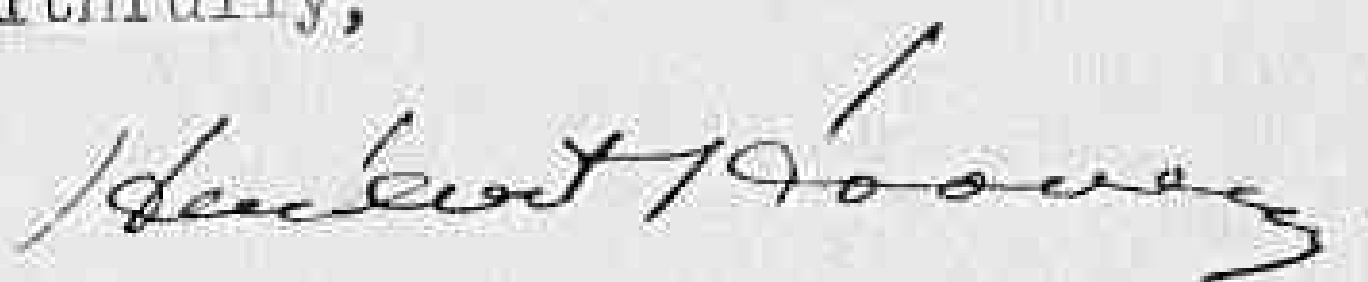
My dear Admiral:

This will introduce to  
you Mr. Charles F. Delzell, of  
whom I spoke to you.

When he finishes look-  
ing after food matters for me, he  
will remain in Italy to collect  
historical material for the War  
Library at Stanford University.  
We would deeply appreciate any aid  
you can give him - and I am confi-  
dent it is a national service.

I am indebted to you  
for much sense and many courte-  
sies.

Faithfully,



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Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR  
Rome, Italy

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

Ref. : 306/50/20

22 March 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I enclose a copy of a letter from the Supreme Allied Commander to Signora Viancinini, whose husband, as you can see, was in charge of a prison camp at the time of the Armistice in 1943. He behaved with great courtesy, and as a result of his action was taken away by the Germans, very badly beaten up and subsequently died.

The Supreme Allied Commander felt he would like to write to the widow a word of acknowledgment of what Lt. Col. Viancinini achieved. He further thought that such a letter might be a means of extending a message of gratitude to all other Italians who helped the Allies during the war. He has therefore asked me to bring his letter to the notice of your Government, and I would be most grateful if you would do so.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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Dr. Alcide De Gasperi  
President of the Council of Ministers,  
Italian Government,  
Rome.

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15 March 1946.

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Thank you for your kind letter  
of 13 March 1946, number PR/P/006/34, with  
regard to the loan to your Embassy of the  
files prepared by the Property Control Divi-  
sion of the Allied Commission.

Your letter is being referred  
to the archivist and his staff, who will be  
gratified to note your generous remarks.

70/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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Sir Noel Charles, St., KCMG,  
British Ambassador,  
64 Via XX Settembre,  
Rome.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,  
ROME.

Ref. PR/P/006/34

13th March, 1946.

*My dear Admiral,*

As you probably know, in November last it was decided that the Files prepared by the Property Control Division of the Allied Commission should be loaned to the respective Embassies to facilitate the restoration of properties to the owners concerned, and the solving of other problems which will arise in due course.

In the intervening months, the archivist of the Allied Commission and his staff have been engaged upon the laborious task of sorting these files, indexing them and handing them over.

The work being now completed, I should like to convey to you and the personnel concerned, in so far as the British cases are concerned, my appreciation and thanks for the energy and efficiency brought to bear upon it.

*Yours very sincerely*  
*Paul Hankes*

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Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,  
U.S.N.R., K.B.E.,  
Chief Commissioner,  
Allied Commission,  
ROME.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

201-John P. Leacacos, 0914269, NMB

4 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Promotion.

TO : Commanding General, MTOUSA.  
(Through Commanding Officer, 2575th Regt., AC)

1. I wish to bring to your attention the recommendation for promotion (attached hereto) to Lieutenant Colonel of Major John P. Leacacos, 0914269, NMB, who is serving in a most excellent capacity as the Director of Public Relations for the Allied Commission.

2. This position, in so far as practical, has always been held by a lieutenant colonel. The responsibilities and duties connected therewith call for and fully justify this rank without which the officer is handicapped in his performance of duty with Allied and Italian correspondents.

3. I have known Major Leacacos for over two years, during which time he has continually done excellent public relations work for the Commission. As Public Relations Officer with AMG Fifth Army, he was among the first Allied officers to establish a working public relations office in Rome, entering the city with the advance units of the American-Canadian Special Force.

4. Major Leacacos has clearly demonstrated his ability to handle all departments of a public relations office, including the preparation of press releases, arranging for press conferences, and the establishment of press relations with advanced AMG units in the field. He has performed all these duties with unusual skill and conscientiousness and is an officer of outstanding competence and ability.

5. I strongly believe that Major Leacacos' promotion to the rank of lieutenant colonel is fully merited and in the best interests of the service.

Elery W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

CC 571

1 March 1946.

Dear Mr. Cleveland:

As from 1 March the Economic Section of the Allied Commission and its dependant sub-commissions as we have known it for over two years will be substantially reduced.

This Section and its sub-commissions has been responsible for the maintenance and the reconstruction of the economic life of Italy since liberation of the country. In spite of tremendous difficulties it has maintained a level of food which has prevented starvation. You have guided and assisted the Italian Government in the reconstruction of their ports, their railways and roads and their transport system, so that the great volume of important food and coal and the smaller volume of other raw materials have been adequately distributed among the towns and villages and industries. You have helped to resuscitate many of these industries and so prevented unemployment, and in the field of labor you have guided the Italians into a democratic conception of wage structures and industrial organization. The Italian financial and banking system has depended almost entirely on the guidance of the Finance Sub-Commission in emerging with no small measure of success from the confusion into which the conditions of the country had brought them. You have initiated commerce and foreign trade and with your help the Italian Government has been able to prepare a program of economic rehabilitation which will stand them in good stead in the difficult months to come. No part of the Commission has worked in more intimate and cordial association with the members and departments of the Italian Government.

I want you as the departing Acting Vice President and your staff, past and present, to know how much your work has assisted the Allied Commission and how much it has been appreciated. Italy owes a great deal to the Section and your sub-commissions and you may be proud to hand over the major part of your responsibilities to the Italian Government itself, to UNRRA, and to the Embassies, with the knowledge that all of you have played a great part in the economic survival of the country.

Sincerely,

*Elery W. Stone*

ELERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Mr. Harlan Cleveland,  
Acting Vice President,  
Economic Section, Allied Commission.

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Lt. Col. TRUSCOTT Comdg US III Army in Germany

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ROUTINE  
IPW Division

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G. J. Leone  
OWO, USA  
Asst. Adjutant

23 February 1946.

Dear Sam:

The enclosed letter from Miss  
Garibaldi speaks for itself. If you can help  
her in any way I am sure that you will.

Very sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Mr. S. M. Keeny,  
Chief of UNRRA Italian Mission,  
Rome.

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23 February 1946.

Dear Miss Garibaldi,

I have only now received your letter of 6 February and will be glad to say a word on your behalf to Mr. Keeny of UNRRA. However, as I am sure you know, the UNRRA organization is completely independent of the Allied Commission.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Miss Anita Italia Garibaldi,  
1 Via Pompeo Magno,  
Rome.

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*M. Behn*

Ravello 21 Febbraio 1946

S.E. Ammiraglio  
S T O N E  
Villa Contessa Marcadicellere  
Via Ballustriana 56  
R O M A

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry to trouble you again, but I have to do it because you are the only person that can take in consideration my case that it is very serious.

When I came back from Rome on the 19th/2, just your instruction I went to see Lt. (j.g.) G. Bornes aid to Admiral Jaines. He sent me to Admiral OLIVA of the R. Italian Navy with the letters that you kindly gave to me. Admiral OLIVA not needing my service send me home.

You will understand very well Dear Sir that now I am out of work from the U.S. Navy and from the R. Italian Navy, having to support my wife, my two daughters, my father and my mother, believe Sir it is very serious for me, and that is why I come to you dear Sir, hoping that you can help me, in founding a job.

My case is very serious, and I need to work very badly and I am asking you this Dear Sir, because during all the time that I had the honor to serve the U.S. Navy I have been very honest and I have been working very hard.

I am sure that you will do something for me, and I will appreciate it immensely.

Do please Sir accept my very best regards from your devoted

Sincerely

*Alfonso Cavaliere*  
Alfonso Cavaliere

3599 from: Alfonso Cavaliere  
Via Toro  
RAVELLO (Salerno)

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785015

21 February 1946

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO : Captain G. A. F. Rothery  
Economic Section, Hq Allied Commission

1. The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Renato Prunas, has just brought to my personal attention the manner in which you assisted the Italian Delegation on its recent mission to Vienna. It is indeed gratifying to receive such an excellent report on one of my officers from a high official of the Italian Government.

2. I wish to commend you personally for your superior performance of duty.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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Copy of Dr. Prunas' ltr

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21 February 1946

My dear Dr. Prunas:

Thank you for your letter of 14 February concerning the recent visit of an Italian delegation to Austria.

I sincerely appreciate your expression of satisfaction in the services rendered by Captain G. A. F. Rothery of the Economic Section. I am sending an appropriate letter of commendation to him.

If the Commission can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Renato Prunas  
The Ministry for Foreign Affairs  
Italian Government  
Rome

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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Rome, February 14th, 1946

Dear Admiral Stone,

The Chief of the Italian Delegation who went recently to Austria for the known commercial negotiations, has spoken to me at length of the courtesies received by them during their mission from the Officials of the Allied Commission.

He has particularly mentioned Capt. Rothery of the Economic Sub-Commission, who went expressly to Vienna and whose assistance has greatly facilitated the contacts with the local Allied Authorities as well as the communications with Rome.

I am consequently desirous, dear Admiral Stone, to express my most sincere thanks for the kind assistance given by the Allied Commission to the negotiations which I hope will soon be brought to conclusion by the signature of the agreement, which has already been initialled.

I am glad of this opportunity to renew to you my heartfelt regards.

(sgd) A. PHUMAS

Admiral Ellery W. Stone  
Chief Commissioner  
Allied Commission  
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Rough translation  
for Rothery 5

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(sgd) R. THOMAS

Admiral Ellery W. STONE  
Chief Commissioner  
Allied Commission  
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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI  
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

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Roma, 12<sup>1946</sup> Febbraio 1946

Caro Ammiraglio,

Il Capo della Delegazione italiana che si é recentemente recata in Austria per condurvi le note trattative commerciali, mi ha riferito a lungo sulle cortesie che gli organi della Commissione Alleata hanno usato ai suoi membri durante l'esplicazione della missione. Egli mi ha particolarmente parlato del Capitano Rothery, della sottocommissione economica, che si è recato espressamente a Vienna e con la sua opera ha di molto facilitato i contatti con le autorità alleate locali, e le comunicazioni con Roma.

Desidero quindi esprimerLe, caro Ammiraglio, i più vivi ringraziamenti per la cortese assistenza della Commissione in queste trattative, che spero possano essere presto concluse con la firma dell'accordo già parafato.

