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REQUISITIONING, GENERAL
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201a	Ltr, CG RAAC, Brown	20 Sep 45	CC	Consolidatn of reqn property in Rome. Dereqn of FIAT branches, stores, etc. Housing in Ancona town.
202	CC 590, Stearns	21 Sep 45	Ex C (Econ)	
202a	Parri, 7757	23 Sep 45	CC	
202b	Memo Behn	26 Sep 45	Maj. Stearns	Derequisitioned of houses Mr. Palermo
203	7.00/ES, Walton	27 Sep 45	AFHQ	Linephina, etc., for Hotel de Ville.
203a	Sec. 2795 A.N.P.I.	27 Sept 45	Stone	Occupation of ANPI Seat in Vercelli.
204	4755/246/EC, Stone	28 Sep 45	Lucifero	Reqn in Crotone (Catanzaro) area.
204a	37553/8812, Spataro	29 Sept 45	AC, EC	Accommodation in hotels.
204b	AC/5615/108/Ind	1 Oct 45	UTTRA It Mis	Dereq. "Fiat" Sales & Service centers
204c	Cbl 6700 Ed. S/C	8 Oct 45	AFHQ G-5	School in Catanzaro
205	Cbl LO Ancona, A/189	8 Oct 45	AC	Housing in Ancona town.
205a	Ltr Parri	9 Oct 45	Stone	Derequisitioning of Florence RR Station
205b	Cbl 6878 Ed S/C	10 Oct 45	AFHQ G-5	School in Teramo
206	Ltr F. Vanzini	12 Oct 45	CC	Intervention with Br. for Typewriter.
207	Office Memo, Stearns	19 Oct 45	EC	What action taken on Fiat Properties.
208	544/57/EC Lush	19 Oct 45	CA, EC, EST/S	Derequisition; proper auth. for.
208	4755/275/EC Lush	22 Oct 45	Nenni	Dereq of flat Corso Trieste No. 42.
209	Cbl MTOUSA c 29165	17 Oct 45	AC, PBS	Imperative that all Allied Mil. property be promptly accepted by Italian Gov't. if not further needed by Allied Forces.
210	544/58/EC, McCreary	22 Oct 45	Navy, Land, Air Comm. FRB.	Derequisition; proper procedure, for.
211	4755/92/EC Stone	27 Oct 45	Parri	Derequisitioning, Florence RR Station.
212	4755/295/EC Lush	27 Oct 45	HQ No 3 Dist.	Derequisitioning - Florence Railroad Station.
212a	Mayor Santa Cesarea	2 Nov 45	Stone	Derequisitioning Thermal baths appeal
212b	Dr. Francesco Della Gatta	2 Nov 45	Stone	Derequisitioning Thermal baths appeal.
213	4755/302/EC Breybrooke	6 Nov 45	EC/S	Derequisitioning Florence RR Station.
214	3001/2/PH Stone	5 Nov 45	Parri	Derequisitioning in Ancona.
214a	Ltr 6854/A.G. Infante	11 Nov 45	Stone	Derequisitioning Bologna University
214b	Ltr 45343 Parri	19 Nov 45	Stone	Shortage troop billets in RAVENNA
215	Ltr 4755/307/EC Lush	13 Nov 45	HQ PAAC	Derequisition of Civilian Property
216	Ltr CG 4373 NO. 3 Dist.	13 Nov 45	AC Ex. Com.	Derequisition of Florence Railway static
217	Cbl 024420, DISTREE	16 Nov 45	Hq AC, CC	Can't release 5 Base P.O. premises yet
218	Ltr 4755/324/EC Sampson	21 Nov 45	Comm. Naples	Requisitioning of Maddalena flat

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188	REQ 934, RAAC	7 Aug 45	Granelli	Via Vittoria 8, Lido di Roma (Ostia). Ret of Comm to civil use in Italy.
188a	SAC (45) 3rd Meeting	9 Aug 45	(Min. 2)	Reqn in Crotone (Catanzaro) area.
188b	Ltr, Lucifero	9 Aug 45	Stone	Doronzio's cinema in Barletta.
188c	Lucifero, 9463	10 Aug 45	Stone	Release of hotel accommodations, by Allies, for use of IG.
189	AFHQ AG 004/171 CAO-0	11 Aug 45		Dereqn of lodgings, school-houses.
189a	544/93/EG, Stone	10 Aug 45	Parri	
190	Cbl MFOUSA, FX-35335	14 Aug 45	5, PBS, ABS, AC	No property to be reqnd on temporary receipt; all now on temp receipt to be handed back.
190a	Ltr, V. Baldazzi	14 Aug 45	Stone	Via Tarsia, Naples.
190b	Ltr G-5 AFHQ	14 Aug 45	CC	MFOUSA CG's Policy on dereqning.
191	4755/200/EG, Stone	16 Aug 45	Lucifero	Reqn in Crotone (Catanzaro) area.
101a	3/7.B/CA, Carr	20 Aug 45	Lucifero	Doronzio's cinema in Barletta.
192	Ltr, Behn	22 Aug 45	Mr Gamba	Naples residence of Mr Di Chiara.
192a	Ltr, Doronzo	26 Aug 45	Stone	Doronzio's cinema in Barletta (Bari).
193	Memo, Lannin	27 Aug 45	Montant	Reqn of villas by AC officers.
194	Ltr, Behn	30 Aug 45	Cocozza	Cocozza house at Via S. Felice, Naples
195	Brosio, AG/482	31 Aug 45	Stone	Linen, china, etc., for Hotel Ville.
196	4402/49/EG, Arnoldy	7 Sep 45	Econ Sec	Linen, china, etc., for Hotel Ville.
197	Parri, 32740	8 Sep 45	Stone	University premises at Pisa.
198	Cbl Palmira Moretti	10 Sep 45	Stone	Moretti's apartment 10 Via Frisi, Rome
199	AC/1103/CP, King	14 Sep 45	R.B. Nicholls	Nicholls' villa in Como (Appiano Gant)
200	Cesare Ricciardi	14 Sep 45	Stone	Ricciardi's villa Cava dei Tirreni.
200a	HQC/7/9, Billet Officer	15 Sep 45	CC Office	Properties released since 1 Aug 45.
201	(fr Luasu)	15 Sep 45		List of barracks & school premises being used by Allies, refugees, etc.

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175	Ltr AFHQ Q Maint	9 Jul 45	Hq AC	Req of Forizzo airport completed
176	Ltr CC 590 Stearns	11 Jul 45	Hq RAAG	Dereq. of Ostia house for Bonomi
177	Ltr CG 590 Stone	11 Jul 45	Bonomi	Referring matter of dereq. to RAAG
177a	305/66/EC, Stone	12 Jul 45	CG RAAG	Air Ministry Building.
178	CG RAAG, AG 586.2 (CG)	12 Jul 45	CG	Housing for IG officials.
178a	RAAG CP-62, Real Estate	13 Jul 45	AC Bd S/C	Scuola "Sandro Massolini".
179	RAAG, REQ 306	15 Jul 45	AC	Dereq of Ostia house for Bonomi pal
179a	505/77/EC, Lush	16 Jul 45	CAO, AFHQ	Housing for IG officials.
179b	DO/ACM/115, D/CG RAAG	16 Jul 45	Stone	Air Ministry Building.
180	4755/181/EC, Arnoldy	18 Jul 45	5 Dist	Avv Profilo's villa in Bari.
180a	1308/R, Timmons	19 Jul 45	4 Claims-Bir.	Countess Ida del pero Pasqualetti.
180b	AC/14210/PS, Upjohn	21 Jul 45	AFHQ G-5	Dereq of prisons in Naples, Florence.
181	9/21.1/CA, Stone	22 Jul 45	CAO AFHQ	Submitted existing reqn policy must be reviewed & modified.
182	P.61.22.CS, Stone	23 Jul 45	AFHQ G-5	Naples Sorting (Post) Office.
183	RAAG, REQ-306	25 Jul 45	Ramazzotti	Ramazzotti's villa at Ostia.
184	9/21.1/CA, Lush	26 Jul 45	Min Interior	Required: a list of hotels reqd by Allies and needed for use by IG.
185	Hemo, Stone	27 Jul 45	Econ Sec	Report required on rumored runaway freight in Northern Italy.
185a	Parri, 28107	31 Jul 45	Stone	Dereq, generally, of private lodgings, houses, and school-houses.
186	4755/EC, Howellyn	1 Aug 45	AFHQ G-5	Reqn situation in Bari & Lecce.
186a	Prof. Giuseppe Coccozza	1 Aug 45	Stone	Coccozza at Via Guglielmo, Naples.
187	305/95/EC, (Talbot)	7 Aug 45	M of Interior	Required: list of hotels needed in specific cities for IG officials housing

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159a	Ltr, Franco Montanari	29 May 45	Lamin	De Stasio's apartment in Naples.
160	402/14/EC, Arnoldy	30 May 45	Toscana Reg	Diocesan Seminary at Grosseto.
161	Memo, Stearns	1 Jun 45	Ex C	Cittadini draft scheme for Commissions to deal with reprop matters.
162	AC/3069/1/PH, Stone	4 Jun 45	Bonomi	Civil Hospital in MANTOVA.
163	64/41/A, Parkin	13 Jun 45	Dist	AC-IG Conference on Reqm; responsibilities of Allied Govts for reprop property; transfer to IG for settlement.
164	Minutes of Meeting	15 Jun 45		AC-IG Meeting on Requisitioning, Minutes.
165	Ltr, Franco Montanari	16 Jun 45	Lamin	De Stasio's apartment in Naples.
166	Ltr, Lamin	19 Jun 45	Cmdr Wright	De Stasio's apartment in Naples.
167	RE Q 1490, RAAC	20 Jun 45	Stone	Dereqm of Colonia Marina "Vittorio Emanuele III" at Ostia Lido.
167a	Cbl Bonomi, 22201 Cab.	20 Jun 45	Stone	Via Lucullo 6 for Min. for Reconstr.
168	AC/3069/1/PH, Stone	21 Jun 45	Pres Council	Civil hospital in MANTOVA.
168a	M.F.A. 6/1833/839	22 Jun 45	AC	Ambassador Guariglia's house, Raito.
164b	69/50/EC, Stone	23 Jun 45	CG RAAC	Via Lucullo 6 for Ministry Reconstr.
170	305/51/EC, Stone	23 Jun 45	Parri	Via Lucullo 6 for Ministry Reconstr.
170a	Ltr Alfredo Ciani	24 Jun 45	Stone	Ciani's villa in Castelgandolfo.
171	4755/EC, Norden	25 Jun 45	3 Dist	Ambassador Guariglia's house, Raito.
172	Ltr, CG RAAC	25 Jun 45	Stone	Via Lucullo 6 for Ministry Reconstr.
172a	Ltr S.E. Wright, USNR	28 Jun 45	Lamin	De Stasio's apartment in Naples.
173	305/51/EC, Stone	30 Jun 45	Parri	Via Lucullo 6 for Ministry Reconstr.

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144	20/FRB, Stone	10 Apr 45	Bonomi	Printing presses of former "IL Lavoro"
145	74/Est, Fiske	13 Apr 45	VP Econ Sec	Accommodations for FEA Female employes
145a	31009.3-2-1, Spataro	13 Apr 45	Stone	Derequisition of thermal stations.
146	251/EC, Fiske	14 Apr 45	VP Est Sec	Accommodations for FEA female employes
147	Ltr Franco Montanari	21 Apr 45	Quayle	Premises of Naples Fishers Co.
148	04/41/A, Parkin	26 Apr 45	Distr	Use of vehicles req'd by Prefects in AMG Territory.
149	305/43/EC, Stone	27 Apr 45	CG RAAC	No. 6 Via Lucullo to be vacated by AC and request they be given IG.
150	Ltr, Quayle	27 Apr 45	Montanari	Premises of Naples Fishers Co.
150a	Ltr Nelson Monfort	3 May 45	Stone	Palazzo Giacomello in Treviso.
150b	Ltr Quayle	7 May 45	MFA & A S/C	Palazzo Giacomello in Treviso.
150c	20121/MFAA, de Wald	7 May 45	Quayle	Palazzo Giacomello in Treviso.
151	305/47/EC, Stone	7 May 45	CG RAAC	No. 6 Via Lucullo - thanks for help.
151a	Cap-287, Bonomi	8 May 45	Stone	Printing presses of former "Il Lavoro".
152	CC 590, Quayle	10 May 45	MA to SACMED	Villa Roseberry at Posillipo, Naples.
153	USAAF, AIC Europe Div	10 May 45	Ex C	BoRizzo Air-port, Trapani, Sicily.
154	CC 590, Lannin	11 May 45	Q(Maint)AMHQ	BoRizzo Airport, Trapani, Sicily.
155	CC 590, Stone	11 May 45	Monfort	Palazzo Giacomello in Treviso.
155a	Ltr GURGIOLO Enrico	12 May 45	Stone	Garage at 44 Via dei Crociferi.
155b	Cbl Ven Reg 106.04	15 May 45	AC	Grand Hotel Venice to operate as Rome.
155c	Ltr, Alex Kirk	16 May 45	Stone	Payments for reqn by AC/AMC.
156	20/FRB, Stone	17 May 45	Bonomi	Printing presses of former "Il Lavoro".
157	13076/F, Stone	22 May 45	Alex Kirk	Payments/procedures for reqn by AC/AMC
158	AMHQ Q(Maint)6637/10/Q	26 May 45	3 Dist	BoRizzo Airport, Trapani, Sicily.

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127	Ltr 13076/F Stone	10 Jan 45	Gen Brown	Real Estate & Movable Property held under requisition by Allied Forces
128	Ltr 4913 Lib Social Pty	10 Jan 45	Stone	Request for derequisition of premises of National Insurance Association
128a	Ltr Min of Ind, Com, Lab.	23 Jan 45	Stone	Premises of Patents Office, Rome.
129	Cbl AFHQ PX 17722	30 Jan 45	AC etc	Rules for invention of AFHQ in requisitioning by mil agencies wherein civilian economy if effected
130	2604/20/COS, Morden	7 Feb 45	Est Sec	Occupation of a flat in Bari and Capt W.E. Jones' actions therewith.
131	M. Martini	10 Feb 45	Stone	Protests reqn of Lancia Works Co. in Rome by Capt Hay, Tyn SC.
132	13116/F, Lush	14 Feb 45	RC Lazio Reg	Tariff rates for reqnd hotels.
133	Ltr James Linen, OWI	21 Feb 45	Stone	OWI wants bldg 101 Via Boncompagni.
134	109/46/EC(L), Stone	23 Feb 45	CG RAAC	Apartments for USSR Representatives.
135	109/47/EC(L), Stone	23 Feb 45	Vasiliev	Apartments for USSR Representatives.
136	590, Quayle	24 Feb 45	Jas Linen OWI	See Labrre 101 Via Boncompagni.
137	AC/3020/8/PH Stone	24 Feb 45	Bonomi	Housing Conditions in TARANTO.
138	Bonomi	26 Feb 45	Stone	Request hospitals not be reqnd.
139	Bonomi, 7357	1 Mar 45	Stone	Int Dept needs office space for CC.R & others; pls advise when unoccupied.
139a	Ltr CG RAAC	8 Mar 45	CA Sec	Accommodation for CC.RR and other agencies of Ministry of Interior.
140	AC/3033/8/PH, Stone (by Lush)	13 Mar 45	Bonomi	Requisitioning of hospitals & sanatoria already brought up with AFHQ.
141	9/21.1/CA, Stone (Upjohn)	21 Mar 45	Bonomi	Office space for Int Dept; RAAC interested and will help all possible.
142	AC Estab Memo No. 5	22 Mar 45		US Reqnd Property; Confiscated prop, goods, services; purchased property.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 4755/324/40

21 November 1945

SUBJECT: Requisitioning

TO : Commissioner, AMR Naples Command

1. Reference air 4755/150/40 of 15 June 1945.
2. The attached copy of memorandum dated 16 November emanates from the Italian Liaison Officer to the Chief Commissioner.
3. Will you please take appropriate action urgently and report to this Headquarters.

For the Chief Commissioner:

B. SAMSON

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Copy to: Apstolo
Lt. Cond. 1st Lt.,
L.O. to C.C.

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Handwritten initials

FROM : Liaison Officer to Chief Commissioner
SUBJECT: Request of derequisition of a flat in Naples
TO : The Office of the Executive Commissioner, Hq, AC
REF : 169/LE
DATE : 16 November 1945

- (1) Reference to your note N. 4755/158/BC dated 15 June 45.
- (2) Mr. Salvatore Maddalena is coming back insisting with his request to have his flat at 6 Via Leone Marsicano, Naples, derequisitioned.

His application, addressed to HHH the Lieutenant General of the Realm is enclosed herewith for your consideration. A summary translation is attached thereto.

- (3) HHH is taking a warm interest in the hardships of Mr. Maddalena's family whose sufferings are mainly caused by the requisition of their home still going on. He would be grateful if some action could kindly be taken on this matter, which dealing originated in May 1945.

/s/ F. Apostolo
P. APOSTOLO
Lt Comdr, RNR
IO to C/O

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SUMMARY TRANSLATIONCopy

My Prince,

Notwithstanding your support, my flat in Naples, 6 Via Leone Maraino, which was occupied on 1st October 1943 by the British Police, has not yet been given back to me as alleged "military needs" still exist.

This is driving me mad: My wife lives with one boy at Casaleto Spartano (Salerno) and I am living with our elder here at Meta di Sorrento. To go and come back from Naples, where I work, I employ eight hours each day, getting up at three a.m. My pay is very small. If I could live in Naples I could earn an additional 3000 Liras (he explains how).

Back from work I have to tend to the house which is full of rats, damp and dark, and besides the landlady often requests me to leave it as she needs it for her large family.

During the war I had to send my wife with the junior boy to Casaleto Spartano as he had a nervous breakdown on account of the terrific air bombardments. We could not reunite again and this causes to us tremendous physical, moral and financial losses.

I am a civil servant and as a Captain I fought and was wounded in the war 1915 - 1918. In 1934, under the menace to lose my job, I was compelled to apply for Fascist Party membership which was dated back to 1932.

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My Prince, do see that my request be met! Please do not let my family suffer a third winter full of sacrifices! I am now 51 but I feel much older; I was worn out by this poor life. If only I could within this month reunite my family in our house, from which the above said MPs have removed all furniture, implements, linen, personal belongings etc, wantonly destroying the result of thirty years of personal sacrifices!

If I still will have to wait for the derequisition of my flat, I beg you to help me in obtaining in Naples even an abode with three rooms and kitchen, as a shelter against the hardships of next winter.

/s/ Salvatore Maddalena
16 Via Cacace
Meta di Sorrento (Naples)

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ROUTINE

DISTRIB

HQ AC IND SUB-COMMISSION

UNCLASSIFIED.

Reference HQ AC Ind Sub-Commission letter AC/5615/288 dated 24 October premises are under occupied by American No 5 base post office and cannot be released for 2/3 months. formerly used as accn for signwriters mirror makers and Gasxx glass polishers only/

AC DIST

ACTION : Industry SC (2)
INFO : Chief Commissioner
Economic Sec; (2)
File (2)
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ROUTINE

DISTHREE

HQ AC OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, INFO: Q 211 SUB AREA

UNCLASSIFIED.

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4755/295/EG of ~~26~~ October 43 and this HQ 182/73Q of
31 October. There is no intention of re-occupying S. MARIA
NOVELLA station when US forces move out. For 211 sub area.
No such action will be taken without reference to this HQ.

AC DIST

ACTION EX COMMISSIONER 2
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
FILE 2
FLOAT

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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cc

15 November 1945

Ref: 4755/307/80

SUBJECT: Derequisition of Civilian Property

TO : Headquarters, Florence Allied Area Command

1. It is requested that all possible steps be taken to liberate the S. Maria Novella Railway Station at Florence in the interest of facilitating the rehabilitation of the Italian railway system.
2. At the present time a substantial portion of the station is used as billets for students at the United States Army University Center. It is understood that this occupation is scheduled to end on or about 1 February 1946. It is reported that a New Zealand unit is seeking to obtain space for billeting purposes in addition to that now occupied.
3. The subject has been brought to the attention of HQ No. 3 District, who are causing enquiries to be made regarding the proposed occupation of the Station by U.S. troops, with a view to avoiding requisition, but they suggest that the question of the premises occupied by the U.S. Army University Center should be taken up with you.
4. At present one line is functioning under difficulties due to lack of adequate space. Further occupation would seriously hamper existing operations.
5. Two additional lines (Chiusi-Spoli and Arezzo-Florence) will be ready for operations on or about 15 February. For this purpose release of the space now occupied is necessary.
6. Your good offices in preventing further requisitioning and terminating existing occupations on schedule will facilitate carrying out the program for this key junction and will be greatly appreciated.
7. Enclosed is copy of letter, from Communications Sub-Commission, AG to G-5 AFHQ, dealing with this occupation from the standpoint of postal service.

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For the Chief Commissioner:

[Signature]
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copies to:
Economic Section
Transportation S/O
Communications S/O

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[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

P.6.205/GS

Subject: Florence Railway Station. Post Office Accommodation

To : G-5, AFHQ

1. The parcel post section and the two floors above this section of the Post Office Station Sorting Office at Florence are at the present time being used as billets for students of the U.S. Army University Centre. So far as can be ascertained there is no formal and specific requisition applicable to this Office and the occupancy is apparently based on a general requisition on part of Florence Station. The Post Office does not hold a copy of this requisition form.

2. In connection with the proposed extension of the foreign parcel and letter services it is essential that the Post Office should be given possession of the parcel sorting office as there is no other suitable accommodation in which the work could be performed. From local enquiries it is understood that the requirements of the U.S. for billeting purposes are likely to be reduced materially in the near future and it is therefore requested that the release of these premises should be arranged at an early date and that they should be protected against further requisitioning for non-postal purposes.

3. It is also very desirable in view of the forthcoming restrictions of full postal services that the Post Office should soon be allowed to use its direct access from the sorting office to the station platforms.

4. Incidentally it should be mentioned that, although the parcel sorting office - one of the most modern and best equipped offices of its kind in Italy - had been used for quarters for Allied troops for many months, the wooden parcel sorting fixtures were left in position until about two months ago when the building was taken over for UTC purposes. At this stage these fittings are stated to have been torn down in quite ruthless, fashion and extensively damaged. The woodwork was recovered by the Post Office from outside the building and transported to the Central Post Office for safe keeping. In view of the fact that this action occurred in Italian Government Territory and can hardly be justified on the grounds of operational necessity it is felt that on vacating the premises the Army should make arrangements for the repair and replacement of these fixtures.

For the Chief Commissioner:

/s/ H. H. SCUDDER
/t/ H. H. SCUDDER
Lt. Col. SCUDDER Sig. C.
Director

Copy to: Transportation S/C (Rail)


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23/11/45

Chief Commissioner:

According to the Ex.Com. - "Moves of all Allied troops are ordered by AFHQ in conjunction with area commanders. This applies to the whole of Italy. This letter has been sent to HQ Two District who probably will take it up with AFHQ".

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Translation

F.C. who moves troops into 16 Territory

NOV 16 RECD
cc/17:30

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The president of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior
45343

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cc*

Rome, 10 November 1945

My dear Admiral,

the arrival at Reverna of the contingent of Polish soldiers caused serious accomodation difficulties, for, in this town which has suffered so much because of the war, the housing problem is particularly serious.

The local authorities, who were full of goodwill did their best, and managed to find suitable accomodation for the numerous troops that arrived there.

The prefect himself put part of his private apartment at the disposition of the officers.

However, the town cannot received any more people, for it is now crowded, and it is therefore necessary to avoid sending more soldiers there.

Trusting in your kind interest, I thank you and remain,

Truly yours,
S. Ferruccio Parri

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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EC DIST - 16 Nov

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ACTION: EX COMM.
INFO: CHIEF COMM.
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Translation

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CE 0900

CC

6054/A.G.

Rome, 11-11-1945

My dear Admiral,

the 'Senato Accademico' of the Bologna University sent a request to obtain the derequisition of the premises of the Engineering Faculty of this University.

The said premises have been occupied for 19 months by naz-fascists, then by an American military hospital, and are at present occupied by British troops.

Derequisition now appears to be extremely necessary because of the ever increasing number of the students of the Engineering, and for the establishment of laboratories, which cannot be set up just anywhere, to carry on teaching and scientific activity in connection with the reconstruction and organization work which is so urgent at the present time for national and social life.

I shall therefore be most grateful if you take this wish in kind consideration, and give your support, so that the Bologna Engineering Faculty may resume its functions in the Teaching field.

Thanking you for whatever you may deem it advisable to do, I remain, truly yours,

S. A. Infante

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Admiral Allery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
R o m e

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EC DIST - 11/ Oct

ACTION - EX. Com

INFO - CC

- Spares (3)

217a

Ref: 3001/2/PH

5 November 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In reply to your query concerning the requisition of buildings in Ancona, I am pleased to inform you that a meeting was held recently between the Area Commander, the Prefect, Sindaco and Vice-Sindaco of Ancona, the Town Major and the Allied Commission Liaison Officer. At the meeting the whole problem of requisitioning was cordially and co-operatively discussed.

It was thought by the Area Commander that a good deal of derequisitioning would be possible and it was decided that in cases of difficulty the Prefect would consult the Area Commander personally. It was also agreed that the public should be kept fully informed of the situation through the medium of the local press. The Italian authorities handed a list of the buildings they desired derequisitioned to the Area Commander who undertook to give it the most careful consideration.

It is hoped that, as a result of this free and frank exchange of views between the military and civil authorities, considerable improvement will result in local conditions in Ancona.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government
Rome.

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Ref: 4755/102/101

6 November 45

SUBJECT: Demolition - PIAZZA Railroad Station

TO : Economic Section

1. References

- (a) Letter from Prime Minister dated 9 October 45 on the above subject addressed to the Chief Commissioner; Action copy to you on 11 October 45.
- (b) Transportation Sub-Commission's memorandum 43/151/111 dated 16 October 45 to Economic Section.
- (c) Communications Sub-Commission letter E.C. 205/03, undated, to C-5, 1945.
- (d) Executive Commissioner's letter 4755/295/10 dated 27 October 45 to H. No. 3 District.

2. Remarks

- (i) Copy of a reply received to reference (d) above passed to you for action on pages 1 and 3.
- (ii) Copy of H. No. 3 District letter to 271 Sub Area for information.

E. R. BRAYBROOK

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

Incls.

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SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of Civil Property.

3 District
BASTIAE 16
182/73 Q

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

1 Oct 45.

Reference your 1755/100/101 of 26 Oct. 45.

1. It is requested that any demand for derequisition of premises occupied by American units and any implications arising from such occupation be addressed to the relevant U.S. authority concerned.
2. The question of proposed occupation by a B.M. unit is being investigated.
3. Reference para 5. May it be confirmed that the goods office in question is a British occupation. Should this be the case efforts will be made to locate.

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(sgl) J. W. WILLIAMS
Capt
for Col
DA 3 013

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SUBJECT: Derequisitioning - Florence Railroad Station.

3 District
REGGALL 16
182/75 Q

Q 214 Sub-area

1 Nov 45

HQ AC, Office of the Executive
Commissioner

1. It has been reported that a R.A. unit is attempting to obtain billeted accommodation at the S. Maria Novella Station, Florence, and that such occupation would seriously impede Italian plans for instituting a traffic programme it is proposed to institute as soon as possible.
2. It is requested that a report be submitted to this HQ stating whether occupation is intended. Such occupation is to be avoided if at all possible.
3. Should any other portion of the station be occupied by British Units please investigate the possibility of early derequisition.

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(sgd) J. E. WILLIAMS
Capt
For Col
PA & QMG

JEM/vp

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ROUTINE

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ADMIRAL STONE HQ ALCOM

UNCLASSIFIED

Palace and Tamborini Hotels, Thermal baths of SANTA CESAREA, occupied by American Forces in 1943 have been derequisitioned with effect the 1st of last month and are ready to start functioning again and to receive sick persons who are in need of cures. Booking in advance have already been accepted. We are directed to request that you kindly intervene in order to avoid eventual further occupation of said Hotels by refugees. Remembering the high sense of justice shown by the ACC authorities during the period they were stationed here, we trust that you will come in our help.

Dr FRANCESCO DELLA GATTA Proprietor of
the Hotels and civilian manager of the Rest Camp SANTA
CESAREA TERME.

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ROUTINE

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HQ ALCOM ADMIRAL STONE

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In th" name of all sick persons who are in need of cures and anxiously desire the opening of the health baths to alleviate their pains I am strongly requesting that these thermal baths, the sole existing baths in all Southern ITALY, which have been recently partly derequisitioned, be kept available together with the Palace and Tamborini Hotels, said Hotels having been derequisitioned after 2 years of Allied occupation. Knowing your high sense of justice and humanity, I appeal for your authoritative intervention to avoid further occupation by refugees, and personally thank in the name of the citizens.