Mi è assai gradita l'occasione per rinnovarLe

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All'Ammiraglio  
Ellery S T O N E  
Capo della Commissione Alleate

R O M A

TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Rome, 13 February, 1946

Dear Admiral,

In reply to your letters CC 571 of 27 November 1945, and 17 January 1946, I wish to assure you that I have carefully examined Signor Napoleone COSTANTINO's case. (24) (31)

As you know, Signor Costantino, previous to September 8 1943, was employed in the consular offices of the self-styled Social Republic. This Ministry has been compelled to adopt the same measures towards him, as towards all employees who collaborated with the Government of Salo; these employees have not been allowed to reassume their work, among other reasons, with a view to carrying out the order of the Ministry of Treasury, through which order the total number of employees in our offices abroad has been reduced from 2000 to 1000.

I am sorry to say that, for the moment anyway, it is impossible for us to make any exception; we would otherwise create a precedent which would be invoked upon by hundreds of others in the same conditions.

However, owing to your personal interest in the matter, this Ministry will give Signor Costantino every help to facilitate his departure for England, giving him and his family passports, and signalling our Embassy in London for every possible assistance during his stay there.

The British Embassy, however, should give Signor Costantino and his wife and daughter the necessary visas, and the Allied Commission should furnish transportation.

Awaiting your reply, with best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(s) De Gasperi.

3594 Admiral Ellery W. Stone U.S.N.R.  
Chief Commissioner  
Allied Commission  
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Il Ministro degli Affari Esteri

Roma, li 13 FEB 1946

Caro Ammiraglio,

In risposta alle Sue lettere SC 571 del 27 novembre e del 17 gennaio u.s., desidero assicurarla che ho attentamente riesaminato il caso del Signor Napoleone COSTANTINO.

Come le è noto il predetto nel periodo successivo all'8 settembre 1943 prestò servizio presso gli uffici consolari della sedicente repubblica sociale. Questo Ministero ha dovuto pertanto prendere nei suoi riguardi le stesse misure adottate nei confronti di tutti gli impiegati che hanno collaborato con il Governo di Salò, i quali non sono stati riannessi in servizio anche allo scopo di porre in esecuzione le disposizioni del Ministero del Tesoro, con cui il numero globale degli impiegati dei nostri uffici all'estero è stato ridotto da 2.000 a 1.000 unità.

Sono spiacente di doverle comunicare che questa Amministrazione non vede - almeno attualmente - la possibilità di fare alcuna deroga a tale direttiva; altrimenti verrebbe a crearsi un precedente che non mancherebbe di essere invocato da centinaia di persone trovatisi nelle stesse condizioni.

Tuttavia, in vista del Suo così autorevole interessamento, questo Ministero userà ogni agevolazione al Signor Costantino al fine di facilitare la sua andata in Inghilterra, rilasciando a lui e alla famiglia i passaporti e segnalando alla nostra Ambasciata in Londra per ogni possibile assistenza.

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All'Ammiraglio Ellery W. SPOTT U.S.N.R.  
Capo della Commissione Alleata

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e che codesta Commissione Alleata procurasse ai predetti i mezzi di trasporto necessari.

In attesa di comunicazioni al riguardo, mi è gradita l'occasione per inviarle i miei migliori saluti

*Leggini*

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18 January 1946.

Dear Lt. Barnes:

Sorry to bother you again, but the Admiral has asked me if you would be kind enough to write a letter of recommendation for Alfonso Cavaliere and also try to interest the Italian Navy in taking him back in the service of Admiral Oliva, Admiral in charge of the Italian Navy at Naples.

Cavaliere was his cook on the Flag Ship EUGENIO DI SAVOIA at the time when he was transferred to the service of Lt. General McFarlane, Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, ~~at that time~~ (14 February 1944).

Since this, he has worked for the Allied Commission for the past two years and I think it only fair we should try and do something to show our appreciation at the time of his release from service.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD J. BEHN,  
Lt. (j.g.) USNR  
Flag Lt to CC.

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Lt. (j.g.) G. Barnes,  
Aide to Admiral James  
NAPLES.

See also 8003/11  
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Ref: 255/52/EG

17 January 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

Since my letter 00 571 of 27th November last, relative to Mr. N. Costantino, an employee of this Commission and formerly an employee of your Ministry, the above named has officially received information to the effect that his wife cannot regain control of her assets in England and in Australia unless she reacquires British nationality, and further that she cannot reacquire such nationality unless both she and her husband are residing in British territory.

Mr. Costantino spent a large part of his life in Australia, up to the outbreak of war, where I understand he left all his belongings. His precarious situation in Italy seems now to be made worse by the danger of losing what assets are left to his family in London and Sydney.

I view this as one of the many small tragedies caused by the war, and in strongly recommending it to your personal and sympathetic consideration I should like to request that you be good enough to see whether it might be possible to assign Mr. Costantino to an Italian office within the British Empire, even if temporarily, so as to enable him to recover what he can.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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Dr. Alcide De Gasperi  
President of the Council of Ministers  
Italian Government  
Rome

Copy to: Public Health S/C

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BURTON K. WHEELER, MONT., CHAIRMAN  
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 HOMER E. CAPEHART, IND.

M. W. MITCHELL, CLERK

## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE COMMERCE

January 14, 1946

My dear Ellery:

If you have not already met him, I believe you will find it very much worthwhile to see and talk with Monsignor L. G. Ligutti. He is the head of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, probably the most influential Catholic organization in the United States, and left this country recently for a trip through Italy as a representative of that organization and also of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

As I understand the situation, Monsignor Ligutti went to Italy at the suggestion of Don Sturzo with the purpose of bringing encouragement to Italians in an effort to help themselves out of their difficulties. I know that Monsignor Ligutti is regarded by a number of senators and congressmen as one of the twenty greatest and most able men in the United States. I understand that he can be reached in care of the Rev. Thomas F. Markham, whose address is Headquarters, Allied Commission in Italy, A.P.O. 394. Undoubtedly, you know the Rev. Markham.

You may find it very much worthwhile from the standpoint of your own problems to talk with Monsignor Ligutti, and perhaps you may be of considerable help to him in aiding him in his travels about Italy.

We are marking time on the international communications situation. The Congress seems somewhat reluctant to move ahead in the absence of a definite national policy with respect to international communications, and until there is some meeting of minds on this question I doubt that we will have any action on legislation to bring about international merger. However, the recent Bermuda Conference with the British has implemented the trend toward doing something about our own international communications. As you probably know, Admiral Joe Redman is leaving the Navy shortly to go with Western Union. General Stoner is now the Assistant Chief Signal Officer, General Code having left the service. Between strikes, problems of reconversion, and returning G.I.'s to the United States, things are pretty much in a turmoil in Washington.

My very best regards always.

Very sincerely yours,

*Ed. Cooper*  
 Edward Cooper

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*Call Father Gilligan*  
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12 January 1946.

TO: Liaison Officer,  
Allied Commission, Bari.

Lt (JG) RIN. Giovanni Schifini is in Bari on a  
special mission for the Chief Commissioner and any assistance  
which you can give him will be sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

L.W. STEARNS  
Lt Col. AGD  
Staff Officer to CC.

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See file 504/CC  
for travel orders

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Ref: 558/91/70

10 January 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I am most grateful to you for your letter 10951.14/1.1.26 of 1 January 1946, and I must express to you my gratification at the knowledge that the work of Allied Military Government has been so appreciated by your country.

I will, you can rest assured, bring the contents of your letter to the notice of my liaison officers who are still remaining in the northern regions.

I would like to take this opportunity, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, of reaffirming my constant wish that the friendly attitude between your nation and the Allies be maintained and strengthened. Under Allied Military Government much was accomplished; much still remains to be done but I feel confident that now your country is capable of completing the work through her own efforts.

Yours very truly,

Wm. H. Stone

WILLIAM H. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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Benito Alcide De Gasperi  
President of the Council of Ministers  
Italian Government  
Rome.

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C.C.

Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers  
10951.14/1.1.26

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CCO 845

Rome, 1 January 1946

Dear Admiral,

While the greatest part of the national territory is now being handed back to the Italian administration, it is a pleasure for me to tell you how deeply the Italian Government appreciates the work done by the Allied Military Government for over two years, through memorable events, against all kind of difficulties and with unchanged feelings of sympathy towards our country.

Such feelings were always answered by those of the Italian population, which considered the organisms of the Allied Military Government as sincere collaborators of our reconstruction, while it welcomed the victorious soldiers of the United Nations as liberators.

I am happy to remind you that while the liberation war was raging, A.M.G. had to cope with the worst difficulties: keep away the ghost of famine, bring relief to the refugees, prevent the spreading of epidemics, rehabilitate public services and private industry in devastated areas.

The way in which such difficulties were overcome with intelligent energy and abundant means will remain a vivid and grateful memory with the Italians.

I beg you my dear Admiral to express to the Allied Military Government the gratitude of the Italian Government and the Italian nation, and I trust that the friendly attitude inspired by the action of the United Nations will be maintained and confirmed.

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

B. De Gasperi

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Admiral Ellery K. Stone  
Chief Commissioner  
Allied Commission  
Rome

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Rome, 21 December 1945.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Mr. Peter J. Curiale, American civilian, is a bona fide member of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp., and known to the Allied Commission.

This office will appreciate any aid you can give Mr. Curiale in facilitating his trip by air to Algiers as soon as possible where he is proceeding on business for the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp.

EDWARD J. BEHN  
Lt (jg) USNR  
Aide to Chief Commissioner.

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Décomber 16th 1945

70 Avenue Marceau, Paris

My dear Admiral Stone,

Since my letter of December 13th has already left and that I receive this morning your kind letter of November 16th enclosing copy of your letter to Monsieur Bidault, I want very rapidly to thank you once more and tell you that I was overcome by your very flattering letter. I am certain that such a recommendation coming from you will have a tremendous effect.

Many thanks again and please accept my very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Most sincerely yours

*Jehan de Noue*

Jehan de Noue, Capt.

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Rear Admiral ELLERY W. STONE

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Rear Admiral ELLERY W. STONE  
Chief Commissioner  
Headquarters Allied Commission  
A.P.O. 394

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Noted by 8013

COMMANDEMENT EN CHEF FRANCOIS  
EN ALGERIE

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GROUPE FRANCAIS DU CONSEIL DE  
CONTROLE

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Division Air

( 70 Avenue Marceau, Paris )

Berlin December 12th 1945

My dear Admiral Stone,

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Quai d'Orsay told me that you had been kind enough to  
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me. I am most grateful and extremely touched by your kind  
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Are thoughts were with you during the recent crisis  
in Italy which must have been agonizing and I am glad  
for your sake that is seems all over now. I recall what  
pains you took last winter to get all parties to agree.

I am leaving the Army for good on December 31st and  
General de Sevin has been told unofficially that he is  
to assume command of all Air Force in North Africa so  
we will probably part and leave Berlin at the same time.

I still hope to have the pleasure of seeing you soon  
on this continent or the other and believe that I am  
deeply grateful for your help.

Believe me

Most sincerely yours

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*Jehan de Moue*

Jehan de Moue, Capt.

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During a short visit to Paris my friends at the Quai d'Orsay told me that you had been kind enough to write to Monsieur Bidault a letter of recommendation for me. I am most grateful and extremely touched by your kind gesture. I will only know in January the chances there are of being accepted in the Secretariate of the United Nations Organization but if I succeed it will certainly be due in great part to the testimony you were so kind to give me. Again many thanks.

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I am leaving the Army for good on December 31st and General de Sevin has been told unofficially that he is to assume command of all Air Force in North Africa so we will probably part and leave Berlin at the same time.

I still hope to have the pleasure of seeing you soon on this continent or the other and believe that I am deeply grateful for your help.

Believe me

Most sincerely yours

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*Jean de Moue*

Jehan de Moue, Capt.

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11 December 1945.

My dear General:

Supplementing my letter of 7 December 1945, I take pleasure in forwarding herewith my commendation on the effectiveness of AMG's operations.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Edgar Erskine Hume, CSC,  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5,  
United States Forces in Austria,  
APO 777, U. S. Army.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Office of the Chief Commissioner  
APO 394

30 August 1945.

CG 571

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Senior Civil Affairs Officer,  
Headquarters, Allied Military Government, FIFTH Army.

We of the Allied Commission have every reason to be appreciative of the work of AMG. AMG officers represented the functional link between the operations of the Allies and the long range task of the Allied Commission. More accurately it could be said that AMG was in essence the first phase of the Allied impact on Italy, not only in the field of civil administration but in that of economic and moral reconstruction as well. In the nature of things the first contacts between the stricken Italian population and the democratic energies of the Allies were of vital importance. It is in great measure owing to the efficiency, good will and self sacrifice of AMG officers that the Allied enterprise in Italy has been so successful and thus we may fairly claim that our efforts have created in the Italian people a feeling of respect and friendship for the Allies.

2. I congratulate FIFTH Army AMG for its splendid performance of duty.

GILBERT W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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HOLD FOR ADMIRAL:

Papers re GUANI - proposed manager Palermo  
shipyard

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Office of the Chief Commissioner  
APO 394

7 December 1945.

My dear Commodore:

This will serve to introduce to you Dr. Romano GUANI, former manager of the Palermo Shipyard and presently general representative for Central and Southern Italy for Eng. Rocco Piaggio, President of the Cantieri Navali Riuniti and several other concerns.

Dr. Guani is well and favorably known to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Commodore B. V. McCandlish, U. S. Navy,  
Commandant, Naval Operating Base,  
Palermo, Sicily.

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"He was considered a well known Fascist and was a friend of GIANO and STANGE."

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Translation

1 Dec 1945

MEMO to Adm STONE

1. Doct Ermanno GUANI, working at the Palermo Shipyard since Jan. 1931, became its Manager on Febr 1931.

2. He acquired Fascist Party membership on 1933 (and not 1932) and this circumstance is by itself sufficient to show how little spontaneous such acquisition has been considered by Doct Guani.

3. It is obvious to consider that anyone in Doct Guani's position could not possibly keep out of the Fascist Party any longer, and the possibility for Doct Guani to stay out from 1929 to 1933 is due to the fact that the Palermo Political Authorities of that epoch did not have an intolerant mind.

4. As head of the only large mechanical industry in Sicily, Doct Guani could not possibly avoid to head the Mechanical Industrial Sindacato. This post, and the other one of member of the Consiglio Provinciale delle Corporazioni (Chamber of Commerce) did not have political character.

5. In 1939-40 the Palermo Shipyard consigned to the Roumenian Maritime Services Coy four 5000 Tons mixed ships. These gave such good results and met with such favorable approval from the Rumenian Authorities that the Minister of Rumenia, in Rome, awarding Doct Guani a Rumenian decoration asked him to accept the post of honorary Rumenian Consul at Palermo. Doct Guani was glad to accept such post and at present he does not see any reasons to deny this.

6. During the Fascist regime all firms had a "Dopolavoro", which President was the head of the plant. This is why Doct Guani has been President of the "Dopolavoro" of the Palermo Shipyard. This organization took only care of recreation and education of its members with exclusion of any political activity.

It is not true that through the "Dopolavoro" all workmen of the Shipyard entered the Fascist Party as, while all automatically belonged to the "Dopolavoro" only a few dozens of them, for what is known, belonged to the Party.

357. No pressure and, still less, imposition, was made on the Palermo Shipyard working people with the aim to have them enter the Party membership both by the management and the Palermo political authorities.

This is proved by the fact that no Palermo Shipyard people undertook political activity.

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7. In 1943 Doct Guani was insistently asked by Adm Mariano, Prefetto of Palermo at that epoch, to accept the post of President of Industrialists Union.

Such appointment could never take place because the Central Direction of the Fascist Party rejected several times the recommendation stating that Doct Guani was not politically up to such post.

3211 Attached herewith is a declaration of Adm Mariano, well known in the Allied Military Circles.

8. Doct Guani never met in his life Minister Ciano. He met Minister Starace in 1937 in the occasion of a visit the Minister made at the Palermo Shipyard.

9. Doct Guani believes he can locate the interested, and not factual, informers of the Palermo NOB in some former employees, specially one of them, whom he fired because of lack of ability.

He would be very glad to be confronted with those people to evidence their proved illfaith.

Signed: Doct Ermanno Guani

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translation

Rome, 30 nov 1945

In my capacity as Prefetto of Palermo during the period 1941-43 I state the following:

At a certain time during said period, the post of President of the Industrialists Union of Palermo province was uncovered and having very well known the exceptional personal endowments of Doct Guani, at that time Manager of Palermo Shipyard, I nominated him to cover such post.

This nomination was made only after I overcame both the strong reluctance of Doct Guani to accept it and difficulties made by local leaders of the Fascist Party, who ill considered Doct Guani because of the resistance he continually opposed to allow political influences in his industrial activity. I only succeeded insisting with the local Fascist leaders on the proved difference of standards and achievements between Doct Guani and any other possible candidate to that post.

But when the nomination was brought up in Rome to the Secretary of the Party, all the efforts I made several times with him to secure his approval, met with his decided opposition, as he charged to Doct Guani the non political form of his behaviour, independence and opposition to Fascist influences, as well as his late acquisition of Fascist Party membership, (1933) which was considered as an apparent proof of his lack of spontaneousness in acquiring it.

For above said causes the nomination of Doct Guani, with my strong disappointment, could not take place.

Signed: Contrammiraglio Adalberto Mariano  
Prefetto del Regno

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P R O M E M O R I A

1°) Il dott. ERMANNO GUANI assunse la direzione del Cantiere di Palermo nel febbraio 1931, trovandosi in detto Cantiere fin dal gennaio 1929.

2°) Egli si iscrisse al partito fascista nel 1933 (e non 1932) e questa circostanza è da sola sufficiente a far considerare quanto poco spontanea fosse l'adesione del dott. Guani al partito stesso.

3°) E' superfluo far considerare che chiunque nella posizione del dott. Guani non avrebbe potuto non essere iscritto al partito fascista e se lo stesso dott. Guani potè restare estraneo al partito dal 1929 al 1933 ciò deve al fatto che le autorità politiche di Palermo di quell'epoca non avevano mentalità faziosa.

4°) Come esponente dell'unica grande industria meccanica della Sicilia il dott. Guani non poteva non essere a capo del Sindacato Industriali Meccanici. Questa carica, come quella di membro del Consiglio Prov. delle Corporazioni, non aveva carattere politico.

5°) Nel 1939-40 il Cantiere di Palermo consegnò alla Soc. per i Servizi Marittimi Rumeni quattro navi miste da 5000 tonn. - Queste navi diedero così buoni risultati e incontrarono così generale approvazione da parte delle autorità rumene che il Ministro di Romania a Roma, consegnando al dott. Guani una onorificenza rumena lo pregò di accettare la carica di Console onorario di Romania a Palermo. Il dott. Guani fu lieto di accettare tale carica e non ha ragione di smentire oggi tale atteggiamento.

3576 6°) Tutte le Aziende avevano in regime fascista un dopolavoro, Presidente del quale era il capo dell'Azienda. Per questa ragione il dott. Guani fu Presidente del dopolavoro del Cantiere di Palermo. Questa organizzazione si occupò esclusivamente della ricreazione e della istruzione dei propri dipendenti con esclusione di qualsiasi manifestazione politica.

Non è vero che attraverso il dopolavoro tutti gli operai del Cantiere furono iscritti nel partito fascista perchè mentre tutti appartenevano automaticamente al dopolavoro soltanto pochi decine di operai mi risulta che fossero iscritti al partito.

Nessuna pressione e tanto meno coercizione fu fatta ai dipendenti del Cantiere di Palermo per la loro iscrizione al partito e ciò non soltanto dai responsabili dell'Azienda ma anche dalle autorità politiche di Palermo.

Ciò è provato dal fatto che nessun dipendente del Cantiere di Palermo svolgeva attività politica.

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7°) Nel 1943 il dott. Guani fu insistentemente pregato dall'allora Prefetto di Palermo, Amm. Mariano, di accettare la carica di Presidente dell'Unione degli Industriali.

Tale sua nomina non poté mai aver luogo perchè la sede centrale del partito fascista respinse più volte la proposta dichiarando che il dott. Guani non era considerato elemento politicamente idoneo alla carica.

Unisco alla presente una dichiarazione dell'amm. Mariano, persona ben nota negli ambienti militari Alleati.

8°) Il dott. Guani non ha mai incontrato in vita sua il Ministro Ciano. Ha conosciuto invece il Ministro Starace nel 1937 in occasione di una visita che egli fece al Cantiere di Palermo.

9°) Il dott. Guani ritiene di poter individuare gli interessati e non obiettivi informatori della Base americana di Palermo in alcuni ex dipendenti, specialmente in uno di essi, da lui allontanati per incapacità.

Egli sarebbe particolarmente lieto di essere messo a confronto con queste persone per rendere più evidente la loro provata malafede.

*L. Guani*

(Dott. Ermanno Guani)

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Roma 30 Novembre 1945

Nella mia qualità di Prefetto di Palermo durante il periodo 1941-1943 attesto che, avendo avuto modo di constatare le eccezionali doti personali del Dott. Ermanno GUANI, allora Direttore del Cantiere Navale di Palermo, ed essendosi resa vacante la carica di Presidente della Unione degli Industriali di quella Provincia, ho designato per rivestirla il nominativo del Dott. Guani.

Ciò ha reso necessario da parte mia il superamento della viva riluttanza dell'interessato e delle difficoltà localmente sollevate dagli organi del partito fascista, che non si mostravano ben disposti verso il Dott. Guani a cagione della resistenza da lui costantemente sollevata a consentire ingerenza di ordine politico nella sfera della sua attività industriale.

Riuscito a fare accettare ugualmente la sua candidatura dagli organi provinciali del partito, per la inconfutabile differenza di classe e di attitudini fra il Dott. Guani ed ogni altro possibile aspirante alla carica, ho visto i miei sforzi più volte esperiti in Roma presso il Segretario del partito, frustrati dalla irreducibile opposizione di quest'ultimo che addebitava al Dott. Guani l'apoliticità della sua tendenza, indipendenza ed avversione alle influenze fasciste, nonché la sua tardiva iscrizione al partito, avvenuta soltanto nel 1933 ed interpretata come prova evidente della scarsa spontaneità di tale suo atto.