THE MAYOR OF SANTA CESAREA TERME ING MARIO STICCHI

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSⁿ V
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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OCT 27 RECA

Ref: 4755/285/23

27 October 1945

SUBJECT: Reconditioning - Florence Railroad Station
OO : H.Q. No. 3 District

1. It is requested that all possible steps be taken to liberate the S. Maria Novella Railway Station at Florence in the interest of facilitating the rehabilitation of the Italian railway system.
2. At the present time a substantial portion of the station is used as billets for students at the United States Army University Center. It is understood that this occupation is scheduled to end on or about 1 February 1946. It is reported that a New Zealand unit is seeking to obtain space for billeting purposes in addition to that now occupied.
3. At present one line is functioning under difficulties due to lack of adequate space. Further occupation would seriously hamper existing operations.
4. Two additional lines (Chiusi-Sigoli and Arezzo-Florence) will be ready for operations on or about 15 February. For this purpose release of the space now occupied is necessary.
5. Your good offices in preventing further reconditioning and terminating existing occupation on schedule will facilitate carrying out the program for this key junction and will be greatly appreciated.
6. Enclosed is copy of letter, from Communications Subdivision, 42 to G-5 WAC, dealing with this occupation from the standpoint of postal service.

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For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copies to:

- General Section
- Transportation 3/C
- Communications 3/C

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

P. 6. 205/CS

Subject: Florence Railway Station. Post Office Accommodation

To : C-5 : A.F.M.G.

1. The parcel post section and the two floors above this section of the Post Office Station Sorting Office at Florence are at the present time being used as billets for students of the US Army University Centre. So far as can be ascertained there is no formal and specific requisition applicable to this Office and the occupancy is apparently based on a general requisition on part of Florence Station. The Post Office does not hold a copy of this requisition form.

2. In connection with the proposed extension of the foreign parcel and letter services it is essential that the Post Office should be given possession of the parcel sorting office as there is no other suitable accommodation in which the work could be performed. From local enquiries it is understood that the requirements of the U.T.O. for billeting purposes are likely to be reduced materially in the near future and it is therefore requested that the release of these premises should be arranged at an early date and that they should be protected against further requisitioning for non-postal purposes.

3. It is also very desirable in view of the forthcoming restrictions of full postal services that the Post Office should soon be allowed to use its direct access from the sorting office to the station platforms.

4. Incidentally it should be mentioned that, although the parcel sorting office - one of the most modern and best equipped offices of its kind in Italy - had been used for quarters for Allied troops for many months, the wooden parcel sorting fixtures were left in position until about two months ago when the building was taken over for U.T.O. purposes. At this stage these fittings are stated to have been torn in quite ruthless, fashion and extensively damaged. The woodwork was recovered by the Post Office from outside the building and transported to the central Post Office for safe keeping. In view of the fact that this action occurred in Italian Government Territory and can hardly be justified on the grounds of operational necessity it is felt that on vacating the premises the Army should make arrangements for the repair and replacement of these fixtures.

For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

/s/ H.H. SCUNDER
Lt. Col. SCUNDER Sig. G.
Director

Copy to: Transportation Sub-Commission (Rail)

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Ref: 4755/92/ES

27 October 1945

My Dear Mister Prime Minister,

I wish to assure you that everything possible has been and will be done to liberate the S. Maria Novella railway station in Florence, as requested in your letter of 9 October.

The matter has already been taken up with the appropriate military authorities and further representations are being made.

My latest information is that current partial operations are not too seriously hampered by the presence of Allied troops. I hope that satisfactory adjustments can be made before additional services scheduled for the spring of 1946, begin.

Very truly yours,

Es Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

cc

Ref: 544/58/83

22 October 1945

SUBJECT: Derequisition

TO : Land Forces S/O (MSEA)
Air Force S/O
Navy S/O
Communication S/O
Public Relations Branch

1. Specific cases are still being forwarded to APO by various Sub-Commissions on the subject of derequisition of real estate.

2. The local military commands e.g. RAC, Distco, Distrec etc. are of course the appropriate authorities for derequisition. Sub-Commissions will please take up specific cases either direct with the local command or where there is any SAC/AD representative direct through the local AF C/O channels.

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T. H. C. Carey Lt. Colonel
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner
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ROUTINE

BT-USA
ALCOM INFO: MESSAGE, DEN OUTH

UNCLASSIFIED.

Disposal of requisitioned and purchased property of Italian origin by transfer to authorized Italian Government agencies presents a serious problem unless fullest cooperation is secured from the Italian Government.

Reference is made to MESSAGE cables O 269 of 28 August and 10817 of 15 October.

Imperative, in the interest of the Allied military program and the Italian economy, that all equipment of Italian origin no further need to the military forces be promptly accepted by the Italian Government. Failure of acceptance will result in a needless waste of resources.

Request that strong representations be made to the Italian Government on a sufficiently high level to insure that authorized government agencies are promptly and fully established at agreed locations and are properly manned and equipped to accept all offerings. From G4 BT-USA thru G3 AFHQ.

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OCT 23 RECD
CC 1424

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Ref: A755/275/EC.

22 October 1945

Dear Signor Nenni:

H/R

I refer to your letter of 3 October 1945 to the Chief Commissioner on the subject of the flat allotted to you at Corso Trieste No. 42.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that I have heard from the Military Command who state that the flat will quite shortly be vacated and released from military requisition.

Yours sincerely,

M. S. WISH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 544/37/43

19 October 1945

SUBJECT: Derequisition

TO : C.A. Section
Economic Section
Establishments Section

1. Specific cases are still being forwarded to AFHQ by various Sub-Commissions on the subject of derequisition of real estate.

2. The local military commands e.g. RAC, Distwo, Disthree etc. are of course the appropriate authorities for derequisition. May Sub-Commissions be instructed please to take up specific cases either direct with the local command or where there is any AWG/AC representative direct through the local AWG/AC channels.

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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CG 590

19 October 1945

Executive Commissioner
(For Economic Section)

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Reference made this office CG 590 of 21 Sep 45 concerning a request received from Fiat for the derequisitioning of certain of their sales and service centers. An examination of the files indicated to date that while ten specific workshops were mentioned in the original Fiat letter, action has been initiated on only one service center; that is, the Rome properties now held by UNRRA.

It is requested that information be given as to what action has been taken in respect to the other properties.

L. W. S.
L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGO
SO to CG

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Translation

Ardenza-a-Mare (Livorno)
12-10-45

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To Admiral Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission in Italy
Rome

The subject of this letter has nothing to do with your official functions, but, knowing you are well disposed towards the Navy officers who did their duty to their country, I hope you may intervene with the competent British authorities.

I was a P.O.W. for three years in Australia, and because of my bad health, I was sent home in April 1945, sailing from Sydney on the hospital ship 'Oranje'.

I landed at Suez and was sent to Eluan (Egypt), where I stayed for a fortnight. Before leaving Eluan to proceed towards Smyrne where I was to find the Italian hospital ship, the British authorities of the camp took my typewriter (Underwood), which they needed. This typewriter was mine, I had brought it from Italy (as from the enclosed statement from the Messina harbourmaster). In Eluan, I was given a receipt, a copy of which I enclose. I left my address, but the typewriter for which I have now been waiting two years, hasn't been sent back to me, and I have lost all hope of ever getting it back, unless someone powerful intervenes.

Sgpl/c

I need it very badly, for it would enable one of my daughters to do some secretarial work, and thus help the family which is very hard up.

I beg you to intervene with the Authorities concerned to have my typewriter given back to me, or to have a similar one, in good state like mine, allotted to me.

Hoping you will forgive my writing to you, I remain,

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Yours sincerely,

s. Filippo Vanzini
Captain

Via del Felciaio
Ardenza a Mare
(Livorno)

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*Info: Chief Comm
Exec Comm*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

CF/gd

1 October 1945

Tel. 489081, Ext. 237

Ref. AC/5615/108/IND

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of
"Fiat" Sales and Service Centers.

To : U.N.R.R.A. Italian Mission.

1. We are attaching hereto a copy of a letter received from Messrs. Fiat in which they request the derequisition of their Sales and Service Centers.

2. The justifications given in their letter are fully supported by this Headquarters. It is a fact that the road transport system in Italy is severely strained due to lack of service facilities and, with the handover to the Italian Government of surplus Army vehicles, the arrival of imported vehicles and the resumption of manufacturing in Italy, this position will be greatly aggravated.

3. It would therefore be greatly appreciated if the position of the Rome premises requisitioned by you could be examined with a view to acceding to the Fiat request as soon as possible with, if necessary, the proviso that Fiat should undertake to carry out your repair work, etc. giving such work for UNRRA priority.

/s/ CHARLES FESINOS
Major, RASC

1 Incl.: -
Copy ltr. No. 31 48
dtd. 20/9/45 from Messrs.
Fiat.

for D. L. ANDERSON
Brigadier,
Deputy Vice-President
Economic Section.

Copy to:-
Executive Commissioner
(through Economic Section)
A.F.H.Q. G-4 Section,
Ministry of Industry and Commerce

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COPY

Roma 20 Settembre 1945
Viale Manzoni, 65-67

FIAT - Soc. p. Azioni
Filiale di Roma - Direzione
Ing. EM/OM

To: A.C. HEADQUARTERS
ROME

Dear Sirs,

DEREQUISITIONING OF FIAT'S
SALE AND SERVICE CENTER - We are given to understand that Allied Headquarters in Caserta have decided that all Italian properties, so far requisitioned by Allied Forces, be released to the owners as soon as possible.

If such is the case, we beg to submit to you our position and would be grateful if you would give it your kind consideration.

For the distribution of vehicles, spare parts, for servicing and for the control of nearly 300 agents, Fiat has established, in every Italian region, full-equipped Branches, the great majority of which are still requisitioned as follows:

Ancona	branch requisitioned by	660 Tank Workshop
Pari	"	" 15th Air Force U.S.
Bologna	"	" 607 Loc Workshop FEME
Catania	"	" 703 Service Station FEME
Firenze	"	" C.C. 719 Rome Station
Livorno	"	" Royal Navy Transport Office
Napoli	"	" 5 Army Navy Station
Roma	"	" U.N.R.R.A.
Palermo	"	" U.S. Navy
Trieste	"	" 55th Air Brigade

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As the Fiat factories in Turin have already resumed production of vehicles and spare parts, it is most important and urgent for Fiat to rehabilitate all distributing and Service Centers in order that its production can reach the market.

This is not only in the interest of the Firm, but mostly to the benefit of the Country, as it is a well known fact that the condition of motor transportations in Italy are extremely poor and, therefore, the supply of vehicles, spare parts and service is imperative if improvements in this sector, which is the most important for the reconstruction of the country are to be obtained.

We, therefore, beg to ask for the release of the above mentioned branches, pointing out that the most urgently needed are the following ;

Bologna	requisitioned by	607 Loc Work Shop Roma
Napoli	"	5 Army Base Section
Roma	"	UNRRA

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/s/ FIAT - Filiale di Roma - Il Direttore (Ing. E. Minola) F. to E. Minola

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Translation

Ministry of the Interior

Rome, 29 September 1945

n. 57353/8812

To the Allied Commission
Office of the Executive Commissioner

R C M S

answer to a letter dated 7 August 1945
N. 303/35/LC

subject : Accommodation in hotels.

1. We hereby forward the enclosed draft from the secretary for Press, Shows and Tourism to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, giving a list of the number of beds which are considered to be strictly necessary for commercial and Government requirements in the towns mentioned in the draft itself.
2. We shall supply as soon as possible the data relative to the towns of Rome, Venice and Palermo.
3. We beg to keep in mind the difficult situation of anyone from the point of view of accommodation; for this reason, we suggest the derequisition of a hotel in this town, for civilian uses.
4. We particularly ask the Allied Commission, in granting the mentioned requirements, to order the derequisition of hotels which haven't been too much damaged, so that they may be used without delay.

FOR THE MINISTER

S. Spataro

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EC List - 6 Oct 45

ACTION: ESTAB SUC (4)

INFO: CHIEF COMAR

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Noted by CC [Signature]

Copies sent to AFHQ
by Ex Com.

PLACE	N. OF BEDS (as a whole)	PARTICULARS
CAGLIARI	-----	No requisitioned hotels
TARANTO	120	If possible in hotels in the new part of the city.
BRINDISI	200	
BARI	300	
NAPLES	3,951	
SIENA	272	
FLORENCE	200	If possible in first rate hotels
BOLONGNA	200	We suggest the derequisition of the 'Palazzo', 'Palsina' and 'Tre Vecchi' hotels
GENOVA	2,500	In first and second rate hotels if possible
ROMA	-----	The number of beds at present available is sufficient.
MILAN	700	We suggest the derequisition of the 'Continentale', 'Diene', 'Plaza' and 'Ambasciatori' hotels.
CATANIA	400	
MESSINA	-----	The present number of beds at present available is sufficient; we ask to keep in mind Taormina by requisitioning some de luxe hotel.
VERONA	163	
LIVORNO	800	

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(1) in addition to the number which is at present available.

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Translation

National Association of Italian Partisans

Secretariat 2795

Milan, 27 September 1945

Subject : Occupation of the A.M.O.I. seat in the Vercelli Province by the
Allies.

TO :	A.M.O.	VERCELLI
	A.M.O.	TORIN
	Admiral Stone	ROME

We hereby forward a copy of a letter sent to us by the Associazione Nazionale Partigiani d'Italia, Provincial Committee of Vercelli. -

We don't know the reasons which made you act in such a way towards an Association which groups the volunteers who fought at your side for the same ideal of democratic freedom. We wonder at the proceeding (it was done without warning, on Sunday, and not during office hours) which doesn't seem very democratic to us.

Trusting you will take this matter in consideration, we remain,

Sincerely yours,

For THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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NO DIST - 2 OCT 45
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Info : Chief Comar
Exec Comar

Translation

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ITALIAN PARTISANS

VERCELLI SECTION

SEAT : PALAZZO PASTA

n. 221/70

Vercelli, 25 September 1945

SUBJECT : occupation of our seat by the Allies

TO : The National Committee of the National Association of Italian Partisans - Milan

On Sunday 23rd, at about 7 a.m., without warning of any kind, and after breaking open the doors, Allied units occupied the ANPI seat in Vercelli, and prevented the people who were in charge from entering the premises.

On the next day only, we found out that the occupation had been made for military reasons.

Nothing unlawful was found during the careful search that was made.

On Monday, all the documents and files, and whatever was stocked in the warehouse were transported to the seat of the C.L.R., which kindly put a room and some pieces of furniture at our disposal.

On Tuesday morning, the offices were again working as usual.

On Monday morning, to protest against the undemocratic occupation of our premises and of those of the Communist party which are in the same building, the population of Vercelli stopped working for a quarter of an hour.

Once more, in spite of this serious incident, the Vercelli partisans gave an example of conscious discipline and of a great comprehension of the importance of the present moment, and nothing troubled public order.

Now, the ANPI of Vercelli is actually without a seat.

This for your information.

Sincerely yours,

THE SECRETARY

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Info - Action : C & Sec (2)
Info : Chief Commr
Exec Commr

FOR OFFICE G FIVE AMB

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10 October 1949

ROUTINE

RESTRICTED PD

SUBJECT REQUISITIONING OF SCHOOL IN TIRAMO PD

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION HAS RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM PROVVISORIO IN
TIRAMO PAREN TO G FIVE AMB FROM BY ALOXIS PAREN THAT FOLLOWS UNIT INTENDS
TO REQUISITION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NRE LICIDI AND NATIONAL BOARDING SCHOOL
CONTAINING CLASSICAL LICIDI PD FORMER HOUSES SEVENTY PERCENT OF ELEMENTARY
POPULATION PD NO ALTERNATIVE LOCATION FOR LICIDI PD REQUEST REQUISITION
BE STOPPED PD

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Translation

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should push this
with Eton - Sec.*

OCT 12 1945
CL 085X

The President of the Council of Ministers

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CC FILES

Rome, 9 October 1945

Dear Admiral,

The S. Maria Novella railway station in Florence, used as a Rest Camp by the troops of the 4th Army ever since the liberation of the town, is shortly to be occupied by 1,000 officers and other ranks of the Allied Forces, to follow courses which should end in February of the next year.

The Minister of Transport and the sindaco pointed out to me that this would be most prejudicial to the towns folk, who would have difficulty in using the station, especially at a time when so many efforts are being made to rehabilitate the railway service.

May I express the opinion that such special courses would find more adequate and spacious accommodation in the premises of the Air Force Academy, in the Cascine, and equipped to receive about 3,000 students.

Trusting in your kind intervention, I remain, my dear Admiral,

Yours truly,

G. Ferruccio Ferri

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WD DIST - 14 Oct 45
Action : Econ Sec (2)
Info : Chief Commr
Exec Commr

Admiral Hilary E. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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*Return to
Chief Commissioner*

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HQ ALCOM HOME

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SECRET

Your 4755/EC of 2 October 45.

Area commander personally states his view situation not correctly represented. Understand no further requisitioning has taken place or is contemplated. Plans for winter quarters have been completed and will be discussed between area commander and prefect Wednesday. These plans include reallocation of accommodation to make most economical use of existing premises. Sindaco regards quartering of fresh troops in ANCONA with misgiving as had hoped for substantial derequisitioning this winter. Possible that conference may lead to some derequisitioning but details not yet certain. Prefect and area commander are in touch in this matter. Will advise further in writing.

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FOR ACTION TO G FIVE AREA

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8 October 1945

ROUTINE

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SUBJECT RESTRICTIONS OF SCHOOL IN GAMBIA PD

MINISTRY PUBLIC INFORMATION SIGNALS THAT TWO NIGHT THREE THREE COMPANY ESTABLISH

ONE PROBABLY BRITISH SERVE TO REQUISITION LIBRO CLASSICO GALLIPI IN GAMBIA PD

AREA TO G FIVE AREA FROM H. ALON FAREE REINTEGRATES AND ALTERN BRITISH JUST

REQUIREMENT THREE PD LOCAL AUTHORITIES STATE ALTERNATE ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE

FOR THREE IN GAMBIA THREE AND IN SMALL VILLAGES IN GAMBIA PD PROPOSED REQUISITION

APPEARS TO CONTRAVENE ORDERS PD REQUEST IMMEDIATE ACTION TO STOP IF PD

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4755/246/83

28 September 1945

Dear Marchese Lucifero:

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In reference to my letter 4755/200/83 of 16 August 45, I am now in the position to inform you of the military viewpoint of the case.

After investigation it has been found that requisitions in the GABARRA area have been kept to a minimum and are only sufficient to accommodate the troops who of necessity must remain in the area.

The Grande Hotel Grotone is being used as billet and office accommodation for units.

Baron CALINOCIO was interviewed by the local GMA on 2 August 1945 when it was agreed that the use of three rooms would be afforded the former's sister. It is regretted that the allocation cannot be greater at this stage.

The house in question is stated to have been unoccupied for the greater part of the war, and now affords the only short leave rest facilities for troops in the area.

In these circumstances it is felt that the requisition must continue to be operative.

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Yours very truly,

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Marchese Facone Lucifero
Minister of the Royal Household
Italian Government
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
Economic Section

*Chief Commissioner
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27 September 1945

Ref. 7.00/SS

SUBJECT : Request for Certain Materials for the Hotel de la Ville
TO : G-5, AFHQ
(Attn: Lt. Col. Groom-Johnson)

57-2-2000

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1. Reference telephone conversation between Lt. Col. Groom-Johnson and Lt. Aransberg, Monday, 24 September 1945.
2. The Ministry of the Consulta has reaffirmed its desire to procure for the Hotel de la Ville, within two weeks time, the materials it needs for the furnishing of that hotel. Attached is their revised list of materials needed.
3. May this Section have a release (through WED S/C) along the lines discussed, from captured stocks in Italy, for the express purpose of furnishing the Hotel de la Ville.
4. It is understood that, when the Ministry of the Consulta can do so, it will send a representative North, who will be authorized to buy such materials and who will be prepared to arrange for its transportation to Rome.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

(SIGNED)
NORMAN R. SMITH
Major, AGD
CHARLES F. WATSON
Colonel, AG
Chief, Supply Division

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CC:

Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
War Materials Disposal S/C

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Enclosure

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26 Sep 45

Major Stearns:

Es S. Mario Palermo, Ex-Undersecretary of War,
(Rome Address: Hotel de La Ville)

Mr. Palermo would like to have one of the following
houses derequisitioned for his personal use:

1. Via Crispi, 23
2. Via Morelli, Casse Orgera
3. Riviera di Chiaia, 215 (9)
4. Piazza Vittorio, 7 (third floor)

E. J. Behm

E. J. BEHM
Lt(jr), USNR

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Col Warren at Naples is checking property & will report on
release possibilities. *FWB* 28/9

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The President of the Council of Ministers
n. 7707

Rome, 25 September 1945

Dear Admiral,

I must ask for your kind intervention because of the situation which is now taking place in the town of Ancona.

As you know, in the town of Ancona, the buildings which can be lived in have been reduced from 60 thousand to 30 thousand because of war operations. About 20% of these 30 thousand is occupied by troops, commands, Allied and Italian services. The density of the civilian population is now of 3 people per room. Over a thousand people live in underground shelters, huts, cellars, and ruins. Some sanitary establishments (foundlings hospital, children hospital, maternity hospital) have been established in inadequate premises, which are anti-sanitary and dangerous; these have serious consequences on mortality.

In July, the Allied Command informed the Sindaco that almost all the requisitioned premises would be free between August and September. Till September 5th, derequisition proceeded slowly; on the said day, the Town Mayor stated that all derequisitions were to be suspended. All the town majors of the 61st area were summoned to find accommodation for various units and offices in inhabited centres where they hadn't been up to then. It is foreseen that an important contingent of troops are to occupy premises in the town of Ancona, adding themselves to the troops that are already there.

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This decision is in opposition with the statement made in July about the derequisition and renders useless the efforts made by the Ancona authorities to render the living conditions of the population less miserable during the autumn and winter season. The stationing of more troops in the town is likely to make the sufferings of the civilian population still worse by lessening the number of premises available for it.

The Sindaco of Ancona and the other authorities of the town and province drew my attention on this situation and on the fact that it was impossible for them to find a remedy, and asked for the intervention of the government to obtain that the Allies should reconsider the situation and make a new decision. They told me that, to their mind, it would be possible to use the requisitioned premises in a more rational way, though providing the necessary comfort to the troops and offices.

I can only appeal to your kind courtesy and comprehension, my dear Admiral, asking you to draw the attention of the military authorities of Ancona on all the aspects of the question which I explained to you, and persuade them to render less harsh the life of a population that has suffered so much.

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Thanking you, I remain,

see Appendices

Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner - A.C.
s/c

EE DIST - 24 Sept 45
Action : C A Sec (2)
Info : Chief Commr
Exec Commr

Truly yours,
S. Ferruccio Parri

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Ref: 4755/EG

2 October 45

SUBJECT: Requisition of Buildings, Ancona

TO : AC Liaison Officer, Ancona

1. Attached is a translated copy of a letter from the Prime Minister to the Chief Commissioner on the above subject, and copy of a letter from Civil Affairs Section to Headquarters No. 3 District.
2. Will you please enquire into the situation which may not be as grave as the Prime Minister indicates and report your views by signal to this Headquarters in order that the Chief Commissioner may prepare an answer for Professor Parri.
3. Also please see what you can do with 61 Sub-Area to remedy the alleged situation.

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Copy to: CA Sec

[Signature]
 Brigadier
 Executive Commissioner

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COPY

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Civil Affairs Section

28 September 45

AC/3001/PH

SUBJECT: Requisitioning of Buildings, Ancona

TO : HQ No. 3 District

1. Attached is a translated copy of a letter from the Prime Minister to the Chief Commissioner on the subject of housing facilities in Ancona.
2. In view of the approaching winter and the consequent hardships to be anticipated by the civil population on account of the shortage of housing, it is earnestly requested that all requisitioning in Ancona be kept to the minimal possible level.

For the Chief Commissioner:

/s/ M. Carr, Brigadier
M. CARR
Brigadier
VP CA Section

Incls:

1. Letter No. 7757 dated 23rd September from s. Ferruccio Parri

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APP 'B'

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21 September 1945

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MEMORANDUM:

TO: Executive Commissioner
(for Economic Section)

1. In line with the announced AEF policy to de-registration Italian property as rapidly as possible, the attached request from FIAT should be thoroughly explored.
2. The Chief Commissioner is particularly desirous of having as much property as possible de-registered to the benefit of the Italian economy.
3. Please keep this office informed as to action taken in respect to this matter.

L. W. REMARKS
Major, AEF
SO to CJ

1 Incl:
Ltr FIAT Home Office,
datd 20 Sept 45.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 754, POSTMASTER NEW YORK CITY
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

RETURNED
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20 September 1945

Dear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
Rome.

My dear Admiral:

Yesterday I received a copy of the REVIEW of AMG and of AC in Italy. I have not had an opportunity to read it but, in glancing through it I feel certain that it contains some very valuable information. Please accept my thanks for your courtesy.

I will have a letter to you in a day or so, giving you the results of our consolidation of requisitioned property in accordance with our conversation of a few days ago. I may have some trouble with the French. As a matter of information, it appears that at least two of your sub-commissions are angling for this property. General Browning seems to want it for the Italian army, and your Civil Affairs sub-commission for refugees. However, that would be a matter for you to coordinate.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Thoburn K. Brown
THOBURN K. BROWN
Brigadier General, US Army
Commanding

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TRANSLATION

BARRACKS "FERDINANDO DI SAVOIA", formerly of the 8th Artillery, location:

Via C. Pretorio

Comprises 3 large buildings of four stories each, in a good state of preservation, sub-divided into spacious rooms accommodating about 2,500 soldiers.

It is foreseen that approximately 2,000 displaced persons can be lodged there. The hygienic and sanitary services, the store-rooms and the kitchens could be very well installed in the small buildings which make up the small warehouses of artillery equipment.

At the present time approximately 300 Allied soldiers, personnel for the military warehouses that have been set up in the above-mentioned small buildings, are quartered in them.

BARRACKS "REGINA MARGHERITA", formerly 81st Infantry, located at

Viale Legnano

Large group of three-storied buildings, very well preserved, which occupy the entire block bounded by Via Legnano, Viale delle Milizie and Viale Giulio Cesare. The central building, which accommodates the headquarters and offices of the Regiment, is divided into good-sized rooms and the remainder into spacious dormitory rooms that accommodate about 4,000 soldiers. It is calculated that approximately 3,000 displaced persons can be lodged there.

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The central building is at present occupied by the headquarters and offices of the "Quartier Boyard" of the French army (about 200 men) and the remaining buildings are utilized in only small part for modest-sized warehouses and a small infirmary.

The "Quartier Boyard" could be very well transferred to the French Headquarters in Palazzo Vidoni in Corso Vittorio (formerly headquarters of the Fascist Party).

EX CASERMA BARRACKS "MUSSOLINI", old location of the General Command of the Militia. Location: Viale Mazzini

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Large and modern building, five stories, already divided into good-sized rooms, very well furnished with hygienic and sanitary facilities, capable of accommodating about 1,000 refugees, who could be quartered in small apartments of 2 - 3 rooms.

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At present occupied by the English Red Cross, which has installed a small isolation ward and large dumps of sanitary goods.

Strong obstacles are foreseen to attempts at derequisition.

AGENDA

SCHOOLS OCCUPIED BY THE ALLIES

SCUOLA DECCONI -- Via dei Glicini

SCUOLA MICHELIZZI -- Via Acqua Bulicante

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SCHOOLS REQUISITIONED FOR REFUGEES

Via Alessandro Volta, 41 - Scuola "A. Nov."	382
Via Ariosto - Scuola "Dante Alighieri"	363 --
Via Guicciardini - Scuola "Ruggiero Bonghi"	256
Via Nino Bixio, 85 - Scuola "Di Donato"	463 --
Via Boccioni, 14 - Scuola "Mazzini"	421 --
Via Flaminia - Scuola "Guido Alessi"	250
Via Giordano Bruno - Scuola "Adelaide Cairoli"	379 --
Circoscrizione Trionfale - Scuola "G.d. Biunno"	215 --
Piazzale degli Eroi - Scuola "Costanzo Ciano"	378
Via Cavour - Scuola "Colombo"	406
Via Donna Olimpia - Scuola "Franceschi"	408
Piazza Risorgimento - Scuola "Piansani"	368
Lungo Tevere Tarnesina - Scuola "Tavani"	236
Piazza Damiano Sauli - Scuola "Michele Bianchi"	510 --
Total	<u>5145</u>

CASERMA "FERDINANDO DI SAVOIA" ex 3° Artiglieria - Via C. Pretorio

Si compone di tre grandi fabbricati di 4 piani ciascuno, in buono stato di conservazione, suddivisi in spaziose camerate che ospitavano circa 2.500 soldati.

Si prevede di potervi alloggiare circa 2.000 sfollati. I servizi igienico-sanitari, i magazzini e le cucine potrebbero essere benissimo installati nei piccoli fabbricati che costituiscono le casermette dei materiali d'artiglieria.

Attualmente vi alloggiavano circa 200 soldati Alleati addetti ai magazzini militari che sono stati formati nelle suddette casermette.

CASERMA "REGINA MARGHERITA" ex 31° Fanteria - Viale Legnano.

Grandioso complesso di edifici a tre piani, molto ben conservati, che occupano l'intero isolato formato da Via Legnano, Viale delle Milizie e Viale Giulio Cesare. L'edificio centrale, che alloggiava il Comando e gli uffici del Reggimento, è suddiviso in ampie stanze ed il rimanente in spaziose camerate che ospitavano circa 4.000 soldati. Si prevede di poter alloggiarvi circa 3.000 sfollati.

L'edificio Centrale è attualmente occupato dal Comando e dagli uffici del "Quartier Boyard" dell'Esercito Francese (circa 200 uomini) ed i rimanenti fabbricati sono scarsamente utilizzati per mostri magazzini e piccola infermeria.

Il "Quartier Boyard" potrebbe benissimo essere trasferito

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Il "Quartier Boyard" potrebbe benissimo essere trasferito presso il Comando Francese, nel Palazzo Vidoni al Corso Vittorio (ex sede della Direzione del partito fascista).

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EX CASERMA "MUSCOLINI"- Vaccinia sede del Comando Gen. della Milizia
Viale Mazzini

Grandioso e moderno fabbricato a 5 piani, già suddiviso in ampie camere, molto ben attrezzato nei servizi igienico-sanitari, capace d'alloggiare circa 1.000 sfollati che potrebbero essere sistemati in piccoli appartamenti di 2 - 3 camere.

Attualmente occupato dalla C.R. Inglese che vi ha installato un piccolo lazzeretto e grossi depositi di materiale sanitario.

Sono prevedibili forti outacoli per una eventuale derequisizione.

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Ministero dell'Armata
IL MINISTRO

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Scudo Ceccomi via di Spicini

Michalachi via Acqua Bulicante

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SCUOLE REQUISITE PER I SINISTRATI

Via Alessandro Volta, 41 - Scuola "4 Nov."	n°	382
Via Aricosto - Scuola "Dante Alighieri"	"	363
Via Guicciardini - Scuola "Ruggero Bonghi"	"	256
Via Nino Bixio, 85 - Scuola "Di Donato"	"	463
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Via Camozzi - Scuola "Colombo"	"	406
Via Donna Olimpia - Scuola "Franceschi"	"	488
Piazza Risorgimento - Scuola "Pianciani"	"	368
Lungo Tevere Farnesina - Scuola "Tavani"	"	236
Piazza Damiano Sauli - Scuola "Michele Bianchi"	"	510
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT
APO 394

AAG/ejb
15 September 45

HQC/7/9

SUBJECT: Properties released since 1 August 1945.
TO : Office of the Chief Commissioner.

1. The following properties have been released since 1 August 1945:

- Hotel Esperia, Via Nazionale, 22
- Lancia Garage, Via Parioli, 160, 162
- Via G. Antonelli (apartment)
- Via Panaro, 14 (apartment)
- Via Manfredi, 17 (apartment)
- Via Domenico Chelini, 5 (apartment)
- Via Lambro, 2A (apartment)
- Via Gregoriana, 39 (apartment)
- Piazza delle Muse, 8 (apartment)
- Viale Parioli, 160 (apartment)

2. So far as any definite dates for the derequisitioning of property in the future are concerned, this office is unable to supply such information. So far as this office knows right now, the only definite date that can be given is for the release of the Officers' Rest Home at FREGENE. This is to be released on 1 October 1945.

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For the HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT:

Alfred A. Guarino
ALFRED A. GUARINO,
Captain, F.A.,
Billeting Officer.

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Rome, 11 September 1945

To Admiral Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission

Rome

I ask for your kind intervention to have my villa of Cava dei Tirreni, at Rotoli, next to villa Margheri, derequisitioned. It has been requisitioned four years, first by the Italian Government to house H.H. the Duke of Bergamo, and later on by the Allied Command, as a residence for Marshal Badoglio and the Chief of the Greek Government.

At present, the Villa is still requisitioned by the Allied Command.

Hoping you will excuse my writing to you, I remain,

Truly yours,

s. Cesare Ricciardi

(Cesare Ricciardi)

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HEAD QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
Property Control Division
Tel. 471387

14 September 1945

AC/1103/CF

Mr. R.B. Nicholls
Burleigh House
Minchinhampton,
Glos., England.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of 3 August 1945 addressed to Rear Admiral Stone has been handed to me for attention.

We have written today to our Property Control Officer in Lombardia, have sent him a copy of your letter and have requested an immediate report.

When we are informed as to its exact situation we will take such steps as are within our authority to carry out the request contained in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD C. KING
Lt. Col., Spec. Res.
Chief, Property Control Division
Finance Sub-Commission

Copy to: Chief Commissioner's Office
Finance E/C Fleet File. ←

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BURLEIGH HOUSE
MINCHINHAMPTON,
GLOS.
TEL. BRIMSCOMBE 65.

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3 Aug 1945
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Rear Admiral Stone
Allied Control Commission
Caserta.

Sir, Could you assist me to regain
possession of my house at
APPIANO GENTILE
prov. di Como

not far from Milan?
I have just been informed by
my Agent: Rag. Pietro Secondo MONTI
27 VIA LEOPARDI, MILAN
that the house has been occupied
since 1940 by the Istituto LANIERO
& its employees. This is all the
information I have been given.

Mr. Monti adds that he is trying
to obtain the help of the Allies but I
fear that unless you are kind enough
to take interest yourself personally in the
matter the delay in releasing the
property for my own use may
prove serious.

Thanking you gratefully for
any help you can give me
Yours faithfully
P. Nicholls
(Formerly Representative in Italy for the Rolls Royce Co)

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12 Sept 45

Admiral Stone--

I called Maj Page, Real Estate Officer, RAAC, concerning this cable.

Real Estate Section, RAAC, received numerous complaints from Sig. Moretti and checked the apartment on 27 July at which time there were three officers and two home on LIAP. On another check 1 Sept there was one officer and on contacting RAF was told that others would be coming in and the billet would be necessary to them. RAAC gave the above information to Sig. Moretti on 1 Sept.

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John
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SEPT 111130
ROUTINE

ROMA

ADMIRAL STONE ALLIED COMMISSIONER

UNCLASSIFIED.

Allow me to report to you that regardless of superior orders from MTOUSA HQ my
ROME apartment consisting of 10 rooms at 10 via PAOLO FRISI is still held under requi-
sition at full disposal of 1 Captain L B SHERLOCK of the RAF Police. For more than 1 year
I have been begging in vain responsible quarters to direquisition my house I now rely
on your personal intervention to finally see my aspiration satisfied in as much as no
military reasons command any longer my houses requisition. Would highly appreciate
412 your kind personal attention to my request. PAIMIRA MORETTI.

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The President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior

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Rome, 8 September 1945

Dear Admiral,

When I last went to Pisa, it was pointed out to me that the premises of the University Institutes, at present occupied by the Allied Forces, should be put to their normal use again.

Deacquisition has been required for the premises of the Agriculture and Engineering Schools, for those of the Hygiene Institute as well as for the Normal School; several requests were made for the deacquisition of the latter which has its seat in the Palazzo dei Cavalieri, and the last request was made by the Presidency of the School, on July 18th, 1945, in a letter sent to the Livorno P.B.S.

Considering that it is very important that studies should become normal again in Pisa, for the resumption of culture as well as because of famous and ancient traditions, I want to draw your kind attention on this matter, and shall be most grateful if you can intervene to have the said premises handed back without delay, especially the Normal School which does not seem to be very useful to the Allies.

Thanking you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

S. Ferruccio Parri

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
Rome

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Ref: 4402/49/EC

7 September 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Economic Section

1. Reference is made to a letter number A.G. 482 from the Council of Ministers signed by M. Brosio regarding replacement of linen, china, etc., for Hotel della Ville in Via Sistina, copy of which was passed to you.

2. The Chief Commissioner has stated that "we should do everything possible to assist Brosio." It is suggested that it may be possible to secure some of this equipment from the Lloyd Triestino Line in Trieste. In any case, it would be appreciated if this office were informed as to what is actually being done to meet this request.

✓ A. B. ARNOLDY
Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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SEP 11 1945
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Council of Ministers
A.G. 482

Rome, 31 August 1945

Dear Admiral,

the Government has lately appointed those who will participate in the Consulta Nazionale, the summoning of which is to take place during the second half of September.

To enable all the 'Consultori' of the various regions of Italy to attend the meetings of the Consulta, my office must assure the service of messes and lodgings in the capital. To this end we obtained the derequisition of the Hotel del la ville in Via Sistina; the necessary repairs are being made; but the Hotel finds itself without the linen and china required for its functioning, and such material cannot at present be found on the free market.

The officials of my office have already contacted the competent service of the Allied Commission to have these things replaced, as the Allies agreed to do in similar cases; however, the office answered that this should be done by the Ufficio Ricupero of the Industry Department, which, when contacted, answered that it had no material of that kind.

I must therefore ask for your kind intervention with the Allied Commission, to obtain the authorization for the materials as from the enclosed list to be obtained from the Naples or Leghorn warehouses, or from any other place; they form the indispensable minimum for the functioning of the hotel.

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One does not need to point out how important it is politically for the Consulta to be able to start working without delay. This organism is destined to replace the Parliament during the months that will prepare the formation of the new legislative organism of the Italian State, and it must therefore be able to function at once regularly.

I therefore take the liberty to ask you to consider your intervention as being particularly urgent, to enable the Hotel to have such things replaced as have been damaged during the occupation by the Allied Forces.

Trusting your answer will be favourable and thanking you, I remain,

Yours truly,

M. Brosio

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Rear Admiral Klierly W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

LC Dist - 3 SEP 45

ACTION: LEON SEC 121

INFO: CHIEF COMAR (GRIC)

EXEC COMAR

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LIST OF MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE HOTEL DE LA VILLE IN ROMEL I N E N

Towels	500
Pillow cases	900
Sheets	500
Table cloths (m. 1.70 x 1.50)	150
Napkins	900
Woollen blankets	200

C R O C K E R Y

Soup plates	600
plates	1.000
Dessert plates	500
Large breakfast cups (with saucers)	350
Tea cups	150
Coffee cups	200
Glasses (water)	500
Wine glasses	500
Water jug	100
Bedroom glasses	200
Glasses for the bar	100

S I L V E R

Table spoons	200
Dessert spoons	200
Small spoons	300
Dessert forks	150
Dessert knives	150

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Consiglio dei Ministri

IL VICE PRESIDENTE

A. S. 482

Roma, 31 agosto 1945.

Caro Ammiraglio,

proprio in questi giorni il Governo ha provveduto alla nomina di coloro che dovranno far parte della Consulta Nazionale, la cui convocazione è prevista per la seconda decade del prossimo settembre.

Per rendere possibile l'intervento alle sedute della Consulta di tutti i Consulitori dalle varie regioni d'Italia, il mio ufficio deve assicurare il servizio di alloggio e mensa nella capitale. All'uopo è stata ottenuta la derequisizione dell'Albergo della Città in via Sistina, al quale si stanno apportando le occorrenti urgenti riparazioni; ma l'Albergo si trova senza la biancheria e il vasellame necessario per il suo funzionamento e tale materiale non è ora possibile trovare sul libero mercato.

I funzionari del mio ufficio hanno già preso contatto con il Servizio competente della Commissione Alleata per poter ottenere i rimpiazzati, che in casi analoghi gli Alleati hanno consentito a fornire; ma il Servizio ha opposto che a ciò dovrebbe provvedere l'Ufficio Recuperi del Ministero dell'Industria, il quale, a sua volta interpellato, ha escluso di avere materiali del genere.

Debbo pertanto rivolgermi al Suo auto-

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Debbo pertanto rivolgermi al Suo autorevole intervento perchè la Commissione Alleata voglia acconsentire che sia autorizzato il prelievo dai magaz-

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zini di Napoli o di Livorno o di altra sede, dei materiali indicati nell'unito elenco, che costituiscono il minimo necessario per il funzionamento iniziale dell'Albergo.

Non ho bisogno di richiamare la Sua particolare attenzione sull'importanza politica che la Consulata inizi al più presto il suo funzionamento. Trattasi di un organo che è destinato a sostituire il Parlamento durante i mesi di preparazione della formazione del nuovo organismo legislativo dello Stato Italiano ed è necessario pertanto che esso possa subito funzionare con ogni regolarità.

E' perciò che mi permetto di invocare che Ella voglia considerare come particolarmente urgente il Suo efficace intervento, perchè possa l'Albergo ottenere i rimpiazzati resi necessari dal deperimento conseguente all'occupazione di esso da parte delle Forze Alleate.

Confido in una sollecita favorevole risposta e La prego di voler accogliere i più vivi ringraziamenti ed i sensi della mia alta considerazione.

W. Stone

Rear Admiral ELLERY W. STONE
Commissario Capo della
Commissione Alleata
Via Veneto

R O M A

Consiglio dei Ministri

IL VICE PRESIDENTE

ELENCO MATERIALI OCCORRENTI PER L'HOTEL DE LA VILLE
IN ROMA

B I A N C H E R I A

Asciugamani	500
Federe	900
Lenzuola	500
Tovaglie (m.l.70 x 1.50)	150
Salviette	900
Coperte di lana	200

V A S E L L A M E

Fondine	600
Piatti piani	1.000
Piatti dessert	500
Tazze caffè e latte (con sotto-tazza)	350
" the	150
" caffè nero	200
Bicchieri acqua	500
" vino	500
Bottiglie acqua	100
Bicchieri da camera	200
Bicchieri da bar	100

P O S A T E R I A

Cucchiai da tavola	200
" " dessert	200
Cucchiaini	300
Forchette dessert	150
Coltelli dessert	150

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EJB/hjp

30 August 1945

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Dear Professor Cocozza:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 1 August concerning the derequisitioning of your house in Naples. Unfortunately we here in this office are unable to take any action in this matter. However I believe you should contact Captain Rose, U. S. Army, of the Real Estate Section, Peninsular Base Section, at Naples.

Sincerely,

EDWARD J. BEHN
Lt(jg), USNR
Aide to Adm. Stone

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Eng. Prof. Giuseppe Cocozza
c/o Engineer Amodio
Via Marconi #12
Torre del Greco
Napoli

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JL/hjp

27 August 1945

TO: Establishment Section, Hq., A.C.
(Attention: Capt Montant)

It is our understanding that villas may be requisitioned for and occupied by lieutenant colonels (civilians of simulated equivalent rank) and above. It is observed on the last report that some villas are occupied by lower ranks. We should like to know the reason for this and be sure that all villas occupied by officers and civilians of lower ranks be cleared by September 1st.

J. LANNIN
Lient, USNR
Flag Lieut

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AUG 31 1945

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Translation

Barletta, 26 August 45

Referring to my letter of July 24th, 1945, and your letter of July 30th, I want to express all my thanks and those of my family for your kind intervention, and for allowing me to use, on my own account, my 'Theater De Lillo' five days a week. You thus saved my family from certain ruin.

As the 'Teatro Comunale Curci' has been completely derequisitioned by the E.M.S.A. of Bari, I hope the same action may shortly be taken for my theater, when it will be possible.

Yours sincerely,

G. Doronzo

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Admiral Ellery Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
Rome

EC DIST - 30 Aug 45

Action : C A Sec
Info : Chief Commr
Exec Commr

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22 August 1945

Dear Mr. Gamba:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 16 August concerning the case of Mr. and Mrs. Di Chiara which the Admiral has directed me to answer.

Unfortunately we at this office can not handle this matter. However I would refer you to Captain Rose, U. S. Army, of the Real Estate Section of the Peninsular Base Section in Naples, who I am sure will be able to help you.

Sincerely,

E. J. BEHN
Lt(jg), USNR
Aide to Adm Stone

4403
Mr. Severino Gamba
Via Antonazzo Romano, 11
Roma

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MEMO TO THE ADMIRALSummary translation.

- 1) Mr and Mrs Carlo DI CHIARA of Naples were in Rome on the 8th September 1943 and they could not go back because of the war. The Di Chiara's are parents in law of Dr. Gamba.
 - 2) After the liberation of Rome they returned to Naples but they found their flat had been requisitioned by the Officers of the Allied Military Police, and they had to beg for temporary hospitality from a gentleman living in the same building; who after some time forced them to leave.
 - 3) Homeless again, Mr and Mrs Di Chiara found shelter in a damaged apartment where they had to sleep on the floor, but they were told to leave by the Italian Police as it became dangerous after a part of the roof collapsed.
 - 4) Homeless for the third time they are now living in a basement room which, during the war was used as an air raid shelter and which is damp, cold, light and airless.
 - 5) Notwithstanding their requests to the Allied Commands and to the Italian Authorities, they have not received any consideration or help. Now their only hope to get justice is the Admiral and they ask if it would be possible to have their flat derequisitioned.
- The address is: Via Vincenzo Genito N°. 94 - Naples.

These small humanitarian acts - more than any other - contribute towards making Italians feel more than ever grateful to their liberators.

Signed: SEVERINO GAMBÀ
Mr and Mrs Di Chiara's son in law
Via Antonazzo Romano n°. 11 Roma

Note - I called Oct. Gamba in my office and talked to him,

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Evidently his case is no Adm. S's business. After my talk he said he do not hope to obtain justice from anybody, even from Adm. S.

I told him he is wrong; even if he can not talk personally to the Adm., appropriate action will be taken.

I think it is really a compassionate case, more than it might appear from this summary translation and that something should be done about it.

APOSTOLO



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Pro-memoria per il signor Ammiraglio STONE

I genitori di mia moglie - i Sigg. Carlo ed Anna Di Chiara - da Napoli - città in cui essi avevano ed hanno il loro domicilio e la sede dei propri affari, furono costretti nel 1943 a venire a Roma per portare assistenza alla propria figlia, prossima a partorire. Il parto, che si prevedeva laborioso e difficile, avvenne infatti con intervento chirurgico il 1 settembre 1943.

A causa degli eventi bellici che seguirono l'8 settembre 1943, (data dell'armistizio) i detti Sigg. De Chiara si trovarono nella assoluta impossibilità di rientrare subito a Napoli e dovettero attendere la liberazione di Roma per poter effettuare il sospirato ritorno a Napoli.

Essi trovarono però la casa che abitavano prima della partenza per Roma e che è di loro proprietà, requisita e messa a disposizione di Ufficiali della Polizia Alleata, e, rimasti così senza tetto, furono costretti a chiedere ospitalità ad un signore abitante nello stesso palazzo, il quale la concesse nella convinzione che l'ospitalità stessa avrebbe avuto breve durata.

Foichè, nonostante tutti i tentativi fatti dai Sigg. De Chiara, non fu possibile ottenere nè la derequisizione della casa, nè trovare altro rifugio, il signore che li ospitava usò tutti i modi per umiliarli ed indurli ad andar via, togliendo loro ogni cosa, dal fornello al letto, costringendoli così a dormire a terra.

Col pretesto del prossimo arrivo della moglie, che si trovava lontana, li mise fuori, ben sapendo quali inutili sforzi i suoi ospiti avevano fatto per trovare una casa, ed in quelle condizioni critiche si trovarono. Infatti, rimasti un'altra volta senza casa, i Sigg. De Chiara si rifugiarono in un appartamento già colpito da bombardamento e perciò pericolante, completamente nudo^{ente} di acqua, gas, luce. Lì si sono adattati, continuando a dormire a terra, sottopone-

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Grollato un soffitto, nei pressi dell'appartamento ove si erano rifugiati, hanno avuto, a loro or sono, l'ordine di sgomberare dall'ap-
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stura di Napoli, per cui, rimasti per la terza volta senza tetto, sono stati costretti a rifugiarsi in un locale del palazzo, ove si trova il loro appartamento requisito, locale sotterraneo che veniva adibito a ricovero antiaereo.

In quello locale essi abitano. Privo completamente di luce e di aria, umido, esso influirà sensibilmente sulle condizioni fisiche dei detti Sigg. Di Chiara, specie della Signora Anna, la quale già sofferente di cuore, mortificata ed umiliata nel suo morale e indebolita nel fisico, è in pericolo di subire conseguenze dannose e gravi se dovesse ancora durare la permanenza in quel ricovero.

Ora è più di un anno che i detti Sigg. Di Chiara hanno chiesto invano la propria casa, si sono rivolti ai Comandi mostrando la propria situazione, hanno scritto, pianto, implorato senza ottenere una sola parola di comprensione, hanno tentato tutte le vie anche presso le Autorità Italiane per avere anche una camera ove poter vivere, e non hanno nulla ottenuto. Ora a mio mezzo, si rivolgono a Lei, Sig. Ammiraglio, perchè, con alto senso di giustizia esamini la cosa, e voglia provvedere, ove necessità militari non lo vietino ancora, a far restituire ad essi la propria casa, che si trova a Napoli - Via Vincenzo Gemito n. 54.

Sono questi piccoli atti, ispirati a principio di umanità, che contribuiscono più degli altri a rendere grande un popolo, ed a lasciare una larga scia di benevolenza e gratitudine verso coloro che li compiono e verso la Nazione cui essi appartengono.

Severino Faucher
Via Autuonello Romano 11
Roma

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The writer, Severino Gamba, official of the Ministry of Marine asks for an appointment with Admiral Stone, whom he wants to see on private matters (not mentioned)

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Roma 16. 8. 1945

S. Onorabile,

ho l'onore di

conferire con Lei per urgenti e gravi
interessi della mia famiglia.

Mi sono l'ardire e mi conceda solo 4
minuti del suo lavoro.

Le chiedo un atto di nome di quella
giustizia ed umanità per la quale
i soldati della gran Patria si sono battuti.

Vi prego di far sapere ai miei cari che
potranno rientrare.

Orzuesolo, 10. 8. 45

(Sono un funzionario del Ministero della Marina)

2 Severino Gambari
Via Antonopoli Romano
N. 11. Roma 392.492

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AUG 21 RECD

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

3/7.B/CA

20 Aug 45

Dear Marchese Lucifero,

attached
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Further to my letter 3/7.B/CA of 18 Aug, 45, I am now able to inform you that the cinema in question is being returned to the owner for his own use.

The cinema is being retained by E.M.S.A. two days weekly, namely, Tuesdays and Saturdays, for use by Allied troops.

Yours very truly,

J.P. Roberts
W. CARR, Brig.
VP CA Section.

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Marchese Falcone LUCIFERO
The Minister of the Royal Household
ROME.

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Copy to : Chief Comm
Exec. Comm

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 3/7 B/CA.

18 August 1945

Dear Marchese Lucifero,

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Your letter No. 9463 of 10 August 45 on the position of Signor Luigi Doronzo, owner of the picture house at Barletta has been passed to the Allied Commission Liaison Officer at Bari and it is hoped that it may be possible to make some arrangements for Signor Doronzo to work for his own account at certain hours of the day.

Very truly yours,

M. CARR,
Brigadier,
VP CA Section.

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Marchese Falcone LUCIFERO,
The Minister of the Royal Household
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Copy to: Chief Commissioner,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 4755/200/EG.

16 August 1945

Dear Marchese Lucifero:

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I have received your letter No. 9398 dated 9 August 1945, in which you refer to requisitioning in CATANZARO Province.

I will have the matter investigated and will write to you again when I am more fully informed of the circumstances.

Yours very truly,

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Marchese Falcone Lucifero,
Minister of the Royal Household
Italian Government
Rome.

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See 1015

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

14 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

It is thought that the following extract from the minutes of a meeting held by the Commanding General MTOUSA may be of interest to you:

*I. Theater Commander

1. I have instructed the Chief of Staff to issue a directive to all major commands to submit a list of all facilities they are now using, including the percentage of use and the justification for continued use. I wish to impress upon everybody the need for action in this regard. We have a habit that when a facility is vacated by one unit another unit moves in. The time has come to start getting rid of as many of these facilities as we can by consolidating and derequisitioning property. I want all members of the staff and the major commands to know that my policy is to get rid of as many of these facilities as rapidly as we can."

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(signed) A. L. Hamblen,
A. L. HAMBLEN,
Brigadier General GSC,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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Ente Nazionale Assistenza Lavoratori
FE/16

Ufficio Organizzazioni
n. 9615

Rome, 11 August 1945
Via Sardegna, 36

To Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
R o m e

Subject : Premises of Via Tarsia - Naples

This organization created by the Italian Government to fulfil the task of the former Opera Nazionale del Popolavoro, meets with serious obstacles in the fulfilment of its task, mostly because it hasn't been able to recover the real estate and personal property belonging to our organization

The Provincial office of the Naples E.N.A.L. finds itself in a difficult position, for its premises, - 140 rooms, plus two picture houses - have been requisitioned by the Allied Authorities as offices for the Town Major.

Besides the fact that the lack of premises paralyzes all the reorganization work of the Provincial office, and has a considerable repercussion on the organisms which depend from it, I take the liberty of pointing out that the management of the picture houses would be the chief income of this office, i.e. guarantee the immediate resumption of the activities planned in the recreational, artistic and relief field, in favour of the workers.

Up to now, the said Provincial office took action with the Allied Commissariat for Campania, residing in Naples, without, however, obtaining a positive result.

I take the liberty of appealing to you, asking for your kind intervention to have the premises derequisitioned.

Trusting in the kind intervention of the Commission, I thank you and remain,

Yours sincerely,

THE COMMISSIONER
(Vincenzo Balduzzi)

s. Vincenzo Balduzzi

E. C. DIST - 20 AVE 445

ACTION : C.A.S.E.

INFO : Chief Commr

Ex Commr

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MFOUSA SIGNED COMBINED CITE TAGS

5th ARMY, FBC, ADRIATIC DEPOT, AAFMTO, ROME AREA COMMAND UTC, HQ COMD AF INFO
MRTA, VRTA, CRTA, VIAGGIO RTA, FRANCOISE RTA, AICOM, AANTO, FENSOUTH

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Effective immediately no further property, either real or personal, will be requisitioned or acquired on temporary receipt unless specifically approved by this HQ.

Action to derequisition all real and personal property, and to release property on temporary receipt, as soon as such properties become excess to requirements, will be initiated. This program will be expedited by consolidating facilities wherever possible and by releasing personal property to the Italian Government when such are no longer essential to operations. It is specifically directed that vehicles be derequisitioned or released if on temporary receipt with the least possible delay. Detailed letter instructions soon follow.

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Ref: 514/93/70.

10 August 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

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I thank you for your letter No. 28107 of 31 July 45.

The whole subject of derequisitioning of houses, schools, industrial and all other premises is having my very close and personal attention at the present time.

I am not yet in a position to indicate to you exactly what policy will be pursued but you can rest assured that I will do all in my power to alleviate the position so far as the necessary military requirements will allow.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Elmer W. Stone

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

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Professor Ferruccio Parri,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
R o m e.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

C. Com M.

AG 004/171 (CAC-0)

11 August 1945

SUBJECT: Release of Hotel Accommodations

TO: All Concerned

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1. The Italian Government, through the Allied Commission, has made strong representations for the release of hotel accommodations for civil use in order that such facilities may be made available for Governmental officials, industrial experts, foreign trade representatives and other persons travelling in Italy on essential duties relating to the Government and/or the rehabilitation of the economic life of the country.

2. The policy of this theater has always been, as announced in JHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 29 of 8 July 1944, that the needs of all Italian agencies, whether commercial, governmental or private, are subordinate to those of the United Nations. Though there can be no change in this general policy which would prejudice the redeployment of forces from the theater or disturb the operational efficiency of the troops remaining in the theater, however, in order to assist in the rehabilitation of the governmental and economic life of Italy, it is necessary that certain Italian requirements essential to such rehabilitation have priority over the extravagant and unrestricted use, by the military, of hotels for rest and recreation and the excessive travel indulged in by the military.

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3. All commands in this theater, therefore, upon receipt of this directive, immediately will investigate, and thereafter from time to time review, the extent and use to which hotels in their respective areas are being operated in order that those hotels, which can be released without jeopardizing Allied interests, may be returned to the Italians.

4. Any hotel which does not have a daily average occupancy of at least sixty (60) per cent during a thirty day period will be derequisitioned unless its retention can be fully justified by a well-founded future need therefor.

5. In cases where hotels individually are occupied by different organizations, arrangements will be made, where possible, to accommodate, as joint users, two or more of such organizations in the same hotels in order to provide for the release of other hotels.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL JIMMY DORR:

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 - G-1 (C)
- 1 - G-1 (B)
- 1 - G-4 (C)
- 1 - G-4 (B)
- 2 - G-5
- 1 - Q (Joint)
- 2 - C.O.