**3574** Per tali motivi la nomina del Dott. Guani, con mio vivo rammarico, non potè avere luogo.

In fede

Contrammiraglio Adalberto MARIANO

Prefetto del Regno

*Adalberto Mariano*

The following statements have been made re GUANI, Ermanno:

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COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS,  
ROME DETACHMENT,  
ZONE FIVE,  
A.P.O. #512, U.S. Army

DATE 15 November 1945

SUBJECT: GUAMI, Ermanno  
Via Notarbartolo 24, Palermo, Sicily.

TO : Admiral Stone, Chief Commissioner, AC, APO 394, U.S. Army.

The attached is forwarded:

xx For your information

For necessary action

For compliance

For action deemed necessary

For your files

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your cmd.

Report requested

Note and return

Request receipt

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GONO MORENA,  
Supervising Agent.

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COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS  
ROME DETACHMENT  
ZONE FIVE  
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Case No. 3262

14 November 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: GUANI Ermanno  
Via Notarbartolo 24  
Palermo, Sicily

RE : Background Investigation

1) While on detached service in Sicily this Agent received a telegram from A. C. of S. O-2 AMHQ requesting an investigation of Subject, former director of the Palermo shipyards.

2) At the Office of Naval Intelligence this Agent obtained the following information.

GUANI Ermanno di Ercole born at Portoferraio on 4 October 1904 living at Via Giovanni Battista Vico #1, Rome with fixed address at Via Notarbartolo 24, Palermo. He is a retired cavalry lieutenant and holds the degree of doctor of Commercial and Economic Science.

3) In 1931 he was appointed director of the Palermo shipyards but was not very well liked by the workers because of his disciplinary measures.

4) GUANI enrolled in the Fascist Party on 28 October 1932 and in 1937 was appointed President of the Provincial Syndicate of industrial mechanics. In 1935 he was made a member of the Provincial Council of Corporations. In 1940 he was made an honorary consul of Roumania. He was president of the "Apolavoro" of the shipyards and he built up this organization so that every worker in the shipyards was enrolled in the Fascist Party.

5) He was considered a well known Fascist and was a friend of CIANO and STARACE. Reports have been received that he is on the list of Shipyard executives to be executed.

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6) This Agent interviewed seven people of all walks of life regarding Subject and all declared without hesitation that Subject was too compromised by Fascism to be well received at his former post. GUANI was described as being extremely severe with all workers, indiscriminately meting out fines for trivial infractions and very unpopular. Private contractors at the port of Palermo stated that it was impossible to reason with Subject on business matters as Subject took a unilateral viewpoint of every situation. Workers at the port are envenomed against GUANI and a few stated that if he returned they would personally do away with him.

7) All interviewed declared that apart from his hard headedness, Subject was an efficient director of the shipyards.

AGENT'S COMMENTS:

It is the opinion of this Agent that the reappointment of Subject would be a political error liable to cause strikes and disorders and bring disfavor upon the Allies.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that Subject be denied employment at his former position.

HARRY J. MORPHY  
Special Agent CIC.

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10 November 1945.

From: SENALUSLO ITALY  
To : COMNAVNAV

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Originated by:

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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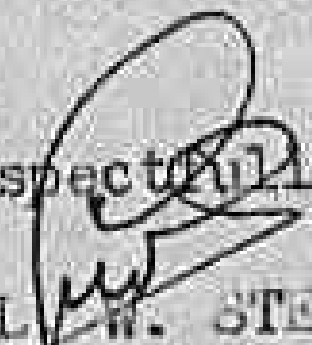
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Admiral: .

Ref. attached, General Smith, G-2 AFHQ, phoned to say the 2 CIC investigators have completed their report and will deliver it to you within the next two days.

Respectfully,

  
L. W. STEARNS  
Major, AGD

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SENIOR U.S. NAVAL LIAISON OFFICER, ITALY  
ROME, ITALY

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
A.P.O. 394  
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION  
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/14OMM

6 November 1945

SUBJECT : GUANI Ermano (di Ettore)

TO : Director Public Safety Sub Commission

1. In accordance with your request, please find attached  
a report re. Subject.

*Hayes*  
C.B. HAYES,  
Captain,  
Security Division.

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TRANSLATION

GUANI, (not GUANIS) Ermanno (di Ettore and di Lombardi Marina) was born on 4 Oct. 1904 at Portoferrato. Was issued with travel permit by Palermo Questura on 23 April 1945 - No. 1362.

Subject is Director General of the Shipyards of Palermo which is a subsidiary of the United Shipyards of Genova (Cantieri Navali Riuniti di Genova). The owner and president of which Shipyards is ROCCO PIAGGI, main office in Rome at Via Giambattista Vico 1. Subject is the trusted employee of PIAGGI.

During the Nazi Fascist regime Subject resided at the Hotel Maestoso, Via Veneto.

A check at the Alto Commissariato delle Sanzioni contro il Fascismo, Ministero della Marina and the Ministry of the Interior reveal that Subject has no political precedence. These same Ministries have nothing on file to Subject's detriment.

At present Subject is living in Rome at Via Giambattista Vico No. 1.

On all of Subject's trips, he was always followed by a woman, who arrived at the destination a day after Subject. Her name is FLAJA, Elena (di Ernesto and di Lavinia LORENZZELLI) Born at Palermo 6 Jan. 1906, resident of Trieste.

The reason for their peculiar reunion is not known.

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ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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5 November 1945

SUBJECT: Armano Guani

TO : Chief Commissioner

Reference telephone conversation with General Smith at 1655  
hrs:

1. General Smith stated that the only report they have on Sig. Guani is one dated June 1944, stating: "Armano Guani and the Prince of Belmonte, two well-known Fascists, reached Palermo this week."
2. General Smith stated that he has two CIC men at present in Sicily who could investigate Sig. Guani within the week.
3. He would not without further evidence brand Guani as an ex-Fascist as he has done a good job for the Allies.

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Ref: 260/68/EO.

5. December 1945.

Dear

I am sorry for the delay in replying to your 10 letter of 14 November regarding recognition of the good work done by Mr. Reuben B. Resnik, head of the American Joint Distribution Committee in Italy.

Would you be good enough to put up a detailed recommendation for an award, which of course will be an American award, and I will then get the recommendation forwarded through the appropriate military channels.

Yours

M. S. LUSH

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Lieut. Col. Julian Tomlin,  
Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees,  
Rome.

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4 December 1945

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Since joining the Allied Commission in June 1944 as my special receptionist and personal interpreter, Miss ELIANE CHALANDON has continually displayed exceptional executive capacity.

She has shown superior ability in the tactful handling of high officials, both civilian and military, of all governments who are continually coming to my office for consultation.

It is my sincere belief, from personal observation for more than a year, that Miss CHALANDON is excellently suited to perform the duties of an executive secretary.

ELERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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27 November 1945

My dear Dr. de Gasperi:

This Commission has among its Italian civilian employees one Mr. Napoleone Costantino, who was formerly employed by your Ministry as "impiegato locale" for about fifteen years, spent mostly in the Italian consular service in Australia. Mr. Costantino is very anxious to join again your Ministry, with a view to returning to his home in Australia or to go to another Anglo-Saxon country, especially as all his assets and those of his English wife are situated in England and Australia.

Further, it is pointed out that after such a long absence from Italy he may find himself in a disadvantageous position when this Commission will eventually close down.

It is reported to me that Mr. Costantino has proved himself to be a highly capable and efficient Administrative Assistant, and his services have clearly marked him out as deserving due consideration.

He was duly screened by our Public Safety officers at the time of his engagement and was accepted for service with the Allied Commission with a clear record.

I should like to recommend Mr. Costantino to your most earnest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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ELERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide de Gasperi  
The Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Italian Government  
Rome

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Copy to Executive Commissioner

21 November 1945

SUBJECT: Promotion of Lt Col GUY I. WARREN, 0122747, SR  
TO : Commanding General, MTOUSA

1. I wish to bring to your attention the enclosed recommendation for promotion of Lt Col GUY I. WARREN, 0122747, SR, which was returned without action by first indorsement, Headquarters Command. While it is realized that these papers were not forwarded in strict compliance with paragraph 4b of MTOUSA Circular No. 120 dated 14 October 1945, it is believed that this case should be given special consideration by the MTOUSA Promotion Board.

2. Since joining AC/AMG in November 1943, Lt Col WARREN has consistently performed his duties in a superior manner. He has occupied a position vacancy in the rank of full colonel since September 1944. Inadvertently, his promotion, while long recognized as deserved, has been blocked by theatre freezes and circumstances which necessitated the urgent promotion of officers holding senior positions in the northern operational areas.

3. In originally signing the so-called Class 'B' certificate, Lt Col WARREN agreed to stay in his present position as Deputy Commissioner, Naples Commune, and Liaison Officer, Southwest Italy, as long as the work was expected to last. At that time it was believed his office would close on or about the first of December and, accordingly, he signed up until that date. Since the date is now indefinite, he is most worthy of promotion.

10/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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17 November 1945

Dear Captain Moullec:

The Chief Commissioner would be extremely grateful if you would forward the attached letter through the proper French channels directly to His Excellency Georges Bidault, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Quay d'Orsay, Paris, France.

Very truly yours,

L. W. STEARNS  
Lt Col, AGD  
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Capt Raymond Moullec,  
Office of the French Representative  
to Allied Commission,  
Hq, Allied Commission

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16 November 45

My dear Captain de Nouse:

Thank you for your letter of 25 October. It was very nice to hear from you.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter of recommendation which is being sent through the French Liaison Section of the Commission directly to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paris. I hope that this will assist you in gaining the position with the International Secretariat to the United Nations.

Please give my best wishes to General de Sevin.

Sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Captain Johan de Nouse  
U.S. Group C.G.  
Air Division, Fr Liaison

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For File

16 November 1945

My dear Mr. Minister:

It has been recently brought to my attention that your Ministry may be considering the appointment of Captain Jehan de Houe as a member of the permanent International Secretariat of the United Nations.

I have known Captain de Houe for over a year. His work both in Allied Military Government and with the Allied Commission was of the highest order. In dealing with difficult French-Italian diplomatic questions he always displayed utmost tact.

Captain de Houe's experience with AG/ARG should be of value as a potential member of the permanent International Secretariat of the United Nations, and I strongly endorse him for appointment.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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His Excellency Georges Bidault  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Quay d'Orsay  
Paris, France

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INTER-ALLIED COMMISSION

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16 November 1945.

REFERENCE : 0-12/16120/214/0.

SUBJECT : Release Canadian 21st Officer.

TO : CMC, CMC.

1. COL. R. L. HILLMAN - C. C. C. 1st.

Reference your 124/19 dated 5 Nov 45.

A letter has been received from the Senior Civil Affairs Officer 13 Corps, in which it is stated that the C. C. C. 13 Corps has personally expressed a strong desire that 1. Col. HILLMAN should be retained in this theatre.

1. Col. HILLMAN is employed as Public Relations Officer 13 Corps and has carried out his duties in such an efficient manner that he is most difficult to replace. In addition he has taken charge of the 13 Corps Public Relations Officer who have been attached to him for duty.