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 C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
 Colonel, (M)
 Adjutant General

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→ E.C. Steps should
be taken in line with new AFHQ
Translation directive on requisitioning
The Minister of the Royal Household

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CHIEF COMMR

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Rome, 10 August 1945

Dear Admiral,

Mr. Luigi Doronzo, owner of the 'Di Lillo' picture house and theater of Barletta, requisitioned by E.N.S.A. ever since October 1943, appealed to H.R.H. the Lieutenant General, pointing out his critical economic condition now that he can no longer exercise his activity, and asking to be allowed to resume, partly at least, his work.

Mr. Doronzo says that his theater which holds over 2000 people is now frequented by very few soldiers because of the small numbers of those who are stationed there, so that it seems the E.N.S.A. of Bari is now having one daily show only, instead of three; so that the theater is used from 18 till 20 hours only.

Therefore, Mr. Doronzo asks the E.N.S.A. of Bari to allow him to work on his own account from four to five days a week, Sundays included. On such days, he would pledge himself to give free entrance to all the members of the Allied Forces, keeping the best seats for them.

If this couldn't be granted to him, he asks to be allowed to work for his own account, at least after 20 hours, considering that after that time, the theater remains closed, and is of no use either to the Allied troops or to the citizens.

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According to the wish of His Royal Highness and considering that this man has to make a living for a family of 10 people, and that he had to give up his activity for 21 months because of the above mentioned requisition, and that he was thus deprived of all possibility of making money, I draw your kind attention on the matter for whatever action you may deem it advisable to take.

Thanking you in advance, for whatever answer you will send me, I remain, my dear Admiral,

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Yours sincerely,

B. F. Lucifero

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Return to
Chief Commissioner

EC Dist - 14 Aug 45

ACTION: C.A. Sec
INFO: CHIEF COMMR
EXEC COMMR

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TRANSLATION

Rome, 9 August 45

Illustrious Admiral

I feel my duty to inform you of the following:
In the Crotona area (Catanzaro province) the Allied Command identified by the letters "9 C.R.S.", 23 months after the armistice, while the war in Europe is ended since a few months, and after the Italy has aligned herself with the United Nations in the struggle against Japan, goes on to requisition and occupy civilian living quarters, while moreover, the Local Grand Hotel, which is at the disposal of the Allied Command, is at present almost empty.

This has arisen and still arises a strong resentment among the local population, which chatters all who, as myself, have since the Allied landing in Italy, loyally and sincerely worked for a closer understanding between ours and the Allied Nations.

I have now been informed that in the past days, some military personnel of said "9 C.R.S." HQ of Crotona have requisitioned or occupied the house belonging the relation of mine, Baron Francesco GALLUCCIO, located in the Sile Piccola at Torre di Ponte. By the way, I had planned to use it as a resting place for my family, for some of my nephews, according medical advice, need to breathe mountain air.

Consequently, dear Admiral, I ask you to consider the matter of such requisitions and occupations made 23 months after the armistice, and specially the occupation of above mentioned Baron Francesco Galluccio's house, which, if not completely released by said "9 C.R.S." HQ, my family might be permitted to share with the present occupants.

Looking forward to your kind reply I send you, Illustrious Admiral, the expression of my high consideration.

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Signed: F. INSIFERO
Minister of the Royal House.

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Ref: 4755/199/30.

13 August 1945

SUBJECT: Requisitioning in Italian Government territory.

TO : H.Q. Allied Military Government, Naples Commune.

1. Attached is a copy of a letter received from the Minister of the Royal House in which it is reported that 9 C.R.E. have requisitioned or occupied a house in the Catanzaro Province.

2. Before taking the matter further, we should appreciate your investigating the report and forwarding to us any information you may obtain.

R. W. KEMSLEY

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE

SAC (45) 3rd Meeting
9 August 1945

TOP SECRET

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

Para 2: RETURN OF COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER FACILITIES TO CIVILIAN USE
IN ITALY

(Removal of censorship restrictions)
(Release to Ital authorities)

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*Office of
Chief Comm.*

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
REAL ESTATE SECTION
APO 794, US ARMY

JWF/np
7 August 1945

REQ 934

SUBJECT: Via Vittoria 8, Lido.

TO : Umberto Granelli
c/o Mrs. Tullia Savini
Via Novara 33, int. 3 ROME.

1. Reference your request for permission to send a representative to inspect the above building with a view to future repairs. Your request has received careful consideration by this Command and it is agreed that you may make such inspection as you desire of this property.

2. It is to be distinctly understood that this is not a notice of derequisition, or that we will derequisition the property. You are also to understand that shall we be required to assign it to a unit or formation, that we shall do so without further notice to you.

JOHN WATT PAGE, Jr
Major Inf
Administration Officer

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Copy to: A.C. Office of Chief Commissioner
O.C. Det. 30 Cheshire, CMF.

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AUG 8 RECD

Ref: JTB/95/10.

7 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Hotel accommodation.

TO : The Ministry of the Interior,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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1. The Allied Commission refers to letter 9/21.1/Ca dated 26 July 1945 to inform the Ministry of the Interior that the matter of hotel accommodation has been reconsidered. It is now thought that instead of providing the Allied Commission with a list of hotels now known to be requisitioned which, in the opinion of the Italian Government, are most necessary to Italian civil requirements, it would be better for the Italian Government to inform the Allied Commission of the accommodations which they consider necessary in the following cities for the purpose of providing accommodation for Italian Governmental and commercial needs.

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2. The Allied Commission is glad to inform the Ministry of the Interior that the Commanding General, First Allied Army Command, has been instructed to release the Hotel de la Ville in Rome for use by the Italian Government. It is hoped that this will provide the accommodation requirements of the Italian Government for use by the Consulta. In this connection the Allied Commission would draw the attention of the Ministry of the Interior to Major L. D'Adda's letter 3.200.1 dated 7 July 1945, addressed to the Chief Commissioner.

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Copy to : Sgt. Bombardieri.

F. Talbot

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1st August 1945

TO: Rear Admiral STONE
H.Q. Allied commission ROME

Dear Sir,

My house, at Via Guglielmo S. Felice No 8 -interno 74
5th Floor, Naples was requisitioned by the Allied Military Command
as soon as the Allied Forces occupied Naples on the end of 1943

I was, suddenly put out of my home center of all my activity and
result of many years hard work. I was obliged to take shelter
with my wife and five children in a country house, guest of a
friend of mine, but I did it gladly thinking that my house was
necessary to the Allied Troops and that my hardship was small
compared with the sacrifices made by the Allied fighting soldiers.

Now the war is over, my house is empty, but, still requisitioned by
Military Authority although of any use to the Allied Troops.

6384 I eagerly wished to interview the Town Major of Naples on the
matter and try to get an order of derequisition, but that has
not been possible. I was never received by him. I received
many damages on account of this requisition. I cannot attend
properly my work and for lack of transport I have to endure a
very hard journey going and coming back from Naples, place of
my business and the country where I am obliged to live, besides
the inconvenience I give to my friend of whom I am a guest.

I beg you to help me, and if it is not possible the derequisi-
tion of all my house I ask that a portion of it would be
returned to me. The house has two entrance doors and I could
occupy part of it with my family, without giving any trouble

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to anybody. Friends of mine have obtained such facility from the Allied Command and I do hope the same will be done for me through your comprehension and generosity.

I bring also to your consideration that my financial situation has capsized and I am in great need for work. The war events have destroyed all my business and all my saving have gone to support my family. . . If I don't retake fully my work it will be hunger for myself, my wife and my children.

Trusting that you will help me to get back my home I beg you to accept my sincerest thanks.

Awaiting a favourable answer I am, Dear Sir,

Yours truly

Giuseppe Cocozza

6383 My present address is:

Engineer Professor

GIUSEPPE COCOZZA

c/o/ Engineer AMODIO

Via Marconi No 12

Torre del Greco (Napoli)

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Ref : 4755/23

Tel : 473201

1 August 1945

SUBJECT : Requisitioned Buildings.

TO : G-3, A.F.H.Q.

The Allied Commission Liaison Officer BARI has sent the following extracts from the reports of the Prefects which may be of interest to you :-

" BARI - Requisitions have nearly ended but all the empty premises which have not been occupied for months are still requisitioned which causes bitter criticism among the population.

LEONE - The Polish forces have recently requisitioned a villa on the MONTENAPOLI road. Although the number of Allied forces has diminished the main public buildings and schools of the town are still requisitioned and many apartments and villas are occupied only by a few persons. I request your help to obtain the derequisitioning of as many empty buildings as possible as their remaining empty etc. is causing bitter criticism among the population. "

For the Chief Commissioner :

[Signature]
Brigadier,
Executive Council comm.

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Copy to : 827/23.

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[Signature]

Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior

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Rome, 31 July 1945

Dear Admiral,

the miserable situation of the population of many Communes because of the great number of houses and lodgings requisitioned by the Allied Military Commands, requisitions which make the housing problem still worse than what it would otherwise be, has been pointed out in a meeting of prefects of Central Italy.

The attention of the Allied Authorities has been drawn various times on this matter, especially to solve the problem of people without a roof who are still in large number in all the towns damaged by the war, and also because the accommodation of very large families, in very few rooms, in those areas especially, where water is distributed in restricted quantity, threatens to bring about epidemics.

The school buildings deserve no lesser attention, for in many places, most of the schools are still closed for the premises are occupied by the Allied Forces; this favours one of the main features of the present day; abandoned children, with all the serious consequences it implies.

Will you kindly examine the possibility of asking the various Military Commands to help the above mentioned Communes, by favourably considering the possibility of proceeding to the gradual derequisition of the buildings meant to offer accommodation, and of the school buildings as well, keeping in mind that the question is particularly urgent and important in the towns of Rome and Naples.

Also for what concerns industrial plants, though I know the favourable orders issued by the Allied Authorities, which have appointed a Commission to examine the derequisition requests, I cannot but ask you personally, especially because of the incoming winter, to intervene to have the derequisition procedure hastened, also for what concerns small industries, the rehabilitation of which would greatly improve the present unemployment.

Waiting for your answer, I remain,

Truly yours,

s. Ferruccio Parri

Near Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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27 July 1945.

TO : Acting Vice President, Economic Section.
(THRU: Executive Commissioner).

The Daily Digest of Rome Press of 26 July reports that an article in SECOLO XX states "it is rumored that in Northern Italy big stocks of goods such as shoes, train engines, typewriters have been requisitioned by the Allies and sent to unknown destination. It is also said that even Col. Poletti protested against this but that the requisitioning authorities said that they had been ordered to do so by the Military authorities."

Please advise me what information is available on this subject and whether the report is in general accurate.

MELBY W. STONE

MELBY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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JUL 27 1945

Ref: 9/21.1/OA.

26 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Hotel Accommodation.

TO : The Ministry of the Interior,
Italian Government,
R O M E.

1. This Commission is considering the needs of the Italian Government in respect of hotel accommodation. It is intended to review the position over the whole country and submit recommendations for the early derequisition of such hotels as are essential to Italian governmental and commercial needs.

2. Will you please consider this problem and let me have, with all possible speed, a list of hotels now known to be requisitioned by the Allied authorities which, in your opinion, are most necessary to Italian civil requirements.

3. A very brief statement showing the needs in each town will be useful, and the request must be confined strictly to essentials.

For the Chief Commissioner.

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M. S. Lusk
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: C. Commissioner ✓
B. Commissioner.

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S.O. to C.C.

JUL 26 REC

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
REAL ESTATE SECTION
APO 794 US ARMY

RSM/wc
25 July 1945

REQ 306

SUBJECT: Building at Via Algajola 2 -
(corner Via Stella Polare - Ostia (LIDO DI ROMA))

TO : Com. Igino Ramazzotti
Via Sistina, 57
Rome

1. Reference your request for permission to start repairs to the above building. Your request has received careful consideration by this Command and it is agreed that you may make such repairs as you desire to the property.

2. It is to be distinctly understood that this is not a notice of derequisition, or that we will derequisition the property after the repairs are completed. You are also to understand that shall we be required to assign it to a unit or formation, that we shall do so without further notice to you.

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✓ Copy to: A.C. Office of
Chief Commissioner
Ref:CC 590 LWS/ejj
dtd. 11 July 1945.

Ray S. McMurtry
ROY S. MCMURTRY
Lt. Col. F.A.
Real Estate Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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23 July 1945

SUBJECT: Naples Sorting Office

TO : G-5: A.F.H.Q.

Reference your letter 383.8-2 of 13th July 1945.

1. It is desired to lodge a strong protest against the attitude adopted towards the continued requisitioning of these premises.

2. The importance of these premises to the restoration of the Italian Civil Postal Services has been stressed by this Commission many times and it is considered that the continued denial of their use to the Italian Government is now entirely inconsistent with the policy expressed in TAM 593.

3. It is not known to what extent space requirements of the British Army Postal Service at Naples are affected by recent and prospective alterations in the disposition of the Army and in the methods of conveyance of Army Mail but it is obvious that those requirements should be much reduced as compared with those operative during the campaign in Italy.

4. In any event it is the case that the Italian Government cannot introduce the expansion of postal services favored by the Allied Government unless additional sorting office accommodation is obtained and it is considered that there is no justification at this stage of events for placing on the Italians the difficult task of obtaining and adapting alternative accommodation while its own premises are being diverted to other purposes by the Allies. The only equitable course would appear to be for the British Army Postal Service to seek alternative accommodation to meet its new requirements. If nothing more suitable is available perhaps the question of sharing accommodation with the American Army Base Post Office - whose space requirements must also have been reduced - can be considered.

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EMERY W. STORE
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

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Ref: 9/21.1/OA.

22 July 45

SUBJECT: Requisitioning.

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.
Attn: Chief Administrative Officer.

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- 1 I submit that the time has come when the policy governing the requisitioning and occupation, both official and residential, must be reviewed and modified.
- 2 The present policy is contained in Administrative Memorandum No. 29 of 8 Jul 44 and is summed up in para 3 (a) which reads:-

"The needs of all Italian agencies, whether commercial, governmental or private, are subordinate to those of the United Nations".
- 3 The picture, however, has now altered. Hostilities have ceased. 6386 FAN 487 has been published and within six weeks the Italian Government will be in control of virtually the whole of Italy.
- 4 The interests and the welfare of the Allied troops must still be regarded as of great importance. But the good government of Italy must also be considered in its proper and possibly new perspective. We continue in accordance with the policy of our two governments to hand over full responsibility for administration to the Italian Government and we must, in justice to that Government, afford to them the machinery with which to govern. It would not only be unjust to the Italian Government but against Allied interests so to prejudice in any way the performance of government, especially in the very difficult conditions which face this country and the new Government at its head.
- 5 No Government can function without proper accommodation. No Government can restore the economy of its country unless it has at its disposal sufficient industrial storage accommodation. If we are properly to fulfil the policy laid down in FAN 487 we must, I submit, regard this question as one where military necessity becomes military convenience and where military convenience must give way to civilian necessity.

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6 If this is accepted then clearly a change should be made in the Administrative Memorandum mentioned above. The Italian Government and the Italian people generally feel strongly that much could be done to restore to their normal use many buildings which were previously requisitioned. This Commission has reported examples to you from time to time and in certain specific instances has asked for your assistance. In Appendix "A" you will see that local government buildings, warehouses, hospitals, law courts and especially prisons, are still occupied (sometimes it is thought unnecessarily) by Allied troops and institutions. Obviously pressure varies in different areas and it is fully realized that the physical presence of troops prevents the burden of requisitioning falling evenly over the country. But in a country where there is already a serious housing shortage, which has a grave refugee problem and, still worse, a grave prison problem, it is essential that due regard be given to accommodation of the civilian administration.

7 I therefore strongly recommend that Administrative Memorandum No. 29 of 8 July 44, be modified and that District and Sub-Area Commanders, FAS, and the forces of the United Nations in Italy be asked to review forthwith the whole requisitioning position in the areas under their command: that it be emphasized that continued occupation of requisitioned buildings can only be justified on the grounds of necessity and not purely convenience. Unless this is done I submit that we cannot conscientiously expect the Italian Government properly to fulfil its task.

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

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APPEN : 6A to 9/21.1/CA
of July 1945.

- 1 FOGGIA. The Prefettura is occupied (see our letter 9/21.1/CA of 15 Jun 45 attached as Annex "A"). In addition practically all large buildings, schools and colleges have also been taken over.
- 2 CERIGNOLA. 10 schools have been taken over and education is practically at a standstill.
- 3 BARI. A number of schools, warehouses and hospitals are occupied. There is a particularly serious state of affairs as a result of the VD hospital having been destroyed in the recent explosion.
- 4 LECCE. It is stated that the RAF occupy 3 huge buildings and the necessity for 2 of them is not apparent.

Stores and warehouses are occupied unnecessarily. It is suggested that MAFI and MPRA could share, instead of both using large buildings and occupying only half the space.

Theatres have been requisitioned although used but infrequently.

A large number of houses and flats are occupied by Polish troops who appear to requisition very liberally without reference to or in consultation with, the Italian authorities who could often offer alternative accommodation which would cause less disruption to civilian life.

- 5 TARANTO. Court of Assize is being used as an Officers' Mess. (See our letter 9/21.1/CA of 15 Jun 45 attached as Annex "A"). It is understood that in a recent fire at this Mess some valuable archives were destroyed.

It is fully realized that the difficulty in this area (TARANTO) is the uncertainty as to certain future policies, but it is questioned whether even in these circumstances the number of buildings which remain requisitioned and unoccupied can really be justified.

- 6 PRISONS. (See our letter AG/14210/1B dated 6 Jun 45 - Annex "B"). The dangerous situation created by overcrowding of prisons has frequently been brought to your notice. Recent prison breaks and cases where persons have broken into prisons and committed political murders are causing the greatest anxiety. Attached hereto as Annex "C" is a translation of a further letter from the Italian Government on this subject.

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This Commission cannot press too strongly for an immediate review of the whole position and the release of every possible prison building which could conceivably be made available. It is quite clear that during the coming months the resources of law and order in this country are going to be stretched to the utmost.

- 7 HOSPITALS. (See our letter AC/3609/1/PE dated 6 Jun 45 - Annex "D" attached). The inflow of returning Italian POW is expected to start in the very near future.
- 8 HOTELS. It is known that the requisitioning situation in Rome is closely watched by you and we do not wish to raise this issue other than in the cases of the application by the Italian Government for a hotel to house the members of the Consulta (see our letter 305/77/PC dated 16 July 45 addressed to Chief Administrative Officer). The Government has recently suggested the Abargo Plaza as being particularly suitable because it is situated near the present Parlamento building. The Commission desires to emphasize the importance and need of this accommodation by the Italian Government. It is of prime importance as a "civilian necessity".

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ANNEX "A"

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/21.1/GA.

15 Jun 45

SUBJECT: Requisitioned Buildings.

TO: AFHQ, C-5 Section.

1 The following is an extract from the May Report from the Allied Commission Liaison Officer at Bari:

"REQUISITIONED PROPERTY - INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC"

"All civilians rendered homeless by the explosion have now been accommodated, but this has meant a degree of overcrowding. There are many unoccupied buildings in this Area, but until the future policy regarding troop concentrations and embarkations is known, it is impractical to de-requisition any of these buildings. I have spoken to the Area Staffs about it and they are in sympathy with the problem:

"In this connection I draw attention to the following:

- (a) Education at both FOGGIA and BARI is hampered owing to the requisitioning of schools.
- (b) The Prefettura at FOGGIA is occupied by Allied Troops. The Prefect has been working from LUCCA but has now moved into makeshift quarters in the town.
- (c) The Court of Assizes at TARANTO is occupied by Allied Troops."

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2 Your assistance, particularly in points (b) and (c) would be very much appreciated. It is realised, however, that very great difficulties may exist for the Military Authorities and in so far as the schools are concerned do not press for immediate de-requisition. It is hoped, however, that some concessions can be made before the opening of the school year in October.

3 On the other hand, the occupation of the Prefettura and Court of Assizes is contrary to your directives and it is felt that this Commission must press for their release at the earliest possible date.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

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(Sgd.) G.R. HUGHES, Brig.,
VF CA Section.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner,
AF Liaison Officer, BARI.

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

10/14/21/18

6 Jun 45

SUBJECT: Prisons - Application for carequisition.
TO: AFHQ, G-5 Section.

The problem of prison accommodation for the Italian Government is acute and there is real difficulty in dealing with the discipline and accommodation of prisoners.

The Italian Government is pressing for the gradual release of some of the prisons now occupied by the Allied Forces. They point out that their difficulties are increased by war damage to several other institutions.

The prisons in Italian Government territory which are now requisitioned are:

1. Agircale
2. Avellino
3. Bari
4. Brindisi
5. Napoli
6. Nisida
7. Portici
8. Reggio Calabria
9. Roma
10. Sansevero
11. Frosinone
12. Orvieto

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The prisons in AMG territory are:

1. Ancona
2. Forli

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This Commission urged that the present position may be examined with a view to the release of some of these prisons at the earliest possible moment.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

(Sgd.) G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.,
VP CA Section.

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ANNEX 'G'

TRANSLATION M.C.

MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE.

No. 1743/1. 16 G.

Rome 22 June 45.

TO: Allied Commission
&
Sub-Commission of P.S.

SUBJECT: Derequisition of two pavilions of the psychiatric
judiciary hospital of the mandamental prison premises
of Aversa.

It appears that the mandamental prison hospital premises of Aversa were taken over by Allied troops, following a requisition by the 2698th Technical Supervision Regiment Transportation Detachment 4th C.M. U.S. Army for the accommodation of Italian Troops. Because of this requisition we have had to adapt a section of said hospital as a temporary prison. Two of the hospital pavilions have also been taken over by Americans.

6370 Considering that the above hospital cannot in any way continue to function in its normal activities owing to deficiency of premises, we beg the Allied Commission to do its utmost for the release and consignment of all premises in question.

An answer assuring us of your kind support on the subject would be appreciated.

For the Ministry
(Sgd.) Volpe.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: AG/3069/1/HI

6 Jun 45

SUBJECT: Hospital Facilities for Repatriated Italian
POWs at Naples.

TO: AFHQ, G-5 Section.

1 The Ministry of War has written enquiring whether hospital facilities
can be made available for dealing with repatriated POWs from Naples area.

2 This request has the full support of the Italian Prisoners of War
Sub-Commission as Naples is the largest single reception point in Italy.

3 The hospitals which have been requested, in order of priority, are:

- Ospedale Trinita - Naples
- Ospedale Militare - Caserta
- Convalescenziario - Pozzuoli
- Ospedale Quisiana - Castellammare.

4 It is not, of course, suggested that all these buildings should be
released but perhaps you will be good enough to examine the possibility
of de-requisitioning one or more.

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FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

(Sgd.) G.R. LIPJON, Brig.,
VF CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: AC/14210/PS

21 Jul 45

SUBJECT: Derogations.

TO: AMHQ, G-5 Section.

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1 While it is known that a letter is now going forward to you over the personal signature of the Chief Commissioner regarding the policy of de-requisitioning, the following specific points are brought to your attention as they have again been raised by the Italian Government.

(a) It is understood that the PORTICI-NAPLES Prison which was formerly used by the Allies is now empty. Could it please be de-requisitioned forthwith.

(b) It is said that only a very small portion of the MERATI Prison at FLORENCE is in use as a Court Martial holding centre. A portion of the building estimated to have a capacity of 900 is said to be empty and it would be of enormous help if this could be released to the Italian authorities.

6368 2 Appendix "A", herewith attached, is a letter from the Commissioner, at NAPLES regarding the LAZIALE Tunnel.

3 Attached as Appendix "B" is a copy of a letter from the Commissioner at NAPLES on the general position in NAPLES.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

G. M. (P) J. C.
G.M. (P) J. C., Brig.,
VF CA Section.

Incl: As above.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMBATS
APO 394

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16 July 1945

SUBJECT : Lasiato Tunnel.
TO : HQ AG.

1. I attach for your consideration correspondence on the Lasiato Tunnel Naples. Very briefly this is one of the tunnels connecting the Bagnoli industrial area with Naples and is the only tunnel with tramlines linking up the tram system of Bagnoli-Campi Flegrei area with Naples. It is thus of great importance to the poorer or working classes whose habitations and work in many cases, lie on opposite sides of the Vomero-Pocillipo massive.
2. The tunnel was taken over in 1943 by the American Air Service and used by them as a store and assembly shop for aeroplanes and it was then of great value on account of the protection it afforded against bombing.
3. It is now used solely, I believe, as a parking centre for aeroplane engines and in view of its great importance to the life of the city, I forwarded a request for its release to the AAF Service, Command. They replied on the 11th of July saying it would be released as no other place of equal convenience is available. /not
4. Would it, however, be possible to represent the case for release at a higher level so that we might be given a date by which this tunnel could be cleared and made available again for normal civil use.

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J.A.C. PENNYCUIK
Colonel,
Commissioner.

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APPENDIX "B"

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
APO 394

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9 July 1945

SUBJECT : Return of Italian Property to Owners.

TO : Commanding Officer
Headquarters, Souther District
Peninsular Base Section.

1. The Italian authorities are faced with thousands of Italian citizens who have been displaced, and are now returning from forced labor in Germany, from the military services and from partisan Organizations in the north. It is absolutely essential that all available housing facilities not urgently needed by the Allied Military Organizations be returned to them. It has come to the attention of this Headquarters that requisition property is not being utilized in that:-

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- (a) many properties are now occupied by a small percentage of the personnel which they are capable of accommodating.
 - (b) some properties are being utilized for the housing of civilians selected for such occupancy by military units.
 - (c) some properties no longer needed by the military are not being speedily returned for civilian occupancy.

2. It is the responsibility of the Italian authorities to properly utilize available facilities for housing Italian civilians and civilian activities.

3. The proper machinery is not available for expediting the handing back of non-essential requisition property. AMG has been the normal channel through which the Italian authorities have communicated derequisitioning requests.

4. In view of the above and due to the fact that it is the policy of the Allied Government to abrogate AMG wherever possible, which no doubt will affect the Naples Area within the near future, it appears essential that a central derequisitioning agency should be activated. It is suggested that such an agency

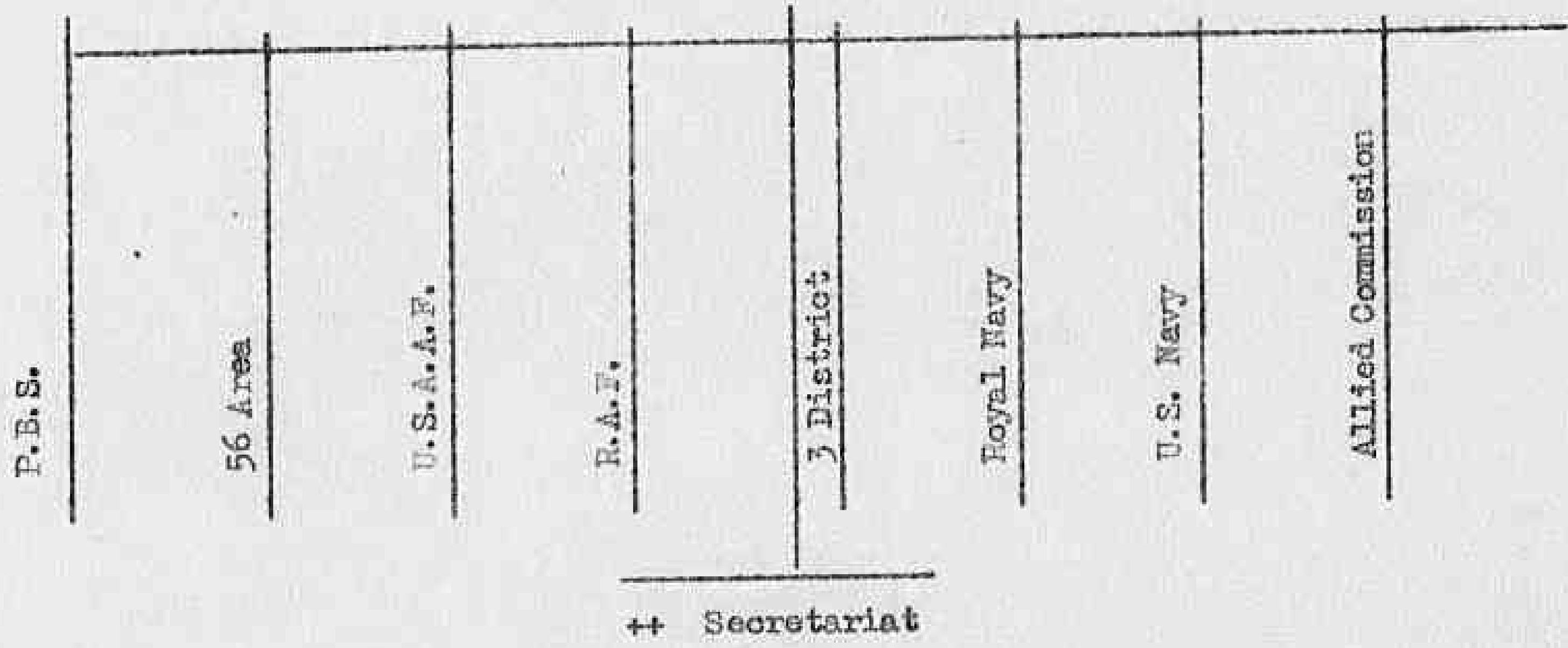
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could be directed by a committee composed of the various military and naval services operating in the Naples district. The agency would be under direct authority of Allied Force Headquarters and be empowered to examine all requisitions and to determine whether the property covered is being fully utilized. The agency would be the direct channel of communication for the Italian authorities.

5. The following is a proposed outline of the agency:

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

+ Chairman (to be named by AFHQ)



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- + Chairman to be Chief Administrative Officer assigned on a full time basis and preferably of the grade of Colonel.
- ++ Secretariat to be employed full time to properly investigate requisitions and should include a representative of Allied Commission.

s/ J.A.G. FENNYQUICK:
Colonel,
Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A/C 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

13048/P

19 July 1945

SUBJECT: Claim.

TO : DAD
/I Claims & Hirings.

1. The attached claim, submitted by Contessa Ida Dal Pero Pascualetti of Priverno, is forwarded for favour of necessary action.

2. It is regretted that the letter of June 4th, referred to in the above mentioned claim is not available in this H.Q.

For the Chief Commissioner:

/s/ B. E. L. Timmons
Major for
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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Translation

Priverno, 6 - 7 - 1945

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To Admiral Stone

Excellency,

reference to my letter of June 4th, my house of Sarnano (Macerata), which had been requisitioned by the British troops has been derequisitioned, and your kind intervention, which I took the liberty of asking is no longer necessary. Unfortunately, the house has been completely looted and the furniture spoilt, as I already told you, and I should like your support to hasten the verification of the damages and the corresponding payment of damages by Claims and Hirings, (British) C.M.F., for I will shortly have to go to the country, buy everything again, and transport these things to the village.

I want to point out that as soon as the house was requisitioned, I wrote to the Commanders, asking them to be careful; but for one, they didn't even answer, and in spite of the request of my agent, they didn't allow him to remove anything, though many things were quite useless for the troops (silver, pictures, valuable or personal objects). They also removed a certain number of valuable boards (nut-tree, oak, etc, for the making of furniture) amounting to an important sum.

The Battalions which occupied the house are the 57th - 55th - and 61st. Asking for your kind help, and thanking you in advance, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

B. Countess Ida Dal Pero Pasqualetti

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Priverno (Latina)

E. E. DIST - 14 JUL 1945

ACTION: ECON SEC
(FOR FINANCIAL)
INFA: CHIEF COMM
EX COMM

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Ref: 4755/181/EC

18 July 1945

SUBJECT: Requisition of a villa at Bari belonging to Avv. Profilo
TO : Headquarters, Number 3 District, C.M.F.

1. Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the Italian Liaison Officer to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, regarding the requisition of a villa at Bari belonging to Avv. Profilo. We also enclose a memorandum and a copy of the requisition order and a list of the inventory of this house.

2. It seems the house is now owned by Major Guarini, heir of Avv. Profilo.

3. The house was requisitioned on 7 December 1943 by the U.A.D., Claims and Hirings. It appears this matter has already been discussed with Claims and Hirings, Bari, through proper channels, but Major Guarini has, up to this time, heard nothing further.

4. It would therefore be appreciated if you would investigate this claim and inform this office what reply may be given to the Italian Liaison Officer to the Chief Commissioner.

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For the Chief Commissioner:

A. B. ARNOLBY.
✓ Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

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16 July 1945

To: Stone

Unable to release Air Ministry Building

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JUL 21 1945

Ref: 305/TI/30.

16 July 45.

Subject: Housing of Italian Government Officials.

To: Chief Administrative Officer,
AFHQ.

I have had a letter from Signor Brosio, one of the Vice Presidents of the Council of Ministers, in which he asks for accommodation, including a mess, for about 250 members of the Consulta who do not live in Rome.

As you know, it is very desirable that the Consulta should start functioning at the earliest possible moment and I think the Italian request is reasonable.

All the hotels in Rome suitable for this purpose are requisitioned by the Allies and I therefore suggest for your consideration that sufficient accommodation to provide 250 beds and a mess should be set aside in one of the hotels now allocated to Allied Forces for rest and recreation - such as Hotel Excelsior, now allotted to 5th Army, or Hotel Ludovisi, which is about to be vacated by P.W.S. Commanding General RAAC is writing to you on the same subject.

For Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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JUL 17 RECE

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
REAL ESTATE SECTION
APO 794, US ARMY

JWP/np
15 July 1945

REQ 306

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of property.

TO : HQ Allied Commission,
Office of the Chief Commissioner,
APO 394, US Army.

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1. Reference your letter CG 590, LWS/ejj, dated 11 July 1945.

2. Authority has just recently been received from AFHQ to derequisition certain properties at Ostia (Lido di Roma), as a result of our many requests for such action. The authority received covered most of the requisitioned property in that area; however, certain specific property was ordered to be held for the time being. It happens that the property belonging to Iginio Ramazzotti is among the property ordered held, therefore it is impossible to derequisition in accordance with his request, at this time.

John Watt Page, Jr
JOHN WATT PAGE, JR
Major Inf
Administration Officer

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
REAL ESTATE SECTION
APO 794 US ARMY

Jul 15 1945

GBH/wc
13 July 1945

GP 62

SUBJECT: Scuola "Sandro Mussolini" - Via Panaro &
Via Nemorense.

TO : Allied Commission,
Education Sub-Commission,
APO 394, U.S. Army

The top floor of one wing of the above mentioned
property is hereby released by this Command effective imme-
diately.

G. B. Harold

G. B. HAROLD, Major
D.A.Q.N.G.
Real Estate Section

Copy to:
✓ Chief Commissioner, A.C.
Sindaco

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JUL 13 1945
CC 0930

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO #794, US Army
Office of the Commanding General

TKB/lm
12 July 1945

AG 386.2 (CG)

SUBJECT: Housing for Italian Government Officials.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO #394, US Army.

1. Reference your letter of 11 July 1945, CC-590, and attached letter from Signor Brosio, Vice President of the Council of Ministers, on the above subject.

2. There are no hotels which are now held under requisition by this Headquarters for Allied troops which I can release for the purpose of housing Italian officials. These hotels are occupied by the Allied Commission for Austria, Allied Commission for Italy, Allied officers permanently on duty in Rome, and officers temporarily in Rome for rest and recreation. The commitments represented by the above categories have been given by AFHQ, and I have no authority to curtail any of these activities.

3. I see two possible solutions to the problem. First, to await the movement of Allied Commission for Austria, at which time the Hotel Massimo di Aselia could be derequisitioned and applied for this purpose; or, second, reduce the allocation of hotel space now appropriated to Allied officers for rest purposes to the extent of 250 beds and derequisition one of the larger hotels now held by the Air Corps, U.S. Army. The movement of Allied Commission for Austria and the reduction of accommodations is a decision which will have to be taken by AFHQ. I am presenting the situation to AFHQ for a decision, and, if you are interested, I suggest that you make pertinent presentations to that Headquarters.

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THORBURN K. BROWN
Brigadier General, US Army
Commanding

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CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

Ltr Stone 305/66/EC

12 July 1945

To: Low RAAC

Please see whether Air Ministry Building can be released to Ital Govt

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CG 590

EMS/ejj
11 July 1945

My dear Professor:

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In reply to your letter of 8 July concerning the derequisitioning of Mr. Ramazzotti's house at Ostia, I am having this matter referred direct to Lieutenant Colonel McMURRAY, Real Estate Officer, Rome Area Allied Command, recommending that the property be derequisitioned if at all possible.

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I suggest that you have Mr. Ramazzotti get in touch with Colonel McMURRAY directly, at Headquarters, Rome Area Allied Command, Piazza Venezia.

Sincerely,

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Professor Ivano Bonomi
Piazza della Libertà, 4
Rome

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CC 590

LWS/ejj
11 July 1945

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of Property.

TO : Headquarters, Rome Area Allied Command, Real Estate Section, APO 794, U. S. Army

1. The Chief Commissioner has just received from Professor Bonomi, the former Prime Minister, the attached letter which brings up the question of derequisitioning property in Ostia.
2. The Chief Commissioner recommends that if there is no positive military necessity for holding this property under requisition, all possible steps be taken to have it released.

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For the Chief Commissioner:

L. W. Stearns

L. W. STEARNS,
Major, AGD,
Staff Officer to CC.

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Incl:
Translation of Ltr from
Professor Bonomi

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cc: Exec. Comm'r.
CC —

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*Chief Commissioner
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q(Maint) Section

6637/10/2(Maint)

SUBJECT: Borizzo Airport, TRAPANI, SICILY

Tel: FREEDOM 392

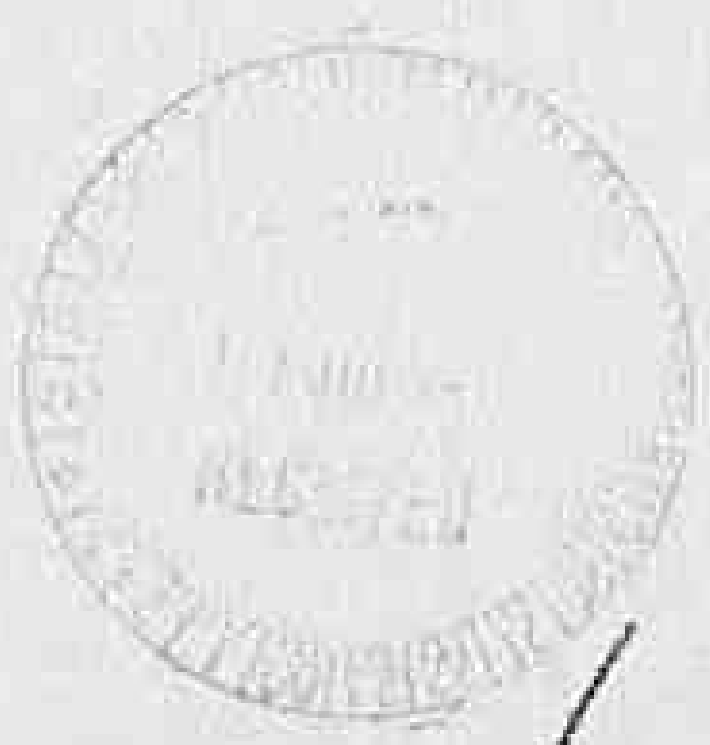
9 July 45

TO : USAAF Hq, European Div, ATC

Reference your CGV/alp dated 10 May 45.

The requisition of Borizzo Airport has been completed.

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L. Whiston

L. WHISTON, Major,
for Major General,
G-4 (B).

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LW/MSR

Copy to: HQ Allied Commission - ✓
cc-590 of 11 May refer.

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Translation

Majors -
Why no staff work?
Prepare ack + take necessary action
Ems

JUL 11 RECD
CC 1635

Dear Admiral,

a Mantova friend of mine, who has been living in Rome for a long time, asked me to draw your attention on his case.

The Real Estate Section (whose seat is in Piazza Venezia) requisitioned his 5 storied house in Ostia (Lido di Roma) on June 18th, 1944. The house belongs to Igino Ramazzotti and is in Ostia, via Alghiola, n.2, (corner of via Stella Polare)

The house is not being used. There is only a couple of soldiers living in it.

On May 23 of this year, Mr. Ramazzotti asked for this house to be derequisitioned. He would repair it and use it to house some of his employees who are working at some important public works.

I shall be most grateful if you ask the competent office to examine the request carefully.

I take this opportunity to send you my best greetings,

Yours truly,

S. Ivanoe Bonomi

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Rome, 8 July 1945

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JUL 11 1953
CC 1635

Caro Ammiraglio,

Il suo arrivo a
Mantova - ma che vive da molti
anni a Roma - mi prega di regnare
sarei un mio caro.

La Real Estate Section (che ha sede
in P.zza Venezia) gli ha requisita
il 18 giugno 1944 una casa di Spini
ad Ostia (Guido di Roma). La casa
è proprietà Igino Ramazzotti e
posta in Ostia Via Agaiola N. 2 (angolo
con via Stella Polare)

Questa casa non è abitata ed
adesso non si stanno soltanto ma

mentorena - ma che vive da molti
anni a Roma - mi pregò di scrivere
la sua casa.

La Real Estate Section (che ha sede
in Foggia Venezia) gli ha richiesto

il 18 giugno 1944 una casa di 5 piani
ad Ostia (Guido di Pozzo). La casa

è proprietà Igino Ramazzotti e
posta in Ostia Via Argentea N. 2 (angolo
con via Stella Polare)

Ora la casa non è abitata ed
altri non. Si stanno soltanto in
piani di soffitti.

(17) Igino Ramazzotti ha fatto istanza

il 23 maggio di quest'anno
perché la casa sia adeguata.
Egli la riparerà e ne farà
abitazione di alcuni suoi colleghi
adetti al lavoro pubblico importanti.

Io sarò grato se volete
avere l'ufficio competente ad
esaminare e costantemente l'istanza.

Colgo l'occasione per
inviare i miei migliori e più
amichevoli saluti.

Dev.

Ernesto Saracco

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Egli ha rappresentato
a l'attenzione di alcuni suoi colleghi
adetti ai lavori pubblici i suoi progetti.

Es sono grato se volete inter-
sare l'ufficio competente ad
esaminare e posteriormente listare.

Colgo l'occasione per unire
i miei migliori e più
amichevoli saluti.

Dev.

Ernesto Sarason

Roma, 8 luglio 1945

Ref: 305/54/EC.

30 June 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

With reference to my 305/51/EC of 23 June 1945.
I have now heard from Brigadier General Brown, and
very much regret to have to inform you that he is unable
to release via Lucullo 6 for use by the new Ministry of
Reconstruction.

If there is any other way in which I can assist
you in the matter of finding accommodation for this
Ministry, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Elery W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Professor Ferruccio Parri
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
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File No.

U. S. NAVAL DETACHMENT
NAPLES, ITALY

28 June 1945

Dear Johnnie:

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5/27/45

In regard to your letter of 19 June, inquiring about De Stasio's apartment at 11 Via Caracciolo, this apartment is at present occupied by four naval officers.

When circumstances permit the derequisitioning of such billets, I shall keep your letter in mind.

Sincerely,

Stuyvesant B. Wright
Stuyvesant B. Wright,
Commander, U. S. N. R.

Lieutenant J. Iannin
Flag Lieutenant to
Admiral Stone

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ROYAL ALLIED AREA COMMAND
Office of the Commanding General

25 June 1945

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My dear Admiral:

Reference your note of 23 June 1945 concerning the office building located at Via Lucullo 6.

When this office building was vacated by AMG, and upon your representations of 27 April 1945, I made an effort to derequisition the building, contingent upon the Ministry of the Interior assisting us in finding accommodations for the American Relief for Italy and the Civil Censorship Group. Inasmuch as no assistance was rendered by the Ministry of the Interior to solve this question, I decided to retain the building under requisition, and to house therein E.N.D.S.I., the American Relief for Italy, and the Civil Censorship Group. Since that time we have allotted space in this building to the Royal Navy and the U.S. War Shipping Administration.

Inasmuch as these commitments have been made, there is definitely no prospect of turning this building over to the Ministry of the Interior at any time soon.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS M. BROWN
Brigadier General, US Army

Rear Admiral Emory W. Stone, USNR,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO #394, US Army.

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Orig. passed to EC for action.
26 June 45
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Tel: 478201.

25 June 1945.

Ref: 4735/10.

SUBJECT: Requisitioning.
TO : B-3 District, CDP.

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1. We are informed by the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs that the house of Italian Ambassador Baron MARINO CHINOLIA at SAISO was requisitioned by the Town Major at SAISO on 24 May 1945.

2. It will be appreciated if you would inform us of the purpose for which the house is to be put and if this particular requisition is considered vital. This property has previously been requisitioned and was subsequently used as a temporary residence by the King and Queen of Italy, who left it early in May for another residence.

Brigadier,
Naples Commandant.

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Copy to: AME Naples Command.

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Rome, 24 June 1945

JUL 2 RECD

Translation

Excellency,

I take the liberty of drawing your attention on the following case :

After years of work and saving, I was able to buy a small villa in Castelgandolfo, in Via Galleria di Sopra, n. 6.

When the Germans invaded the village, my villa was occupied by the soldiers, who besides stealing a car and a very good piano, damaged and burnt the rest of the furniture.

On the arrival of the liberating armies, my villa was occupied by force by Mrs. Amici Leonina - midwife of the village and mother in law to Captain Vella, a Maltese, who also established himself in my villa with his family.

Mrs. Amici cannot by any means be included in the category of the 'ministrati' or refugees, for she had a house which remained intact and wasn't at all damaged; it must be added that the said lady sublet her own house thus getting a monthly income.

I could very well have taken action to evict Mrs. Amici from my house, but out of consideration for Capt. Vella I took no action.

However, the said Captain, thanks to his position and acquaintances, was able to obtain from the Allied Command an order of requisition for my villa, in favour of his mother in law, Mrs. Amici Leonina.

I didn't expect injustice and ingratitude, for, during long months, I had left the Amici family and also Capt. Vella's well alone, even for what concerned the rent.

For this reason, I ask your Excellency to judge my case and let me have back my little country house, where besides composing music, I also have the honour of doing service in the Pontifical Antechamber.

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Trusting in your sense of justice, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Alfredo Gianti
Cameriere d'Onore di Spada e Cappia di Sua
Holiness.

Piazza Montecitorio, 115

1706

To Admiral Stone
Rome.

EC DIST - 29 June 45
Action : O A Sec
Info : Chief Comar
Exec Comar

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Ref: 305/51/EC.

23 June 45.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

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With reference to the signal, 22201 Cab. of 20th June, addressed to me by your Excellency's predecessor, asking whether it would be possible to allot the premises of via Lucullo 6 to the new Ministry for Reconstruction. I have to-day written to the Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command, asking him to investigate the position. I will let you know the terms of his reply in due course.

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Yours very truly,

See 117x

/s/ Henry W. Stone

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

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H.E. Professor Ferruccio Parri,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
R O M E.

Copy to Civil Affairs Section.

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Ref: 305/50/EC.

23 June 45.

My dear General,

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I have received a request from the Italian Ministry of Interior that the premises of via Lucullo 6, about which we corresponded during May last, be allotted to the new Ministry for Reconstruction. I should be most grateful if you would let me know whether it will be possible to grant this request.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Sent 17/6

/s/ Henry W. Stone
HENRY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

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Brigadier General Theburn K. Brown,
Commanding General,
Rome Area Allied Command.

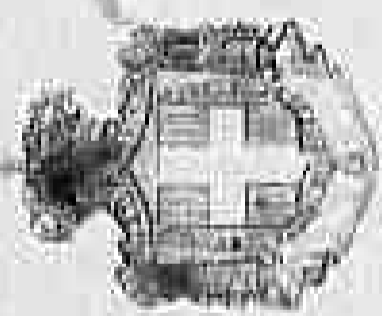
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Copy to Civil Affairs Section.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: House of Ambassador VARELLA in Raito (Salerno)

- 1. Baron Raffaele VARELLA, Italian Ambassador in active service, was informed this Ministry that the Town Major of Salerno ordered the requisition of his house in Raito (Salerno) on May 24th, 1945.
- 2. Said house has been requisitioned by the Allied Command in 1943, immediately after the Salerno landing of the Allied Forces; was subsequently placed at the disposal of H.E. Conomi, then Prime Minister, and finally used as a temporary residence by the King and Queen of Italy, who vacated it early in May.
- 3. Baron VARELLA has pointed out that, should actual military or political reasons still justify, as in the past, the requisition of his villa, he would see no objection any longer, such reasons apparently not standing any longer, he should be very grateful if the new requisition order could possibly be re-examined, and his house released to him.
- 4. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs beg to recommend to the Allied Commission the request of Baron VARELLA, and trusts that the competent Allied authorities will benevolently examine the possibility of returning the house to his legitimate owner.

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Rome, 22 June 1945

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SUBJECT : House of Ambassador MARIOLIA in Haiti (Salerno)

1. Baron Raffaele MARIOLIA, Italian Ambassador in active service, has informed this Ministry that the Town Major of Salerno ordered the requisition of his house in Haiti (Salerno) on May 28th 1945.
2. Said house had been requisitioned by the Allied Command in 1945, immediately after the Salerno landing of the Allied Forces; was subsequently placed at the disposal of F. S. Conomi, then Prime Minister, and finally used as a temporary residence by the King and Queen of Italy, who vacated it early in May.
3. Baron MARIOLIA has pointed out that, should actual military or political reasons still justify, as in the past, the requisition of his villa, he would see no objection to it; such reasons apparently not standing any longer, he should be very grateful if the new requisition order could possibly be re-examined, and his house released to him.
4. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs beg to recommend to the Allied Commission the request of Baron MARIOLIA, and trust that the competent Allied authorities will benevolently examine the possibility of returning the house to his legitimate owner.

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Rome, 28 June 1945



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[Handwritten number 11686]

Ref: AC/3069/1/PH.

21 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Requisitioning of Civilian Hospitals.

TO : President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
R O M E.

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1. With reference to your letter No. 451 of 26 May 1945, I have now heard from the Commanding General, Fifth Army, who assures me that the needs of the civilians for a hospital in Mantova are clearly seen and that every effort will be made to return the buildings to civilian use as soon as possible.

2. It is not yet possible to give you the exact date when this restoration will take place but the Director, Public Health Sub-Commission will do all in his power to obtain a satisfactory conclusion as soon as possible.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: RO, Lombardia Region.
PC, Mantova Province.

Rec. Comm.

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Translation

JUN 21 RECD

Interior Department

Rome, 20 June 1945

Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner Allied Commission

Rome

22201 Gab. Will you kindly see whether it is possible to allot
the premises of via Lucullo 6 to the new Ministry for Reconstruction.
With all my thanks.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL MINISTER INTERIOR

ECONOMI

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RE INST - 21 JUNE 45

ACTION: EXEC COMAR
INFO: CHIEF COMAR

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JUN 8 1945

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
REAL ESTATE SECTION
APO 794 US ARMY

REQ 1490

RSM/wc
20 June 1945

SUBJECT: Release of Public Institution

To : Admiral E.W. Stone
Allied Commission HQ.
APO 394, US Army

It is desired to bring to your attention that the Colonia Marina "Vittorio Emanuele III" property at Ostia Lido has been released from further Allied use. It is understood that this property is to be used for destitute children under the care of the Sisters of Charity.

ROY S. McMURTRAY
Lt Col F.A.
Real Estate Officer

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*Orig. sent to Mr. Brown
with note from St. Lavinia.*

*"Can we give him one bit of
publicity. Would appreciate any clippings
from papers on these releases."*

21 June 45

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JL/hjp

19 June 1945

Dear Commander Wright:

We have received a request from the Italian Prime Minister to see what, if anything, can be done for Mr. M. de Stasio, the Chief of the Secretariat of H.E. the Undersecretary of State, re derequisitioning of his house at Via Caracciolo, No. 11, Naples. The facts are as follows:

The house was requisitioned by the 5th Army on 2 December 1943. The bill of requisition bears the following: n. O-1291 646; signed Elewood A. Pannoy, Lt., Headquarters Commandant - Officers' Billet.

The house was then derequisitioned and contemporarily requisitioned again on 21 February 1945 by the U.S. Naval Detachment, with the signature of Captain W. E. Hilberty USN. P. 2665 is written in pencil on the requisition bill.

I should appreciate it if you would let me know what the situation is.

Sincerely,

J. Lannin

J. LANNIN
Lieut, USNR
Flag Lieut to
Admiral Stone

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Commander S. B. Wright
U.S. Naval Detachment
Naples

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*Segreteria Particolare
del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Dear John :

See 1270

I am enclosing
a letter from Avv. Le
Skasio on the question of
the derequisitioning of his house.

Cordially

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Franc See 1166

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Location of house?

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Via Cracciolo, n. 11
Naples

JUN 18 1945

Translation

Presidency of the Council of Ministers
the Private Secretary of
H.E. the Undersecretary of State

Rome, 13 June 1945

My dear Lieutenant,

Thank you for your kind letter and for the
interest you showed.

Here are the particulars you asked:

My house was requisitioned by the Vth American
Army on December 2nd 1943. The bill of requisition bears the
following indications: n. 0-1291 646; signed Elwood A. Penney Lt.,
Headquarters Commandant - Officers Billet.

The house was then derequisitioned and contemporarily
requisitioned again on February 21st 1945 by the U.S. Naval Detachment,
with the signature of Captain USN Hilbert W.E. -

p. 2669 is written in pencil on the requisition
bill.

Yours sincerely,

The Chief of the Secretariat
of H.E. the Undersecretary

s. M. de Stasio

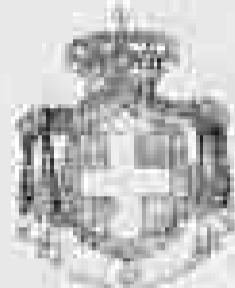
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Lieutenant J. Lannin
Flag Officer to Admiral Stone

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Roma, 13 giugno 1945

Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

IL SEGRETARIO PARTICOLARE
DI S. E. IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO

Egregio Tenente,

La ringrazio vivamente della cortese lettera e della promessa di interessamento.

Eccole i dati da Lei richiesti:

La mia casa fu requisita dalla V Armata Americana il 2 dicembre 1943. Il foglio di requisizione reca i seguenti dati: numero 0-1291646; firma: Elewood A. Fanney Lt., Headquarters Commandant - Officers Billet.

La casa fu in seguito derequisita e contemporaneamente requisita di nuovo il 21 febbraio 1945 dal U.S. Naval Detachment, con firma del Captain USN. Hilbert W.E.-

Sul foglio di requisizione è scritto a lapis: P. 2665.-

Molti cordiali saluti

Il Capo della Segreteria
di S. E. il Sottosegretario
Avv. Mario de' Stasio

0338 Lieutenant J. Lannin
Flag Officer to Admiral Stone

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MAY 30 REC
CC 0912

Segreteria Particolare
del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri Roma, 29 maggio 1945

It. John Lannin
Chief Commissioner's Office
Commissione Alleata

Dear John:

I am enclosing an aide-memoire on the question of an apartment in Naples belonging to Avv. Mario De Stasio, private secretary of H.E. Spataro, Undersecretary of State for the Presidency of the Council. He would be grateful if something could be done to derequisition his apartment.

Sincerely

Franco Montanari

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P R O M E M O R I A

L'Avv. Mario De Stasio l'8 settembre 1943 era ufficiale richiamato dalla R. Marina a Genova, di dove partì alcuni giorni dopo, attraversando le linee di combattimento nell'Abruzzo.

Veniva frattanto liberata Napoli e la V Armata requisì la casa del detto Avv. De Stasio, in Via Caracciolo n.11, int. 9. *Napoli.*
Presentatosi alle autorità militari a Taranto e quindi congedato alcuni mesi dopo, l'Avv. De Stasio cominciò subito a svolgere attività patriottica:

- 1) scrivendo su "Il Popolo" di Napoli articoli di propaganda italiana e democratica illustranti l'opera liberatrice delle Nazioni Unite;
- 2) pronunciando alla radio commenti nello stesso senso;
- 3) dirigendo l'Ufficio Radio del Governo Italiana a Napoli dal 1° maggio al 30 settembre 1944 e quindi tutte le trasmissioni effettuate in tale periodo, tra cui i due notiziari quotidiani "Italia Libera" e le relative note di commento;
- 4) chiamato poi a dirigere dal 1° ottobre al 15 dicembre '44 l'Ufficio Stampa della Provincia di Roma, che riorganizzava e potenziava, imprimendovi una linea di rispetto dell'ordine e insieme di libertà democratica;
- 5) continuando dal detto 1° ottobre fino ad oggi opera di propaganda patriottica, morale, di libertà sulla stampa romana, scrivendo fra l'altro sui giornali "La Patria" e "Voce Partigiana";
- 6) pubblicando la lirica di 700 versi "Agli Italiani", inno all'amor di patria, alla libertà, all'amicizia per i popoli liberi ed esortazione alla rinascita nazionale, opera apprezzata non solo dalla stampa locale, ma dalle più eminenti personalità italiane e dagli uomini di Governo, che hanno espresso il loro compiacimento con lettere dirette all'Autore;
- 7) coprendo dal 15 dicembre a tutt'oggi il delicato incarico di Capo della Segreteria del Sottosegretario di Stato alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri;
- 8) svolgendo in ogni maniera attività intese al ritorno del-

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- 2) pronunciando alla radio commenti nello stesso senso;
- 3) dirigendo l'Ufficio Radio del Governo Italiana a Napoli dal 1° maggio al 30 settembre 1944 e quindi tutte le trasmissioni effettuate in tale periodo, tra cui i due notiziari quotidiani "Italia Libera" e le relative note di commento;
- 4) chiamato poi a dirigere dal 1° ottobre al 15 dicembre '44 l'Ufficio Stampa della Provincia di Roma, che riorganizzava e potenziava, imprimendovi una linea di rispetto dell'ordine e insieme di libertà democratica;
- 5) continuando dal detto 1° ottobre fino ad oggi opera di propaganda patriottica, morale, di libertà sulla stampa romana, scrivendo fra l'altro sui giornali "La Patria" e "Voce Partigiana";
- 6) pubblicando la lirica di 700 versi "Agli Italiani", inno all'amor di patria, alla libertà, all'amicizia per i popoli liberi ed esortazione alla rinascita nazionale, opera apprezzata non solo dalla stampa locale, ma dalle più eminenti personalità italiane e dagli uomini di Governo, che hanno espresso il loro compiacimento con lettere dirette all'Autore;
- 7) coprendo dal 15 dicembre a tutt'oggi il delicato incarico di Capo della Segreteria del Sottosegretario di Stato alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri;
- 8) svolgendo in ogni maniera attività intese al ritorno della più sana democrazia in Italia, specie con scritti, tra i quali merita particolare segnalazione il recentissimo articolo § "Grandezza e Cristianità di Roosevelt" apparsa sulla rivista "Commento".