In view of the C. C. C. 13 Corps wish it is urged that every endeavour be made to retain 1. Col. HILLMAN and it is requested that a letter be sent to Canadian Military H. Q., setting out the facts, and asking for a favourable decision.

It is understood that this matter is being mentioned by C. C. C. 13 Corps to the Supreme Allied Commander on his next visit to Venetian Chulia.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

*Whitcomb*  
H. G. HILL, Lt Colonel  
President,  
Executive Commission.

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Copy to : Dep Mil Sec CMC  
2-5 CMC  
The Chief Commissioner.  
AM 13 Corps.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
13 CORPS

FILE REF.:

Date 9 November 1945

SUBJECT Lt. Col. T. L. Bullock

TO Hq Allied Commission  
(Attn. G-1 (Pr))

1. As I reported to Colonel Jones and Brigadier Lush on my recent visit to Rome, 13 Corps has been very pleased with the efforts of Lt. Col. Bullock, who has supervised not only our own public relations but also the efforts of the 13 Corps Public Relations officers who have been attached to us for duty.
2. The Commanding General 13 Corps, has requested me to procure the retention of Colonel Bullock in view of the advice he has received that he is to be recalled to Canadian Army control about 1 December.
3. Since Corps has seldom made a specific request of this kind and since Allied Commission has quite firmly and repeatedly affirmed that matters of personnel are its responsibility and that it will safeguard the interests of Corps in this respect, very special efforts should be made at the highest level to keep Colonel Bullock in his present position.
4. The prestige of the Allied Commission is involved and I urge strongest possible measures to comply with this request.

ALFRED C. BOWMAN  
Colonel, JAGD  
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

Copy to: Rear Admiral Stone  
3552 Brig. Lush  
Lt. Col. Bargin

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Translation

FRENCH MILITARY COMMAND  
IN ITALY

zone, 16 November 1945

Memorandum

on Lieutenant DE ROUS Johan

- born on June 17th, 1907 at Stretat (Seine Inferieure)

CIVILIAN POSITION - Lecturer (in English) in the United States and Canada  
ever since 1936.

MILITARY POSITION

- mobilized in 1939
- attached in 1940 to the French Military Liaison Mission to the British Army.
- attached as liaison officer to the 1st Goldstream Guards - 7th and 13th Brigades - Flanders campaign - evacuation of Dunkirk - returned to France on June 10th and was demobilized.
- 1941 - appointed official lecturer of the 'Federation de l'Alliance Francaise' in the United States and Canada (American Society).
- 1942 - Lecturer in the Middlebury - Vermont and Rollins (Florida) Universities - head of the French department at Rollins.
- 1943 - called in 1943 - translator for the French Military Mission in Washington - spent three months in the Fort-Ranning Infantry School - received the diploma of the Fort-Ranning Infantry School in September 1943 - attached to administrative liaison (leading commission juvenile mission)
- Attached to Tactical Liaison - same bureau - and put at the disposition of the 1st Brit. Infantry Division in October 1943.
- 1944 - French Military Mission to the 5th U.S. Army attached to A.E.G. put at the disposition of General de SEVIN (Allied Commission) on August 10th 1944.

Left the Allied Control Commission in July 1945 with General de SEVIN who was sent to Germany.

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To : The Chief of the Secretariat  
of Admiral Stone

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of season on above  
to French Ministry of War  
[Signature]

COMMANDEMENT MILITAIRE  
FRANCAIS en ITALIE  
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Rome, le 16 Novembre 1945

TICHE de RENSEIGNEMENTS  
concernant le Lieutenant DE NOUE Jehan

- né le 17 Juin 1907 à Etretat (Seine inférieure)

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et au Canada depuis 1936.

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la 5<sup>e</sup> Armée U.S. attaché à l'A.M.G.

Mis à la disposition du Général de SEVIN (Allied Control Commission) le 10 Août 1944.

Quitte l'Allied Control Commission en Juillet 1945 avec le Général de SEVIN affecté en Allemagne.

DESTINATAIRE :

- M.le Chef du Secrétariat  
de l'Amiral STONE.

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Mis à la disposition du Général de SEVIN (Allied Control Commission) le 10 Août 1944.

Quitte l'Allied Control Commission en Juillet 1945 avec le Général de SEVIN affecté en Allemagne.

DESTINATAIRE :

- M.le Chef du Secrétariat de l'Amiral STONE.

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Monsieur le Chef du Secrétariat  
de l'Amiral STONE

aux bons soins de M. l'Officier de Liaison  
auprès du R.A.A.C.

Palais des Assurances

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10 November 1945

Dear General Oxx:

In reply to your letter of 3 November 1945 it is the intention of the Allied Commission to maintain liaison groups in areas where Allied troops are maintained for the purpose of dealing with the local civil administration in respect to matters affecting the troops. This procedure has been approved in principle by AFHQ. When the Livorno area is returned to Italian control Major Reilly and Captain Beatty will, in all probability, be retained there for that purpose.

Trusting that this arrangement meets with your approval,  
I remain

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Francis H. Oxx  
Commanding General  
Peninsular Base Section  
U. S. Army

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U. S. Army

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IN REPLY  
REFER TOHEADQUARTERS  
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 782  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

3 November 1945

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR  
Chief Commissioner  
Allied Commission  
APO 394

Dear Admiral Stone:

In anticipation of the day when Livorno and adjacent areas are turned back to Italian control and the AMG personnel is withdrawn, I find that within my organization there are no officers specifically conversant with the local civilian problems or qualified through experience to deal with the varied matters currently being handled by the AMG Commissioner.

As I mentioned to you in a letter a short time ago I have been very favorably impressed with the manner in which AMG matters have been taken care of by your Major Harold V. Heilly and Captain Stanley Beatty. I should deeply appreciate it if, at the appropriate time, these officers could be transferred to my staff so that I might use them as liaison officers between my headquarters and the Italian local governmental officials. Such a liaison, in view of the fact that my command will continue to function here for several more months, is necessary and in the best interests of both the service and the United States.

I trust that this suggestion will meet with your approval and that at the proper time arrangements can be effected.

Sincerely yours,

*Francis H. Oxx*FRANCIS H. OXX  
Brigadier General, U.S. Army  
Commanding

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30 October 45

Dear General Oxx:

Thank you very much for your letter of 15 October expressing your appreciation of the effective manner in which Major Harold V. Reilly, AMG Commissioner for Livorno Zone, and Captain Stanley Beatty, Zone Public Safety Officer, have been carrying out their responsibilities.

I have had the situation in regard to their redeployment investigated and have just now been informed that both officers have signed Class 'A' Certificates volunteering to remain in service for the duration of the emergency plus six months. Accordingly, I wish to assure you that the Commission will make every effort to hold these officers in their present assignments as long as desirable.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Francis H. Oxx  
Commanding General  
Peninsular Base Section

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## ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

27 October 1945.

From: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission (Italy).  
To: EDWINSON, Davis P., Technical Sergeant, AUS.  
Subject: Expression of appreciation.

1. On the occasion of your detachment from duty at this Headquarters this date in order to return to the United States for discharge, I wish to express to you my personal thanks and appreciation for the manner in which you have served as Chief Clerk of the Office of the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, since September 1943, when the Allied Military Mission, from which the Allied Commission evolved, arrived in Italy. Your willingness and cooperation in working long hours under difficult and trying conditions and the efficient and conscientious manner in which you have always performed your duties are worthy of the highest praise.

2. My very best wishes to you for success in your civilian occupation.

[s] Elery W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR

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Mailed to:

(15) 1042 Hughes Ave.,  
Lima Peru.

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IN REPLY  
REFER TOHEADQUARTERS  
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

15 October 1945

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR  
Chief Commissioner  
Allied Commission  
APO 394

Dear Admiral Stone:

I should like to take this occasion to express my appreciation and that of my staff for the splendid and effective manner in which Major Harold V. Reilly, AMC Commissioner for Livorno Zone, and Captain Stanley Beatty, Public Safety Officer for Livorno Zone, have cooperated with this headquarters in the Leghorn territory.

At no point in all that sector of Italy which lies within the boundaries of the Peninsular Base Section are the relationships between the civilians, the representatives of your organization and the personnel of my command on a more friendly basis or more conducive to the successful accomplishment of our respective missions. I am convinced that the attainment of this very gratifying situation is due in no small measure to the individual initiative, determination, devotion to duty and unusual cooperative spirit of Major Reilly and Captain Beatty.

Inasmuch as my headquarters and the center of gravity of the activities of my command will remain at Leghorn for several months longer, I trust that we shall be fortunate enough to have these two fine officers remain on duty in this vicinity, in whatever capacity is commensurate with the circumstances.

Sincerely yours,

*Francis H. Cox*  
FRANCIS H. COX  
Brigadier General, U.S. Army  
Commanding

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28th September 1945

Subject: Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNA  
Report on Performance of Duty.

To : Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.

1. During the period 22 June 1944 to the present, Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNA, as Acting Chief Commissioner, and subsequently Chief Commissioner, of the Allied Commission for Italy and Chief Civil Affairs Officer of Occupied Territory under Allied Military Government in Italy, has been under my immediate command and has reported directly to me in my capacity as General Officer Commanding, Allied Armies in Italy, and subsequently Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre.

2. During this period, Admiral Stone's work has been of the highest order. He is a man of strong character, high principles and first-class organising ability. He is a splendid co-operator with his British Allies and a most loyal subordinate to me. His advice to me has been good and sound and I have complete trust in him. He has handled his affairs extremely efficiently with tact and firmness. I consider that the smooth and successful working of the Allied Commission is entirely due to this splendid officer. I am most grateful to him.

3. This report is submitted to you on the occasion of my detachment from duty as SACMED, and it is requested that you forward this report to the appropriate authority for inclusion in Admiral Stone's official record.

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(Sgd) H. R. ALEXANDER

Field Marshal,  
Supreme Allied Commander,  
Mediterranean Theatre

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21 September 1945

SUBJECT: Mr. Fred Schwarzwald - Commendation and recommendation for Superior Service while in the employ of the Allied Commission.

TO : U. S. Immigration Department and for whom it may concern.

It is the pleasure of the Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission for Italy to commend Mr. Fred Schwarzwald without reservation for noteworthy service with the Allied Commission.

For 13 months Mr. Schwarzwald has served as Librarian for the Allied Commission. In that capacity he has had charge of all records, reports, studies and reference books of the organization. His has been the direct responsibility of furnishing the officers of the Commission and the personnel of AMI with information necessary to their work.

Mr. Schwarzwald has worked ceaselessly and tirelessly and has received the commendation and praises of the Joint Intelligence Collection Agency, the Office of Strategic Services, and other intelligence agencies in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

It is Mr. Schwarzwald's fond hope that one day he may be privileged to enter the United States with a view to remaining as a citizen of our country. The Chief Commissioner is warm in the hope that Mr. Schwarzwald may one day attain his goal and states without reserve that he would be an asset to our country.

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J. LANNIN  
Lieut, USNR  
Flag Lieut to  
Admiral Stone

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Ref/16/37/EST

18 September 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO : Captain Guido Alasia, AGI  
HQ., Lombardia Region, AMG

I am pleased to forward you herewith a copy of a letter from the Undersecretary of State for Posts and Telegraphs, addressed to the Postmaster General, expressing appreciation of your services.