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Dopo quanto riassunto sopra sembra evidente che se qualcuno merita la derequisizione della sua casa questi è l'Avv. De Stasio. Si aggiunga che detta casa è necessaria non solo per lui, che potrebbe tornare da un giorno all'altro a Napoli e doversene servire come alloggio e come studio professionale, ma anche per suoi familiari, tra i quali una sorella sposata e con sei figli, rimasta senza casa e costretta quindi ad alloggiare in un paese prossimo (Cercola) dal quale il marito, ufficiale effettivo nella R.Marina (Maggiore), deve andare e venire tutti i giorni per raggiungere l'ufficio.

In conclusione si prega concedere al più presto possibile la derequisizione della detta casa in Via Caracciolo n.11, int.9. Va tenuto presente che essa è ora utilizzata (in verità molto scarsamente) dalla Marina americana.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

(Establishment Section)

15 June 1945

Minutes of Conference Held at the Allied Commission 14 June
at which the following were present:

Col. C. M. Perkin	Acting Vice President, Establishment Section
Col. Robertson	Headquarters Commandant
Major Timmons	Finance Sub-Commission
Major C. C. Craig	G-4 (A)
Major Surigo	Legal Sub-Commission
Lt. F. J. Acuto	Assistant G-4 (A)
Major Haslam	G-4 (B)
Major Dooliver	G-4 SAAC
Representative of the Italian Prime Minister's Office	
Representative of the Italian Treasury	
Representative of the Ministry of Communications	
Ispettorato della Motorizzazione	Representative
G. W. O. Leone	Conference Interpreter

The meeting was called at 1100 hours.

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- Col. Robertson
- Headquarters Command
- Finance sub-Commission
- G-4 (A)
- Legal Sub-Commission
- Assistant G-4 (A)
- G-4 (B)
- G-4 SAAC
- Representative of the Italian Prime Minister's Office
- Representative of the Italian Treasury
- Representative of the Ministry of Communications
- Ispettorato della Motorizzazioni Representative
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2. Present Status of Requisitioned Property.

Lt. Amoroso went on to define the types of property in AC possession and to explain that this conference would limit its discussions to cover motor vehicle and motor vehicle spare parts requisitions only.



3. Responsibility for Reimbursing Owners of Property Requisitioned by Allied Commission.

Major Timmons of Finance Sub-Commission, AC, stated that directives regarding payments by the Allied Forces in Italy are governed by the terms of the armistice and by instructions received from AFHQ. He stated that we have now received instructions from AFHQ that all unpaid bills and requisitions that are held by units of the Allied Forces under which AC and AHC come, are to be handed to the Italian Ministry of the Treasury. Several thousands of these bills already have been transferred. All of these unpaid bills, requisitions, and miscellaneous claims should under this procedure established by AFHQ be transferred to the Italian Government. He stated that the responsibility was quite clear that the bills would be passed to the Italian Treasury for ultimate settlement. Lt. Amoroso stated that the Italian Government by Royal Decree had set up a different procedure for handling motor vehicle requisitions and that AFHQ had already studied and approved adoption of this procedure to settle motor vehicle and motor vehicle spare parts requisitions.

4. Instructions from Allied Force Headquarters.

Lt. Amoroso went on to say that AC had received instructions from AFHQ to make the transfer of requisitioned motor vehicles and spare parts to the Italian Government with the least practicable delay and that in the transfer it was to be clearly indicated that all requisitions had been effected jointly by the British and American armies for joint use in military government operations. He stated that at a recent conference at AFHQ it was agreed that in the transfer of the actual requisitions to the Italian Government that each requisition be stamped to indicate that this property had been jointly requisitioned and jointly used.

5. Agency to be Designated by the Italian Government to Receive Requisitioned Property, Files and Records from Allied Authorities.

It was stated by Lt. Amoroso that the Royal Decree which set up the organization within the Italian Government to receive requisitioned property from the AC was not complete. The Decree makes no mention of vehicles and other property which the AC have requisitioned and no longer have, it merely states that any property (vehicles and spare parts) which we have and no longer used, will be turned over for settlement to the Ispettorati Compartimentali delle Motorizzazioni which is a provincial motor vehicle agency. Lt. Amoroso asked the representative of the Prime Minister's office if the Decree could be modified so that the AC could transfer its property, files and records to the Ispettorato Generale delle Motorizzazioni which set at the seat of the Italian Government, this agency to issue the necessary instructions to the Ispettorati Compartimentali delle Motorizzazioni. He stated that this would enable the AC and other military authorities to transact all transfers of property and files directly with the Italian Government and not with individual provincial authorities. Lt. Amoroso also stated that the modified Decree include that the Italian Government (Ispettorato Generale delle Motorizzazioni) receive all requisitions and assume responsibility for vehicles which have been damaged, stolen or otherwise disposed of, and the same for spare parts which AC had requisitioned and utilized in the military service. The Prime Minister's

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Minutes of Conference Held at the Allied Commission 14 June (cont'd)

6. Date for Final Transfer of Requisitions and Files.

Lt. Amoroso stated that upon receipt of the above mentioned letter, AG would catalogue and prepare for transfer to the Italian Government copies of all requisitions to cover all of its requisitioned property, and that these requisitions would be transferred to the Italian Government by 31 July 1945. This date for the formal transfer was agreed to by the Prime Minister's Representative and the Representative of the Ispettorato Generale della Motorizzazione.

There being no further questions by AG representatives or the Italian Government officials, the conference was adjourned by the Chairman, Colonel C.M. Parkin, at 11:50 hours.

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Colonel, Infantry
Acting Vice President

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ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
(Establishment Section)

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13 June 1945

SUBJECT: Conference.

TO : See Distribution.

1. A conference has been called by the Chief Commissioner to discuss the policy of the Allied Commission with respect to the transfer of requisitioned property, files, and records to the Italian Government for settlement, and also to discuss the responsibilities of the Allied Governments with respect to requisitioned property.

2. The Chief Commissioner has requested that representatives from the following Sections of Allied Commission and Italian Government attend on 14 June at 11 a.m. in the Main Conference Room, Headquarters A. C.:

- a) Establishment Section
- b) Finance Sub-Commission
- c) Legal Sub-Commission
- d) Italian Prime Minister's Office
- e) Ministry of Communications
- f) Ministry of Finance
- g) Ispettorato Generale della Motorizzazione

3. The agenda for the conference will include:

- a) History of AMG/ACC/AC Requisitioning Policy.
- b) Present Status of all Requisitioned Property:
 - 1) Civilian Vehicles.
 - 2) Other property - Miscellaneous claims.

c) Italian Government Responsibility for Reimbursing Owners of Property Requisitioned by Allied Authorities (to be discussed by Finance Sub-Commission representative).

d) Instructions from Allied Force Headquarters.

e) Agency to be designated by Italian Government to receive pro-

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Ltr, HQ AC, Establishment Section, dtd 13 June 1945, file G4/41/A, sub:
" Conference ".

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f) Date for Final Transfer of requisitions and files.

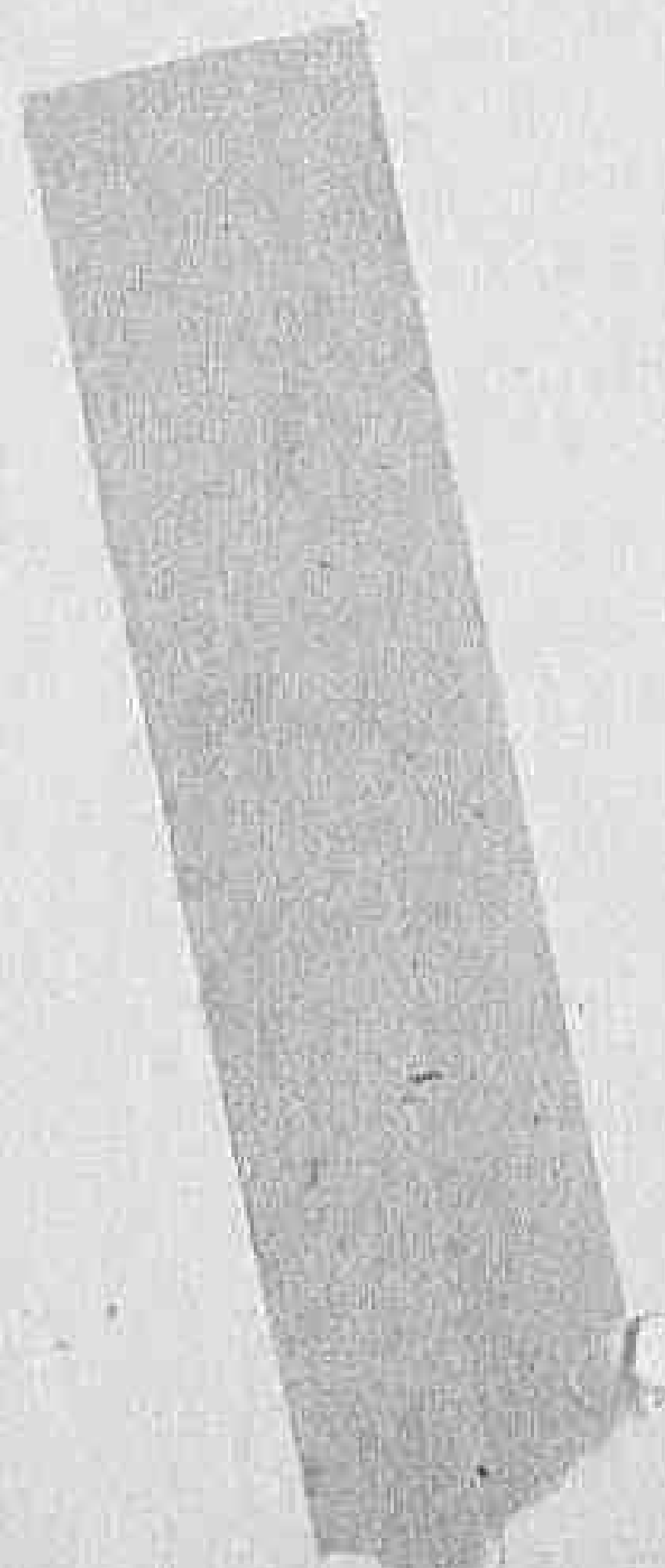


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Colonel, Infantry
Acting Vice President.

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- Civil Affairs Section (4)
- G-4 (A) (4)



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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Thank you for your letter No.451 of 26 May 1945 on the derequisitioning of the hospital at Mantova. I have instructed my Senior Civil Affairs Officer with the Fifth Army to look into this matter.

Before entering the North of Italy plans were made for the Allied armies to take over the hospitals used by the Germans in order to restrict the requisition of civilian hospitals to a minimum. It may be, therefore, that the requisition of this hospital has been a military necessity in which case derequisition at the present time might be impossible.

I am very sympathetic to your Excellency's request and know that it will be carefully considered by the Commanding General. You will be informed of the ultimate decision as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

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FELDER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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1 June 1945

Executive Commissioner:

Will you please have the attached reviewed by Economic and other appropriate sections.

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
Staff Officer to CC

1 Incl. - Ltr fr Marchese Cittadini
dtd 29 May, "Draft of a scheme for the
appointment of Commissions to deal with
requisitioning matters."

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Ref: 402/14/30

30 May 1945

SUBJECT: Diocesan Seminary at Grosseto

TO : AMG Toscana Region

1. Reference is made to considerable correspondence held between this office and the Provincial Commissioner of Grosseto Province regarding the above subject.

2. This matter originated in November when the Honorable Myron C. Taylor sent to this office a letter and a Vatican Note asking that this Seminary be derequisitioned. In December 1944, upon receiving a reply from the Provincial Commissioner that the Seminary was occupied by combat troops of first priority, we communicated this fact to Mr. Taylor.

3. We have received a letter dated 25 May from Mr. Taylor enclosing a copy of another Vatican Note and a document addressed by the Bishop of Grosseto to the Allied Authorities describing in detail the circumstances of the requisitioning of the Diocesan Seminary on successive occasions by two different branches of American Armed Forces, and this document contains an account of the damages purported to have been suffered by the Seminary during the occupation.

4. We enclose copies of the above referred correspondence and would appreciate your making an investigation of this matter informing this office whether the Seminary can be derequisitioned, if not already done so, and advise this office, at the same time, what reply may be made to Mr. Taylor.

A. B. ARNOLDY.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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3 Encls:

1. Ltr fr Mr. Taylor dtd 25 May 45
2. Vatican Note No. 83995/3A of 23 May 45
3. Document addressed by the Bishop of Grosseto

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

2, Via Boncompagni - Rome

May 25, 1945

Dear Captain Ranfurly:

Referring to correspondence between this office and the Liaison Division in November 1944 and to a communication dated December 7, 1944, Ref: 402/8/COS, from Lt. Colonel Enoch Brown, concerning the Seminary at Grosseto, I now enclose a copy of Note No. 83995/SA dated May 23, 1945 which I have received from the Holy See, transmitting a document addressed by the Bishop of Grosseto to the Allied Military Command, describing in detail the circumstances of the requisitioning of the diocesan seminary at Grosseto on successive occasion by two different branches of the American Armed Forces and an account of the damages purported to have been suffered by the seminary during the occupation.

Your courtesy in taking this matter up with the appropriate authorities and letting me know the nature of the reply which may be made to the Holy See will be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Myron C. Taylor

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Enclosure:

Copy of Note
Enclosure to Note

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FROM THE VATICAN May 23, 1945

The Secretariat of State of His Holiness presents its compliments to the Personal Representative of the President of the United States to His Holiness and, with reference to His Excellency's Note Verbale No. 294 of December 8th 1945, concerning the diocesan seminary at Grosseto takes the liberty to transmit the enclosed document addressed by His Excellency the Most Reverend Bishop of Grosseto to the Allied Military Command.

The document in question is a detailed description of the circumstances attending the requisitioning of the diocesan seminary at Grosseto on successive occasions by two different branches of the American Armed Forces and an account of the damages suffered by the seminary up to the present time during the period of its occupation.

In recommending this matter to the kind attention and consideration of the Personal Representative of the President of the United States of His Holiness, the Secretariat of State of His Holiness avails itself of the occasion to renew the expression of its most distinguished

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His Excellency
Mr. Myron C. Taylor
Personal Representative of the President
of the United States of America
to His Holiness

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C O P Y

Episcopal Seminary
Grosseto

Grosseto March 25, 1945

Hon. Allied Command

MEMORANDUM: Occupation and actual state of the Episcopal Seminary
of Grosseto Seminary

The city of Grosseto was liberated by Allied Troops June 16, 1944. On the same and subsequent days troops occupied the city and surroundings. One of the first places to be requisitioned was the large new Episcopal Seminary termed by the Allied: "A real American Seminary".

Notwithstanding the presence of the caretakers, groups of soldiers entered the building both by the main entrance and by the garden gates searching the entire building. Doors were broken, door locks and handles broken and the furniture destroyed of which some was removed from the building.

It should be remembered that the building was in excellent condition and the furniture new and complete to accommodate 80 students, directing personnel and Sisters employed in domestic work.

In addition all the furniture of the destroyed Church, St. Anna was stored in the cellars together with what had been salvaged from the rubble, doors windows wardrobes etc. Those places were also forced, open everything was upset and some taken away.

6323 That evening two large notices were exposed, one at the main entrance and one at the back entrance, which read: "Requisitioned for American Military Hospital. An attempt was made by every means possible to explain that the building was a Seminary and consequently could not be requisitioned. All attempts were futile.

The Bishop having heard that in the Seminary there was an American Medical Colonel inspecting the building to transform it into a hospital asked for an interview with him and the Director of the Italian Red Cross Hospital, but was refused.

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Having been informed by officers that the Seminary had to be evacuated the Bishop asked and pleased that a very small section be reserved for the Sisters and Personnel. The Bishop even pleased that at least a room be reserved for himself near the church, promising not to interfere in any way with the life of the hospital; this too was refused. Finally by order of the Allied Government and men in their service all the furniture of the Seminary i.e. school-rooms, wardrobes, kitchen, refectory, foodstuffs, Offices, Library containing over 3000 volumes were stored away in disorder in the cellars of the Seminary and in other underground cellars. The Personnel of the Seminary and the Bishop himself whose

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Palace had been in part destroyed and the rest rendered uninhabitable, were compelled to retire to the cellars where the Bishop lived for 4 months under a stairway, there receiving persons of every class.

After a large American Hospital had been established at Grosseto our building was reserved entirely for the Sanitary Corp composed of over 300 persons of whom 223 were doctors and nurses who took up their abode there in the first days of July.

Furthermore it should be noted that while the furniture was being removed to the cellars they either retained for their own use a large portion of our furniture, or cast aside, as they deemed fit, without making any list as requested.

Besides on the morning of July 9 large quantities of material arrived from Rome, and instead of depositing same at the main entrance, they entered by the back knocking down columns and gates which had already been damaged by bombing. After a protest had been made that such damage could have been avoided the reply was: "The American pay all."

The sanitary Corp remained until the beginning of September; during the period of occupation however, there was no possibility of an agreement being reached between the Director of the Seminary and the Medical Command, whom we never had the honour of knowing.

While the Sanitary Corp was preparing to evacuate the Seminary, the courtyards of the Seminary were already occupied with material belonging to a group of American aviators who lost no time in establishing themselves in the entire building, making use of our furniture always, since that used by the Sanitary Corp, had been taken away by them. This group took possession of the building until the first of September. The Director of the Seminary once more did not have the pleasure of meeting his Commander; meanwhile all the cantoons were occupied. The building was entered not only by the troops but by thieves of every kind and bad lining women, so much so that even in daylight some were found having intercourse and reported to the Allied Government.

When the Allied Aviators were about to leave and another group had been already established there another and more disastrous misfortune befell our Institute.

November 2 the waters of the river Ombrone broke through the dikes in 4 different points and flooded the entire city.

The Seminary was covered with water to a height of 3-4m. The water

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was not only dirty but filthy, and submerged every thing in the cellar i.e. the entire patrimony of the Seminary.

The damage caused which can be verified amounted to over 5 million lire. In these sad days we had the pleasure of meeting and negotiating with Col. G.O. WYMOND, Jr who with his men and workmen tried to alleviate our disastrous situation in every way possible.

In addition to the great damage caused to our Seminary it should be added that of the Bishop who was compelled to live for 4 months under a stairway. All his personal belongings even his Breviary was destroyed. Besides all the belongings of the Personnel and the Sisters were likewise destroyed.

The building is still occupied by a Group of Aviators, however a partial agreement has been reached with the same Col. in such a way that the Seminary could accommodate the first group of 30 students.

So much for the facts in the hope that the Allied Government will examine the sad fate of our Seminary and repay the damages, ordering that the necessary work be undertaken, indispensable for the regular functioning of the Seminary; together with water, lighting system etc. and thereby rectifying the harm and defects caused by the war and the occupation of the Allied Troops.

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The President of the Council of Ministers
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Rome, 26 May 1945

Dear Admiral,

during my visit to Mantova, it was pointed out to me that it is urgent and necessary for the civilian hospital formerly requisitioned by the German command and now used by the Allied command of the 7th Army to house German prisoners, to be again used for the requirements of the civilian population.

In fact the greater part of the patients is now housed in two school buildings, others in a convent, and others still in the premises of the Red Cross, with a most inadequate hospital equipment, which does not answer at all to the requirements for a profitable treatment. The most elementary hygiene cannot be observed for lack of water, insufficient shelter from the inclemency of the weather, lack of isolation wards for contagious diseases, etc; an X rays cabinet is also lacking. In particular, patients suffering from T.B. of the lungs, formerly isolated in spacious, well aired and sunny pavilions, are now gathered in narrow wards in a convent in town; the number of beds is already insufficient, and yet they must prepare to find accommodation for T.B. cases coming from concentration camps.

Considering the real necessity and urgency of supplying sanitary relief to the population of Mantova, I appeal to you, my dear Admiral, asking for your intervention with the command of the 7th Army to have it examine the possibility of derequisitioning this hospital,

Thanking you, I remain,

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S. I. Bonomi

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E.C. DIST - 28 MAY 45

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INFO: CHIEF COMMR

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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Chief Commissioner
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q(Maint) Section

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SUBJECT: Requisition of Borizzo Airport

Tel: FREEDOM 392

26 May 45

TO : HQ 3 District

Reference attached copy of letter and plan from USAAF.

Will you please arrange for the requisitioning of the Borizzo Airport near TRAPANI, SICILY.

L. Whiston
L. WHISTON, Major,
for Major General,
G-4 (B).

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Copy to: HQ Allied Commission (ref CO-590 dated 11 May 45)
USAAF (European Div ATC).

Incl: USAAF letter dated 10 May 45.
Layout of Borizzo Airport.

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22 May 1945

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

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I write with reference to your letter of 19 May, 1945, regarding Italian property requisitioned by the Allied Commission.

The chief types of property requisitioned by the Allied Commission/Allied Military Government are premises, civilian motor vehicles, office machinery (typewriters, adding machines, etc.), and other office furniture and equipment. Allied Force Headquarters has ruled that all unpaid bills and requisitions held by any unit of the Allied armed forces (including AC/AMG) are to be passed to the Italian Ministry of the Treasury for ultimate settlement as provided for by the terms of the Armistice. Many of such bills and requisitions have already been so transferred.

It should also be noted that certain supplies and equipment obtainable in Italy have also been purchased outright by AC/AMG, using A.M. lire for the purpose. Since such lire are an obligation of the Italian Government, the same result is achieved as if such supplies were requisitioned by AC/AMG and the requisition passed to the Italian Government for payment. The supplies which are durable and have been purchased from AC/AMG funds are being handed over to the Italian Government against receipt when AC/AMG have no further use for such supplies. This procedure gives the Italian Government, which is bearing the cost of such supplies, an opportunity to retain them for its own use or to sell them on the open market.

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I trust this information is sufficient to enable you to frame a reply to the Department of State.

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk
American Ambassador
Rome

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17 May 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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We have made inquiries into the questions raised in your letter of May 8th number 287.

For some time P.W.B. has been endeavoring to derequisition the printing plant at Via Quattro Novembre 149 and to rent a certain amount of the equipment. So far their efforts have not been successful because they consider the rental price demanded by U.S.S.I.S.A. to be entirely excessive. If the matter of rental fees could be settled, P.W.B. would immediately derequisition the plant in question.

As for the four linotypes which the Germans placed in the Messagero printing plant, we are informed that the Army newspaper, Stars & Stripes, is using two of them and the other two are being used by the Messagero printing concern to publish several newspapers. Stars & Stripes would be willing to derequisition three of the machines, keeping only one to publish the newspaper for the troops as long as they are in Italy. If three linotypes were derequisitioned it would be a matter for the Italian Government to determine whether they should remain in their present location for the use of newspapers currently being printed there or returned to the U.S.S.I.S.A. printing office. This is not a question which the Allied Commission can determine.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN EMBASSY.
Rome, Italy,
May 16, 1945.

Dear Admiral Stone,

We have been requested by the Department of State to report regarding the policy and procedure which may have been adopted by the Allied Control Commission with regard to the payment of compensation for private or official property requisitioned by it.

This subject has been under discussion with G-4, America, Allied Commission, and at the request of Colonel C.M. Parkin the matter is being referred to you.

It would be much appreciated if you could furnish us with this information for transmittal to Washington.

Sincerely yours,

A. KIRK.

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone, Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

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HEADQUARTERS VENEZUELA REGION
ALCOM

IN CLEAR.

At recent conference in VENICE Lieutenant General Sir BRIAN ROBERTSON decided that GRAND HOTEL VENICE should be developed on similar lines as GRAND HOTEL ROME that is for distinguished visitors Senior AO/ASG officers and civilians. Necessary to have a military manager officer preferably American. We cannot produce such from region. Can you provide from own or AFHQ sources.

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- INFO - A/PRESIDENT
- CHIEF COMMISSIONER
- FILE 2
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Tel : 735

18 MAY 1945

Ref/4755/134/EC.

SUBJECT : Application for Derequisitioning
of Garage, Via del Gracifordi 14.

TO : Establishment Section.

1. The attached letter dated 12 May 45 from GURCICLO ENRICO requesting the derequisition of above garage is passed to you for appropriate action.
2. Please advise the action taken.

Major L. W. STEARNS

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive CommanLover.

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Translation

Rome, 12 May 1945

To Admiral Stone
Allied Commission

Excellency,

I am Col. Cargioli Enrico; I was disabled during the 1914-18 war which I fought with the Allies, and I take the liberty of appealing to you for justice.

During the most critical month of the occupation of Rome by the Germans, I hid in my house and helped about 15 Allied prisoners (mostly British), who had escaped from concentration camps. Some of them slept and lived in my house, while others stayed only a few days, while the group leader, an Englishman, Mr Bishop, who had his office in my house, looked for accommodation for them with some safe family. My life and that of my wife were in constant danger from January to June 1944, during which I did my humanitarian and disinterested work. I point out too, that better to take care of the prisoners, I neglected all my personal interests, in such a way that a 'balilla' car which I had in a garage in 'Via dei Crociferi, 14', belonging to Mr. Tommasini Giovanni was stolen; this car which belonged to my wife was our only patrimony, and nowadays, I could have sold it and lived on the sum it would have brought me. Besides, Tommasini with whom I had common interests, had two cars stolen, while a third one, the only one which remained to him, was requisitioned by the Allies on June 6th; it was never paid and he didn't get it back for it was lost. At the same time, on June 6th, 1944, Tommasini's garage was completely requisitioned by the Allies; and Tommasini has been starving ever since, for he hasn't the possibility of doing any work at all, and he didn't get a penny, either from the Allies or from the Italian Authorities. Because of that, he cannot give me any compensation for the severe loss which I suffered.

0315 Finding myself in very difficult circumstances because of the war, I trusted in a token of gratitude for what I did to save the life of numerous allied prisoners. The above mentioned Mr. Bishop had encouraged me in this belief; he was in touch with Mr. Osborne, in the Vatican, and told me several times that a double premium had been fixed for me (50 L#) for all the prisoners which I hid. Instead of that,

1) In November 1944, the Screening P.O.W. office of Largo Imperatore 32 - Rome gave me 6000 Lire for the help I had given to the prisoners, which nowadays are worth L 200 of the period of my activity for the Allies;

2) I asked the Allies to give me work, by means of Capt. Scicluna of the Labour sub-commission of the Allied Commission; but I didn't obtain anything; having written to him, - got no answer

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3) I asked Col. Poletti to let me have some food against payment, and in September 1944 I was given 6 tins of condensed milk.

4) I asked Capt. John Malater for help and advice. He belongs to the Rome Intelligence Corps and was helped by me and hidden during the worse period of the German occupation, but he didn't answer me.

5) I made up my mind to write to the Foreign office asking to be given an exclusive representation for some English products in Italy, and through the British Embassy in Rome, I was asked for references from some bank, which I haven't got for I used to be an officer and not a tradesman.

Excellency, seeing that all my requests for some acknowledgment to my work have been rejected, I will only feel the satisfaction of having done my duty; However, I ask for justice; as the only way for me of making a living, is the above mentioned garage of Tommasini Giovanni, in Via Crociferi, 44, and considering that the war is now over, I ask you to have it derequisitioned, and in ~~the~~ case it should still be needed by the Allies, to allow the owner to work on his own account, were it only in a limited way, to enable him to live, for he is now quite destitute and has greatly compromised my interests, considering that I did all I could for the cause of the liberation of the world from nazifascism.

Thanking you, I remain,

S. Col. Curgio Enrico

Rome, Via Vattulonia, 59

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EWS/hjp

11 May 1945

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Dear Nelson:

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In reply to your letter of May 3rd, the Monuments & Fine Arts Sub-Commission "see no reason why Palazzo Barbaro Giscomello" should not be used as a rest center for officers, particularly as the owners raise no objections."

Remember me to the A.V.M. when you pass this on.

Sincerely,

~~Ellery W. Stone~~

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Colonel Nelson W. Monfort, G.S.C.
A.C. of S., G-5 Section
Hq 15th Army Group

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11 May 1945

SUBJECT: BoRizzo Airport, Trapani, Sicily
TO : Major Weston, Q(Maint), Allied Force Headquarters

Confirming telephone conversation of this date, I am enclosing the request for the requisition of Trepani airport in Sicily. Lt. Col. Van Nostrand left this afternoon for England but his Deputy, Lt. Col. Johnson, can be reached at Ciampino Airport in Rome through Favorite Exchange, Ext. 201, or direct number Rome 496651. I would appreciate your letting me know what the drill will be in this matter.

H/ J. Lammie

J. LAMMIE
Lieut, USNR
Flag Lieut

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1 Incl:
Ltr, Hq USAAF, European Div ATC,
above subject, 10 May 45
(with 2 incls)

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 UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCES
 HEADQUARTERS

EUROPEAN DIVISION AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND
 (1417th AAF BASE UNIT)

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY
 CHIEF OF STAFF
 MEDITERRANEAN REGION

APO 512, c/o P.M.
 U. S. ARMY
 10 May 1945

SUBJECT: BoRizzo Airport, Trapani, Sicily.

TO : Executive Commissioner,
 Allied Commission,
 APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. Survey has been made of the airport facilities required by ATC within MTO in Redeployment and Inter-theater Air Transport operation. The findings as to facilities required have been approved by Headquarters AAF/MTO and Headquarters MTOUSA.

2. BoRizzo Airport near Trapani, Sicily is required as an emergency alternate and for location of radio aids to navigation and weather service with communications. On 19 April 1945, Headquarters MAAF assigned this airport to ATC effective as of 8 December 1944, copy attached. Construction of required facilities is now being accomplished by PBS, MTOUSA.

3. Attached is layout of BoRizzo Airport and a description of the area required for this operation is as follows:

Starting at a point 200 feet NNE of NE corner of extended runway and thence WNW 2555 feet at right angle to the runway, thence SSW to a point 200 feet SSW and 1955 WNW of SW corner of extended runway, thence ESE at right angle to the runway to a point 200 feet SSW and 1700 feet ESE of SE corner of runway, thence NNE to a point 200 feet NNE and 1350 feet ESE of NE corner of extended runway, thence WNW at right angle to runway to place of beginning including all buildings, runways, taxiways and fixtures thereon; the airport being known as BoRizzo Airport in the Prefect of Trapani, Sicily.

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Ltr. Hq EURD-ATC, Office of Dep. C. of S., Mediterranean Region,
1417th AAF Base Unit, APO 512, U. S. Army, 10 May 1945 (cont'd).

4. Request is hereby made for issuance of a prefect direction to the Prefect of Trapani to requisition BoRizzo Airport near Trapani, Sicily, as described in paragraph 3 above, for the Air Transport Command. To permit adequate planning, information is desired by this Headquarters as to the action taken on this request and the time this airport will be available to the Air Transport Command.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

GEORGE C. VAN NOSTRAND
Lt. Colonel, G. S. C.
Deputy Chief of Staff.

2 Incls:
Incl 1 - GO #7, Hq MAAF,
dtd 19 Apr 45.
Incl 2 - Layout of BoRizzo
Airport.

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10 May 1945

CC 590

Further to our telephone conversation I have made some inquiries about the villa which the Field Marshal occupied last summer in the grounds of the Villa Roseberry and a tactful approach is being made to the King and Queen who are at present living in the main building. I will let you know at once as soon as I hear anything.

J. A. Quayle

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

Lt. Col. W. M. Cunningham
M.A. to Supreme Allied Commander
Allied Force Headquarters

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

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Rome, 8 May 1945

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Dear Admiral,

In reference with your answer of April 10th, to make clearer the subject of my previous letter of the 5th, I want to tell you that the derequisition requested concerns the U.S.I.S.A. printing-office, in via IV Novembre 149, in which the former paper 'Il Lavoro' was being printed till September 1943, and which was later requisitioned by P.M.B.

Besides, during the Nazi occupation, the Germans obliged the above mentioned firm to lend n. 4 linotypes to the Messagero printing-office. The present management of the Messagero refused to give back these 4 linotypes, under the pretence that the Allied authorities are using them.

As the requisition of the U.S.I.S.A. plant by P.M.B. and the keeping of the 4 linotypes by the Messagero on account of the Allies is causing great difficulties to the management of other newspapers for the printing of their dailies, would you very kindly consider the possibility of granting the derequisition of the said plant and the restitution of the 4 linotypes kept by the Messagero management.

I shall be most grateful if you can give me some informations on this subject.

Yours truly,

S. I. Bonomi

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission
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EE DIST - 10 MAY 45

ACTION : PRB (2)

INFO : CHIEF COMM
/ EX COMM.

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~~B/O~~ 14 May Q

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Ref: 305/27/80.

7 May 1945.

My dear General:

(NO)

I am much obliged to you for your letter of 3 May 1945 and am very glad to learn that the various organizations in which the Commission is interested are being assigned space in the building at No.6 Via Lucullo. This arrangement is most satisfactory pending the derequisitioning of the building.

With kindest personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Elery W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Thoburn K. Brown,
Commanding General,
Rome Area Allied Command.

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cc. Myron Taylor.
CA SECTION
EX. COMM
cc. FILEY

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
(Tel. 489081, ext. 442 & 254; 478480)

20121/MFAA

7 May 1945

TO: Office of the Chief Commissioner, attn. Major Quayle.

1. Reference your request of 7 May 45 re Palazzo
Barbaro Giacomello, this subcommission see no reason why
the Palazzo should not be used as a rest center for officers,
particularly as the owners raise no objections.

Ernest T. De Wald
ERNEST T. DE WALD
Lt. Col., Spec. Res.
Director.

Copy to:
RC, VENETIAN Reg, attn. MFAA Officer
(with copy of ref. letter)

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JAQ/njp

7 May 1945

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TO: Monuments & Fine Arts Sub-Commission, Hq A.C.

1. An inquiry has been received in this office from the DCCAO, 15th Army Group, regarding the Palazzo Barbaro Giacomello (map reference G.4303), which is North-West of Treviso.
2. This Palazzo does not appear on your list of protected monuments, but should it be on a supplementary list, do you have any objection to its being used as a rest center for officers under the command of Air Vice Marshal Foster? The DCCAO reports that the present owners of the Palazzo are wholly favourable to its requisition so that the building may be kept out of rougher hands.

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

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~~B/u to Mary~~

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MAY 5 RECD
CC 0904

HEADQUARTERS 15TH ARMY GROUP
G-5 SECTION
APO 777

3 May 1945

Dear Ellery

I have just received a personal note from Air Vice-Marshal Foster (our mutual friend "Fussy") which is quoted as follows:

Dear Monfort,

I would be grateful if I could have your assistance in reserving for possible use by me of the Palazzo Barbaro Giacomello (map reference G.4303); the place is North-West of Treviso. I am told it is down in your lists as a cultural monument, and although I am vaguely interested in that sort of thing, it is not for culture that I would like the place.

Ruspoli told me of it, as it actually belongs to his daughter, having, according to him, been given to her by her grandfather, Count Volpi. He tells me the modern part of the place would be suitable for me to have as a country place where I could send senior officers to stay, and that it has amenities in the way of tennis courts, and a swimming pool, etc. He has, in fact, suggested, that I might requisition it in order to keep it out of rougher hands.

I have not seen the place yet, (although I am told that photographic cover is to hand), but it does sound as if it would be a very pleasant country retreat for some of my people during the coming summer. I would, of course, give my personal undertaking that the place would be well cared for. If you do allot it to me I shall be only too pleased for you to come and stay there.

Yours sincerely,

R. M. Foster

6304 The Palazzo Barbaro Giacomello does not appear in the Monuments and Fine Arts Sub-Commission's list of protected monuments and, in any case, I am disposed to help Foster if I can. Will you ask the Monuments and Fine Arts Sub-Commission if they have this Palazzo on a supplementary list and if they will waive any objection they might have to Air Vice-Marshal Foster using the Palazzo in the way he suggests. Sorry to trouble you personally with this, but it is just to help a mutual friend.

540/cc

*Ever sincerely
Nelson*

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

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27 April 1945

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Dear Montanari:

With reference to your letter of April 21st, I made careful inquiries to see whether this Commission ever received a letter from Costone Galvani on the question of the requisitioning of his company's premises. I can not, however, find any trace of any such letter having been received either in the office of the Chief Commissioner, Executive Commissioner, or the Fisheries Division of the Agriculture Sub-Commission.

Sorry I can't help.

Sincerely,

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

Sig. Franco Montanari
Secretary to the President
of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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Ref: 905/43/EC

27 April 1945.

My dear General:

As you are aware, the Italian Government is most anxious to obtain additional office accommodation in Rome.

Within the next week or so No. 6 Via Lucullo will be vacated by this Commission, and I should very much appreciate it if you would make these premises available to the Italian Government.

In this connection, S.N.E.S.I., the relief organization controlled by the Italian Government, Italian Red Cross, and the Vatican, are anxious to get space in this building together with two rooms for American Relief for Italy, Inc., of which Mr. Myron Taylor is chairman. I should be grateful if you would bear this in mind in the event of the building's being returned to the Italian Government, and I understand would be entirely appreciable to such a proposal.

Yours sincerely,

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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Brigadier General Thomas K. Brown,
Commanding General,
Rome Area Allied Command.

cc: Mr. Myron Taylor.

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Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
(Establishment Section)

26 April 1945

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SUBJECT: Use of Vehicles Requisitioned by Prefects in AMG Territory.

TO : See Distribution.

1. It has been brought to the attention of this headquarters that officers in AMG Regions have been authorizing Prefects to requisition civilian motor vehicles for AMG officers use.
2. Providing transportation for AMG officers in Regions is the responsibility of this headquarters and no authority has been granted to AMG officers authorizing them to use vehicles requisitioned by Prefects.
3. Therefore, under no circumstances will officers assigned to AMG Regions of the Allied Commission be permitted to use civilian motor vehicles requisitioned by Prefects, Sindacos, or any Italian Agency, and any such vehicles at present so being used will be returned to respective Prefects for disposition.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

C. M. Parkin

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Acting Vice President

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*Segreteria Particolare
del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Roma, April 21st

CC 0855
APR 24 1951

Dear Quayle,

on Jan 15th rag. Gastone Galvani, receiver of the "Compagnia Generale Pescatori Napoletani" of Naples wrote to the AG on the question of the requisition of the premises of the above company by the Engineer Services (Peninsular Base Section of the A.M.G.).

Rag. Galvani subsequently wrote to the Presidency of the Council. I would appreciate it if you could inform me as to the nature of the Allied Commission's reply.

Sincerely yours,

Franco Montanari

Maj QUAYLE
Chief Commissioner's
Office

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26 April 1945

Major Quayle

Sir, there is no record of
the matter attached in either:

1. This office
2. Executive Commissioner's
office
3. Fisheries Division, Agri-
culture Sub-Commission
4. Adjutant's Office

Sgt Shenfield

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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NEF/ard
14 April 1945

Subject: Billets for Allied Civilian Employees

To : Vice President, Establishment Section

1. Accommodations for female employees of the Allied Commission presently quartered at the Flora Hotel have been made available at the Esperia Hotel.

2. The Chief Commissioner directs that the female employees now at the Flora Hotel be moved to the Esperia by midnight 15-16 April. Any who fail to respond to this order will be reported to this headquarters for disciplinary action.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

NORMAN E. FISKE

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel

Acting Executive Commissioner

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APR 16 RECD

TRANSLATION

From the Presidency of Council of Ministers
Cabinet - File No. 31009.3-2-1

TO AC - Rome

Rome, April 13th, 1945

SUBJECT: Derequisition of thermal stations

The War Minister has called the attention of this Presidency to the fact that all thermal stations in Central and Southern Italy have been requisitioned by the Allies, who are occupying their premises and medical facilities.

Consequently, there is no longer the possibility of giving the necessary assistance to Italian military personnel specifically in need of natural thermal treatment for wounds and other ailments.

We shall therefore be grateful if you will kindly take the necessary steps for the derequisitioning of at least the thermal station of Ischia; this station could be used to meet all requirements from Army, Navy and Air Force.

The question should be settled as soon as possible, in view of the forthcoming opening of the thermal season.

EC's Dist - 15. Apr. 45.

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THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE

B/ Spataro

Translated by CC L.O.

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APR 18 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

NEF/mrd
13 April 1945

Ref/74/Est

Subject: Hotel Accommodations

To : Vice President, Economic Section

1. Accompanied by Colonel Parkin, Colonel Robertson and the Billeting Officer, I, today, personally inspected every room in the Esperia Hotel. I have suggested certain changes in order to ease the bathroom situation and with these changes I consider the accommodations are adequate in every way. Rooms that do not have baths have individual wash stands and arrangements are being made to open one bath on each floor.

2. The Esperia Hotel is an officer's billet and has accommodated the officers of this Commission in a very satisfactory manner. It is one of the best managed hotels that we have. While perhaps not as comfortable as the Flora, these quarters are in fact much better than those assigned generally elsewhere to military personnel of equivalent grade. I do not, therefore, feel that the complaint is well founded.

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15/ Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Acting Executive Commissioner

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Copy to:
Chief Commissioner

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10 April 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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We have looked into the matter mentioned in your letter of 5 April concerning the printing presses of the former "Il Lavoro".

From our investigation it is not clear where these presses are located. According to our information "Il Lavoro" until September 1943 published on presses located at 149 via Quattro Settembre. These presses have been under requisition by P.W.B. but recently P.W.B. opened negotiations with the Commissario and the interested parties to derequisition the premises and rent, under contract, certain flat bed presses which the United States Information Service wishes to use. The rotary presses, we are informed, are not used.

I assume Your Excellency is informed of the efforts of P.W.B. to derequisition this property and if these are the premises to which you refer in your letter I believe the matter will be regulated shortly. If these are not the presses to which your letter refers, we would appreciate additional information.

Yours very truly,

See 157a

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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Translation

CC 1732
APR 6 RECD

The President of the Council of Ministers
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Rome, 5 April 1945

Dear Admiral,

the management of some newspapers let me know that they had difficulties in publishing their dailies, for they have only few printing presses at their disposal and they are insufficient for the requirements of the newspapers.

They pointed out to me that this difficulty might be overcome if they could dispose of the printing press of the former 'Il Lavoro'.

As this printing press is still requisitioned by the Allied Authorities, the management of the said papers asked for my intervention with you to obtain its derequisition.

Will you kindly see whether this derequisition might be possible. I shall be most grateful if you will keep me informed on the subject.

Yours very truly,

G. I. Bonomi

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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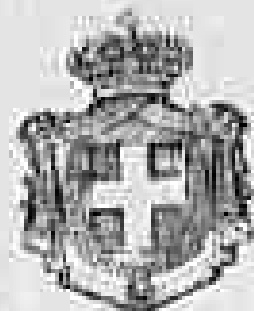
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APR 6 RECD

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*Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*
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Roma, 5 aprile 1945

Caro Ammiraglio,

le direzioni di alcuni giornali mi hanno prospettato di trovarsi in difficoltà per la stampa dei loro quotidiani, potendo disporre soltanto di poche tipografie, insufficienti a soddisfare le richieste dei giornali stessi.

Al riguardo mi hanno fatto presente che tale difficoltà potrebbe essere superata se potessero disporre della tipografia dell'antico giornale "Il Lavoro".

E poiché tale stabilimento tipografico è ancora requisito dalle Autorità Alleate, le predette direzioni dei giornali hanno richiesto il mio interessamento presso di Lei per ottenerne la derequisizione.

La pregherei, pertanto, di volere esaminare benevolmente la possibilità di concedere tale derequisizione, e Le sarò grato se vorrà favorirmi notizie in proposito.

Cordiali saluti.

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Al sig. Ammiraglio
Ellery W. STONE
Capo Commissione Alleata

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Chief Commission
RESTRICTED
MAR 26 1945

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
(Establishment Section)

ESTABLISHMENT (ACCORDING TO)
NUMBER : 5)
22 March 1945

U. S. REQUISITIONED PROPERTY (Except Real Estate)..... I
CONFISCATED GOODS, SERVICES, OTHER PROPERTY (Except Real Estate)..... II
PURCHASED PROPERTY..... III

I. U. S. REQUISITIONED PROPERTY (Except Real Estate)

1. The provisions of Section I of this memorandum apply to all property which has been formally requisitioned on U. S. Army requisition forms by Regions and Headquarters of the Allied Commission, including since 5th and 8th armies.

2. It is hereby established that all such requisitioned property (vehicles included) are U. S. Government property and will be treated accordingly. The chain of responsibility for all such property will be as follows:

- a. Officers, American or British, using or in charge of any such property will retain same only after signing a memorandum receipt to the Regional Requisitioning Officer, and each officer is therefore responsible to Regional Requisitioning Officer.
- b. Regional Requisitioning Officer will receipt for all requisitioned property on a shipping ticket from G-4 (A), Headquarters AG, and is therefore responsible to G-4 (A).

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c. G-4 (A) is accountable for all U. S. Government property in the Allied Commission.

3. Effective this date, no officer, British or American, in the Allied Commission will be in possession of any U. S. requisitioned property unless he has properly signed for same and officers will be held pecuniarily responsible for all such property in event property is lost through fault or neglect.

4. The practice of requisitioning goods and property on U. S. Army requisition forms will cease effective this date, and whenever possible goods needed will be purchased locally or rented (except motor vehicles) in accordance with Establishment memorandum number 5, dated 2 August 1944, subject "Local Purchases and Contracts". All requests for authority to requisition property which cannot be purchased or received will be sent to G-4 (A), this headquarters, for approval.

5. Irregular and unauthorized requisitioning of property

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U. S. REQUISITIONED PROPERTY (Except Real Estate)..... I
 CONFISCATED GOODS, SERVICES, OTHER PROPERTY (Except Real Estate)..... II
 PURCHASED PROPERTY..... III

I. U. S. REQUISITIONED PROPERTY (Except Real Estate)

1. The provisions of Section I of this memorandum apply to all property which has been formally requisitioned on U. S. Army requisition forms by Regions and Headquarters of the Allied Commission, including AIG 5th and 8th Armies.

2. It is hereby established that all such requisitioned property (vehicles included) are U. S. Government property and will be treated accordingly. The chain of responsibility for all such property will be as follows:

a. Officers, American or British, using or in charge of any such property will retain same only after signing a memorandum receipt to the Regional Requisitioning Officer, and each officer is therefore responsible to Regional Requisitioning Officer.

b. Regional Requisitioning Officer will receipt for all requisitioned property on a shipping ticket from G-4 (A), Headquarters AG, and is therefore responsible to G-4 (A).

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5. Irregular and unauthorized requisitioning of property has led to many claims involving the U. S. Government. Officers will familiarize themselves with the provisions of this directive and strict compliance with the above is directed. Regional Commissioners, including SCAO's AIG 5th and AIG 8th Armies will be responsible for seeing that the provisions of this directive are passed on to all concerned. Officers have in the past seized goods or property and issued owners temporary receipts on any form or scrap of paper. A temporary receipt form has been prescribed and will be used. The

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practice of issuing irregular and unauthorized temporary receipts will cease.

6. The Regional Requisitioning Officer in each Region and AHC 5th and 8th Armies will inventory all requisitioned property of all classes in their Region and forward a copy of the inventory to G-4 (A), this headquarters, not later than 15 April 1945. After examination by G-4 (A), a copy of each inventory will be returned indicating which items are authorized and all such property will be recorded in a Regional Requisitioned Property Book, kept in accordance with W. D. Circular 170 governing the maintenance of a Company Property Book for all W. D. property. For those items not authorized, G-4 (A) will issue instructions for disposition.

II. CONFISCATED GOODS, SERVICES, OTHER PROPERTY (Except Real Estate)

1. Inspection of Regions in Allied Commission has shown that Provincial and Regional Headquarters are in possession of property which has neither been requisitioned or purchased; i. e. typewriters, office furniture confiscated from Fascist State organizations.

2. All property falling in this category will be included in the inventory to be taken and will be accounted for in the same manner prescribed in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. Officer responsibility for property which he is in possession of, and has signed for, cannot be overstressed.

3. G-4 (A) will indicate which items of this nature are authorized, and such property will be recorded in the Regional Requisitioned Property Book.

4. Maintenance of the Regional Requisitioned Property Book will be the responsibility of the Regional Requisitioning Officer who must be an American officer.

III. PURCHASED PROPERTY

1. Responsibility.

a. From the date of this Memorandum, G-4 (B) will be responsible for maintaining at Headquarters records of all property purchased from A. C. funds in the Allied Commission.

b. Regional Commissioners, SCMO's of Armies and Headquarters Commandant are responsible for ensuring that the records of their Regions, etc. are kept at Regional Headquarters and communicated to G-4 (B). They are also responsible for ensuring that such property is preserved, and on any reorganization of the Region, properly handed over to another military formation or disposed of in accordance with instructions to be issued by G-4 (B).

c. Provincial Commissioners are responsible for seeing that proper records of all property purchased in their Provinces are kept at Provincial Headquarters and that the records of the Provinces are communicated to Regional

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d. The Director, D.F.A. S.C. is responsible for seeing that the records of his Sub-Commission are kept at the Headquarters of the Sub-Commission and are correctly communicated to G-4 (B). He will appoint an officer for this purpose at Sub-Commission Headquarters and such other officers in Groups and Areas as shall from time to time be necessary.

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2. Checks.

- a. A system of checking property purchased from A. C. or A.M.G. funds will be instituted throughout all Regions which will ensure that such property is checked by a responsible officer at least once a month.
- b. On any change of Regional Commissioner or of the officer appointed to look after this property, or of a Provincial Commissioner, such property will be checked and signed for by the incoming officer.

3. Returns.

- a. An initial return has already been asked for.
- b. Any future purchases involving a sum exceeding 5,000 lire will be notified forthwith to G-4 (B).
- c. If any such purchased property is transferred, whether by sale or otherwise, such disposal will be immediately notified to G-4 (B).
- d. All Regions, Armies, Headquarters Commandant and D.P.&R. S.C. will render to G-4 (B) monthly, on the 10th of each month, a return stating what additional purchases have been made during the preceding month, including any already notified under paragraph 3 (b) above. This return will also include any reduction in the holdings of the Region, etc., reported under paragraph 3 (c), or effected under the provisions of paragraph 4 below.

4. Losses and Writes-Off.

- a. In the event of any purchased property being lost or damaged, the circumstances will immediately be investigated by the Region or equivalent formation concerned, and a report, with the recommendation of the Regional Commissioner or his Executive Officer, or equivalent officer in other formations, forwarded to G-4 (B).
- b. G-4 (B) will be responsible for obtaining the views of Finance Sub-Commission or any other appropriate person at this Headquarters and instructing Regional Commissioners as to the terms on which the property may be written off.

OFFICIAL:

J. L. Jones
J. L. JONES
Colonel,
Executive Officer (B)

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Acting Deputy Exec. Comm.

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21 March 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

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When I received your letter of 1st March 1945, asking the Allied Commission to help the Minister of Interior to find additional office space, I wrote to the Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command, to ask him to investigate what could be done.

His reply expresses interest and sympathy in the problem but, unfortunately, Rome Area Allied Command are not in a position to take any action forthwith. However, we have agreed to discuss this matter again in 14 days time and I can assure you, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, I will not relax my efforts to secure the release to you of all property not required in the interests of the Allied War effort.

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Yours very truly,

S/ G.R. UPTON Brig.
for NICHOLAS W. SINGE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

AC/3033/8/PH

13 March 1945

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

The question of the requisitioning of hospital buildings in Northern Italy has already been discussed with the military authorities concerned and we have received their assurance that, wherever practicable, the civilian and Italian military hospitals will not in fact be requisitioned but will be allowed to continue their customary functions.

Regarding the hospitals and sanatoria in Liberated Italy, requests have already been made to the military authorities for the release of such buildings as can readily be derequisitioned.

Yours very truly,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
for ELDERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
AFO #794, US Army
Office of the Commanding General

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8 March 1945

Subject: Accommodations.

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To: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, AFO #394, US Army.
(Attn: Civil Affairs Section)

1. Reference letter Headquarters Allied Commission, Civil Affairs Section, 9/21.1/CA, dated 6 February 1945.

2. The situation of the Italian Government with respect to office accommodations for its various agencies is recognized, and a sympathetic attitude is maintained by this Headquarters. However, I wish to point out that I have instructions from AFHQ that all accommodations both for offices and living quarters now held under Allied control will not be released without specific authority from that headquarters. Until the demands of AFHQ for the post-war period are determined I can offer very little hope of any material relief in this matter.

THORBURN K. BROWN
Brigadier General, US Army
Commanding

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The President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior
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Rome, 1 March 1945

Dear Admiral,

The Interior Department requires some building in which some rather important offices depending from it could be established, among which the General Command of the Carabinieri Corps; its functioning is at present hampered by the fact that its offices are not adequately accommodated.

I shall therefore be most grateful if you will kindly see that I am timely informed about the premises which might be left free by the offices and commands which will leave Rome,

I remain,

Truly yours,

S. I. Bonomi

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Admiral Gildery S. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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CHIEF COMMR
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The President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior

Rome, 26 February 1945

Dear Admiral,

You well know the difficult situation of the hospitals in the liberated provinces, because of the diminution of the number of beds, due to war damages or to the requisition of hospital buildings by the Allied authorities, for military requirements.

Considering this situation, a Commission, entrusted with the drafting of a relief plan for the soldiers who return from prison, has stated that it will be impossible to find room for the high percentage of soldiers who return from prison, who will need to be nursed in hospitals.

On the other hand, the Government cannot deny assistance under this form to these soldiers when they need it.

According to the opinion of this Commission, the situation might improve if, in their advance towards North Italy, the Allied Armies avoided requisitioning hospitals, thus making it possible to have immediately a greater number of free beds.

I shall be most grateful, my dear Admiral, if, considering the importance of the problem, you will kindly intervene with the Headquarters of the Army, to obtain that the necessary regulations are made in this sense.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

S. I. Bonomi

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Admiral Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
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24 February 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

On 27 November 1944 a letter was addressed to me by the Minister of Foreign Affairs on the subject of housing conditions in TARANTO, in which it was claimed that great hardship was being caused to the population by Allied requisitioning.

A reply to this was made on 10 December 1944 stating that an enquiry into conditions was being made. In another letter on 23 December 1944, to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Commission stated that the military and civilian authorities were working in harmony and that they were unaware of any cause for complaint. It was promised, however, that further investigation would be made with a view to alleviating any hardship caused by the needs of the Allies.

In the meantime a letter dated 11 December 1944 was received from Your Excellency as Minister of the Interior on the same question.

To carry out the assurances given by the Commission, a thorough investigation was made by the Zone Commissioner of TARANTO, and meetings were held at which H.E. the Prefect, the Sindaco, the Questore, the Commander of the Carabinieri and a representative of Admiral Manfredi were present.

Attached are copies of:

- (a) The reply of the Zone Commissioner, dated 24 January 1945, with which he forwarded;
- (b) a letter, undated, from Admiral Manfredi, and
- (c) the reply dated 22 January 1945 from the Town Major of TARANTO.

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It will be apparent from a perusal of these letters that during the last twelve months and especially since the fall of ROME, the Allied Forces have done everything possible to ameliorate conditions and reduce requisitions.

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It further appears that a large part of the overcrowding is caused by the arrival of refugees without warning, the retention of premises de-requisitioned by the Allied authorities by the Italian Ministry of Marine and the use of offices formerly occupied by the Ministry of Marine by officers' families. All these matters are of course entirely problems for the Italian Government and are not the concern of this Commission.

As Your Excellency knows, the Allied Commission has always been ready to assist the population in every way and to mediate between the needs of the civilian population and those of the Allied Forces. Not infrequently, however, as in the present case, this Commission has been asked to intervene before such aid was needed, and indeed before preliminary investigation has been made by the responsible Italian Government agencies.

It would be gratifying to the Allied Commission and helpful if Your Excellency would instruct your Ministers to be certain that such claims as this one concerning requisitioning in TARANTO, and any others in which Italian Government agencies are involved, could be thoroughly investigated before representations are made to the Commission.

Such coordination between your Ministries would ensure that the facts of a particular claim are fully substantiated, would spare unnecessary correspondence, and strengthen the position of the Allied Commission in requesting the Allied Forces to de-requisition premises occupied by them.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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His Excellency Ivarre Bonomi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
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ALLIED COMMISSION
SOUTHERN REGION
TARANTO ZONE

21 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Accommodation in Taranto.
REF: T/AC/15RD
TO: Regional Commissioner,
Southern Region.