A commendation such as this is a source of particular gratification to me, since it indicates that you have not only done your job thoroughly and well, but have also earned the friendship and esteem of the officials with whom you have worked.

My warmest personal congratulations to you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Office of the Chief Commissioner  
APO 394

21 September 1945

FIRST ENDORSEMENT to Public Health S/C,  
AC, ltr. AG/3068/PM of 17 Sept. 45

From: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission (Italy).  
To : American Red Cross (Civilian War Relief), Rome HQ.  
Subject: Commendation.

1. I take great pleasure in forwarding herewith the attached commendation from the Director, Public Health Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, and at the same time I wish to express my own appreciation for the outstanding job your organization has done in Italy.

ELERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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*Public Health S/C*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
AFC 394  
Public Health Sub-Commission

AG/3068/HI

17 September 1945

Subject : Commendation

To : American Red Cross (Civilian War Relief) Rome HQ.

(Through: The Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission)

Having completed tours of duty as Regional Public Health and Welfare Officer, Allied Commission, in Regions IV and III in Italy, I regard this as an appropriate time to express to you my deep satisfaction with, and appreciation of, the work done under my jurisdiction by the representatives of the American Red Cross, Civilian War Relief.

My first contact with your representatives was in December 1943 in Naples when I was activating the public health and welfare organization that was to function later in Region IV. At that time Mr. Dudley E. Bottorf, of South Pasadena, California, was assigned to us as Supervisor of ARC Civilian War Relief activities. While formulating plans for our program in the Region yet to be occupied, the province of Foggia was suddenly brought under our control. Because of its prominence as an air center, Foggia had been subjected to continuous aerial bombings; the destruction of property and the volume of human needs were both very great. Promptly and with the exercise of great skills and good judgement, Mr. Bottorf, in cooperation with Lt. Colonel Raymond Kerry, the regional public welfare officer, surveyed the needs of the civilian population of Foggia province and devised a plan for the distribution of Red Cross clothing which, in operation, proved so efficient and equitable that it became the acknowledged pattern for similar distributions throughout all of Italy. In the midst of the snow and mud which bogged down that part of Italy during the winter of 1943-44, Mr. Bottorf and the Red Cross Field Representatives under his direction, turned in an outstanding performance. They worked day and night, travelled across the mountains from Naples to Foggia in all kinds of weather, sought out the most responsible Italian citizens and secured their services as members of local clothing distribution committees, established centers where experienced retail clerks were assembled for the final distribution and attained within an incredibly short time an objective that brought prestige and credit to both the American Red Cross and the Allied Forces in Italy.

Region IV, Allied Commission, in Italy, contained the provinces of Littoria, Grosseto, Rome (not including the City of Rome), Rieti, Terni, Viterbo and Perugia. With the liberation of Rome City on 4 June 1944, this area was in the spotlight of international observation, because of its position in relation to the Italian Capital and Vatican City, and the fact that the Region was, at that time, the most active military theatre anywhere in Europe. As each province was liberated by the Allied military forces, the

ABC Civilian War Relief workers, under Mr. Bottorf's supervision, moved in and began operations. The experience gained earlier at Poggia was of inestimable value and it was possible for them to proceed with promptness and dispatch with the important work that was to be done. In the bombed out cities and communes of this area, in sectors that had been heavily land-mined and set with booby-traps by the retreating enemy, living in make-shift quarters in destroyed houses, subsisting often on inadequate rations, the Red Cross personnel displayed unlimited fortitude, courage and skill in performing their humanitarian tasks. Not only did they complete with satisfaction the civilian war relief program which the Red Cross had set for them, but they utilized what spare hours they could command to be of general help and assistance to the Army health and welfare officers, whose staffs were inadequate for the excessive volume of demands.

After completing its work in Region IV, the regional staff under the command of Brigadier John K. Dunlop (British), moved on to Chianciano to study and prepare for the final occupation of the provinces of Northern Italy, beyond the river Po. While thus deployed, a group of three CW representatives who had just arrived from the United States, reported for duty. Under the direction of the Regional Welfare Officer, an indoctrination course was initiated, during which the Red Cross personnel met in conferences with the heads of the many divisions of the regional organization - legal, public safety, engineering, communications, food, monuments and fine arts, etcetera. These conferences proved to be of the greatest value and interest to them. Scheduled for one hour each, they frequently ran twice that time, so great was the interest of both the divisional heads and the Red Cross Field representatives in the subjects under discussion. I believe it is safe to say that no group of Red Cross CW workers anywhere in Italy finally approached their assigned tasks with such a clear understanding of the inter-relationships of regional divisions. As a result there was absolutely no confusion in their activities, no overlapping of functions; no interference, through misunderstanding or enthusiasm, with the operation of established Army regional divisions. A state of complete harmony existed and it was not long before the Army specialists came to regard Red Cross CW workers as the invaluable assistants of each and every division.

Because of the military stalemate of the 5th and 8th Armies in the late autumn and winter of 1944-45, it became obvious that it would be some time before the river Po was crossed and Region XII of the Allied Commission Activated. Awaiting that time, the Red Cross personnel were placed on temporary duty in the province of Pesaro where they placed in operation the many plans for social welfare which they had studied and helped to formulate at Chianciano. In January 1945 Mr. Bottorf returned to the United States and upon recommendation of the Regional Public Health Officer, Rome Headquarters of Red Cross designated Mr. William E. Grainger, of Santa Barbara, California, as Regional Supervisor for Region XII. He had been one of the group of newly arrived field representatives who had participated in the indoctrination course at Chianciano, and later he had performed services of such a meritorious and outstanding character in Pesaro province that his appointment as Regional Supervisor was a logical sequence.

As the Allied Armies crossed the river Po the last of April 1945, American Red Cross, Civilian War Relief Field representatives accompanied the

armed forces. The first province to be occupied was Rovigo. Before nightfall of the first day of their entrance into that province, the Field representatives had already initiated programs of civilian relief. As the enemy retreated, province after province fell into Allied hands and, almost simultaneously with the advance of our Army, Red Cross personnel went into each province.

Region XII (known now as Venezia Region) included all of the territory extending from the river Po to the Austrian frontier. It included the provinces of Rovigo, Padova, Verona, Vicenza, Venezia, Treviso, Udine, Belluno, Trento and Bolzano. It was a vast territory and embraced a population of approximately four million people. There was little physical destruction, except at rivers and railroad marshalling yards and it soon became evident that the civilian war relief problems were going to be of quite a different type than those encountered in South and Central Italy. In Region Venezia there was not the urgent need for immediate relief that had existed in the destroyed, rubble-strewn communities of Region IV. With amazing dexterity and a quick perception of the changed conditions, Red Cross personnel swung into action with well-defined plans and objectives.

Government in Region Venezia, at the time of our entry, was paralyzed. Fascist officials had fled, welfare agencies were without responsible heads, citizens who were public-spirited but inexperienced were doing their best to bring some semblance of order out of the governmental chaos that existed. After a quick survey of conditions, the Regional Welfare Officer and the Red Cross Supervisor and Field representatives decided that the most lasting good could be done for the Italian people of this region by the attainment of two main objectives: 1. Clothing distribution to the people of towns and villages that had been damaged, and such other relief as was available; and 2-The reorganization of the provincial welfare agencies which had previously met the needs of the poor of each province but which had been dislocated by the war. The first objective was attained in quick order. The Red Cross personnel were, by this time, so well experienced in the distribution of clothing that they took this job in their stride, followed the Poggia pattern and performed it without excitement or clamor. Provincial Commissioners of Allied Commission, who had no Welfare Officers on their staffs, requisitioned the services of Red Cross Field representatives to perform all types of welfare work, to survey communes where conditions were especially bad, to make recommendations for the rehabilitation of hospitals and welfare institutions, to suggest the allocation of drugs and medical supplies in places where they were needed. Without exception, the various Provincial Commissioners reported to Regional Headquarters that the services of the Red Cross representatives were of an exceptionally high order, and praised them for the manner in which they worked, unceasingly, for the entire program of the Commission.

The Regional Welfare Officer, as well as the Regional Public Health Officer, were convinced from the start that the most lasting contribution that the Allies could make to the Italian people would be the establishment in each province of a Department of Social Welfare, under the control of the Prefect and manned, staffed and operated by the Italians themselves. Such a program had been authorized by a directive of the Allied Commission. The Regional Welfare Officer had no staff, not even a first assistant, at that time, and if he had been compelled to rely upon his own efforts to

introduce the plan for departments of social welfare to the public officials of each province, it is probable that months would have been consumed in the process. Time was the essence, for the intelligent, well informed Italians of Northern Italy were standing-by, so to speak, waiting to see just what the Allied Governments would do. Calling in the Field representatives of ARC, the Regional Welfare Officer surveyed the situation, discussed the technical terms of the Allied Commission directive that made departments of social welfare possible, and asked the assistance of the Field representatives in each province in: a) securing the approval of each provincial Prefect to the plan, b) seeking out the most qualified person in each province for the position of Director of the department, and c) securing his appointment and concluding all the negotiations necessary to the establishment of the new departments. The Field representatives, with enthusiasm and with a firm belief that there was something good that would last long after the distribution of Allied largesse had ceased, left the conferences at Padova - the seat of Regional Headquarters - and returned to their various provinces prepared to do the job. In retrospect, it seems as if the impossible was accomplished. Twenty days after the Padova conference, departments of social welfare, under the direction of outstanding and extremely capable Italian civilians, were in actual operation in each province then under the control of Region Venezia Headquarters. This was the major social welfare objective and its attainment is something that should stand out conspicuously in the long and distinguished record which the Red Cross has made in Europe during this war.

Immeasurable other welfare services were performed by your representatives: welfare surveys of every commune of more than 10,000 population and every place that had been bombed, shelled or fired by the retreating enemy; the investigation and appraisal of every welfare institution, including orphanages, homes for the aged, etc.; the distribution of 22,000 blankets, comforters and sleeping bags which were furnished to the Region through the generosity of the United States Army. All of this, in addition to their regular Red Cross duties.

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Without exception, each and every person, man and woman, sent by your organization into the two Regions, performed a conscientious, meritorious and distinguished job - through the devastated areas of South and Central Italy where relief of the most fundamental type was immediately necessary, into the comparatively well-to-do and scarcely damaged provinces of Northern Italy where problems of another type confronted us. With no intention of detracting from the splendid services of any one person of the Red Cross who served with us, it is only fair that the able and distinguished work of the following Red Cross personnel should be mentioned: Regional Supervisor Dudley S. Bottorf, Regional Supervisor William E. Grainger, Field Representative Lucille Kristos, who under the most difficult conditions served in Pesaro and later in Venezia Region Headquarters in charge of provincial clothing distribution, Field Representative Audrey Macnold, who went into the Rovigo province with the Allied Armies, where she performed outstanding work which she subsequently continued to do in Padova and Udine provinces, Field Representative Christopher Hurd, who administered the complete welfare program in the important province of Venezia, including the City of Venice, where he was the only American on the provincial staff and where he conducted himself with poise, dignity and high ability.

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It is my opinion that the entire Red Cross Civilian War Relief personnel in Region IV and XII, by their exceptionally meritorious services, reflected credit upon themselves, their organization and the Allied Forces in Italy.

*Thomas H. Page*

THOMAS H. PAGE  
Colonel, M.C.  
Director,  
Public Health Sub-Commission,  
Allied Commission.

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13 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Brigadier G. S. Parkinson, D.S.O.,  
Director, Public Health Sub-Commission.  
(THH: Executive Commissioner)

I take great pleasure in forwarding to you, for your personal files, the attached commendation from the General President of the Italian Red Cross.

*Is/ Elery W. Stone*

ELERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

*cc: Exec. Comm'r.*

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LWS/hjp

19 June 1945

TO: Colonel Charles Poletti  
Regional Commissioner  
Lombardia Region

The Chief Commissioner has received and noted with  
pleasure the copy of Mr. Myron Taylor's congratulatory  
note to you.

This letter has been placed in your 201 file.

L. W. STEARNS  
Major, A.G.D.  
Staff Officer to CC

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

Ref. AC/5502/IND.

// June 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation.

TO : Whom It May Concern.

1. Lt. Comdr. J. SCHLEE joined the Allied Commission in September 1943. He was responsible for the reactivation of the Hemp trade in ITALY, which he supervised from the growing to the final product fabrication.

2. Owing to the liberation of the North large stocks of hemp have now become available which will meet all military requirements. Moreover, as the production in the South has now been handed over to the Italian Government, Lt. Comdr. Schlee's work has come to an end. He is thus able to return to his civil career with the satisfaction of having done excellent work and having contributed much to the united war effort.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

CG 571

4 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Commendation.  
(Commodore H. F. Zirolli, U.S.N., Navy Sub Commission,  
Allied Commission, APO 394, Local).

TO : Hq. 47th Bombardment Group (HV), APO 520, U.S. Army.

1. Your 28 April letter, APO 520/47p, above subject, was forwarded to the reporting senior of Commodore Zirolli through official channels. En route, the original page 1, bearing the signatures of Brigadier General Smith on the basic letter and Major General Trining on the first endorsement, became detached and has been lost. A copy of page 1 is forwarded herewith for your ready reference.

2. It would be appreciated if a duplicate of the letter referred to could be signed by General Smith and forwarded to Hq. Fifteenth Air Force with the request that a duplicate of the first endorsement be signed and the correspondence forwarded to Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters, c/o F.P.O., Local.

3. In the event that the action requested in para 2 cannot be taken, will you please notify this office by telephone (area 478726).

By direction of Rear Admiral Hilary M. Stone, USNR, Chief Commissioner

*/s/ J. Lammie*  
JOHN LAMMIE  
Lieutenant, USNR  
Aide

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File No.  
F15

Serial: 4788

7 SEP 1945

FIFTH REDUCTION to:  
Allied Commission Mr.  
CC 571 of 4 June 1945.

From: Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.  
To: Senior U.S. Naval Liaison Officer, Italy.  
Subject: Commendation.  
1. Forwarded.

T. HOFER,  
BY DIRECTION.

Copy to:  
HQ, AAF, Wash. (25), D.C.  
HQ, AG, APO 394, N.Y.  
HQ, 47th Bomb Wing, Sioux City AAB,  
Sioux City, Iowa.  
HQ, 20th Air Force, APO 234, S.F.

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HEADQUARTERS  
47th BOMBARDMENT WING (HV)  
APO 520

A: HPR/tfp

28 April 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.  
(Commodore H. W. Zirolì, U.S.N., Navy Sub Commission,  
Allied Commission, APO 394, Local).

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, APO 520.

1. It is desired that Commodore Zirolì as well as his Officers be commended for the excellent assistance and cooperation given to this Air Force in obtaining clearances for gunnery and bombing ranges and for securing target boats for bombing and PFF practice bombing.

2. The facilities that were made available thru these Officers has greatly contributed to the battle effectiveness of Fifteenth Air Force Units.

HUGO F. RUSH  
Brigadier General, USA  
Commanding.

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Hq Fifteenth Air Force, APO 520, US Army, 6 May 1945.

TO: CG, AAF/MTO, APO 650, US Army

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I indorse most heartily the remarks of General Rush. The effective cooperation of Commodore Zirolì and the officers serving with him was of great assistance to this Air Force and is deeply appreciated.

N. F. TWINING  
Major General, USA  
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS, AAF/MTO, APO 650, U.S. Army 2nd Ind 11 May 1945

TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, MTCUSA, APO 512, U.S. Army

It is requested that the appreciation of The Commanding General be added to the appreciation expressed in the basic communication. The wholehearted cooperation of Commodore Zirolì and his officers were of great assistance in the prosecution of the war by the Army Air Forces in this Theater.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

THOMAS M. LOWE  
Brigadier General, USA  
Deputy Chief of Staff

AG 201.22/034-P  
(28 Apr 45)  
HQ MTCUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army, 12 May 1945 3d Ind. GJB/ro

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

The Theater Commander takes pleasure in forwarding this commendation.

W. S. von BERNUTH  
Colonel, AGD  
Asst Adjutant General

FOURTH ENFORCEMENT to HQ  
47th Bomb. Wing ltr 28 Apr 45

HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394

15 May 1945

From: Chief Commissioner.  
To: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.

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Commended.

Forwarded, recommending that Commodore Zirolì be appropriately

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR

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File No.  
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Serial: 3215

24 MAY 1945

FIFTH ENDORSEMENT to:  
HQ, 47th Bomb. Wing  
ltr. of 28 April  
1945.

From: Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.  
To : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.  
Subject: Appreciation of Services of Commodore H. W. Zirol, USN.

1. Returned with the request that the basic letter, which has not been received, be attached and that the complete correspondence be returned to Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.

WILLIAM A. REITZEL,  
By direction.

End.-6 28 May 1945

HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 394.

From: Chief Commissioner.  
To : Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of basic ltr and First Endorsement thereto.

1. Basic letter was forwarded with and attached to Fourth Endorsement. Copy of basic letter and first endorsement is forwarded herewith as Enclosure (A) for your convenience in checking.

2. In the event that the original signed copy of basic letter cannot be located by 14 June, it is requested that this office be notified by telephone (Room 1333) so that action may be taken to have a duplicate commendation signed by the original signatories.

By direction of Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR,

JOHN LANNIN  
Aide

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## AMERICAN LEGATION

Bern, 30 March 1945

Mr. James Linen  
Special Assistant to the Ambassador  
Office of War Information  
Via Veneto  
Rome, Italy

Dear Jim,

This will introduce to you Mr. Giorgio Bombassei-Franceni de Vettor about whom I spoke to you during my recent visit in Rome.

Giorgio Bombassei has been a faithful servant of his Government for many years. He is a member of the Italian Foreign Service and has been stationed in Bern since his return from Moscow in 1941. As all those men in his service who were at heart anti-Fascist, he found it most difficult to serve his Country, and at the same time, a regime which he did not approve. Consequently, as soon as Mussolini fell, he could and did come over to our side, the earliest possible moment he could do so without losing his self-respect. Ever since then, he has served various departments connected with this Legation and the British Legation to the best of his ability and thus contributed to our war effort. He has been the most helpful member in the Italian Legation, an opinion which I believe is shared by all of us. Therefore, I would be most grateful if you would take Mr. Bombassei to see Ambassador Firk at your convenience.

Very best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Gerald W. Mayer  
Special Assistant to the Minister

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HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER  
APO 394

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28 March 1945

From: Brigadier J.K. Dunlop, OBE, MC, TD.  
Regional Commissioner.

Sir,

On behalf of all Officers and Men of Southern Region I beg  
to convey to you our gratitude for the kind message contained in  
your letter 7002/125/EC of the 19th March.

3 We, on our part, are very sensible of the manner in which  
our tasks have been lightened by the wise leadership and thought-  
ful counsels of our chiefs in Rome, and by the work carried out  
by their capable staff.

Those of us who go North are well aware that there are  
problems still to be faced. We shall tackle them with greater  
happiness and determination, in the knowledge that we have your  
constant and careful support.

3521 Please be assured of our confidence and loyalty.

I am, Sir,

your obedient servant,

To: Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone U.S.N.R.  
Chief Commissioner  
Headquarters Allied Commission  
Rome.

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EMS/hjp

25 March 1945

My dear Colonel Thomas:

I received with pleasure and read with much interest the report of the tribute paid to your work in the Province of Trapani. From this and other reports it is apparent that you have realized your duties and more than fulfilled your responsibilities.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Colonel Floyd E. Thomas  
Emilia Region  
Allied Commission

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cc: EXEC. COMM'CE  
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# Homage

of the Provincial Administration, of  
the Mayors of the Province of Trapani,  
to Col. **F. E. THOMAS** on his  
removal to Palermo.

*Speech delivered by H. E. the  
Prefect Adv. P. D'ANTONI in the  
Town - Hall the 18 th. March 1944 to  
the Authorities of the Province and  
to the Officers of Allied Command.*

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Trapani - Casa Editrice "RADIO"

With my compliments  
to Admiral Stone:

Lloyd E. Thomas  
Col. Inf.

1919 E. 1st St.  
Tucson, Ariz.

## Homage

of the Provincial Administration, of  
the Mayors of the Province of Trapani,  
to Col. **F. E. THOMAS** on his  
removal to Palermo.

*Speech delivered by H. E. the  
Prefect Adv. P. D'ANTONI in the  
Town - Hall the 15 th. March 1944 to  
the Authorities of the Province and  
to the Officers of Allied Command.*

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*The many authorities and personalities who were present at the meeting held to honour Col. F. E. Thomas have heard the candid and fond words of the Prefect, Paolo D'Antoni, the faithful interpreter not only of the feelings of the auditors but chiefly and above all of the strong feeling of gratitude of our people, who during eight months could appreciate not only the demeanour, serious modest and noble of the Man but above all of his heart good, faithful and righteous.*

*He never failed to give himself up entirely to appease sorrows, relieve misfortunes, to provide silently to the most urgent needs of our people tortured, crushed, threatened by the most awful consequence of a war that is cursed by God and men.*

*The features of Col. Thomas engraved in the hard, clear marble, which the hand of a clever artist was able to render with strong lines that reveal the inmost sorrow, the strong will, the concealed sadness that a man of action and kind feeling cannot hide.*

*These characteristics appear clearly through his face and the figure of this Man cannot be and shall not be forgotten by*

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Our weary eyes, overwhelmed by the sight of ever — increasing maurnings, tears, slaughter and ruins, would lead us into the desert fields of pessimism, the bitter sea of sorrow, the gulf of despair. But from the depths of our own soul a good, steady and friendly voice arises which says: hope and believe.

This inviting prayer of our soul finds no mean support in the surrounding reality. In fact we witness new and uncannan events the like of which had never happened in history. Conquerors and conquered, having met on the same road, have at once put in common and nearly commingled not only their interest but also, and what counts more, their hearts, in order to wipe out tears and aid peoples distressed by the fatal ravages of a war they had not wanted but which had been imposed on them by an all usurping oligarchy; which was not wanted by the American and English peoples who had to accept it with a firm heart and indomitable spirit to save, together with that of the wold, the civilization of their countries which is firmly grounded on those liberal and democratic institutions which are the source and warranty of every real human and civil progress.