1. Ref your R/4469 of 9 Jan 45 enclosing Civil Affairs Section letter 3020/S/PH of the 30 Dec 44.

2. I have held two meetings, (15 and 22 Jan 45) attended by H.E. the Prefect, Sindaco of Taranto, Head of the Housing Committee, an officer of the Italian Naval authorities representing Admiral Manfredi, Head of Questura and the Commander, C.C.R.R.. The Town Major attended the second meeting.

3. The answers to para 2 of Civil Affairs Section letter 3020/S/PH of 30 Dec 44 are as follows:

(a) the grounds for complaint are that many unauthorized persons who left Taranto during the blitz are returning without ascertaining if any accommodation is available; also various Italian authorities outside the Province have issued permits to persons to return to Taranto without making any enquiry as to availability of accommodation.

(b) the civil population is not getting a square deal for reasons as stated in para 4 of this report.

(c) there will be undue hardship if unauthorized civilians and Italian Navy families continue to arrive in Taranto.

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(d) remedial action needed is that orders be given by the Minister of Interior to Italian authorities in other Provinces NOT to send people into Taranto without first making the necessary enquiries as to available accommodation; also for the Ministry of Marine to issue orders that Italian Naval Officers stationed in Taranto are not entitled to have their families living with them owing to the shortage of accommodation, and that such families return to their own homes forthwith.

4. The following facts were brought to light at the meetings:

(a) Refugees arrive without any authority.

(b) Persons who left Taranto when they thought it was dangerous

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and lived for many months in other parts of the Country decided to return without authority or making any enquiry.

(c) Many flats de-requisitioned by the Town Major have NOT been handed back to the Civil Housing Committee but have been retained by the Italian Naval Authorities for their use.

(d) When the Ministry of Marine left for Rome in the Summer 1943 apartments were handed over to the civilian authorities.

(e) The offices used by the Ministry of Marine were occupied by Italian officers' families.

(f) There are more Italian officers' families now in Taranto than there were prior to the departure of the Ministry of Marine.

(g) Two apartments only were handed over to the Town Major after the Ministry of Marine left Taranto.

(h) No attempt was made by the Italian Naval Authorities to assist civilian housing problem when the Ministry left. Despite the fact that two meetings have been held it has been impossible to obtain from the representative of the Italian Naval authorities accurate figures of (a) the number of Italian Naval personnel stationed in Taranto who are living in civilian accommodation or (b) the number of the members of the families of Italian Naval personnel living in civilian accommodation. He stated that these figures could not be obtained.

6. In the enclosed report from the Italian Naval authorities, (Signed by Admiral Manfredi), it will be noted that the figures given by them of premises occupied by the Allied Forces are greatly in excess of the figures given by the Town Major, who proved his statement by producing a complete list of all property requisitioned by the Allied Forces.

7. There appears to be no way of obtaining any accurate details of the accommodation occupied by the Italian Naval Authorities unless a Court of Enquiry is instituted by the Minister of Interior and at which an Allied Officer is present.

0203 8. In conclusion it will be noted that slightly less accommodation is now occupied by the Allied Forces than it was twelve months ago (see Town Major report attached).

9. All reference to Italian Naval authorities is intended to include Italian Army and Air Forces.

(Sgd.) W. TURNER COLES, Lt. Col.,
Zone Commissioner.

Copy to: F.O.T.A.L.I.,
Commander, 52 Area.

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MEMO REGARDING THE HOUSING CRISIS IN TARANTO

The housing crisis is caused in Taranto by three main reasons:

1. The increase of the civilian population which, according to the last census, has reached 150,000 inhabitants (27,000 families), whereas in 1935 there were 120,000 inhabitants. Refugees are to be added to the figures above.
2. The requisitions made by the Italian Military Authorities.
3. The requisitions made by the Allied authorities.

Paragraph 1 is not dealt with in the present report, although it is very important, since the increase of population is not counterbalanced by new constructions hampered by the war situation.

Consideration is given, on the contrary, to requisitions made by the Italian Military authority (Royal Navy) to accommodate the military population (families of military personnel, single men, prisoners of war released, personnel coming from the Balkans or from regions controlled by the Allies), which population must stay or stop for some time in Taranto, the biggest Navy Centre, owing to service, control or clothing necessities, not to speak about living necessities connected with the present economic situation.

Flats for Military Personnel and Families	Rooms	Accommodation	
		Families	Single Men
Flats requisitioned for permanent lodging.....15	58	6	35
Rooms requisitioned for permanent lodging..... 1	-	-	-
Flats blocked (billets) for permanent lodging...36	136	36	-
Rooms blocked for permanent lodging.....147	147	-	177
Flats requisitioned as transit hotels..... 4	29	-	40

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The s/m figures are the real surplus of military population with reference to peace time, when there were in Taranto, just as today, a Naval Strength, an Arsenal, several directions, Army Commands, etc. This surplus affects the housing problem, so much so that the Maritime Military Authority has been compelled to requisition flats ordinarily destined for the civilian population.

In addition to the previous figures there are in Taranto 1,600 families of Military personnel. But they must be considered a part of the population because they have always lived in this town where they had their legal residence, and where the service on the part of their heads was being carried out. Such families are accommodated in military buildings, or in their own flats, or in flats freely rented. A part of them have been accommodated in the following blocks: "INCIS, SAMBO and BESTA" which have always been reserved to military population.

The most important cause of the local housing crisis which affects the welfare of the civilian population, is represented by the requisitions made by the Allied authorities. Such requisitions reach a high percentage and furthermore regard the best buildings in the town.

Requisitions made for the Allied Forces up to the 31 Dec 1944, checked by the Requisitioning Committee, Taranto:

	Number	Rooms
Flats	728	4,180
Hotels and Boarding Houses	7	494
Warehouses	39	62
Public Buildings	20	410

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Taking into consideration only the figure regarding the rooms in private flats (as has been done for Italian requisitions), it appears that the percentage of Allied requisitions on the total availability of local rooms (about 51,000) reaches 8.23% up to Dec. 31, 1944, whereas the Maritime Military Authority has requisitioned only 371 rooms to accommodate the surplus population, which represents a percentage of 0.70%. The disproportion between the two percentages above would be greater taking into account buildings which were occupied by the Allies but are not regularly requisitioned.

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and of which there is no trace in Italian records (about 200 cases); and buildings blocked by the Allies, that is "not to be requisitioned" which cannot be used, as sometimes would be necessary, in a better way.

Besides it is pointed out that the Marine have already made arrangements for accommodating the greatest number of families in buildings belonging to the State or public administration - at present even the basement of the INCIS building is being used - not to affect the already limited availability of civilian houses.

The following are the relevant figures.

	Flats	Rooms	Accommodation	
			Families	Single Men
INCIS Houses	51	215	37	11
SAURO Cooperat. Houses	73	310	76	6
RESTA Building		48	36	9
		573	149	26

One can infer from the great number of families and single officers living in the e/a buildings what benefits the civilians have drawn from such accommodations; while in peace time many civilians were organized in such a way as to be able to offer their own rooms or flats to the military personnel which represented their only means of living.

At least it is brought to notice that for six months during the Maritime Military Authority have neither requisitioned nor blocked flats to be used as lodgings, whereas numerous flats, during the same time, have been either derequisitioned or unblocked.

(Sgd. G. MANFREDI,
Rear Admiral,
Maritime Military Commander.

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C O P Y

242 Town Major,
TM/20
Tele. 2999
22nd Jan 45.

Subject: Accommodation in Taranto -
"Allied Forces".

TO: Zone Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
TARANTO.

All accommodation occupied by Allied Forces in Taranto are occupied necessarily for operational reasons.

This has been kept to an absolute minimum due to the realisation of the civilian needs.

There are at present 343 flats and 35 villas, approximately 1,500 rooms, requisitioned in New Taranto, the part of the town most affecting civilian accommodation.

The Old Town is "Out of Bounds" for hygienic reasons and very few Troops are billeted there.

During the last twelve months only 34 Requisitions have been made in New Taranto, involving 32 flats, while 17 de-requisitions have been made, involving 57 flats.

It will be seen, therefore, that the position of the Town has from the civilian point of view been slightly improved as far as the Allied Occupation is concerned.

In amplification of the above figures only 8 requisitions have been made, involving 17 flats since 31.5.44 (Fall of Rome), against 30 de-requisitions involving 29 flats in the same period.

Any worsening in the civilians' position has therefore been caused by an increase of the civilian or Italian Marine population.

All new requisitions are authorized by 52 Area and de-requisitioning is resorted to whenever possible.

The majority of these flats were unoccupied at the time of requisitioning.

(Sgd.) T.D. TOPLEY, Major, R.A..
242 Town Major.

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24 February 1945.

Mr. James Linen,
Special Assistant to Director, OWI,
PWB Unit No. 12.

Dear Mr. Linen:

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Admiral Stone has directed me to thank you for your letter of 21 February in connection with locating office space in Rome for OWI and to ask you to discuss this matter with Mr. Braine, who is the Head of the Labor Sub-Commission, or with Colonel Smith, who is the Deputy Director.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Quale

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

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23 February 1945

SUBJECT: Apartments for Soviet Union
Representatives on A.C.I. and A.C.

TO : Maj. Gen. A.P. Vasiliev
Soviet Union Representative
on A.C.

Dear General Vasiliev:

Your request for suitable apartments for your
staff and that of the Soviet Representative on the Allied
Commission has been forwarded to Brig. Gen. Thomas K.
Brown, Commanding General of Home Area Allied Command, with
a request that everything possible be done to assist you
in solving your housing problems.

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As soon as a reply is received from the General,
I will be very glad to advise you.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Ref: 109/1.6/23(L)

23 February 1945

SUBJECT: Apartments for Soviet Union
Representatives on A.C.I. and A.C.

TO : Brig. Gen. Thoburn K. Brown
Commanding General
Rome Area Allied Command
APO 79, U.S. Army

Dear General Brown:

Maj. Gen. A.P. Vasiliev, Soviet Representative
on A.C.I., has asked us to assist him in obtaining the
apartments shown on the enclosed list.

I would appreciate it if you would do everything
possible to assist Gen. Vasiliev in solving his housing pro-
blems, and should be grateful if you would advise me at your
earliest convenience if it has been found possible to pro-
vide apartments for the Soviet Union Representative on A.C.I.
and Allied Commission.

Yours sincerely,

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/s/ Elery W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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cc: Ex. Com. (Liaison)
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LIST OF APARTMENTS

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- 2 apartments / 6-7 rooms each / for the Representatives
- 2 apartments / 2-3 rooms each / for the adjutant
- 2 apartments / 2-3 rooms each / for the drivers
- 1 garage / for 2 cars/

It is desirable for the Representatives to have their adjutant and drivers in a building where their apartments are located. The region of location does not make difference.

II

- Lodging for a mess / 40-45 persons / and 2 apartments / 3-4 rooms each / and a garage for 5-6 cars.

III

- For the personal of the Representatives
- 3 apartments / 3-4 rooms each /
- 2 apartments / 2-3 rooms each/

It is desirable to have furnished apartments and a lodging for the mess in the neighbourhood / radius 1-2 Kms. / of via Cesta. There is necessity to have kitchen utensils and things for kitchen both the mess and Representatives apartments.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
P.W.B. UNIT No. 12 U.S.A.P.O. 512

February 21, 1945

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Allied Commission
Rome, Italy

Dear Admiral Stone:

You will recall in one of our recent conversations we discussed the difficulty we are experiencing in locating in Rome suitable office space for OWI's future activities.

We have located two floors of office space in a building at 101 Via Boncompagni which would be very desirable for our operation. The building in which this space is located is owned by an insurance organization and is operated under the direction of a Commissario by the name of Del Rio. At present the Italian Provincial Labor Section is occupying this space. I understand that AMG originally assisted in organizing this Italian Provincial Labor Section. A Captain Holsten of the Regional Labor Section, AMG, has informed us that he would object to having the Italian Provincial Labor Section moved from this building without other suitable quarters being found for them, although he admits that the present space is not adequate.

It is not, or ever will be, the policy of OWI in Italy to interfere with any Allied government operation, but if through your good offices some arrangement might be worked out whereby this space could be made available to us, it would be greatly appreciated.

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In line with your suggestion the other afternoon, I would appreciate very much your letting me know with whom I should talk over the whole problem. Many thanks for your courtesy.

Very sincerely yours,

James Linen

James Linen
Special Assistant to Director, OWI

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff.

Tel : 478604

Ref : 13116/F

Date: 14 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Tariff Rates for Requisitioned Hotels.

TO : Regional Commissioner -
Lazio-Umbria Region.

1. I have been informed by DD Claims and Hirings that the Acting Provincial Supply Officer, Perugia Province has agreed to an increase in hotel tariff rates in that province. Copies of the Claims and Hirings letter and that of the Acting Provincial Supply Officer are attached.

2. As you will note from paragraph 5 of the Claims and Hirings letter, the agreement made in Perugia will cause serious trouble for the Italian Requisitioning Authorities, upon whom the responsibility rests for financial settlement with hotels occupied by the Allied forces, both in Italian Government and Military Government territory.

3. I therefore ^{direct} ~~request~~ that you instruct the Acting Provincial Supply Officer to withdraw his letter of agreement and to inform accordingly all persons to whom a copy had been sent.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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SUBJECT : Allied Military Occupied Hotels -
Method of Indemnity

41 Claims & Hirings
 CMF
CH/41/H/45
12 Feb 45

Chief Budget Officer,
Finance Sub - Commission,
Allied Commission, CMF.

1. I refer to telephone conversation (Major Hall - AD Hirings) and to letter from Acting Provincial Supply Officer AMS, Perugia Province, to Prefettura Perugia copy to Commissario dell'Ente del Turismo.
2. It is noted from this letter that the Acting Provincial Supply Officer has agreed an increase in tariff rates for hotels in that province of 500% over the latest published Italian prices in respect of 1st, 2nd and 3rd category hotels and 600% in respect of 4th category hotels.
3. As you are aware, the question of fixing a tariff rate for hotels has proved completely incapable of solution to date. The payment on account system agreed between the Allied Military Authority and the Italian Government has been evolved largely for this reason and at the direct request of Finance Sub - Commission, Allied Commission.
4. As you are also aware, the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Italian Government, are at the present time endeavouring to draw up a tariff rate for the various six-monthly periods from the Allied occupation of Italy to date.
5. The agreements made in the above letter are out of all proportion and will cause serious trouble for the Italian Requisitioning Authorities unless some action is taken immediately by your Sub - Commission to have the agreement cancelled. This is particularly necessary as a copy of the letter has been sent to the Central Tourist Organisation, responsible in normal times for the fixing of tariff rates for hotels.

(J.I. Littlewood)
 Lieut. Colonel
 for Colonel
 PD Claims & Hirings

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Copy to : Director of Hirings,
 Claims Commission & Hirings Directorate (BR),
 AFHQ - with copy of AMS letter referred to.
 Ufficio delle Requisizioni,
 Direzione Generale Genio,
 Italian Ministero della Guerra.

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Soggetto: Prezzi delle camere d'albergo.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
PERUGIA PROVINCE
ECONOMICS AND SUPPLY DEPT.

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Al Prefetto
Presidente Consiglio Prov. Econ.
All'Associazione Commercianti
della provincia di Perugia
Al Commissario dell'Ente del Turismo (Per informazione)

1. Questo ufficio ha approvato l'aumento dei prezzi delle camere d'albergo, come segue:
I prezzi segnati nell'Annuario Alberghi d'Italia edizione 1944, (incluso aumento del 15% come da autorizzazione datata 10 Maggio 1940) sono soggetti ad un aumento del 500% in caso di Alberghi di 1a, 2a, 3a, categoria e del 600% in caso di Alberghi di 4a categoria.
2. Questi aumenti devono essere considerati come aventi effetto dalla data della liberazione di Perugia, 20 Giugno 1944.

Capt. U. D. F.
Aut. Prov. Sup. Offr.

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LANCIA & C. - Fabbrica Automobili - Torino - S.A.

Viale Parioli, 162 - ROMA.

10 February 1945

To : Rear Admiral E.W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission, -ROMA.

Subject : Status of the "Lancia" Properties in Rome.

Sir,

I am turning to you in my capacity of General Manager and Attorney of Lancia & Co. - Motorcar factory of Torino, main office: Rome, in order to lay before you the following facts:

a) On 16 August last, when I was in Naples, a British officer, Capt. M. Hay, R.A., of the Transportation Sub-Commission, requisitioned the premises of the Lancia, as follows: the workshop (which is under the jurisdiction of the Rome branch), the premises of the Lancia main office (which have nothing to do with the workshop), and the show-room of the main office. The show-room was requisitioned notwithstanding the fact that it was under lease to a Swiss citizen, Mr. Tuens, Federico, Piazza del Popolo 3, Rome, who has already presented a claim. The requisition order was presented only, after many requests, on 11 November 1944.

b) One week after 16 August, upon my return to the main office, I found to my surprise that my own offices had been requisitioned and that the furniture was being moved around. I asked that two rooms be given me so that I could continue administering the interests of the Lancia company, but this, however, was refused.

c) At the same time I stated that it was legally proper in such a case to make an inventory, but even this was not granted. I was forced, also, to give to Capt. Hay the keys of the office containing the documents and matter that have to do only with the administration of the Lancia company.

6271) Early in the month of September 1944, Capt. Hay, without any authority forced an entrance into an apartment of the Lancia administration which was under lease to Mr. Cattaneo Giuseppe, who is still away from Rome. Present at the time the door was forced was a representative of Mr. Cattaneo who protested the notion and, as a matter of fact, did not want to enter the apartment after it had been opened. The apartment was put to personal use by Capt. Hay. Also for this illegal requisition, the order was not presented until 2 October 1944, and the legal representative of Mr. Cattaneo is now preparing a list of what is missing and the damages suffered.

e) It is even forbidden for me to park, in my own premises, the automobile that is in the service of the Lancia company; this obliges me to seek other parking facilities.

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- a) That I be authorized at least a partial use of my office-suite, consisting of about ten rooms, and at present occupied by Capt. Hay and two assistants only.
- b) That a minimum of attention be given so that the premises will not be further damaged. This is made present, because Capt. Hay has been advised several times by the Administration that his personnel has been responsible for certain damages which could have been prevented easily.
- c) That I be allotted parking space in the premises of the Lancia company for the automobile in the service of the company.
- d) That the proposal for lifting the requisition on the work-shop and spare parts store be considered, keeping in mind that I, as General Manager of the Lancia in Rome, am well disposed and pleased to give absolute priority to the repair of automobiles and trucks of the Allies, but permitting us also to service our old clientele, following the precedent set in the case of the Fiat company in Rome, who already enjoy the benefits of this policy.

I am at your complete disposal in this matter, and remain, Sir,

Respectfully yours,

LANCIA S.
 Fabbrica Automobili-Torino-S.A.
 Sede in Roma
 Il Direttore - Procuratore.

/s/ N. MARTINI.

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Tel 289

Ref: 5804/31/COS

12 Feb 45

SUBJECT: Lancia Property in Rome, Viale Parioli 162

TO : DCOS, Economic Section

Attached letter from Lancia & Co., Rome, dated 10 February 45, is forwarded for your information, appropriate investigation and necessary action by the appropriate subcommittees concerned.

JCF
4 Chief Staff Officer
To the Chief of Staff

Incl: as above

Copies to: SO to CC

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C.A. Sec. for Legal S/c (for consultation with
Transportation S/c)

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Tel : 451

16 Feb 45

Ref: 5804/39/COS.

SUBJECT : Lancia Property in Rome, Viale Parioli 162.

TO : D308, Establishments Section.

Attached letter from Lancia & Co., Rome dated 10 February 45, is forwarded for your information, appropriate investigation and necessary action.

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4 Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Incl: as above
Copies to : S.C. to S.C. (copy of a/m letter forwarded with 5804/31/COS dtd 12 Feb 45)
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Transportation S/O)
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Tel: 735

7 February 1945.

Ref: 2604/20/CBS

SUBJECT: Occupation of Flat.

TO : Establishment Section

1. An individual endeavoured to obtain an interview with the Chief Commissioner today concerning the occupation of a flat in Via Roberto 126, 1st floor, BARI. The flat was rented to a family named ANELLI some time ago and on taking steps through Italian legal channels for the eviction of this family in order to regain possession, the attached letter dated 24 Oct 44, signed by Capt. W.M. Jones, was received by the interested party.

2. We are not concerned in any way with the legal processes involved but it is desired that you obtain an explanation from Southern Region of the action of Capt. W. M. Jones in writing the above mentioned letter. Any pressure which has been brought to bear on the Italian authorities or on the owner of the flat must of course be withdrawn immediately.

Capt. E. S. Morden

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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ALLIED COMMISSION, INFO CG 15TH ARMY GROUP, CG MAAP, CG, AAFSC, CG 5TH
ARMY, CG 5TH ARMY CO DIST 1, 2 & 3, CO FENEL/SE, CG HOME AREA COMD

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Requisitioning of facilities by military agencies wherein civil economy is
affected is subject.

AFHQ will intervene only in such cases as are essential to maintenance of
civil economy and then only if impossible to resolve the matter locally. In all
cases where that economy is not seriously affected or in cases where the
convenience of personnel only is involved it is desired that the local Area or
District Commander responsible resolve the matter locally to the best interests
of the Allied forces.

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INFO: A/President
Chief Commissioner
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Translation

Ministry of Industry Commerce and Work
R. 116

Handwritten: 14129 CommR

Rome, 23 January 1940

To: Headquarters Allied Commission
Attention of General Stone
Via Vittorveneto, Rome

SUBJECT: Premises for the Patents Central Office in Via S. Basilio. -

Even during the period of Nazi-Fascist occupation, the Patents Central Office for inventions, models and trade marks, which has its principal seat in this Ministry, (Via Flavia, 6) has been able to keep in the building of Via S. Basilio, n. 9, building which was attached to the principal part of the ex-Ministry of Corporations, occupied by this Commission, two whole floors, (the ground floor and the first floor), in which the general archives of the above mentioned office had been established for many years, and was functioning regularly.

Because of their importance and organization, such archives, as it has also been noted by several officers of the Commission, (cf. among others, Major Cramer of the Finance Sub-Commission) used to be put in such conditions as will enable them to function perfectly, in the interest not only of the Administration but also of the inventors who are concerned, many of whom belong to the United Nations.

To reach this aim and to keep contacts with the central seat of the Patents Office, it seems indispensable and urgent to be able to dispose of a number, even limited, of premises, contiguous to the archives, in which it would be possible to put the necessary personnel, required for the good functioning of the Central Office as well as of the General Archives.

Since the regulations made by this Commission, twelve rooms occupied up to now by families of 'officieri' and 'sistretti' will shortly be freed on the floor immediately above that of the General Archives, i.e. in the mezzanine. We beg to see whether it would be possible to leave the said twelve rooms at the disposal of this Ministry, considering what follows:

1) The neighbouring rooms are connected through an independent interior staircase with the ground floor on which are the general Archives of the Patents office.

2) As on the lower floors, the said rooms are quite separated from the other premises occupied by this Commission, in the building of Via S. Basilio, and have their own independent entrance on the street;

3) Most of the said rooms have a very bad light for they open on courtyards, and would therefore not be adequate as offices for the Allied Commission.

4) Should these rooms be added to the other premises already occupied by the Commission, this would mean a very limited increase of space, in comparison with the requirements of the Commission, while they would be most useful and convenient for the Patents Central Office, which is, at the present moment, divided between two seats, and has to cope with serious difficulties in resuming its normal functioning, especially in that of the central

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Via S. Brasilia, n. 2, building which was attached to the premises of the ex-Ministry of Corporations, occupied by this Commission, two whole floors, (the ground floor and the first floor), in which the general archives of the above mentioned office had been established for many years, and was functioning regularly,

because of their importance and organization, such archives, as it has also been noted by several officers of the Commission, (cf. among others, Major Crumer of the Finance Sub-Commission) need to be put in such conditions as will enable them to function perfectly, in the interest not only of the Administration but also of the inventors who are concerned, many of whom belong to the United Nations.

To reach this aim and to keep contacts with the central part of the Patents Office, it seems indispensable and urgent to be able to dispose of a number, even limited, of premises, contiguous to the Archives, in which it would be possible to put the necessary personnel, required for the good functioning of the Central Office as well as of the General Archives.

Through regulations made by this Commission, twelve rooms occupied up to now by families of 'afiliati' and 'administrati' will shortly be free on the floor immediately above that of the General Archives, i.e. in the 2nd and 3rd floors. We beg to see whether it would be possible to leave the said twelve rooms at the disposal of that Ministry, considering what follows:

- 1) The neighbouring rooms are connected through an independent interior staircase with the ground floor on which are the general archives of the Patents Office.
- 2) As on the lower floors, the said rooms are quite separated from the other premises occupied by this Commission, in the building of Via S. Brasilia, and have their own independent entrance on the street.
- 3) Most of the said rooms have a very bad light for they open on courtyards, and would therefore not be adequate as offices for the Allied Commission.
- 4) Should these rooms be added to the other premises already occupied by the Commission, this would mean a very limited increase of space, in comparison with the requirements of the Commission, while they would be most useful and convenient for the Patents Central Office, which is, at the present moment, divided between two seats, and has to cope with serious difficulties in resuming its normal functioning, especially in that of the Central Archives, because of the lack of premises.

For all these reasons, the Ministry hopes that its request will be granted.

THE MEMORANDUM

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Liberal-Social Party

n. 4913

Rome 10 January 1945
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SUBJECT: Request for the de-requisition of the premises of the Istituto Nazionale delle Assicurazioni in Via Veneto, seat of the Free Art Academy. List of other premises which might be requisitioned.

As your excellency may know, this labour party, which hasn't yet got its own newspaper for they are all monopolized by the Government, has created working organs to bring relief to the Italian population, and has brought in various sectors a democratic and definitely anti-fascist renewal, this instead of making useless polemics. Among the many institutions promoted by this party is the LIBERA ACCADEMIA DELL'ARTE, only democratic art institution existing in Italy; it has nothing to do with politics. The good functioning of such an institution requires large and central premises in which manifestations of all the various branches of art may take place; the Istituto Nazionale delle Assicurazioni was willing to let us the premises of its ex-popolavoro in Via Veneto; the rent would have been of L. 600.000 a year. R.A.A.C. has issued an order of requisition to turn the place into a club. The lack of adequate premises in Rome makes it almost impossible for the LIBERA ACCADEMIA DELL'ARTE to function: the inauguration which is shortly to take place will have to be in a rented room. Besides, we think it would be more advisable to turn into clubs for the troops other premises which are equally central, and are used as night-clubs by the civilians, for the greatest benefit of speculators. All these places have a very central situation, and are near Via Tritone: sala Richetti (ground floor and first floor), via dei Bufalo, Tabarin Columbia in via Gregoriana, Tabarin Nirvanette, behind the seat of the Banca d'America e d'Italia. The requisition was ordered by Captain Brown.

We hope that your excellency will intervene and have the premises of Via Veneto de-requisitioned, thus making it possible for the only democratic institution of Italian Art to function.

Thanking you, we remain,

THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
LIBERAL SOCIAL PARTY
AND OF THE LIBERA ACCADEMIA DELL'ARTE
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10 January 1946.

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Subject: Real Estate and Movable Property held under
Requisition by Allied Forces.

TO : Brigadier General Theburn K. Brown, US Army,
Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command,
APO 794.

1. I refer to your letter of 4 January 1946 on the above subject.

2. The Italian Government has delegated to the Comando Genio Militare, of the Ministry of War, the payment for premises and lands occupied by the Allied armed forces. The task of recording and assessing such properties is a difficult one but I understand that some progress has been made and certain payments, in cases of hardship, have been effected. It has not been considered desirable to encourage the Italian Government to make immediate payments, for the already large Government deficit would be further increased, with an added inflationary effect.

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3. With respect to supplies and services, including automobiles, the question of whether current supplies are to be paid for by the Allied forces directly, or by the Italian Government through a "live account" arrangement, has been raised with the Combined Chiefs of Staff by AFSA. When a reply has been received, it is my understanding that AFSA plans to revise Administrative Memoranda Nos. 96 (1945) and 51 (1944). Undoubtedly consideration will be given at that time to the problem of payment for goods and services requisitioned in the past.

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MILERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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8 January 1945.

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The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to reply to your letter No. 14323 dated 4 December 1944 and to state that the question of housing conditions in Siena has been the subject of investigation. He does not consider that the requisitioning has been excessive.

This opinion is borne out by that of the Provincial Commissioner, who states that he has received no complaints for the past six weeks. Another favourable circumstance is that the military population is now decreasing.

It is hoped therefore that housing conditions in Siena will show a certain tendency to improve.

Major E. Talbot
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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