The American and English forces had bombed our beautiful cities and spread ruin and death on our pleasant lands, yet, when they landed in Sicily, they were greeted by our people with shouts of joy as saviours and deliverers. To the anglo-american troops the way had not been paved and opened only by their bombs and formidable guns. An artillery of a much longer range had struck our hearts hungering for liberty as much as for air and light. The fatal breach had been opened previously. All the battles fought in the name of Right are not won by the mere virtue of arms or by the power of alliances; their best ally has always been and will be the power of sacred liberty.

It has been said that Sicily betrayed and all Sicilians are traitors. This is an infamous lie vomited from the dark conscience of the real traitors of the country who had opened their houses and delivered their country into the rapacious hand of the secular enemy of our fatherland.

This fiery and indomitable people, that has always been an enemy to any misrule has regained his independence amidst the ruins of a war of deliverance, that independence which tyranny at home and from abroad had suffocated and dispelled.

We were living as exiled in our fatherland, as emigrants in our own country, we were saddened and troubled, at all times humbled and disgraced for we were bereaved of our dignity which is freedom's first-born daughter.

Our first meeting was a feast of hearts; and a feast of hearts is the one which musters us in this great town-hall

which is built on a sound plan and with good material and seems destined to last eternally.

I wished to invite you here, Colonel Thomas, to bear witness to you, who have been till yesterday Senior Civil Affairs Officer in this Province, and to your Officers, who have cooperated with you to the reconstruction of our political, economical and administrative life and to the visible revival of our people good, hard-working and peaceful even amidst the hardships, privations and unavoidable disorders of war; that if Sicily has had the good luck of being governed and guided by two such men as Colonel Charles Poletti and Colonel A. N. Hanckoch who have been to us a sample of the virtues and political genius of their great countries, this Province has had a more singular fortune of being directly managed by you, Colonel Thomas who have always been good, loyal and just.

Your heart has been opened to any heart calling for help; and in your heart I too found solace during the bitter and dangerous hours of doubt, weariness and discouragement.

Your mind has been ever ready to acknowledge the good ground of a right which had been infringed, and when your powers were not sufficient to uphold it, your heart, like ours, gave way to disappointment and was mortified by bitterness and grief.

You shared with us the anxiety, sleeplessness and uncertainty caused by the lack of bread which the insane and criminal usury of a privileged few, or rather, many unworthy of their

good fortune, kept away from the people at a moment when the need was most serious and urgent therefore threatening to throw the country, already upset by want, despair and hunger, into a chaos of disorder and anarchy.

You made the rounds of all our Provinces; you urged every Office in order to secure bread to our people; you took no rest and didn't even spare your own person; neither had you any regard for your high office and gave yourself up unstintingly to the generous prompting of your instinctive goodness. You multiplied yourself on the work, thus giving to those who were near you and to those who were far from you, to the righteans and to the wicked a most high example of human solidarity that has been both a warning and a precept.

Full 30.000 qls. of wheat were transferred from other provinces to this one through your cooperation while later the Allied Government sent to the warehouses of our Consortium 24.000 qls. of American and Algerian wheat; more than 20.000 qls. of flour, 4.000 qls. of sugar, 97 qls. of powdered sugar, 45.000 cans of evaporated milk, 7.000 cans of meat, 508 qls. of seedling potatoes, 19.000 qls. of butter. The American Red Cross participated to the charitable undertaking by distributing gratuitous - by full 12 tons of clothing in our province.

It from the subject of food we pass on to that of public works and welfare, it is our duty to recall that more than 49 million lire have been spent on welfare work for our people and more than 65 million lire on the reconstruction of bridges, re-

making of roads, repairing of churches and other damaged public buildings.

And so the life of this province, through your efforts, has come out of the appalling period of the first months of the occupation to start out on a progressive, though slow and wearisome, way towards its much longed for complete reconstruction. We have recalled these figures, not through love of numbers, as they are not our most cherished affection, but to recall a good accomplishment nobly and wisely carried out.

However there is a larger account and a larger debit towards the Allied Government which does not arise from any reckoning and no accounting can verify but which it is our conscientious duty to declare, that it may be a lesson and a stimulus.

We recall the thousands, the hundreds of thousands of young men who have sacrificed and are sacrificing even now their splendid youth in the fearful depths of the sea, in the skies made hot by battles, on the fields of Europe wet with their generous blood, to give a country to those who had lost it, freedom to those who long for it, dignity to those who love it and sincerely look for it.

This is a debt that no banker can ever settle. But good must be remembered no matter how and when it appears and is lavished.

It is a duty, an act of gratitude and civil good breeding to remind the forgetful and the misguided that it is not the utilitarian passions that make the fortune and greatness of men and

nations. And you Col. Thomas, have given us, even by the modesty of your sober life, a rare instance of disinterestedness and spirit of sacrifice, by putting, at the service of the good cause, your virtues, goodness and fairness, which are the foundation of civil courage and the essence of the most difficult and noblest heroism.

Your life has appeared to us as a happy creation.

In fact it has the beauty of a true work of art, so coherent and harmonious it is in every act, decision, word or thought.

The life of a man, of the most humble amongst men, of the dullest man in the street, of a miner, a mason, a sailor or a fisherman may be a divine work if it is expressed in a coherent manner and is in unison with the eternal and universal law of moral duty.

Your simple life, which we have known and appreciated through your good and just work, deserved a consecration. No one but an artist of genius, Sicilian by birth, blood and breeding, who is living in our midst at Trapani, I am speaking of Prof. Domenic Li Muli who is both a modest man and a worthy artist, could express better our admiration and gratitude for you, not only for the good you have lavished, above all for the example you have set for us.

That is why it has been our wish to offer you an artistic reproduction in marble of your features.

Sicily should not be remembered only for her salt, sulphur wheat, oil and intoxicating wine, she boasts of far better wealth.

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and justice, where the example of your life will be reproduced and multiplied to the consolation of mankind and to God's greater glory.

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19 March 1945.

TO : Regional Commissioners,  
 SICILIA REGION  
 SARDINIA REGION  
 SOUTHERN REGION  
 LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION  
 ABRUZZI-MARCHE REGION

1. In implementation of the policy of the Allied Governments whereby the Italian Government receives and accepts full responsibility for administration in the territory under its jurisdiction, you have been instructed to close your Regional HQ by 1st April and to remove the greater part of the AC officers from the Region.

2. Thus we shall reach another milestone on the road along which have travelled officers of AMGOT, of AMG, and of the Allied Commission, together with the forces of liberation since July 1943. Among other milestones are the landing beaches, Augusta, Syracuse, Messina, Palermo, Reggio, Salerno, Naples, Foggia, Anzio, Cassino, Rome.

3. In the steady march along the road of liberation the officers and EM/ORS of the old Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, and VII, of Sicily, Sardinia and Southern Region, Lazio and Abruzzi, have acquitted themselves well. They have governed with sympathy and determination: they have guided and advised with wisdom, patience and foresight: they have created a structure of local administration in all its forms on which the provincial government of Italy will build, is already building, and of which the Allied officers may well be proud.

4. The work has not been easy: the problems have been many--the difficulties and disappointments innumerable. But success has been achieved: much has been accomplished: law and order have been maintained: the people have been fed: the Allied Armies have had no occasion to look over their shoulders: the Italian authorities have found the way made more plain and more smooth.

5. To the Regional Commissioners and to the officers and EM/ORS under their command, I send my appreciation and thanks for the good work you have done, and my good wishes for the work you are about to undertake in other regions and territories in the North.

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*Copy to each addressee  
 in original.*

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[s] Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
 Rear Admiral, USNR  
 Chief Commissioner

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19 March 1945.

The Chief,  
Division of Foreign Service Personnel,  
Department of State,  
Washington, D.C.

This is to certify that William W. Schott, a Foreign Service Officer, reported for duty in the Political Section of the Allied Control Commission to Lieutenant General Mason MacFarlane, Chief Commissioner of the Allied Control Commission, in Naples on June 12, 1944. Upon the transfer of Mr. Samuel Reber, Mr. Schott was appointed to his position as Vice-President of the Political Section and reported to me in Rome on July 21, 1944. He served in this capacity until March 1, 1945, when the Political Section was abolished and subsequently until March 10 as Political Advisor to the Allied Commission, when he was relieved by Mr. Walter C. Dowling, Second Secretary of the American Embassy, Rome.

I wish to record my deep appreciation of the splendid work performed by Mr. Schott. His services were invaluable to me. If he were a naval officer under my command, I would rate him 4.0 in all respects, would recommend him for promotion, and would certify that I should like to have him serve under me again.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNA  
Chief Commissioner

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15 March 1945

My dear Admiral,

I have a feeling that because of the somewhat irregularity of the State Department in the issuance of orders assigning me to the Allied Control Commission, there may be no record in the Office of the Division of Foreign Service Personnel of my ever having actually served here. This happened to me once before when two years of tedious and important duty were never recorded for me.

In consequence, may I ask that you be so good as to sign a letter reading somewhat as follows:

The Chief,  
Division of Foreign Service Personnel,  
Department of State,  
Washington, D.C.

This is to certify that William W. Schott, a Foreign Service Officer reported for duty in the Political Section of the Allied Control Commission to Lieutenant General Mason MacFarlane, Chief Commissioner of the Allied Control Commission, in Naples on ~~May~~ 12, 1944. Upon the transfer of Mr. Samuel Reber, Mr. Schott was appointed to his position as Vice-President of the Political Section and reported to me in Rome on July 21, 1944. He served in this capacity until March 1, 1945 when the Political Section was abolished and subsequently until March 10 as Political Adviser to Allied Commission when he was relieved by Mr. Walter C. Dowling, 2nd Secretary of the American Embassy, Rome.

*W. W. Schott*  
WILLIAM W. SCHOTT

Admiral Milery W. Stone,  
Chief Commissioner,  
Allied Commission

② APPENDIX

CGC/32/000

24 February 1945

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation.

TO : Lieut. Robert L. Woodcock, USNR, 64745,  
Headquarters Civil Censorship Group,  
APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. Orders have been issued by the Navy Department relieving you from your present assignment with Civil Censorship Group, and assigning you elsewhere. The record of your service with the Group since 30 January 1944, has been submitted to me and the following observations are pertinent.

2. During the entire period of your service you have been engaged in telephone monitoring operations of the Group. Your prior experience in this field has been of considerable assistance in planning the Italian operation, which constituted the first attempt by the Allies in applying telephone monitoring activities in a foreign country in an active theatre of operations.

3. From the reports submitted by your superior officers, it is clearly evident that you have been consistently devoted to the discharge of your duties and have demonstrated your unquestioned ability to handle both military and civilian personnel, with tact, intelligence and judgment. The reports which you have rendered as commanding officer of the various telephone monitoring stations have been clear, concise and informative, and have reflected your ability to analyze problems and reach logical results.

4. The enthusiasm and interest which you have shown coupled with a high degree of resourcefulness has resulted in your selection for the accomplishment of the more difficult missions and in every instance this faith in your ability has been fully justified. By your efforts you have contributed materially to the development of your field and have furnished a pattern and provided a wealth of experience for use in other theatres.

5. In the light of the outstanding service which you have rendered, it is desired to express through this letter of commendation an official recognition and appreciation of your services. It is directed that this letter be made part of your personal record.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE,  
Rear Admiral, USNR,  
Chief Commissioner.

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